

BACKCOUNTRY TRIPS 2015





What's a backcountry trip?

WTA's Volunteer Vacations and Backcountry Response Teams (BCRTs) are a great way to give back to the trails that take you into the heart of Washington's gorgeous wilderness. When you join one, you'll be part of a multi-day adventure with fun and friendly people, repairing trails and enjoying Washington's natural beauty.

On Volunteer Vacations, WTA sets up a camp kitchen and provides the meals, so a fee is associated with these trips. If you're on a budget, try a BCRT. There is no fee for these trips; participants provide and carry their own provisions.

There are trails all over Washington that need your help. This catalog lists some of the season's choicest locations, whether you're looking for an easy ramble to base camp or breathtaking views from your worksite.

Check out the trips listed here and then head to wta.org/volunteer to sign up starting February 7. If the trip is marked "Full", contact trail_teams@wta.org to join the waitlist. Odds are good you'll get on the trip you want.

See you this summer!

GET AN EYEFUL



Work within sight of sweeping vistas, whether it's a sea of peaks or the Pacific shoreline.

Volunteer Vacations

- Kalaloch Beach Trails (Olympic Coast)
- Wonderland Trail (Ipsut Creek to Carbon Glacier)
- Hart Lake & Lyman Lake Trails (Lake Chelan)
- Loowit Trail (Mount St. Helens)
- Lost Lake Trail - Goat Rocks (Mount Adams)

BCRTs

- Pyramid Peak (Olympics)
- Starway - Silver Star Scenic Area (Columbia Gorge)
- Shedroof Divide (Colville)
- Fisher Basin (North Cascades)
- Devil's Dome (North Cascades)



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COOL YOUR HEELS



Relax by a clear alpine lake after the day's work, enjoy a full-body dunk or simply take in the calm surroundings.

Volunteer Vacations:

- Lake Quinault Trails (Olympics)
- Domke Lake Trails (Lake Chelan)
- Hart Lake & Lyman Lake Trails (Lake Chelan)
- Lost Lake Trail - Goat Rocks (Mount Adams)

BCRTs

- Larch Lakes (Entiat)
- Snowall Cradle Lakes (Leavenworth)
- Chain Lakes (North Cascades)
- The Brothers (Olympics)
- Swamp Creek (South Cascades)
- Pyramid Peak (Olympics)



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RESPECT YOUR ELDERS



Work on trail and then relax in camp under the shade of old-growth trees.

Volunteer Vacations

- Lake Quinault Trails (Olympics)
- Sawtooth Logout (North Cascades)
- PCT at Skyline Logout (Suiattle River)
- PCT at Canyon Creek Logout (Suiattle River)

BCRTs

- Duckabush River (Olympics)
- Upper South Fork Skokomish Logout (Olympics)
- Downey Creek (Suiattle River)
- Upper South Fork Skokomish - Women Only (Olympics)
- Bearhead/Carbon (Mount Rainier)
- PCT Suiattle to High Bridge (Lake Chelan)



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VISIT A VOLCANO



With five volcanos along Washington's spine, there are several opportunities to work in the shadow of one of the sleeping giants.

Volunteer Vacations

- Wonderland Trail (Ipsut Creek to Carbon Glacier)
- Loowit Trail (Mount St. Helens)
- Bird Creek Meadows (Mount Adams)

BCRTs

- Emerald Ridge (Mount Rainier)
- PCT - Suiattle Pass to High Bridge (Glacier Peak)
- Bearhead Mountain (South Cascades)
- Bald Eagle (Glacier Peak)



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EARN YOUR LUMBERJACK CRED



You already wear flannel and all your friends have beards. Take the next step and learn how to use a crosscut saw on one of these trips.

Volunteer Vacations

- Pasayten Logout (Pasayten)
- PCT at Canyon Creek Logout (Suiattle River)
- PCT at Skyline Logout (Suiattle River)

BCRTs

- Duckabush River (Olympics)
- Downey Creek (Olympics)
- Heather Creek (Olympics)
- Bearhead Mountain (South Cascades)
- Six Ridge (Olympics)
- Lily Basin (Goat Rocks)

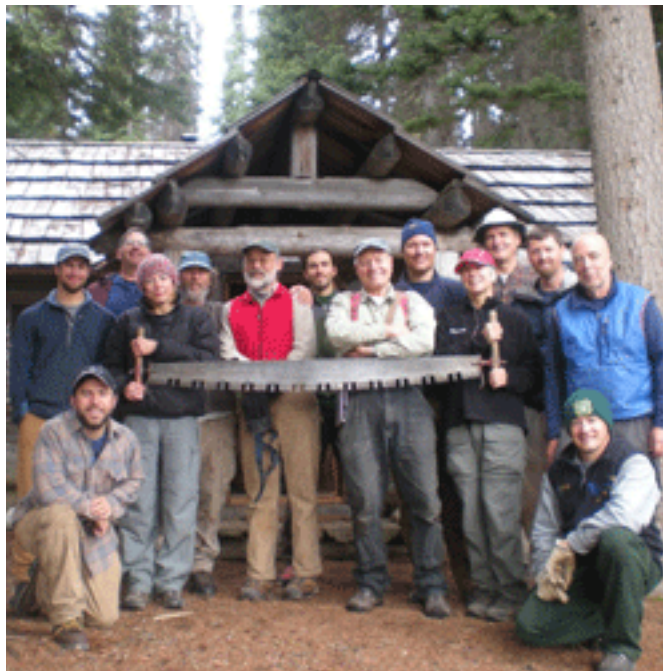


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BE NICE TO YOUR KNEES



Join a trip with an easy approach to camp or one that's fully pack-supported, so all you have to bring is your day pack; the animals will carry everything else.

Volunteer Vacations

- Kalaloch Beach Trails (Olympic Coast)
- Leadbetter Point (Southwest Coast)
- Lake Quinault Nature Trails (Olympics)
- Wonderland Trail (Ipsut Creek to Carbon Glacier)
- Chelan Lakeshore Trail (Lake Chelan)

BCRTS

- Bell Pass (Mount Baker)
- Baker Lake (Mount Baker)
- Pyramid Peak (Olympics)
- Lower South Fork Skokomish (Olympics)



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EXPLORE THE STATE



Head for the far corners of Washington on a trip to one of the remotest parts of the state.

Volunteer Vacations

- Kalaloch Beach Trails (Olympics)
- Leadbetter Point (Southwest Coast)
- West Fork Buttermilk Trail (North Cascades)
- Pasayten Logout (Pasayten)

BCRTs

- Shedroof Divide (Colville)
- Starway - Silver Star Scenic Area (Columbia Gorge)
- Horseshoe Basin (Pasayten)
- Swamp Creek (South Cascades)
- Larch Lakes - Pomas Pass (Entiat)



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CARE FOR AN ICONIC PLACE



Work with WTA on the Pacific Crest Trail, the Wonderland Trail, or trails off the newly reopened Suiattle River Road, which accesses Glacier Peak Wilderness.

Volunteer Vacations

- Wonderland Trail (Ipsut Creek to Carbon Glacier)
- PCT at Canyon Creek (Suiattle River)
- PCT at Skyline (Suiattle River)

BCRTs

- Suiattle River Logout (Suiattle River)
- PCT - Cathedral Rock (Cle Elum)
- PCT - Suiattle Pass to High Bridge (Lake Chelan)
- Emerald Ridge (Mount Rainier)



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TEENS, HIT THE TRAIL



Know a teen who might be interested in spending a week repairing trails in Washington's great outdoors? WTA has a large selection of youth volunteer vacations to pick from.

Locations

- Pleasant Valley Trail (Methow)
- PCT at Miners Creek (Suiattle River)
- Davis Peak Trail (Cle Elum)
- Andrews Creek Trail (Methow)
- Wynoochee Lakeshore Trail (Olympics)
- West Fork Humptulips (Olympics)
- North Fork Skykomish (Stevens Pass)
- Tiffany Lake Trail (Pasayten)



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Application information for youth volunteer vacations: wta.org/teens



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