Hike With Your Dog to Cora Lake - USFS Trail 252

This U.S. Forest Service trail takes hikers to a scenic lake situated below the dramatic cliffs of High Rock.

For information on current conditions, regulations, and fees, contact the U.S. Forest Service at (360) 497-1100.

Trail Description

Round-trip Distance:
Approx. 2 miles (3.2 km)

Elevation Gain:
500 feet (152 m)

Hiking Time Round-trip:
2 hours

Trailhead: From the Nisqually Entrance drive west on Highway 706 about 3.2 miles and turn left onto Forest Road 52, also known as Kernahan Road or Skate Creek Road. Follow signs for Forest Roads 84 and 8420; these gravel roads are occasionally bumpy with some potholes, but are typically passable for most passenger cars.

Along the Trail

This trail begins on Forest Road 8420 and climbs steeply to Cora Falls before reaching Cora Lake, the headwaters of Big Creek. Skirting the lake, it passes a junction with Teeley Creek Trail #251, enters a dense forest and climbs over a ridge to its terminus on Forest Road 8440.