

Pathfinders 2026 | Wallace Falls Hike | 12/13 | Trip Sheet

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We will be recreating on the lands/waters of the Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes, including the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Tulalip, and Skykomish, who live here and steward these lands and waters as they have since time immemorial. The Seattle Mountaineers Youth Clubs encourage you to recreate mindfully and respectfully on our upcoming trip to these native lands.

PURPOSE: Pathfinders will hike along the Wallace River to a series of beautiful waterfalls.

CHAPERONES/DRIVERS:

- [carpool link](#),
- Wallace Falls TH - [PARK HERE](#)
- [Discover Pass](#) required

ROUTE DETAILS:

- [Caltopo Map/route](#)
- 5 mi round trip w/ opportunities to cut it short at the viewpoints
- 1472 ft of climbing if Upper Falls viewpoint is reached
- Weather as of Monday 12/8: Rain. Cloudy, with a high near 52.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec 14

- **8:45am:** Meet at the [trailhead](#); introductions
- **9:00am:** Start hiking (we'll set a pace that works for everyone so times are approximate)
- **11:15am:** Reach Middle Falls viewpoint and have lunch break (2.2mi, 1,300' gain). Vote on whether to continue to Upper Falls viewpoint (another 1/4 mile and 300' gain) or turnaround.
- **<2pm:** Reach cars, debrief, and head home

SMUGMUG PHOTO SHARING:

<https://mountaineers.smugmug.com/upload/FwVjvB/pathfinders2026wallacefalls>

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Proceeding from Everett on Hwy 2, approach the city of Gold Bar. Turn left onto 1st Street, then drive .4 miles and take a right onto May Creek Rd (there will be Wallace Falls signage for both turns).

Snake your way up May Creek Rd for 1.3 miles until you reach a Y-junction. Proceed left and drive up a short path into the Wallace Falls State Park parking lot. The lot is spacious, but can easily fill up on the weekends as the park is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

Please do not park along the road that accesses the parking area for Wallace Falls State Park.

Weather: <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-121.67&lat=47.875>

TRIP COST

No additional cost.

MEAL PLAN

Bring your own snacks, lunch, and water.

GEAR

- Layers for cold and wet weather
 - Rain jacket/pants
 - Gloves
 - Warm hat
- Waterproof hiking shoes or boots