

Olympic National Park is one of the wildest places left in the contiguous United States. In 1988, Congress designated 95% of Olympic as wilderness to further protect the wild areas of the park from development. Congress defines Wilderness as "...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor and does not remain." These areas "shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness..." Learn more about your National Wilderness Preservation System at www.wilderness.net.

Each year, nearly 40,000 people camp in the Olympic Wilderness. Because of the large number of people, each of us should take the time to consider what effect our actions have on wildlife, plants, other visitors and the overall wildness of Olympic.

Camping

Permits: Camping Permits are required for all overnight trips. Reservations for permits are required from May 1 through September 30 and may be made no more than 30 days in advance by calling the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) (360) 565-3100. Permits can be picked up from the WIC during business hours. Cost is \$5 plus \$2 per person, per night for those over 15 yrs. old.

Camp Areas: Cape Alava, Sand Point, Wedding Rocks (no water)

Toilets: Toilets are located at Sand Point, South Sand Point and Cape Alava. In other areas, bury human waste 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet from any campsite or water source. Always carry a ziplock bag to pack out your toilet paper.

Water Source: Small creeks at Sand Point and Cape Alava. Always boil, filter or treat your water.

Stock: Prohibited on coastal trails and beaches.

Special Concerns

Leave No Trace: Camp in designated sites or on bare ground or sand only. Camping or walking on vegetation will kill it. Avoid revegetation areas. Make sure no one can tell you were there when you leave.

Fires: No fires between Yellow Banks to Wedding Rocks (includes Sand Point). Elsewhere, **to protect tree roots, have fires on the beach only and burn driftwood only.** Do not gather wood from camping or forested areas. Never cut branches or roots off trees!

Wildlife: Because of raccoons and bears, all food, garbage and scented items must be stored in hard-sided containers like "bear canisters" on the entire Olympic Coast. If containers are not manufactured to be bear proof they must be hung at least 12 feet high and 10 feet out from the nearest tree trunk. Always carry 75-100 feet of rope. Not securing your food can endanger yourself, your gear, other campers, bears and other wildlife. Raccoons are very aggressive and will steal any food or other gear left unattended even when hung. Food storage regulations are strictly enforced.



Bear Canisters can be borrowed from the Wilderness Information Center. Call 360-565-3100 for details.

Safety: Boardwalk trails are very slippery when wet. Soft soled shoes with ankle support are recommended. Use caution!

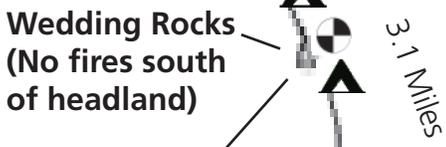
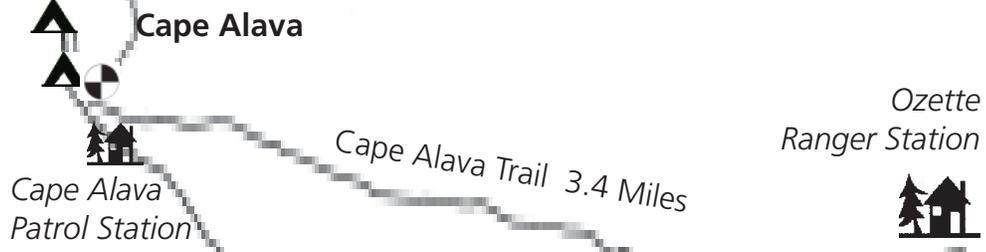
Regulations: Pets, weapons and wheeled devices are prohibited on coastal trails and beaches.

Group size for overnight trips is **limited to 12 persons.** Larger groups must separate and camp and travel at least 1 mile apart and may not congregate in groups larger than 12 at any time.

- **Camp on bare ground or sand only.** Camping or walking on vegetation will destroy it.
- **No fires from Wedding Rocks south to Yellow Banks** (includes Sand Point).
- **Hard-sided food containers are required on the coast** to prevent raccoons and bears from getting your food. Canisters are available to borrow from the WIC.

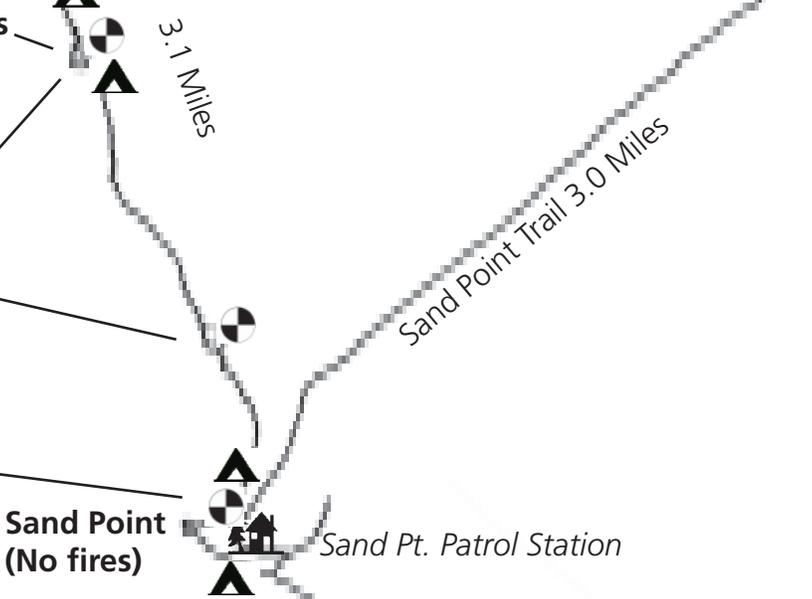
Always hike with a topographic map. Use this map for planning only. Check with the WIC to find out where maps are sold.

Headlands - low tide required to round.
No overland trails.



Headland - Use overland route at higher tides.

Areas or trails marked with rocks, logs or stakes are closed for revegetation. Please avoid these areas so fragile vegetation may recover.



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- **Targets** mark where trails meet the beach. These often mark the start of an overland trail around hazardous headlands.
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- To protect tree roots, build campfires on the beach only. Burn driftwood only. Do not gather firewood from camping or forested areas.

