



NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

TRIP PLANNER



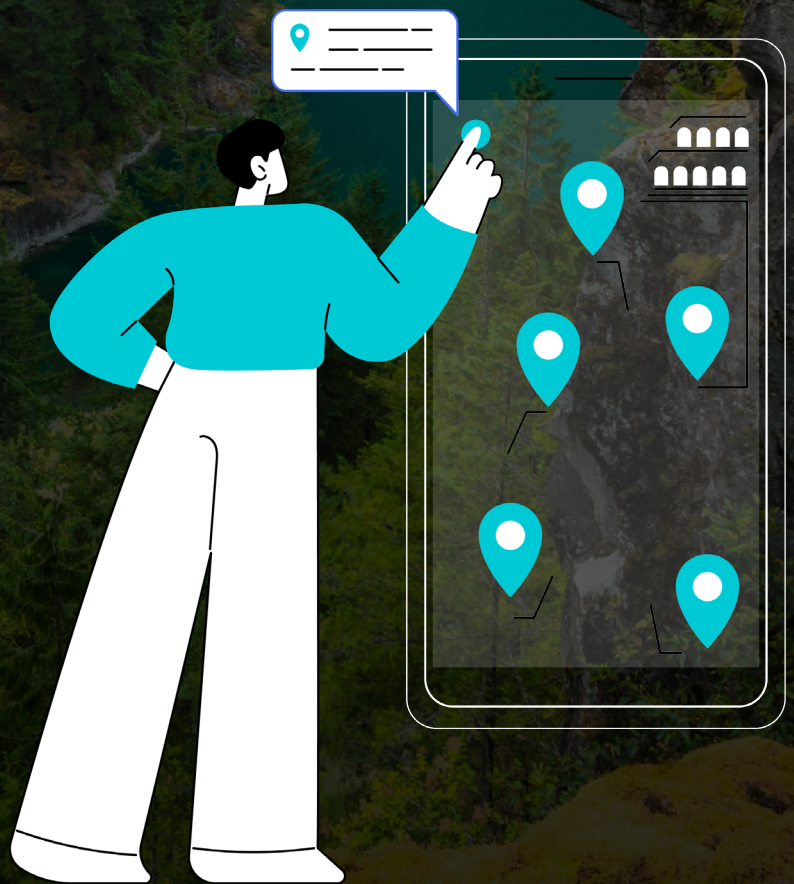
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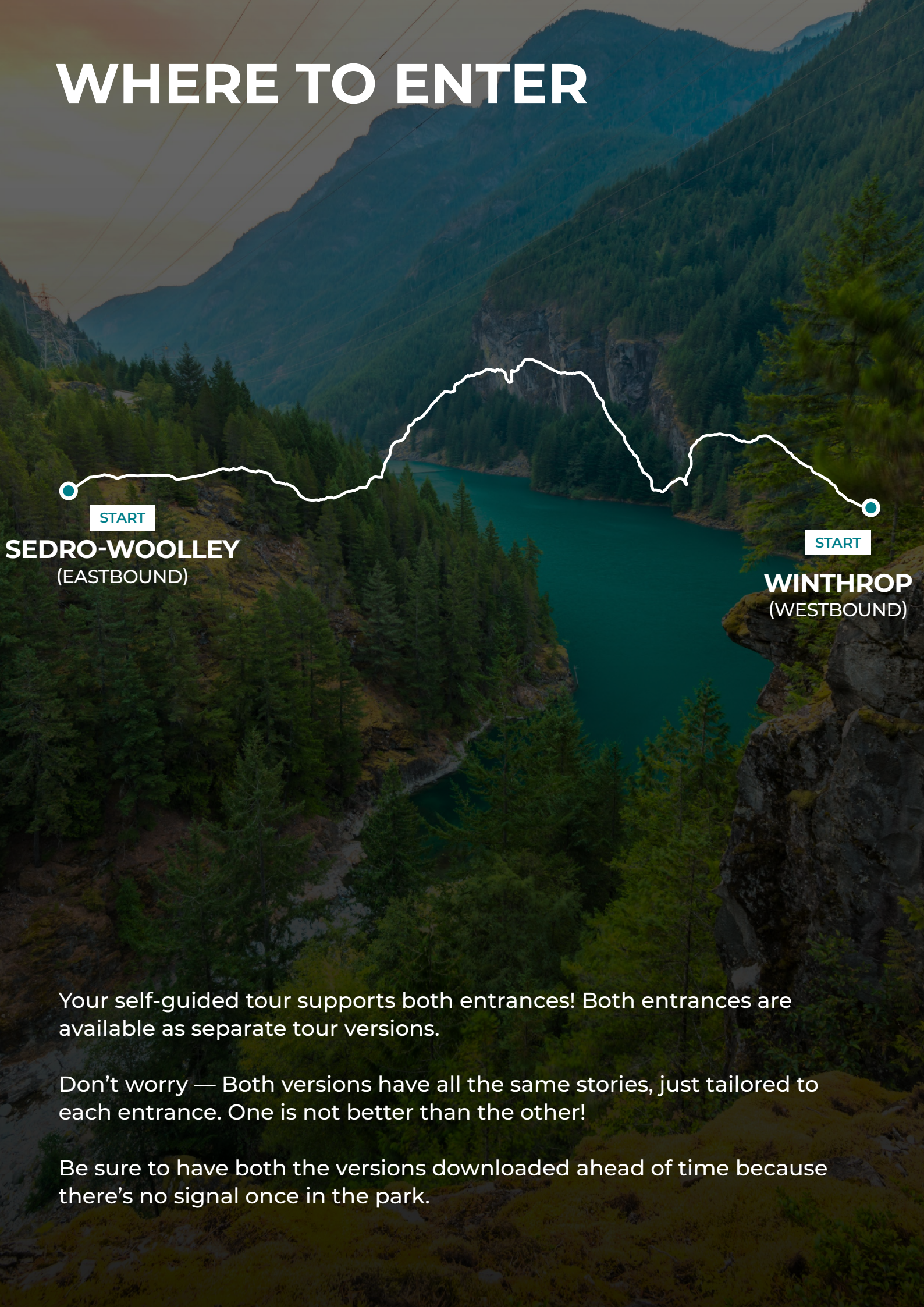
4-5 Hours

TRIP PLANNER

- Where to Enter
- Must-See Points
- Best Hikes (Quick, Moderate, Long)
- Itineraries (One Day)
- Where to Stay
- Know Before You Go
- Packing List



WHERE TO ENTER



START
SEDRO-WOOLLEY
(EASTBOUND)

START
WINTHROP
(WESTBOUND)

Your self-guided tour supports both entrances! Both entrances are available as separate tour versions.

Don't worry — Both versions have all the same stories, just tailored to each entrance. One is not better than the other!

Be sure to have both the versions downloaded ahead of time because there's no signal once in the park.

MUST-SEE POINTS



Rasar State Park



Diablo Lake Vista Point



Ross Dam Trail



Sauk Mountain Trail



Washington Pass Observation Site



START

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY
(EASTBOUND)

WINTHROP
(WESTBOUND)



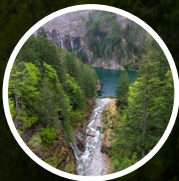
Rockport State Park



Thunder Knob Trail



Blue Lake Trail

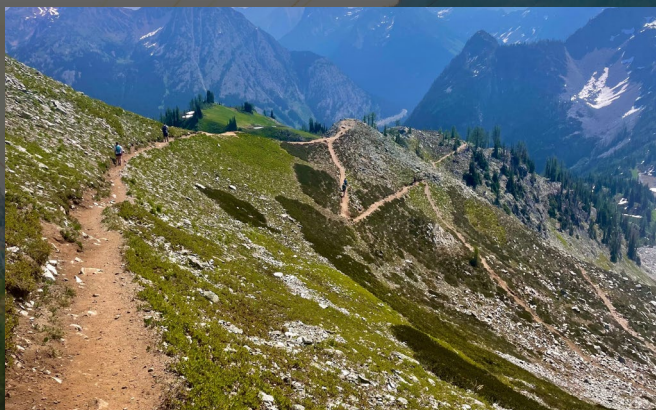


Gorge Overlook Trail



Maple Pass Trail

BEST HIKES



MAPLE PASS
TRAIL



6.5 Miles



4-5 Hours



ROSS DAM
TRAIL



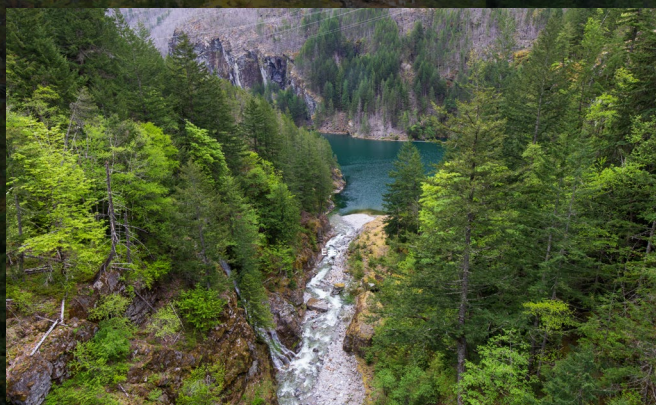
Easy



1.5 Miles



50 Mins



GORGE
OVERLOOK TRAIL



Easy



0.5 Miles



15 Mins



BLUE LAKE
TRAIL



Moderate



4.6 Miles



2-3 Hours



THUNDER
KNOB TRAIL



Hard



3.4 Miles



2 Hours



SAUK MOUNTAIN
TRAIL



Hard



3.7 Miles



2-3 Hours

ITINERARIES

You can enjoy the park at your own pace with the self-guided audio tour from Action Tour Guide.

This flexible tour can be completed in one day or spread over multiple days. Since it is valid for one year and offers unlimited usage, you don't have to worry about seeing everything in one visit.

ONE-DAY ITINERARY:

- Start your day by arriving at one of the recommended entrances early in the morning. Make sure you have the app and tour downloaded from Action Tour Guide before leaving your accommodation.
- Explore the park and stop at the Must-See points. (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - Washington Pass Observation Site
 - Blue Lake Trail
 - Maple Pass Trail
 - Ross Dam Trail
 - Thunder Knob Trail
 - Diablo Lake Vista Point
 - Gorge Overlook Trail
 - Rockport State Park
 - Sauk Mountain Trail
 - Rasar State Park
- Enjoy a picnic lunch at spots like Diablo Lake Overlook or Rasar State Park. Afterward, embark on hikes to explore the park's rugged mountains, alpine lakes, and stunning vistas (See Hikes section).
- Conclude your journey with a sunset at Sauk Mountain or Rasar State Park. If you're staying longer in Washington, explore nearby parks like [Mount Rainier](#), known for its majestic peak and scenic trails, or discover diverse ecosystems and coastal views in [Olympic National Park](#). For more, visit [ActionTourGuide.com](https://www.actiontourguide.com)!

WHERE TO STAY

A large, stacked rock formation, possibly a natural arch or a man-made structure, stands in a forested area. A small orange sign with a white arrow and the words 'NATIONAL SERVICE' is attached to one of the rocks. The text 'North Cascades National Park' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the middle of the image.

North Cascades National Park

SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Located just outside the northern entrance of North Cascades National Park, Sedro-Woolley offers a variety of accommodations, including motels, inns, and campgrounds. It's a great base for exploring the park's more accessible areas.

WINTHROP

For a charming, rustic experience, stay in Winthrop, a picturesque town that captures the spirit of the Old West. With cozy cabins, lodges, and hotels, it's a perfect spot for those looking to enjoy both nature and a historic atmosphere while exploring the park's scenic beauty.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ENTRANCE FEES: Does not require an entrance fee.



RESERVATION: Permits and Reservations are required for Boating, Sports Climbing, campgrounds, and other activities which are not included in the self-guided tour. [Reserve here before your trip.](#)



OPERATING HOURS: Open 24 Hours, Year-Round. Partial closures or limited accessibility in winter due to snow. [Learn more before you go.](#)



ROAD CLOSURES: Unexpected weather or construction incidents can affect roads. While the tour is updated frequently to include detours, it cannot reflect up-to-the-minute updates. [Check before you leave.](#) Also check the [Lake and River conditions](#) for boating or other activities. If you're visiting during the winter, be sure to check the [winter safety instructions](#).



PARK RULES AND SAFETY: Stay on designated trails, camp in designated areas, and respect wildlife and natural resources by following the [Camping Rules and Regulations](#). Follow all NPS [Laws and Policies](#). Be familiar with the park's [Safety Guidelines](#).

PACKING LIST



Binoculars



Hat & Glasses



First Aid Kit



Snacks



Portable Charger



Phone Holder



Gas



Hiking Boots



Inscet Repelent



Sunscreen



Water



Bear Spray