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# Olympic

## *at a glance*

Three parks in one: glaciated mountains, temperate rain forest and 73 miles (117 km) of wilderness coast, linked only by Highway 101 around the peninsula.

**922,651**

AREA

**73** miles

COAST

(117 km) of wilderness coast

**140**

RAIN

**30**

SNOW

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## BEFORE YOU GO

**No road through the middle**

No road crosses the park. Highway 101 circles the peninsula, and spur roads branch off it to the individual areas.

**Two bases**

The park authority recommends Port Angeles or Lake Crescent for Hurricane Ridge and Sol Duc, and the area around Forks for the Hoh Rain ...

**By car**

From Olympia, take I-5 to Highway 101; from Tacoma, take State Route 16 to Bremerton, then SR 3 and SR 104 across the Hood Canal Bridge ...

**The rain shadow**

Pacific storms drop their rain on the west side: 100 to 170 inches (2.5 to 4.3 m) a year on the coast and in the western valleys, and 30 to ...

**The tide**

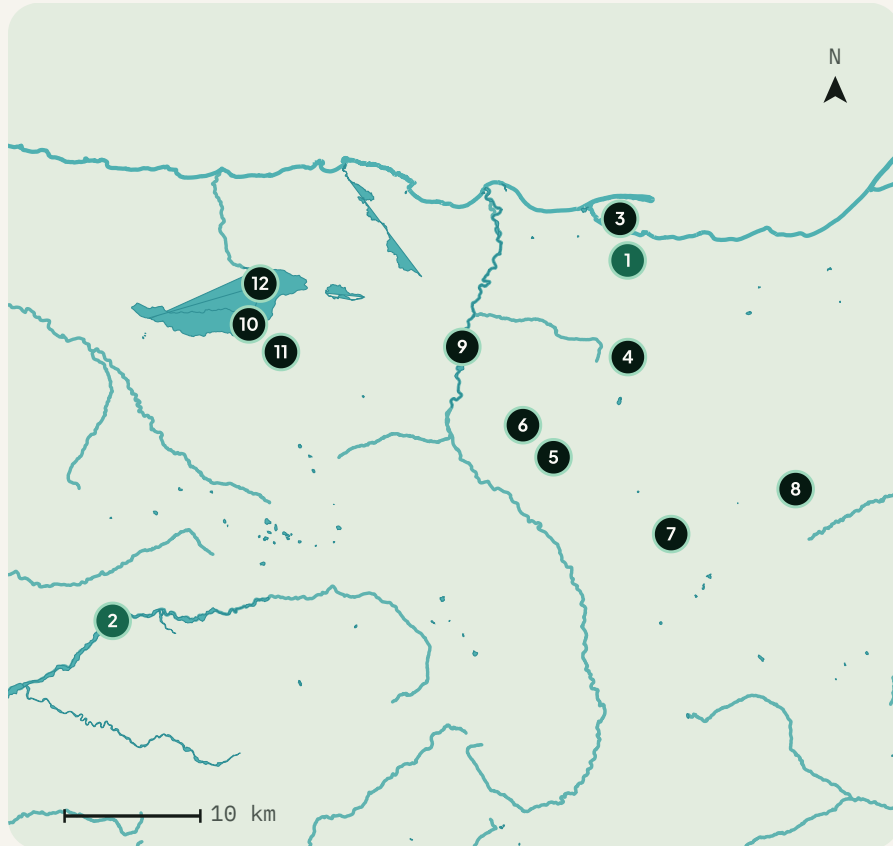
Some headlands can only be rounded at low tide, some never; then an overland trail leads over the top.

**Elk**

The park authority counts Roosevelt elk among the most dangerous animals in the park: cows weigh up to 700 lb (318 kg), bulls up to 1,100 ...

**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: [nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/olympic](https://nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/olympic)



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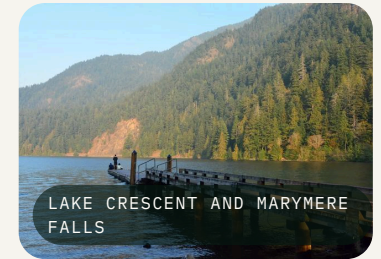
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HURRICANE RIDGE



THE HOH RAIN FOREST



LAKE CRESCENT AND MARYMERE FALLS

## THINGS TO DO

**Hoh: Hall of Mosses**

A 0.8-mile (1.3 km) loop from the visitor centre through moss-draped maples, plus the 1.2-mile (1.9 km) ...

**Sol Duc Falls and Lake Crescent**

One mile (1.6 km) to the waterfall, six miles (9.7 km) on Lover's Lane, 5.2 miles (8.4 km) to Mink Lake.

**The wilderness coast**

73 miles (117 km) of the most pristine coastline in the Lower 48, reachable almost only on foot.

**Ozette Loop**

Nine miles (14.5 km) as a triangle: 3.1 miles (5 km) of boardwalk to Cape Alava, three miles (4.8 km) of ...

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**Hurricane Ridge**

Trails from the ridge crest down to subalpine lakes, plus the road to Hurricane Hill and the gravel road to ...

**Beaches you can drive to**

Rialto with driftwood, rocky islands and the Hole-in-the-Wall arch after 1.5 miles (2.4 km).

**Tide pools**

Sea stars, anemones, barnacles and nudibranchs at Beach 4, Ruby Beach, Second Beach and near Ozette.

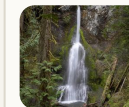
**Short walks with a dog**

Six trails in the whole park: Peabody Creek at the visitor centre, Madison Falls, Spruce Railroad Trail ...

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