

Lake Quinault South Shore Hiking Trails

Rain Forest Nature Trail

This .5 mile loop is a must see in the Quinault Valley. It is the Quinault Rain Forest "in a nutshell"! Stroll along the fern and moss covered canyon of Willaby Creek. Learn to identify the trees and wildlife of the rain forest. This trail has interpretive signs along the way that will help you become knowledgeable about this fascinating and complex ecosystem. The trail meets wheelchair accessible standards part of the way as shown with the yellow dotted line.

Willaby Campground

.2 mile

.5 mile loop

Cedar Bog

The trail turns to boardwalk for a stretch as the forest opens up to a cedar filled wetland.

1.1 mile

1.7 miles Big Cedar Trail

Big Cedar Trail

Extending 1.7 miles (one way) off of the main trail is the Big Cedar Trail. This trail is more primitive than the other trails on the South Shore, but is still easy to follow. There is a stream crossing at 1.3 miles that can be hazardous at high water (no bridge). The trail ends at an impressively large cedar tree.

Falls Creek Loop

This trail crosses Falls and Cascade Creeks. If you like rushing streams and waterfalls, this is a hike for you. For a loop hike of less than two miles, connect with the .6 and .4 mile trails beginning and ending on South Shore Road. This hike is highly recommended for its rain forest grandeur.

Trail of the Giants

Hikers here will be rewarded with solitude, and awe for the large Douglas fir trees that inhabit this area.

World's Largest Sitka Spruce

You may drive or hike to this awesome world record tree. It stands 191 feet tall, 17 feet in diameter, and 55 feet, 7 inches in circumference. Don't miss it!!



World's largest Sitka Spruce,

Elk in the Quinault Rain Forest
Stuart May Photography

Hiking on the Quinault National Recreation Trails is an awesome experience. The rain forest scenery is inspiring. The trails are well marked and maintained. There are loops of many lengths. Find the one(s) just right for you. Most of these trails are of moderate difficulty with minor hills. Many are suitable for kids and elderly.

Quinault River, view looking west
Sharlene Gillies photo

Key to Symbols

- Trail suitable for kids or elderly
- Interpretive Trail
- Golf Course
- Waterfall
- Groceries
- Restaurant
- Hotel/Motel/Cabins
- Camp Ground
- Gas Station
- Ranger Station
- Post Office
- Laundry

