Because of its relatively low elevation at 2,760 feet, Longmire is one of the few areas of Mount Rainier National Park which remains accessible year-round. However, winter trail conditions vary depending on snowfall. During mild winters, the trails may be completely snow-free. But during winters of heavy snowfall, three to five feet of snow may cover the ground. Snowshoers and novice skiers often favor these forested trails when blizzard conditions exist higher on the mountain. Ask a ranger for current conditions.

Never walk, ski, or snowshoe on the road between Longmire and Paradise, even when the road is closed to vehicle traffic.
### Equipment Rental

- Cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for rent at the Longmire General Store from approximately mid-December to early April.

### Food Service

- Food, gifts, and lodging are available daily at the historic National Park Inn. Enter from the parking area on the south side of the building.

### Tire Chains and Safe Driving

- Between November 1 and May 1, all vehicles entering Mount Rainier National Park are required to carry properly fitting tire chains* (including 4-wheel drive and all-wheel-drive vehicles). Tire chains may be required at anytime while driving in the park. Signs posted along the roadway indicate traction device requirements.

### Nightly Road Closures

- The road from Longmire to Paradise is closed unless it can be plowed and opened for safe public access. Check @MountRainierNPS on Twitter for road status (account not required). Departing Paradise by 3:00 pm is recommended to clear the Longmire gate by its 4:00 pm closure. The uphill gate at Longmire closes no later than 3:00 pm. It reopens the next morning if road conditions allow safe travel, usually between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

- However, some days weather and conditions prevent the road from opening at all. Keep in mind that all roads are subject to closure at any time. Walking, skiing, and snowshoeing on the road to Paradise are not allowed, even when the road is closed. Snowplows and other heavy equipment are operating beyond the gate, and any unexpected traffic (auto or pedestrian) could lead to a deadly encounter.

### Overnight Parking

- Parking overnight in Longmire is permitted only in the parking area behind to the National Park Inn. Parking outside this area impedes snowplow operations and may cause an accident. **Camping in vehicles and/or at trailheads or parking lots is prohibited.** Avoid setting your emergency break—it may freeze!