



## Teanaway Community Forest Recreation

### INTERIM RECREATION RULES FOR THE TEANAWAY COMMUNITY FOREST

The Teanaway Community Forest offers many outdoor recreational opportunities and is a gateway to other public lands, such as nearby national forests. When Washington State purchased the forest in fall 2013, the departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) said they would strive to maintain current levels of recreational access, consistent with state laws, safety, and environmental rules, while developing a long-term management plan.

Here is a summary of recreation opportunities in the Teanaway, effective May 2014.

For more information about recreation in the Teanaway Community Forest, contact the DNR Southeast Region office in Ellensburg, 509-925-8510.



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### Hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking

The Community Forest lacks a maintained trail system, but hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers may use existing trails at their own risk.

Several roads in the Community Forest are posted as closed to motor vehicles. Those roads are open for non-motorized uses.

Trailheads to several multiple-use trails in nearby national forests are located within the Community Forest. Rules for these trails are set by the U.S. Forest Service.

### Hunting and fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted in the forest under state regulations:

- <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/>
- <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/>

### Camping and campfires

Free overnight camping is available in three designated campgrounds: 29 Pines, Indian Camp, and Teanaway. Camping outside those campgrounds is not allowed. Garbage is not collected at the campgrounds, so campers must pack out all trash.

Campfires are permitted within approved fire rings in each campground unless a burn ban is in force within Kittitas County. Fires in commercially purchased propane fire pits are allowed during burn bans.

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## Firewood cutting

Firewood cutting is not permitted within the Community Forest.

## Off-road and all-terrain vehicles (ORVs and ATVs)

ORV and ATV users must abide by county rules on public roads within the Community Forest. ORVs and ATVs are not permitted on gated roads.

- ORV and ATV users may not drive around berms or other barriers intended to restrict motorized traffic.
- Some areas are posted as off-limits to ORVs and ATVs, including areas within designated campgrounds.
- Trailheads to several National Forest multiple use trails, including the West Fork Teanaway (No. 1353), Yellow Hill (No. 1222), and the Middle Fork Teanaway (No. 1393), are located within the Community Forest.

## User-built trails

Forest users may not construct new trails or modify existing trails.

## Large group events

Groups wishing to host organized events in the forest, such as an orienteering event or group camp out, must obtain a recreation permit from the Department of Natural Resources. The permit is available at [http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/amp\\_rec\\_dnr\\_recreation\\_permit\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/amp_rec_dnr_recreation_permit_application_form.pdf).

- Permit applications must be submitted 60 days before the proposed event date.

Send completed applications to [Michael.Williams@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.Williams@dnr.wa.gov) or by mail to Southeast Region, Department of Natural Resources, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926

## Discover Pass

At this time, motorists do not need a Discover Pass or WDFW Vehicle Access Pass to use the Community Forest. Future access pass requirements will be addressed in the forest management plan, which will be completed by mid-2015.

## Future recreation opportunities

DNR and WDFW are working with the Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee to address recreation issues in the Community Forest management plan. For more information, including opportunities for public input, please subscribe to the Teanaway Community Forest e-newsletter at [http://bit.ly/DNR\\_newsletter](http://bit.ly/DNR_newsletter).



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