

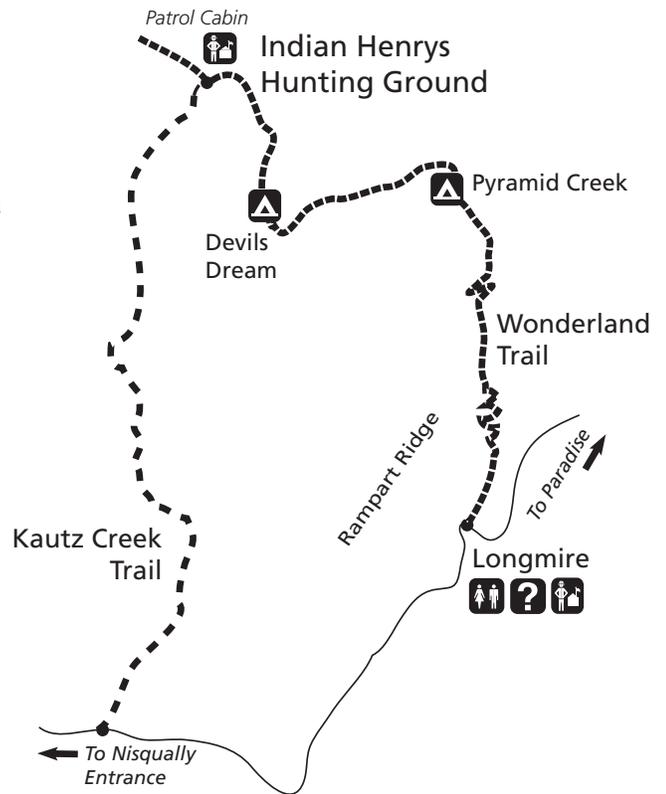


Indian Henrys Hunting Ground

Most people travel to Indian Henrys Hunting Ground via the Wonderland Trail from Longmire. Others choose to hike via Kautz Creek Trail. Either way, this scenic subalpine meadow is well worth the trip.

The historic Indian Henrys patrol cabin, built in 1915, is still occasionally staffed by rangers during the summer season.

Do not feed or approach wildlife. Pets and bicycles are not allowed on park trails.
Do not pick flowers or collect other park resources (rocks, wood, etc.).
 Carry the "10 Essentials" and Leave No Trace of your visit.
 Use a topographical map.
 Permit required for wilderness camping.



Trail Description

Round-trip Distance:
 From Longmire: 13.6 miles (22 km)
 Via Kautz Creek Trail: 11.4 miles (18.3 km)

Elevation Gain:
 From Longmire: 2,700 feet (823 m)
 Via Kautz Creek: 3,000 feet (914 m)

Hiking time round-trip: 8-9 hours
Difficulty Level: Strenuous
Wilderness Camp: Devils Dream

Trailheads:

Longmire: The Wonderland trailhead is located across from the museum at Longmire, next to the Wilderness Information Center.

Kautz Creek: The trailhead is along the Nisqually Road, 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Nisqually Entrance. The trail begins across the road from the Kautz Creek parking lot.

Along the Trail

From Longmire:
 Although the dense forest predominates along this trail, variety is added with the crossing of Kautz Creek, a hike along the edge of Devils Canyon, and passing swampy Squaw Lake.

Devils Dream Camp is 5.5 miles (8.9 km) from Longmire, and 1.3 miles from the Indian Henrys patrol cabin. When looking for a water source near the camp, note that the first pond closest to the camp can disappear completely in the dry season. About .25 mile (.4 km) above the camp is another trailside water source.

From Kautz Creek Trail:
 In October 1947, a major glacial outburst flood occurred on the Kautz Glacier and sent water, mud, trees, and large boulders raging downvalley. The first mile of the trail lies atop this mudflow. After crossing Kautz Creek, the trail climbs steeply for over 3 miles before levelling out on the approach to Indian Henrys. Along the way, enjoy old-growth forest, dramatic vistas, and subalpine meadows with summer wildflowers. The mountain view near the end of the trail is unique: from your viewpoint, Point Success (14,150 feet/ 4,313 m) falsely appears to be the summit of Mount Rainier.