

[salmon pod]

JR MAC HOH RIVER BACKPACK | MAY 29-31, 2021

Led by: Tom Knee

PURPOSE: This will be a fun, three day, two night backpacking trip along the [Hoh River](#) in the Olympic National Park!

CHAPERONES/DRIVERS: [National Parks Pass](#) required for parking (\$30 for a 7 day pass); this is a LONG drive from Seattle (~5hrs). So, we'll meet later in the day and hike in the afternoon/evening.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MAY 29

- **12PM:** Meet at the [Hoh River Trailhead](#)
- Hike to 5 Mile Camp (~5.3 miles with minimal elevation gain)
- Lights out at **9PM**

SUNDAY MAY 30

- **8AM:** Wake up/eat breakfast
- Day hike farther along the trail; decide how far to go depending on how ambitious everyone wants to be (~4 miles to the Olympus Guard Station)
- Return to campsite by **5PM**
- Debrief
- Lights out at **9PM**

MONDAY MAY 31

- **8AM:** Wake up/eat breakfast/pack up camp
- Return to trailhead at **1PM**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (WTA DIRECTIONS)

"From Forks, head south on U.S. Highway 101 for about 13 miles. Turn east onto Upper Hoh Road and continue about 18.2 miles to the road end where the ranger station and trailhead are located."

TRIP COST

[National Park Pass](#) required for parking. \$30 for a 7 day pass.

FOOD/MEALS

SATURDAY, MAY 29

- **Breakfast:** on the drive/on your own
- **Lunch:** we're arriving to the trail around lunchtime, so eat in the car/before you arrive and then have additional snacks for on the trail
- **Dinner:** At camp Saturday evening

SUNDAY, MAY 30

- **Breakfast:** at camp in the morning; should be quicker, but today we are just day hiking, so don't stress too much about ultra quick

- **Lunch:** packable; eat on our day hike
- **Dinner:** to eat back at camp

MONDAY, MAY 31

- **Breakfast:** at camp; we're also packing up to head out, so keep that in mind
- **Lunch:** to eat on the trail or back at the car (depends on how quick we get out of camp)
- **Dinner:** on your drive home

Shared Meals

If any of you would like to do shared meals, that is okay, but [Mountaineers COVID protocols](#) need to be followed: "If cooking for pod members, there will be one assigned cook who will handle all cooking utensils. Masks must be worn at all times while cooking, and when pod members are getting food."

GROUP GEAR

- Tents (each family needs their own tent)
- Stoves (can bring your own if you'd like; Mountaineers has a few pocket rockets)
- Water purification (Katy has a chlorine-based purifier she's bringing and willing to let others use)

NOTES

[Bear canisters](#) required for food/scented item storage.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

This is a Phase 2 trip, therefore we will follow Phase 2 guidance for outdoor recreation. See the [Mountaineers COVID-19 Response page](#) and associated guidance documents for full details.

Physical Distancing:

- Carpooling with non-pod members is not recommended, carpooling with households only encouraged
- Group will maintain 6' distance as much as possible

PPE

- All participants will wear cloth face coverings when closer than 6' apart or passing others on the trail

Sanitation

- All group members will carry hand sanitizer with them at all times during the trip
- No touching face. Use hand sanitizer after touching common gear
- Sharing of group gear minimized

Exposure Reduction

- Group size is capped at 12 persons from 8 households
- Pod members will not hang out in each other's campsites

Communication and Participant Screening

- All group members must agree to the [COVID-19 Code of Conduct](#)

Risk Profile

- Trip is on very familiar terrain for the leader
- Trip will be canceled if:
 - Either county reverts to Phase 1

Backup Plan

- Find a different hike in the vicinity