



# Olympic Adventure 2020

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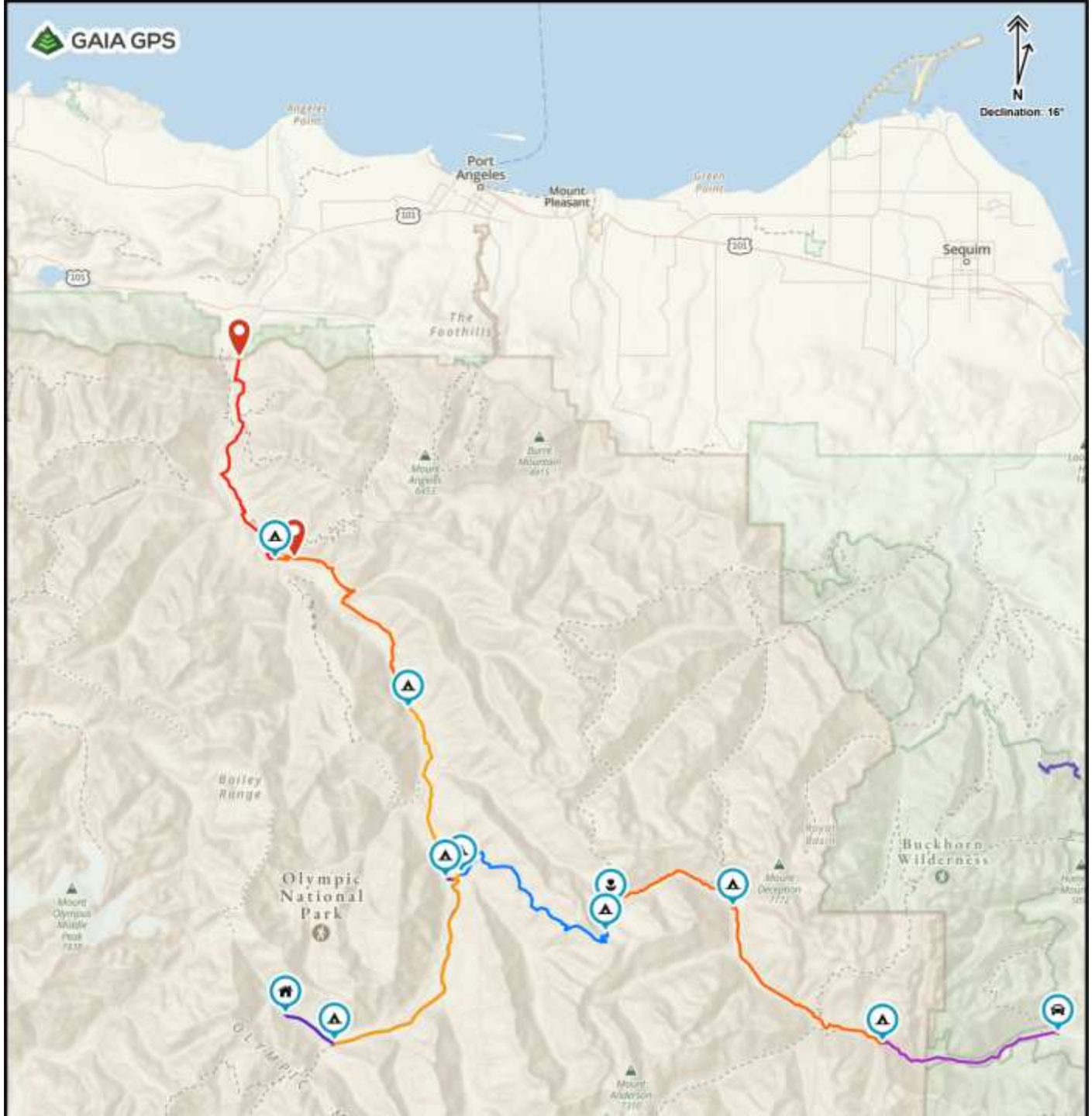




# The Quest

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- Plan: begin at Madison Falls, along the Elwha to Happy Hollow, backtrack to Hayden Pass, and out the Dosewallips River = 73 miles
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Reasons for timing:

Cooler temps

Wouldn't need to request as many days off work

The forest is still so perfectly green

Concerns for timing:

Weather is unpredictable

Higher river levels at Elwha River crossing

Snow on Hayden Pass

# Olympic National Park Backcountry Permits and Reservations

Reservations are made through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)  
Non-quota area

Backcountry Fees: \$6.00 permit fee plus \$8.00 per night = \$70.00

Annual Backcountry Pass is \$50.00 and covers your fees



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# Day 1

Madison Falls to  
Michael's Cabin

Mileage: 8.5

Elevation: +2157





















# Day 2

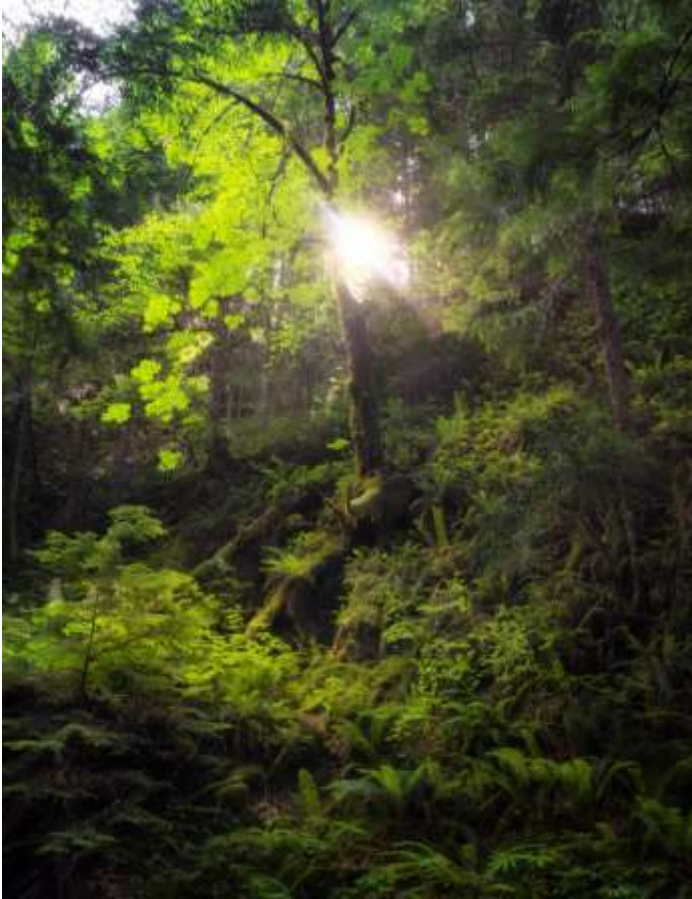
Michael's Cabin  
to Elkhorn

Mileage: 9

Elevation: +3214







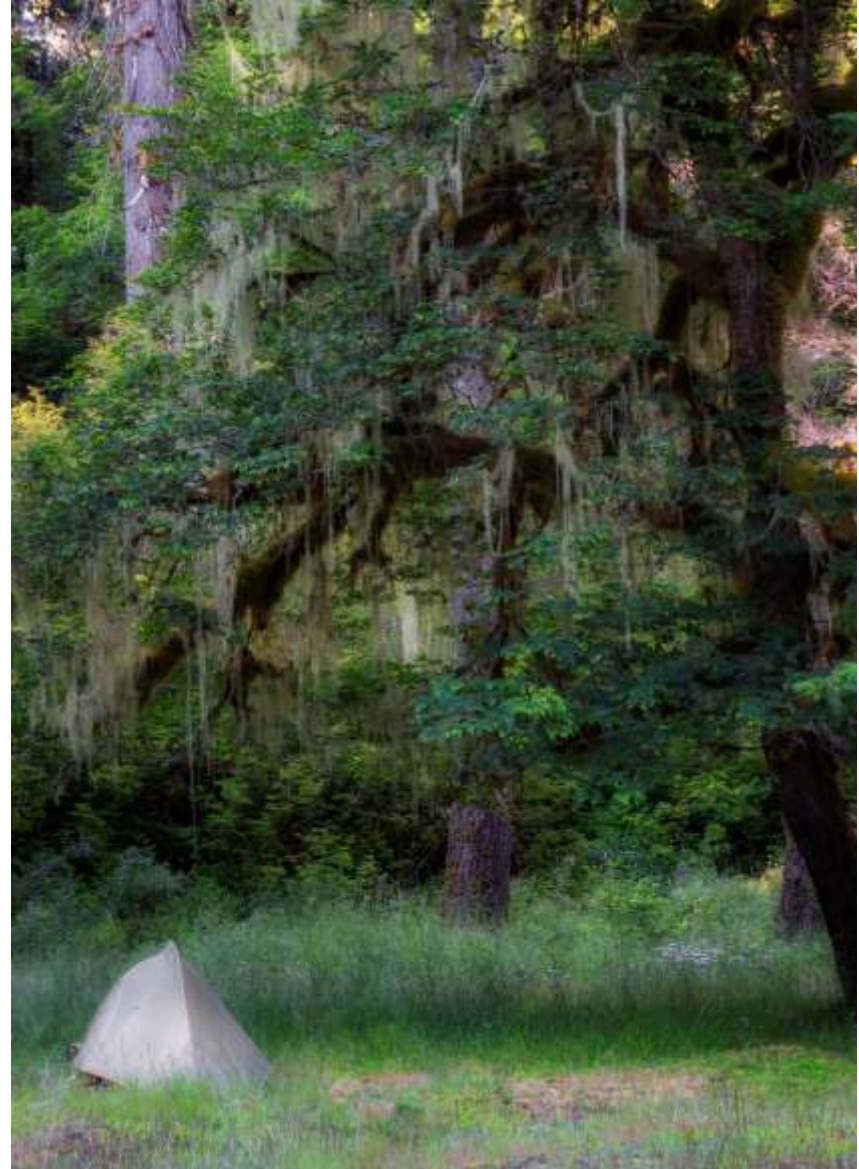














# Day 3

Elkhorn to  
Hayes River

Mileage: 6

Elevation: +1649



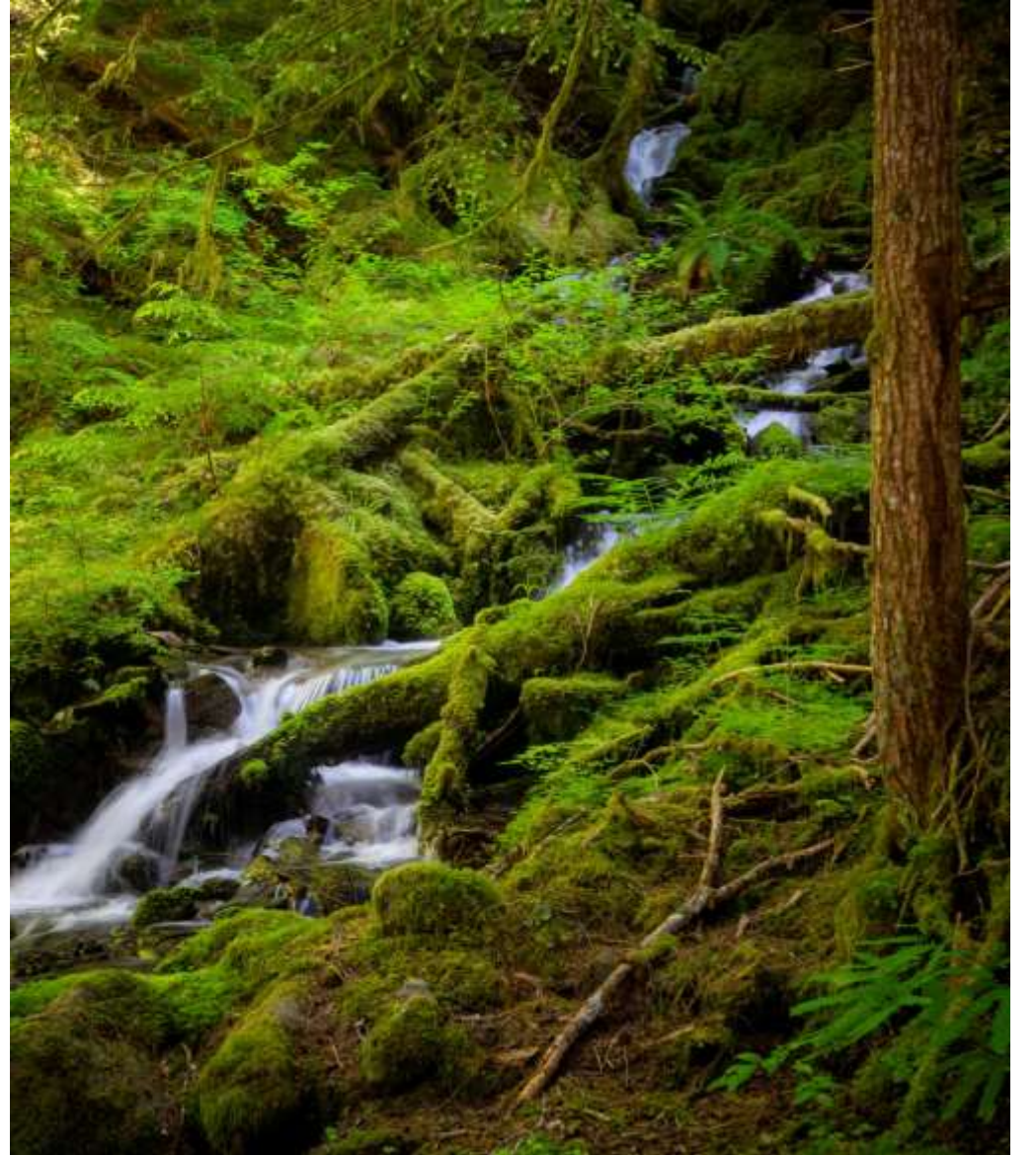














A black and white photograph of a wooden sign mounted on a wall. The sign is rectangular and has the words "HAYES RIVER" on the top line and "PATROL CABIN" on the bottom line, both in white, hand-painted capital letters. Above the sign, a dark horseshoe is nailed to the wall. The wall is made of horizontal wooden planks. The photograph has a white border and is set against a light gray background.

HAYES RIVER  
PATROL CABIN



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# Day 4

Hayes River to  
Disbursed Camp

Mileage: 5.5

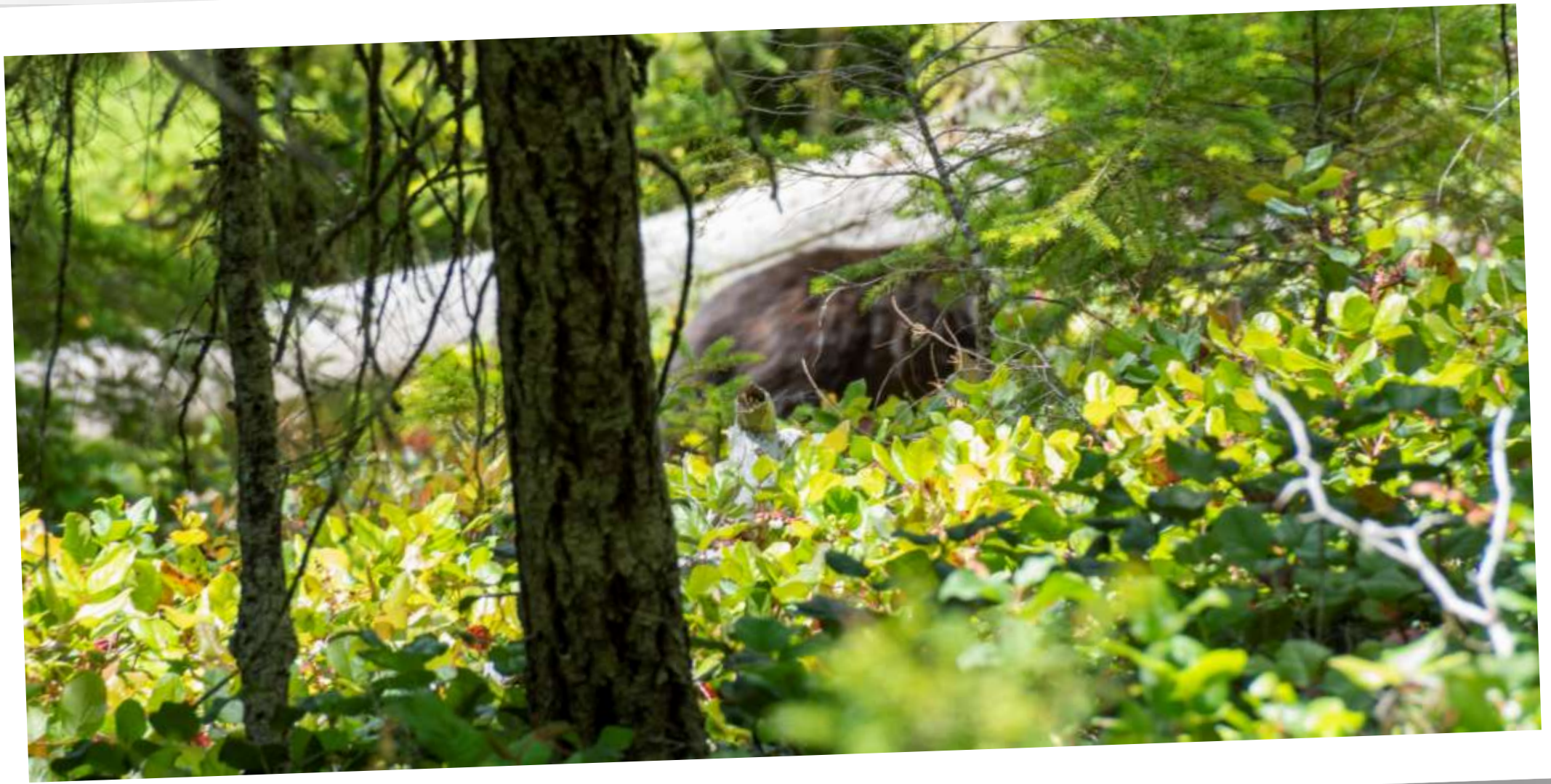
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# Day 5

Disbursed Camp  
to Hayden Pass

Mileage: 3.5

Elevation: +1367























HAYDEN PASS  
5347

WHISKEY DEND 26.0  
BEAR CAMP SHELTER 4.0  
DOSEWALLIPS RNGR STA 14.9







# Day 6

Hayden Pass to  
Dose Meadows

Mileage: 3.25

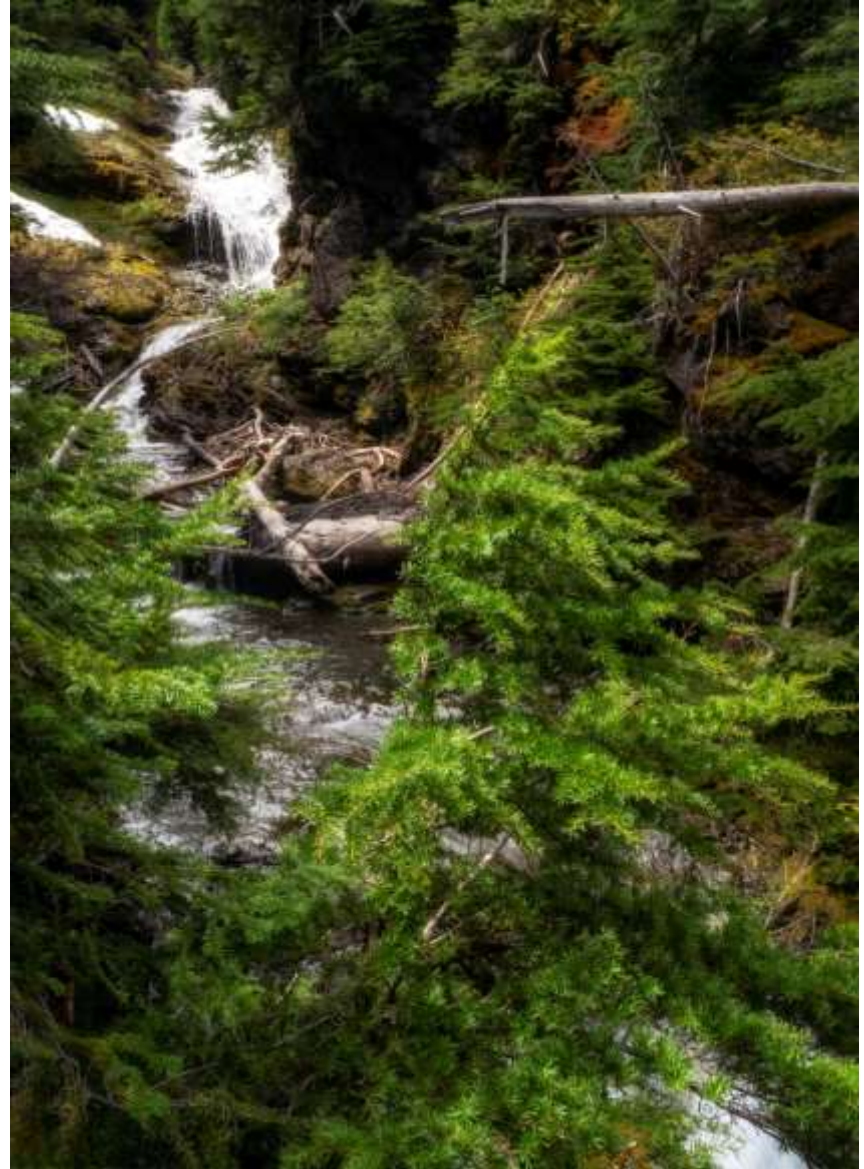
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# Day 7

Dose Meadows  
to Deception  
Creek

Mileage: 5

Elevation: -1572





















# Day 8

Deception Creek  
to Dosewallips  
Camp

Mileage: 7.5

Elevation: -3259

















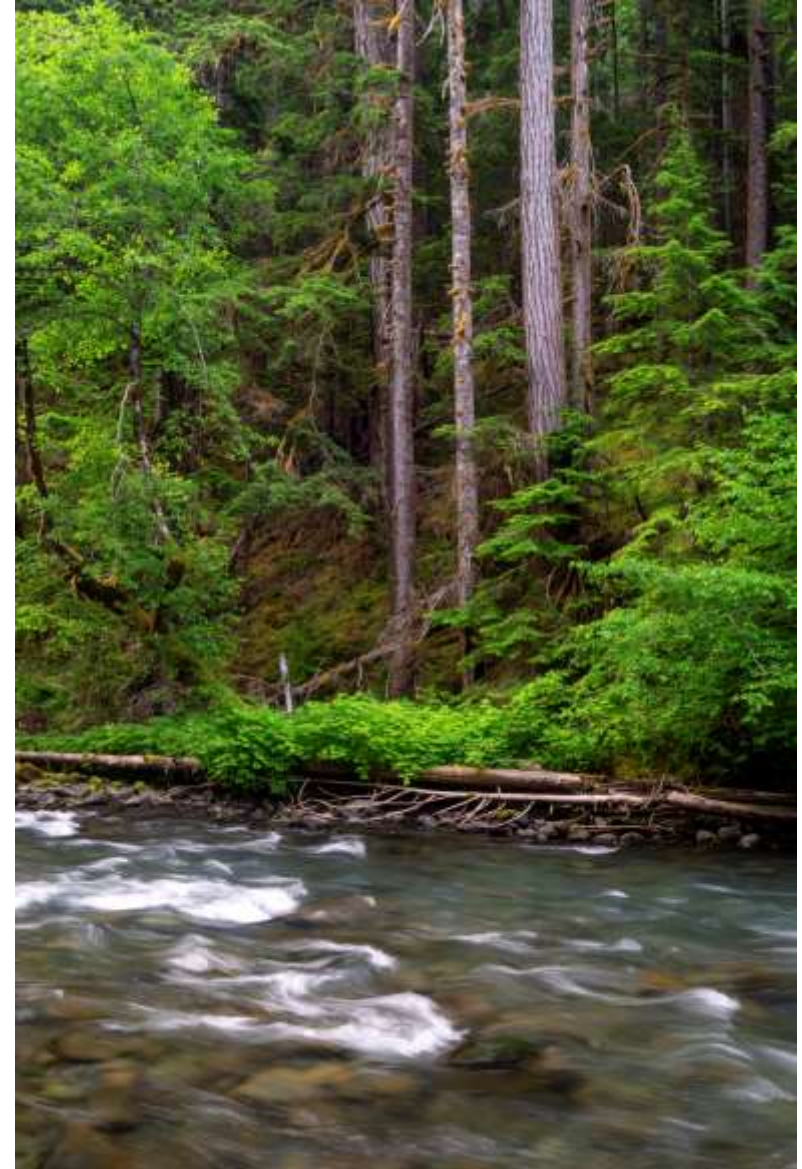
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# Day 9

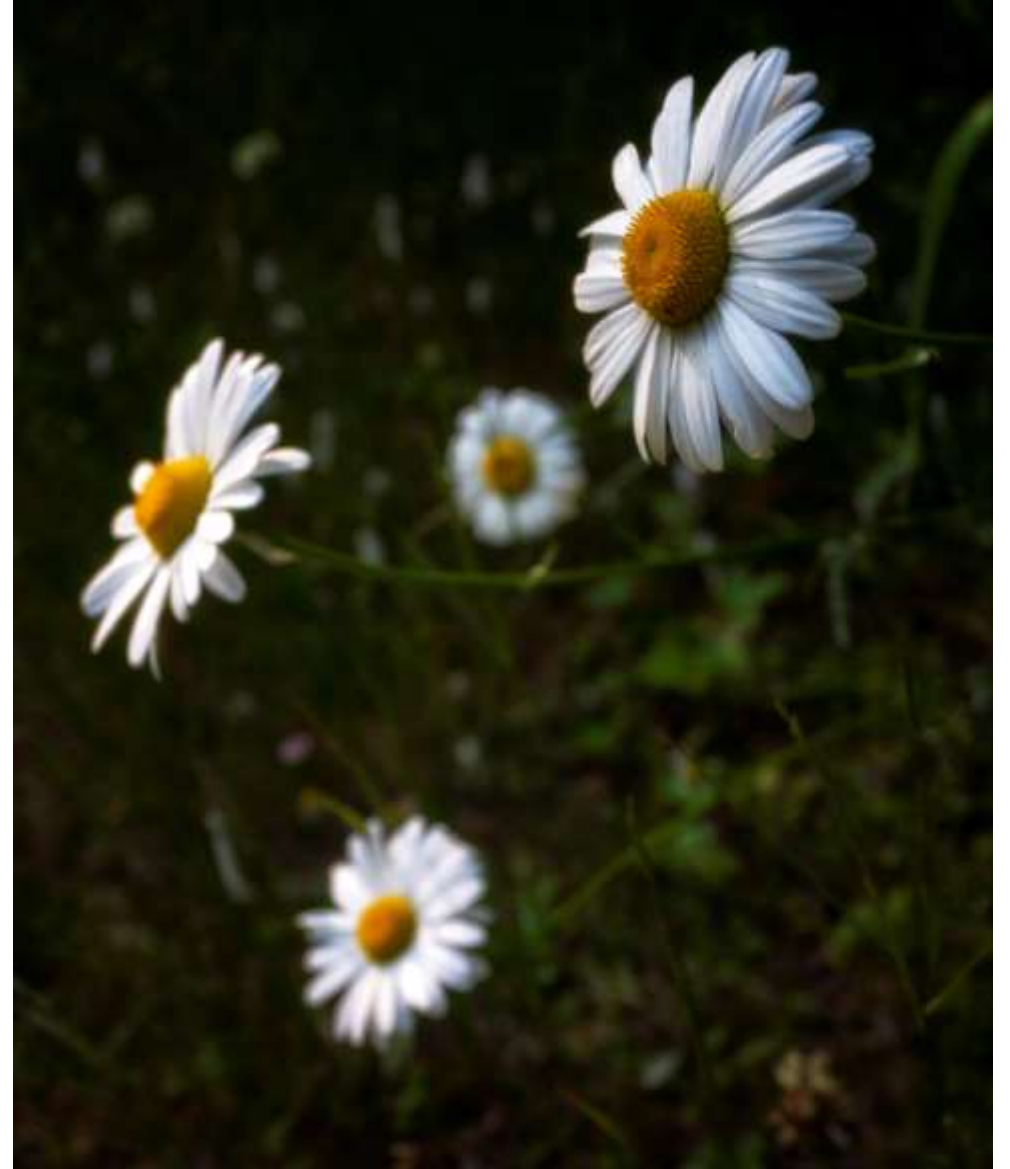
Dosewallips  
Camp to End

Mileage: 6.5

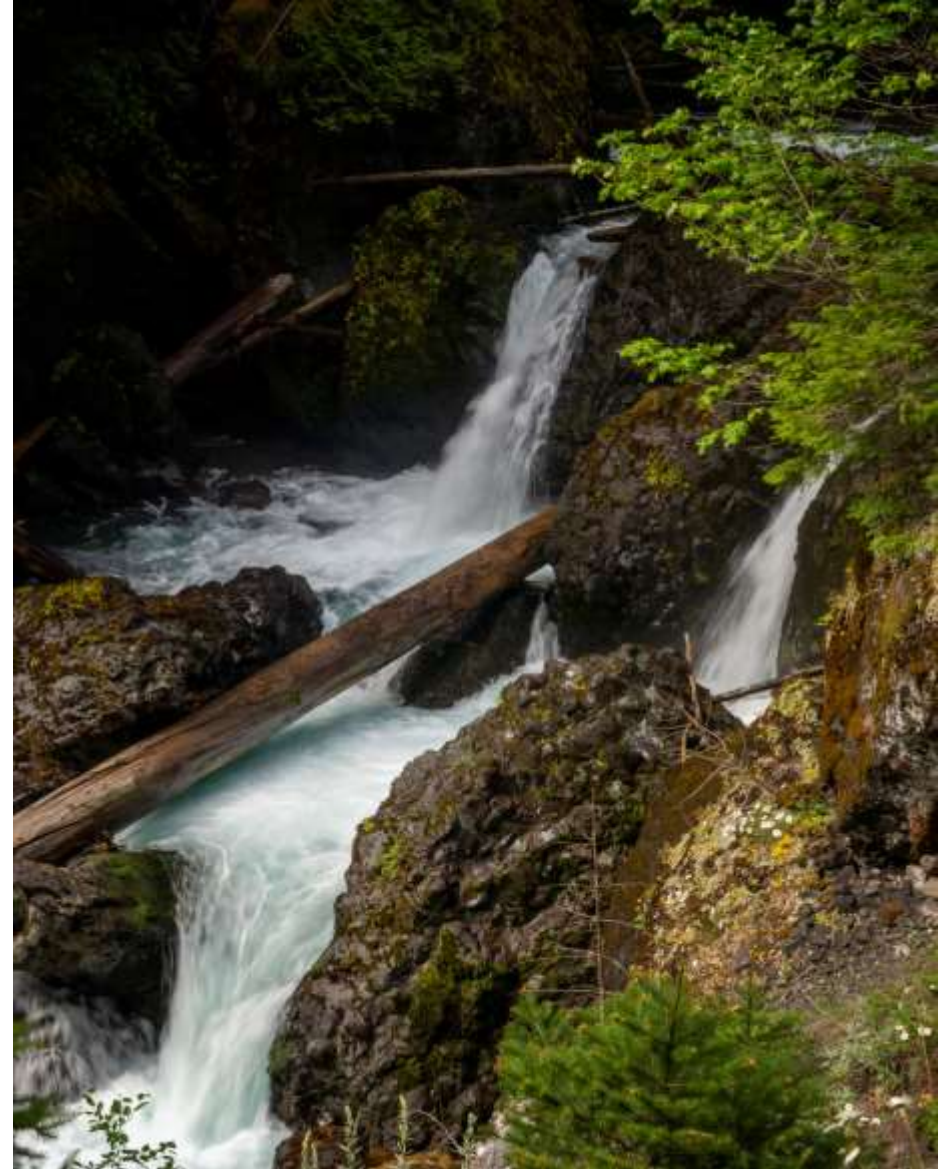
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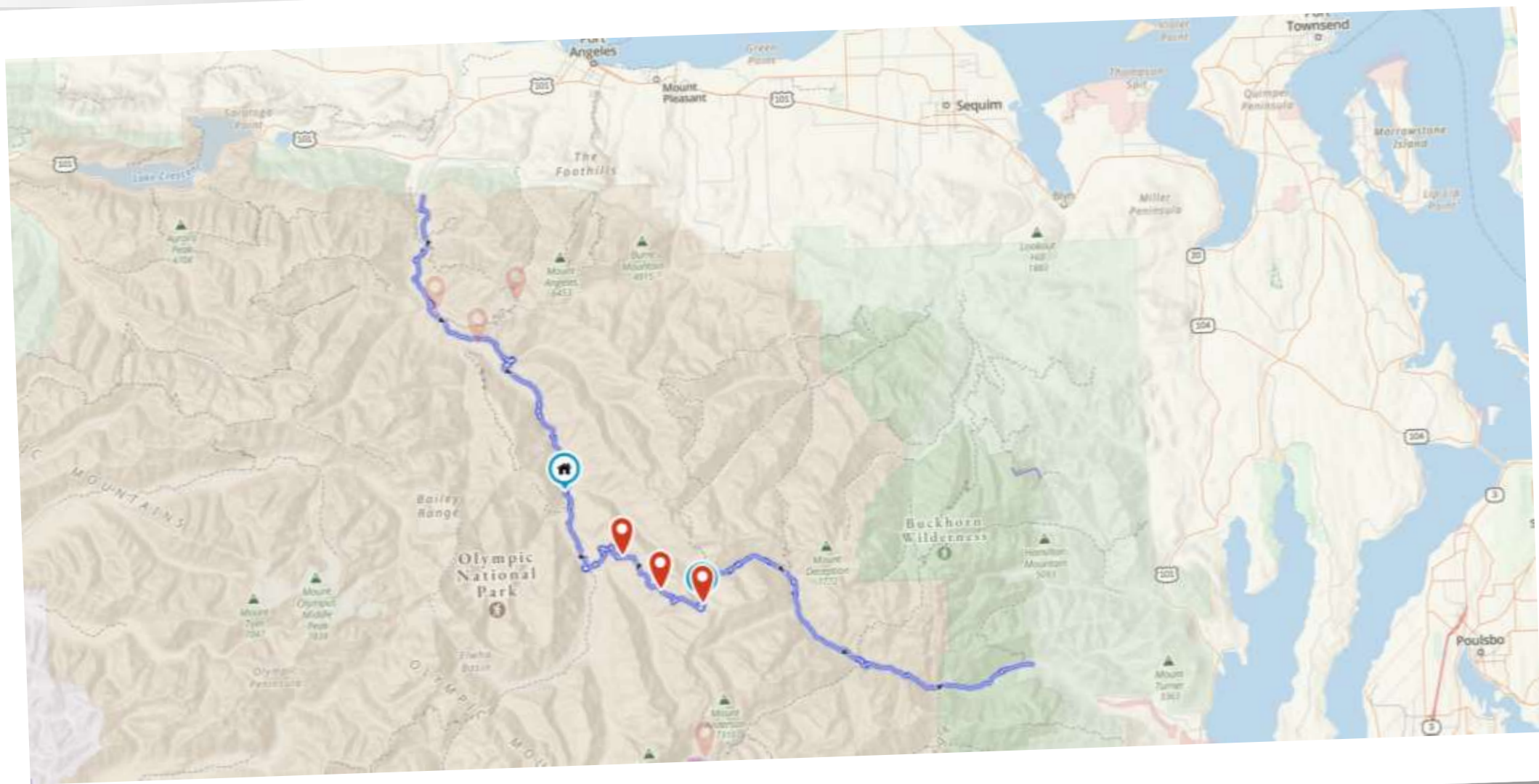














## Equipment

Osprey Aura 65L backpack

Big Agnes Copper Spur 2

Klimit 20 degree sleeping bag

Big Agnes insulated Air Core sleeping pad

Bear Vault BV 500\*

REI Camp Chair

## Shared Gear

Jetboil

Sawyer Squeeze

Solar Panel



# Camera Equipment

Sony a65 (translucent mirror)

Lenses: 10-24 mm (super wide angle), 18-55 mm (general lens), 50-300 mm (telephoto)

Manfrotto tripod (heavy)

1 battery per 2 days of trip (also heavy)

64g SD card (+32g SD card)

DJI Osmo Pocket

258g SD card

Cleaning cloth

Fanny-Pack/hip belt camera bag

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