

HOH RAINFOREST

Ninety miles west of Port Angeles, drenched in over twelve feet of rain a year and one of only four in the world are North America's best remaining examples of temperate rain forest.



7. Mineral Creek Falls

This is a medium-volume, cascade-form falls that drops about 60 feet. Saw cuts through fallen old growth trees along the trail show off the size of these once towering rain forest monarchs. *Mineral Creek, upper Hoh River*



8. Maple Creek Falls

This small but picturesque falls hidden along the south shore of the Upper Hoh River in rain forest country, is only viewed from the water. Rafting services are available to get up close. *Maple Creek, upper Hoh River*

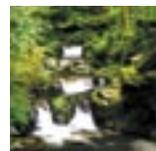
QUINAULT RAINFOREST

The Quinault Valley is textbook rain forest country. It also contains the highest concentration of viewable waterfalls reasonably close to roadside and on short trails. One group is best seen as a backpack trip.



9. Willaby Creek Falls

The Rain Forest Nature Trail in the Olympic National Forest is an easy, fun-filled 0.5-mile loop with interpretive signs and a wide array of things to see. The trail can be walked in about 45-60 minutes. *Willaby Creek*



10. Gatton Creek Falls

Gatton Creek Falls is a classic, tiered falls with a series of straight drops over about 60 feet. *Gatton Creek*



11. Merriman Falls

This 40-foot high waterfall is easily accessible within a few feet of the road and is very photogenic, especially October through May. *Merriman Creek*



12. Bunch Creek Falls

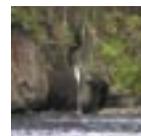
Bunch Creek Falls, one of the larger falls in this area, boasts a height of nearly 60 feet and travels through a series of rock drops producing a good spray during spring runoff or rainy season. *Bunch Creek*

OLYMPIC PENINSULA WATERFALL TRAIL

Enjoy the adventure of finding the falls as much as the fall themselves!

SOL DUC

The four falls in this group go from 2,000 feet above sea level among old growth Douglas Fir to sea level at the most northwestern point of the lower 48 states.



1. Hi Hi Kwitth (in native Makah, hihik^hilt)

A low volume waterfall on the east flank of Cape Flattery is accessible to viewers only by boat. *Unnamed creek*



2. Hoko Falls

Hoko Falls is an 8-10 feet drop to a punchbowl. The path and rocks around the falls can be slippery, so good footwear is in order. *Hoko River*



3. Beaver Falls

This small- to medium-volume, block-type falls cascades at peak flows about 20 feet across the full 70-foot width of Beaver Creek. *Beaver Creek, lower Sol Duc River*



4. Sol Duc Falls

A stunning signature falls of the Olympic National Park. In contrast to most falls on the Peninsula, it is viewed from above stream level. Rainy season and early spring runoffs thunder beneath the foot bridge, but it's a great year-round falls. *Upper Sol Duc River*

THE PACIFIC COAST

Hikes through wild Pacific Ocean headlands lead to sea stacks, tide pools and two waterfalls.



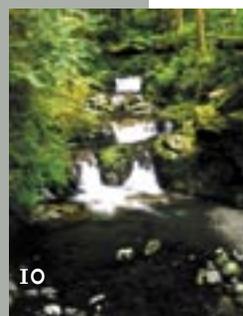
5. Strawberry Bay Falls

Views of a distant horsetail falls can be seen off the La Push road near the Quileute Reservation. Take a pleasant 1.3-mile walk on a mostly flat, sandy beach trail at low tide for closer viewing. *Unnamed stream*



6. Falls Creek Falls

This 40-foot waterfall approximately nine miles south of Third Beach near La Push on Falls Creek is found by backpackers traveling the wilderness coast south of Toileak Point in Olympic National Park. *Falls Creek*



Some Types of Waterfalls

There are many definitions to explain how water flows downstream. Here are a few of the customary types of waterfalls.

Block: Water flows in a relatively wide sheet, usually wider than the height of the falls

Cascade: Water flows over irregular rock steps

Cataract: A large, rushing force waterfall

Chute: Falls has large amount of water flowing through small canyon

Combination: Many falls have two or more characteristics listed here

Curtain: Similar to a block falls but equal height and width

Fan: Water begins narrow at the top and spreads horizontally as it descends while remaining in contact with bedrock

Horsetail: Water maintains contact with vertical surface on the way down

Plunge: Water descends vertically, losing contact with the surface

Punchbowl: Water descends in a constricted form, then spreads out in a wider pool

Ribbon: Falls is significantly taller than wide

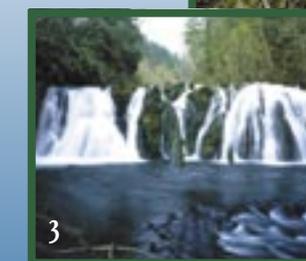
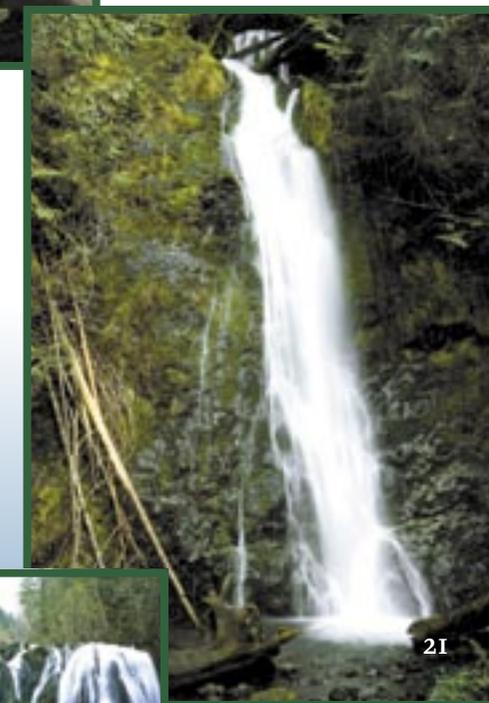
Segmented: Distinctly separate flows of water form as it descends

Tiered: Water drops in a series of distinct steps or falls

Multi-step: A series of waterfalls one after another of roughly the same size each with its own sunken plunge pool



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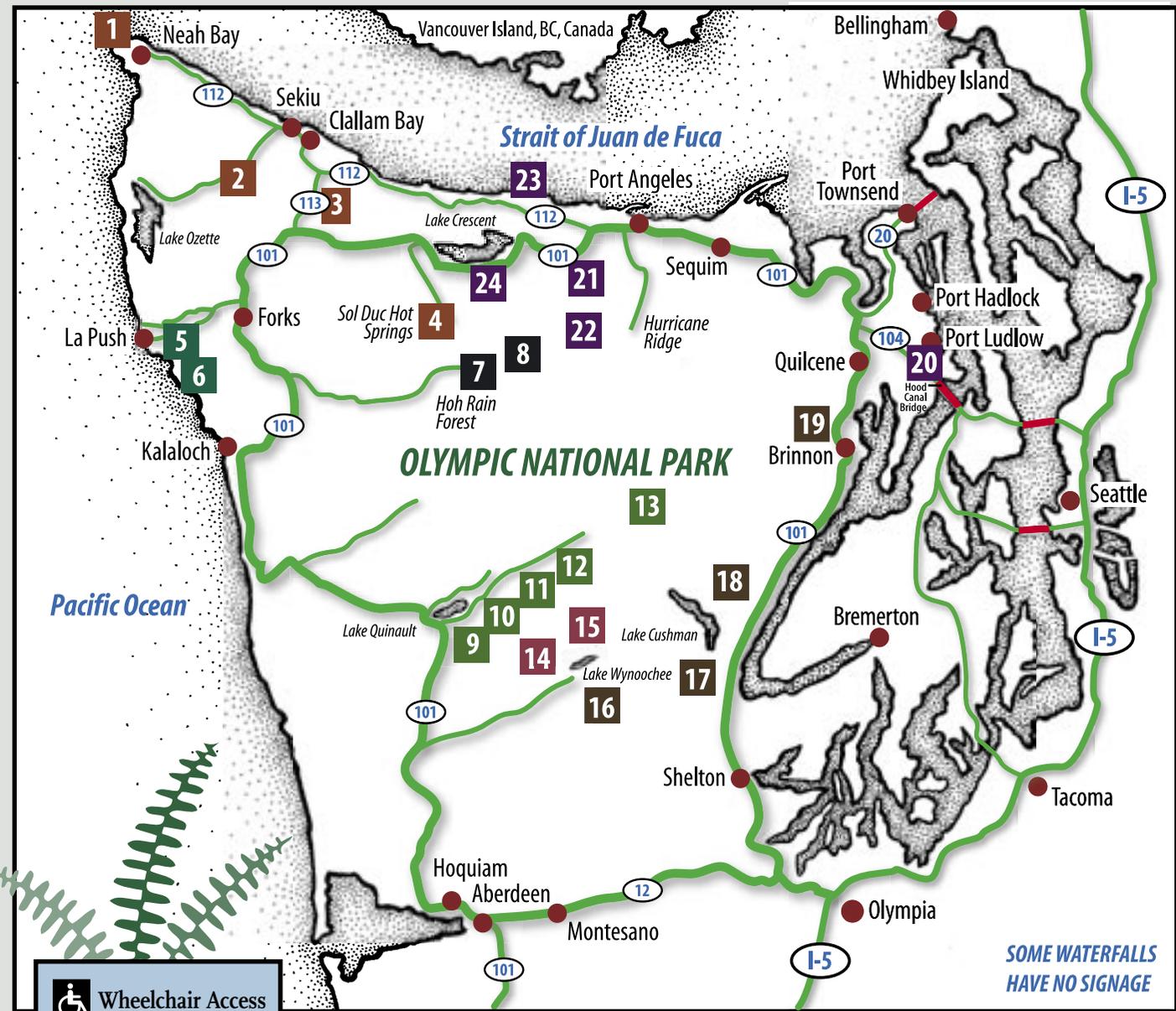


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WATERFALLS AT A GLANCE

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Use this brochure to for a general overview of waterfall locations.

For detailed driving instructions, GPS, more information about the waterfalls in this brochure, and other falls on the Peninsula, check the Waterfall Trail website at: www.olympicpeninsulawaterfalltrail.com.

New falls will be added to the website as they are located and photographed! Download your personal Waterfall Trail Journal. Share comments and photographs on the Waterfall WanderBlog!



13. Enchanted Valley, or Valley of 10,000 Waterfalls
An exaggeration, perhaps, but not too far off. It's a 13-mile-one-way backpack trip into the valley to experience a seasonal phenomenon of multiple falls that plunge from the high mountainside deep within Olympic National Park. East Fork Quinault River

THE SOUTHERN LOOP

The tour inland from the Pacific Ocean skirts the southern boundary of Olympic National Park and heads to Hood Canal.



14. Perfection Falls
During runoff season the water forms a block over the falls. This photo showing a segmented falls was taken during the summer. There is a short, steep, unmarked trail leading to the falls 0.4 miles west of Donkey Creek bridge. Donkey Creek



15. Wynoochee Falls
Wynoochee Falls is one of the few punchbowl-form falls of our area creating an idyllic swimming hole on the river. Requires route finding skills, but worth the trip. It is most impressive during runoffs. Wynoochee River



16. Spoon Creek Falls
Dropping over 70 feet in two tiers, ending in a large plunge pool, Spoon Creek Falls is perhaps the most underrated and least visited falls. It is worth the long drive and short trail walk. Walking sticks and good shoes may be necessary to reach the viewing spot. Best viewed October through July. Spoon Creek

HOOD CANAL

The eastern slopes of the Olympic Mountains from Highway 101 roads and trails lead to three waterfalls in the Hood Canal area. Another one is tucked away in the recreational community of Port Ludlow.



16. High Steel Bridge or Vincent Creek Falls
It is tough to say whether the falls or the bridge is the real attraction here. The falls are in a narrow, deep canyon with a drop of about 125 feet. It is best viewed in winter and early spring from the bridge deck 420 feet above the falls. Skokomish River



17. Hamma Hamma Falls
A scenic and photogenic falls drops 75 feet in two tiers of approximately 25 and 50 feet in a gorge below a high concrete bridge. Hamma Hamma River



18. Falls View Falls
This 80-120 feet horsetail-type seasonal waterfall is visible on the far slope of an impressive and rather deep and steep canyon of the Quilcene River. This falls is best viewed autumn through spring. Quilcene River



19. Ludlow Falls
The public has been granted access to this delightful two-tier falls that flows down and across an exposed basalt monolith on a privately owned, developed and maintained interpretive trail. Ludlow Creek

ELWHA

The Elwha River Valley scenic area of the Olympic National Park is worth exploring. Two falls in this group are near a shimmering, clear lake or nearby tidepools for interesting side trips.



20. Madison Creek Falls
This delightful falls at the Elwha River Entrance to Olympic National Park is wheelchair accessible on a short, paved 200 foot path to the base of the falls. Elwha River



21. Wolf Creek Falls
Follow Whiskey Bend Road to find this ONP two-tier waterfall hidden at the end of a very steep downhill hiking trail of about 0.4 miles at the tip of Lake Mills. Elwha River



22. Striped Peak Falls
Best viewed from November through June, this small, seasonal falls drops about 30 feet, tumbling over a mossy rock face. Sturdy shoes and walking sticks are helpful as the trail has a couple short steep pitches.



23. Marymere Falls
The waters of Falls Creek drop nearly 90 feet into a small plunge pool at the end of the 0.75-mile trail for year-round views. Seasonally, the National Park offers nature tours. Falls Creek, Lake Crescent

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