The scenic Mt. Baker Highway winds along the North Fork of the Nooksack River, ending at Artist Point at 5,100 feet (1,554 m), above Heather Meadows. The last 24 miles (39 km) is designated as a National Forest Scenic Byway. At the road's end, the trail systems lead into St. Baker Wilderness. During winter months motor traffic ends at the Mt. Baker Ski Area 2.5 miles (4 km) below Artist Point.

**Points of Interest**

**Glacier Public Service Center**, located at milepost 34, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The service center is jointly operated by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service during the summer season.

**Forest Service Campgrounds**: Douglas Fir, Silver Fir and Excelsior Group Camp offer rustic camping in forested settings.

**Foyd Creek Interpretive Trail**, Forest Road 37: This short, self-guided nature trail focuses on components of a healthy fish habitat.

**Nooksack Falls**, milepost 40: A dramatic waterfall plunges more than 100 feet over rocky outcrops. A fence-lined pathway leads to a viewing platform.

**Shuksan Picnic Area**: Day use area along the North Fork Nooksack River at the base of Forest Road 32 (Hannegan Road).

**Heather Meadows Area**

Located along the upper reaches of the byway, this spectacular sub-alpine setting offers summer day-use recreation along a network of scenic trails. Visitors can spread out a picnic lunch at Austin Pass Picnic Area and enjoy several self-guided interpretive trails. Several longer hikes lead into the surrounding Mt. Baker Wilderness, where Wilderness regulations apply. When entering such areas, be prepared for risk and challenge. The terrain can be rugged and the weather unpredictable.

Check in with staff at the Heather Meadows Visitor Center for current conditions and area histories. Open daily in the summer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Northwest Forest Pass is required for visiting this area. During winter months, check avalanche forecasts (206) 526-6677 or at: www.nwrc.us.

**Mt. Baker National Recreation Area**

The Mt. Baker National Recreation Area was established in 1984 to allow for snowmobile use when snow levels are sufficient. This impressive landscape is accessible by trails leading from the end of Forest Road 13 or from the surrounding Mt. Baker Wilderness from the South Fork Nooksack River drainage. Hikers can explore the trails and stock animals are welcome Aug. 1 to Nov. 1. Visitors should prepare for challenging creek crossings in this area due to swift water flow. To help prevent resource damage and protect sub-alpine vegetation, campers in the NRA must stay at designated sites and no campfires are allowed. One-night-only campgrounds are established for hikers and stock parties at the trailhead at the end of Forest Road 13.

Winter recreation includes skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling and snowshoeing when snow levels are sufficient. Please ask for a detailed handout on campsites and area regulations at a ranger station.