

Goldmyer Hot Springs

Northwest Wilderness Programs

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Office Hours | Tuesday - Friday. 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Access Report | Updated on our website at least every Wednesday evening

- Please distribute this form to ALL members of your group
- Our email address is not monitored, all communication must be conducted over the phone
- RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to ensure access to Goldmyer Hot Springs
- We allow 20 visitors per day, walk-ins without a reservation will be turned away if full

ABOUT

Goldmyer is a minimally developed wilderness area owned by Northwest Wilderness Programs, a Washington State non-profit organization. Our stewardship policies established in 1976 enable us to preserve the hot spring and surrounding private property for future generations. We ask for your help simply by being willing to follow our common sense minimum impact use rules. Goldmyer offers visitors access to old growth forest, a crystal clear natural geothermic hot spring, beautiful waterfalls, campsites with food hanging lines, two stocked outhouses, two shared picnic tables, and a bike rack.

NOTES

- Prices are per person, per day, by age: (0-17) Free, (18-64) \$15, (65+) \$10.
- Camping is \$5 per night, per person 18 years of age and older.
- Access is limited to 20 people per day to avoid over use and crowded conditions.
- Group size is limited to 8 max (multiple groups that know each other are considered a single group).
- No safe drinking water is available. Bring your own water, and/or a back-packing filter for river.
- Campfires are not allowed. For cooking, bring a back-packing stove (propane or white gas type).
- Follow proper food handling practices. Each campsite is supplied with a bucket, screw-on lid, and a hanging line for you to store your food out of reach from local wildlife. Small foragers such as chipmunks and mice will chew through packs/tents if they contain food. Don't feed wildlife, pack out all food waste.
- Avoid eating food at the hot spring area to reduce rodent problems. Use the trailside picnic tables.
- Goldmyer is usually a clothing optional hot spring. No-nudity times at the hot spring should be arranged ahead of time when making a reservation.

RULES

- All visitors must arrive and check in with caretakers between 9:00 am - 9:00 pm.
- If visiting for the day, check out time is 9:00 pm.
- If camping overnight, check out time is noon on the last day of your visit. We welcome multi-night visits.
- Leave No Trace / Pack It In, Pack It Out. No garbage collection is available, please clean up after yourself.
- The following are not allowed on Goldmyer property: all forms of glass, smoking of any sort, illegal drugs, dogs or other pets, weapons, campfires, and charcoal grills. No soap or cook stoves at hot spring area.
- Absolutely no alcohol allowed at the hot spring area. Moderate consumption allowed only in campsites by overnight visitors. No loud, drunken, or unruly behavior will be tolerated.

RESERVATIONS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Reservation requests are best made at least 2 weeks prior to your intended visit.
- The only way to guarantee access to Goldmyer is by making a reservation.
- **Access to Goldmyer is limited to 20 people per day**

- Directions on the next page explain the challenging, yet rewarding, adventure of visiting Goldmyer.
- View the calendar on our website to check the number of available reservations for each day.
- Monitor the weather forecast on our website as a guide for what you may encounter on your trip.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Look for "Ten Essentials of Mountaineering"

- First-aid kit
- Good hiking boots (waterproof preferred)
- Rain gear
- Warm layered clothing
- Filled water bottle(s)
- Back-packing water filter
- Flashlight (even if not camping)
- Towel
- Bathing suit
- Food (it's a long journey)
- Camp stove and utensils (if camping)
- Camping equipment if staying overnight (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad)
- Directions (next page)

WEATHER

The weather can change quickly in the Middle Fork Valley, please come prepared!

Weather varies from about mid-November to mid-January; from occasional "dry" days, to showers, non-stop rain, rain during the day and snow overnight, rain on snow, snow showers, snow dumps, and flooding.

Starting mid-January, use **ONLY** high clearance vehicles with all/4-wheel drive. Be sure to have snow chains, shovel, flashlights, extra food, warm gear, and at least a bow saw or axe should a tree drop on the road.

Even high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles with chains on all tires are sometimes stopped by snow before the trailhead. Be wary if snowing during your journey as the road conditions could be worse on your way out!

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel some or all of your reservation, please be courteous and let the office know as soon as possible so your reservation can be opened up to other visitors.

For cancellations received **less than two office days** before your reservation...

- your reservation is donated to the continuing stewardship of Goldmyer Hot Springs.

For cancellations received **less than one week** before your reservation...

- we can reschedule your visit for a future date.
- or, issue a credit for use within one year.

For cancellations received **one week or more** before your reservation...

- we can reschedule your visit for a future date.
- or, issue a credit for use within one year.
- or, issue a refund minus a \$5 transaction fee.

To use reservation credits...

- You must call the office, make a reservation, and mention that you have a credit on file.
- Reservation credits are valid for one year from the original reservation date.

TRAVEL TIME

Driving | Seattle to I-90 Exit 34 - Roughly 45 minutes (without interruption)

Driving | I-90 Exit 34 to Dingford Trailhead - Roughly 2 hours (without interruption)

Hiking | Dingford Trailhead to Goldmyer - 2 to 3 hours at a steady moderate pace

Biking | Dingford Trailhead to Goldmyer - 1 to 3 hours, depending on your conditioning and pack weight

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- From I-90, use Exit #34 (468th Ave SE).
- At the end of the freeway exit turn north (left if driving east from Seattle. Right if driving west).
- Drive past the truck stop. Shortly after the truck stop, turn right onto Middle Fork Road.
- Go either way at the fork in the road, they will re-connect. Shortly after they re-connect, you will be at the end of the pavement and beginning of the gravel road. The rest of the drive to the trailhead is frequently filled with potholes, some 4-5 inches deep.
- About 9 miles later you will pass the Middle Fork campgrounds, then drive across a single lane concrete bridge over Taylor River.
- Shortly after this bridge take the first right, you'll turn sharply uphill towards the Dingford Creek Trailhead. This hill can be difficult for low clearance vehicles and lightweight rear wheel drive trucks.
- About 5 miles later the road will open up into a parking area with a gate at the far side. This is the Dingford Creek Trailhead and the end of the road. Now you can choose between two hiking routes.

HIKING ROUTE #1 | *North side of river along the old roadbed (4.5 miles)*

- Walk (or mountain bike, snowshoe, etc.) **through the big metal gate** at the far end of the trailhead. Shortly after the gate you will cross a bridge over Dingford Creek Falls. Follow the road for roughly 4 miles.
- At the end of a long gradual hill, the old roadbed obviously widens to roughly 25 feet, with enough room to fit two or three semi-trucks with trailers.
- There is also a fork in the road. Follow the fork on the right heading downhill. A short distance later you will cross a footbridge over the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River.
- Once across the bridge, turn right onto the trail.
- A short distance later turn left at the intersection. 1/4 mile later you will arrive at the Caretaker's Cabin.
- Please ring the bell on the welcome sign and check in with the caretakers upon arrival.

HIKING ROUTE #2 | *South side of river on Middle Fork Trail (5 miles)*

Un-bridged stream crossings can be difficult to cross if the water is running high. NOT recommended in winter. The Middle Fork Trail is only open to bikes during the spring and summer seasons and on odd calendar days.

- **On the downhill side** of the Dingford Trailhead, a short trail leads to a footbridge.
- Once across turn left onto the trail. About 2 miles later cross Rock Creek on a single log footbridge.
- Shortly after there is a turn-off up to Snow Lake and Snoqualmie Pass. **Do not turn, continue straight.**
- About 2.5 miles later you arrive at Burntboot Creek. A set of crossed logs with flattened tops act as a footbridge. Cross these logs with great care, or ford the river on the downstream side so you don't get swept into the logs should you fall.
- Once across you are on Goldmyer property. Head away from the stream and past a cut downed log. A short distance later you will step back into conifer forest and come to a fork in the trail.
- Go straight and past the private property sign. Continue up a gentle hill through the campgrounds until you reach the Caretaker's Cabin.
- Please ring the bell on the welcome sign and check in with the caretakers upon arrival.

GPS COORDINATES

N 47.48401 W 121.38994