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OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK















5 Olympic Events

A few feet apart, spruce sit at shoulder height, their trunks leaning against each other. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

6 Dramatic Draperies

Along the river, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

7 Moisture Catchers

Dark, the air is thick, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

8 Rain Forest Nursery

Standing in a row, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.



9 Extended Family

On the forest floor, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

10 Wetlands in the Wild

There, exposed to standing water, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

11 Leave it to Beavers

When beavers entered the area, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.

12 Meadow in Motion

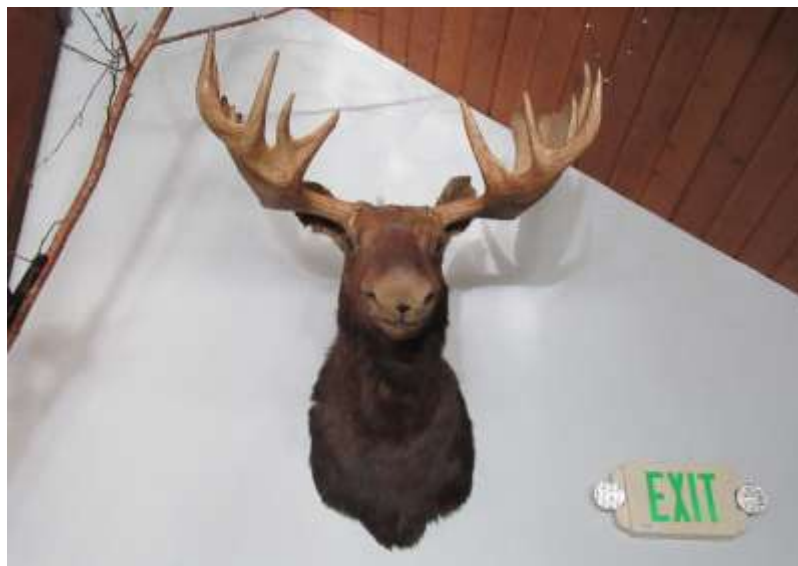
On the meadow floor, the forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys. The forest is a giant's playground, the trees are the giant's toys.



13 An End is Just a Beginning

At this impressive angle of the Maple Glade Rain Forest Trail, a sturdy, ancient hemlock grows from an enormous decaying stump. Close examination reveals the hemlock's trunk is actually a giant root—the trunk commences some 20 feet above your head. Other roots of this tree can be traced along totem-like pillars down the stump. One day, perhaps decades or centuries from now, the hemlock itself will topple and become a huge stump or nurse log for other trees.







World's Largest Spruce Tree

58' 11" circumference

191' tall

922 AFA Points American Forest
Association

About 1000 years old

This is a Sitka Spruce, one of the Quinault Valley's six champion trees. The trees in the Quinault Rainforest are well watered with a average rainfall of 12 feet a year.

There is a Spruce in Oregon that has 902 AFA points, that they named a co-champion.

Also in the Valley are the World's Largest
Western Red Cedar,
Douglas Fir & Mountain Hemlock.
The United States largest
Yellow Cedar & Western Hemlock.

For more info on the Big Trees pick up a
"Valley of the Rain Forest Giants" brochure
at the Rain Forest General Store.



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Valley of the Rainforest Giants

Lake Quinault, Washington State

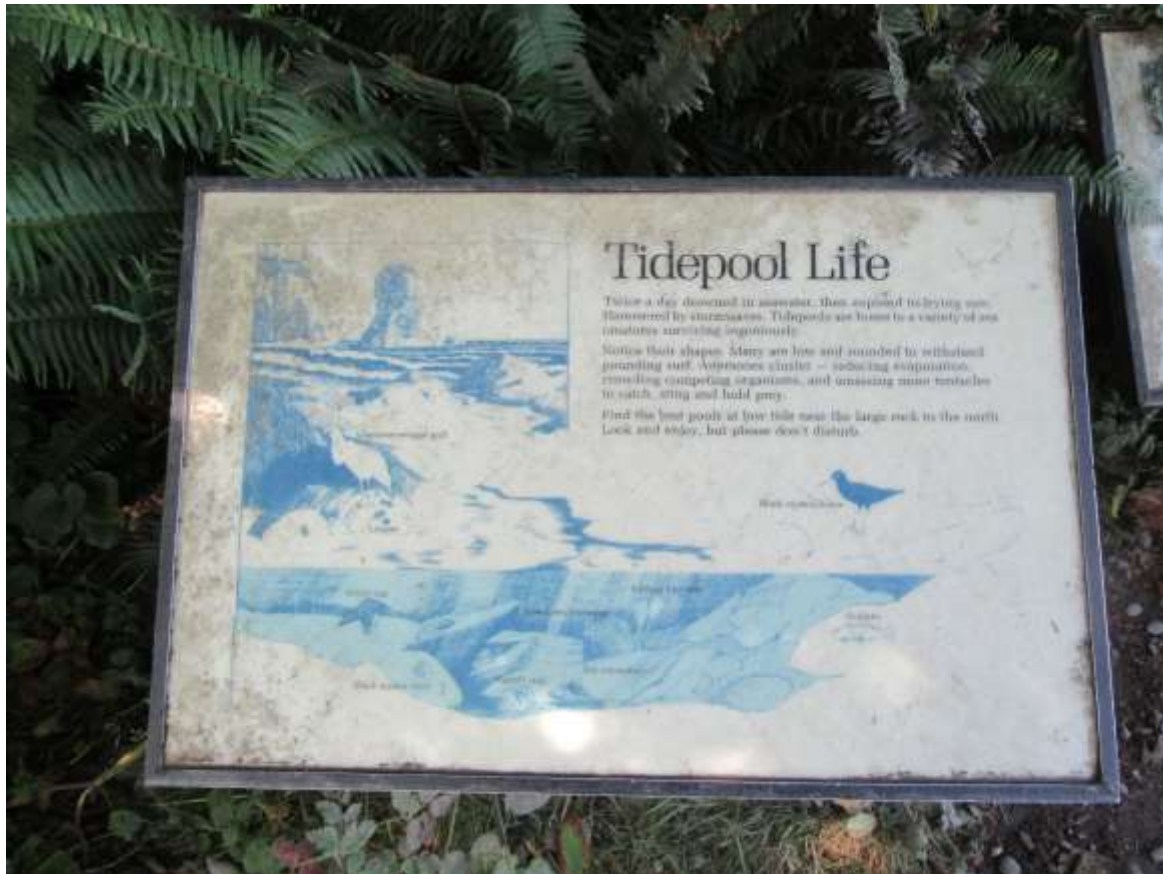
















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Olympic Elk

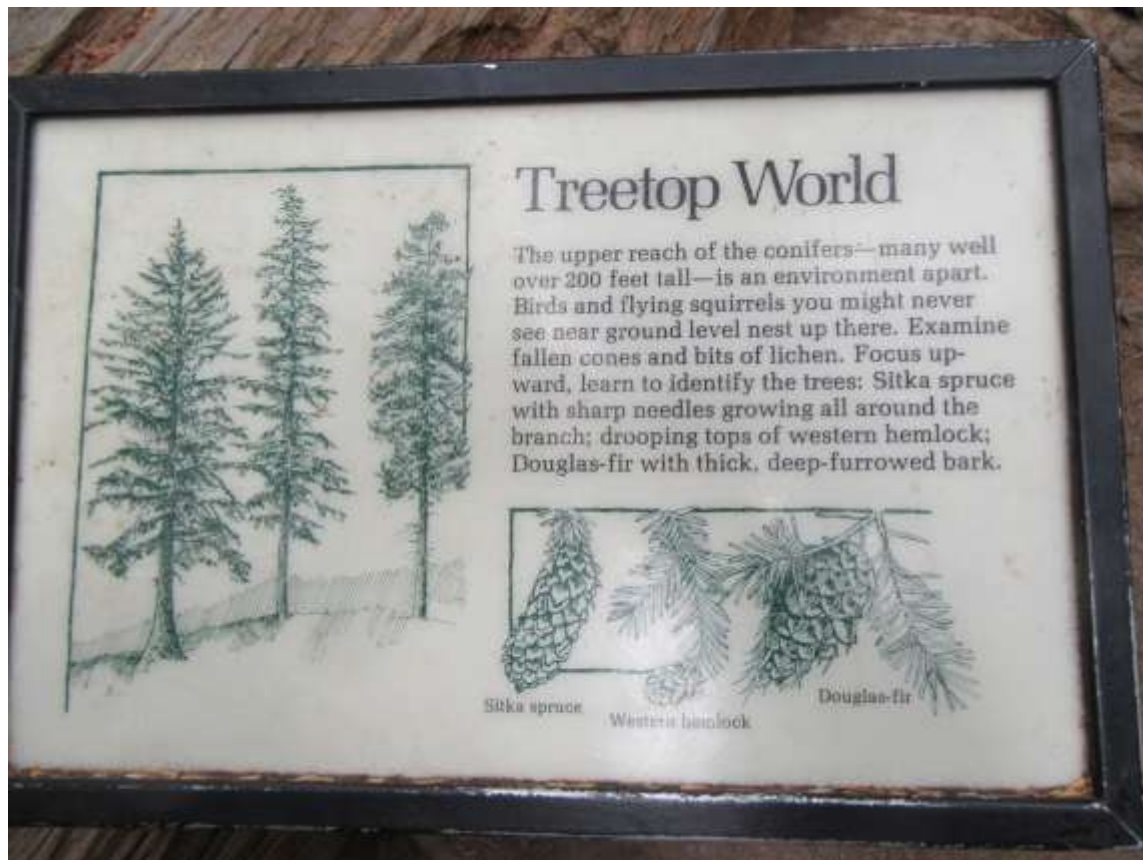
You might not see them now, but all around there is evidence of the resident elk herd. Look for tracks in the soft ground — elk have trampled a path near here. Observe cropped-off shoots along the trail. Despite the lush growing conditions, browsing elk keep the forest floor relatively open.



Elk tracks









Hall of Mosses

Lush beards of clubmoss are attached to boughs but feed only on air and light. The rain forest atmosphere supplies enough moisture and wind-borne nutrients.

Certain trees like these bigleaf maples support denser clusters of airplants or epiphytes (lichens and hanging mosses.) Compare different types of limbs, available sunlight, and relative dampness.

Please stay on the trail.













Take the Hoh Helper Pledge

Hail to the Hoh Helpers!

This rainforest ails, because hikers
don't stay on trails.

It's not a lie, stepping on tree roots,
causes them to die.

If I trample moss, ferns and flowers,
they lose their protective powers.

So I pledge to be, the best Hoh Helper
I can be, by staying on trails.

And stopping others from hiking
where they shouldn't be!

Olympic Wilderness

Starry night skies, melodic flowing waters and silent places to seek solitude all speak to the wilderness character of Olympic National Park. A sanctuary for wildlife and for the human spirit, this diverse landscape sets the stage for wilderness adventure. From riverside strolls to challenging backpacking trips, recreational opportunities abound for all.

There are no words that can tell of the hidden spirit of the wilderness.

—Theodore Roosevelt





Coho in the Creek

Look into the clear waters of Taft Creek. In late fall and winter, coho salmon spawn in stream gravels. The fry emerge in spring and feed in the river for a year before swimming to sea. Surviving salmon return as three-year-olds to spawn and die.

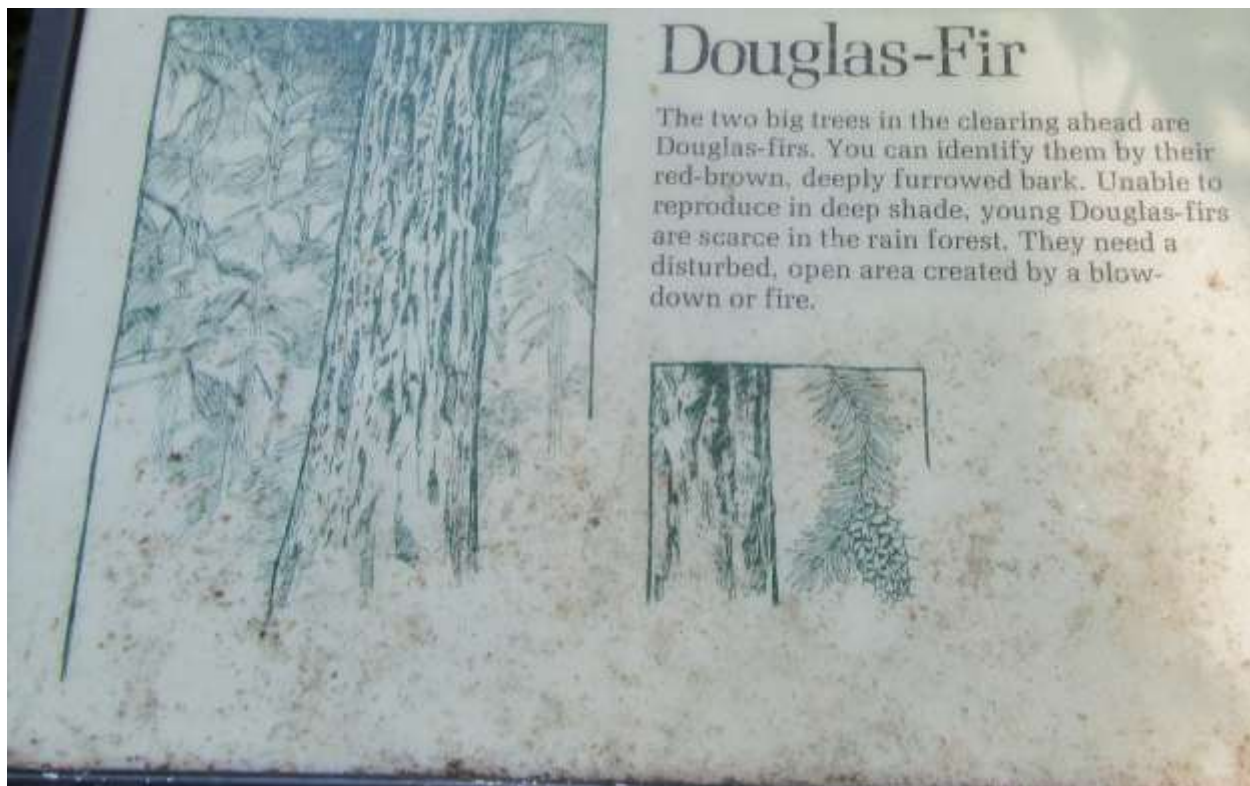
Over 130 wildlife species benefit from salmon, and the remaining fish carcasses decompose and nourish the forest. In their remarkable journey, salmon unite mountains, forest and sea.



Spruce Trail

You are standing on top of a former river bank, a more open area where big Douglas-firs have enough light to grow old. Along this 1¼ mile loop trail is a lush variety of plants, representing different ages and stages of forest affected by the wandering power of the Hoh River.







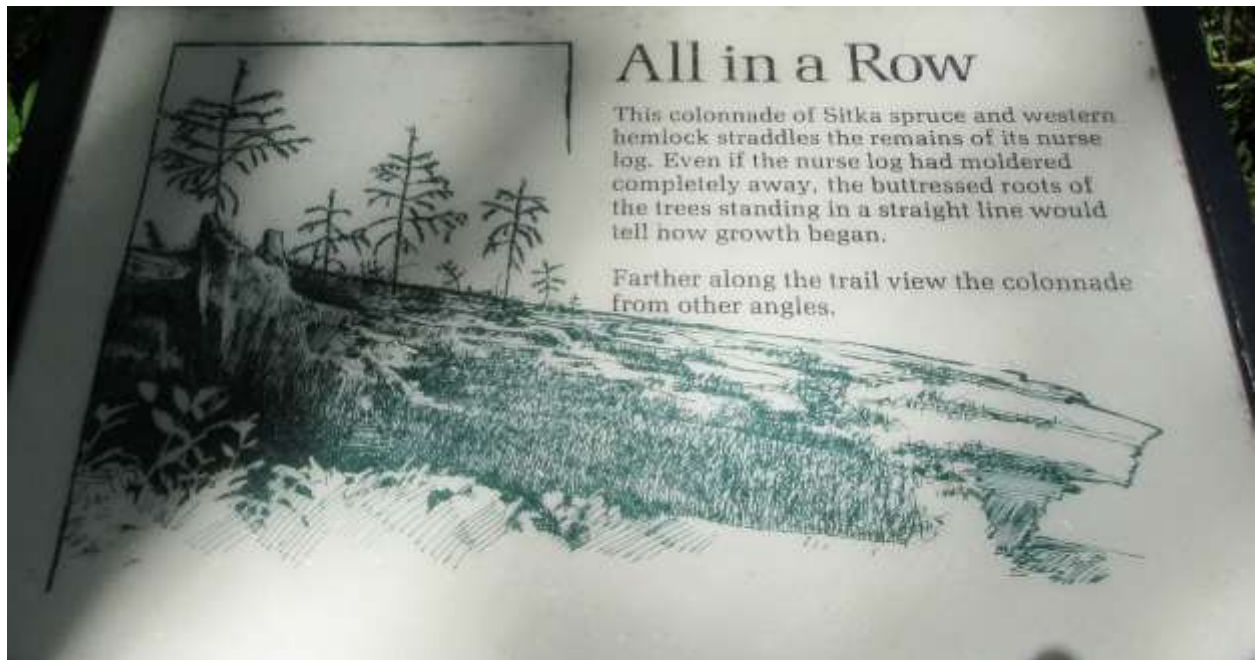








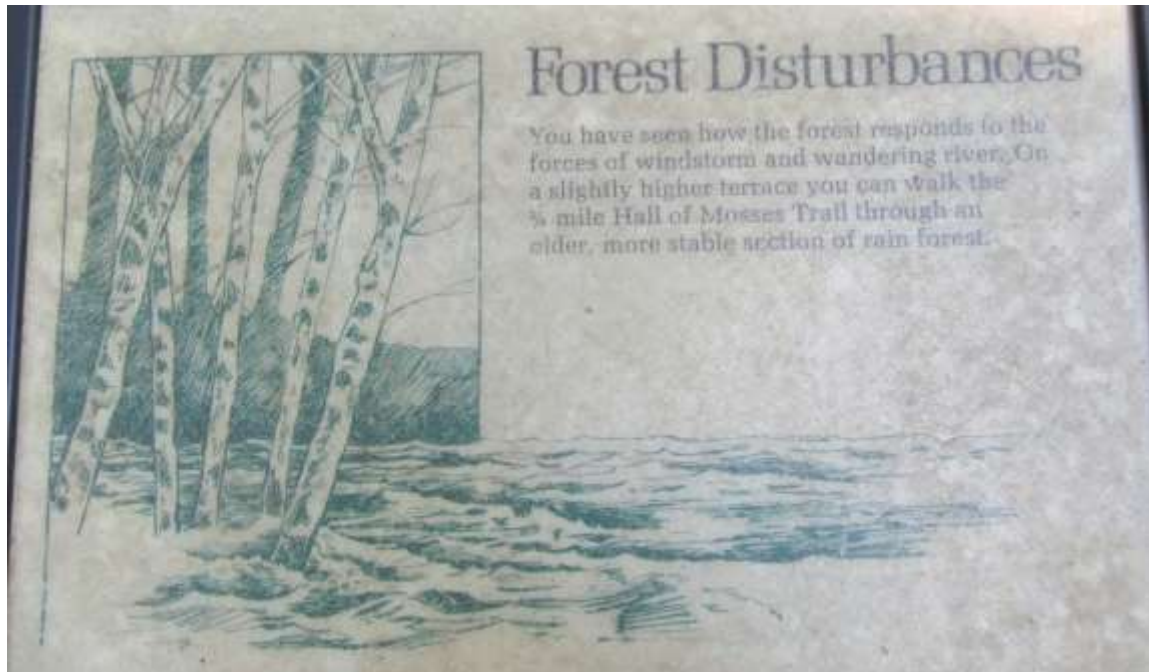


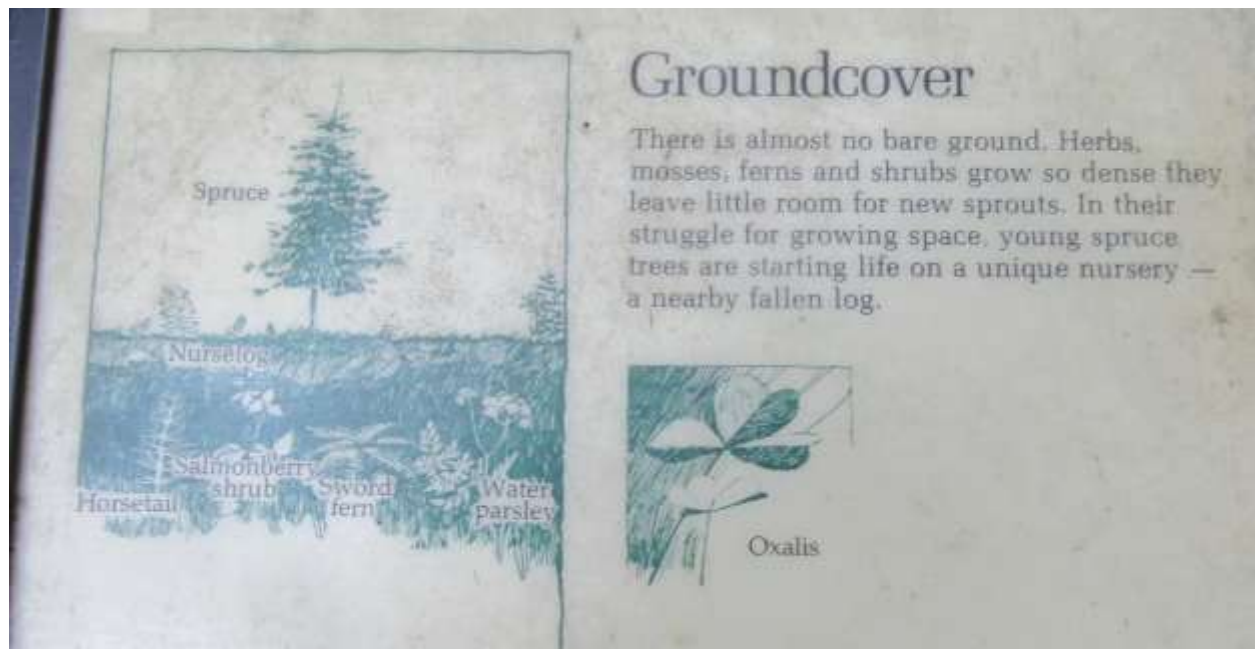




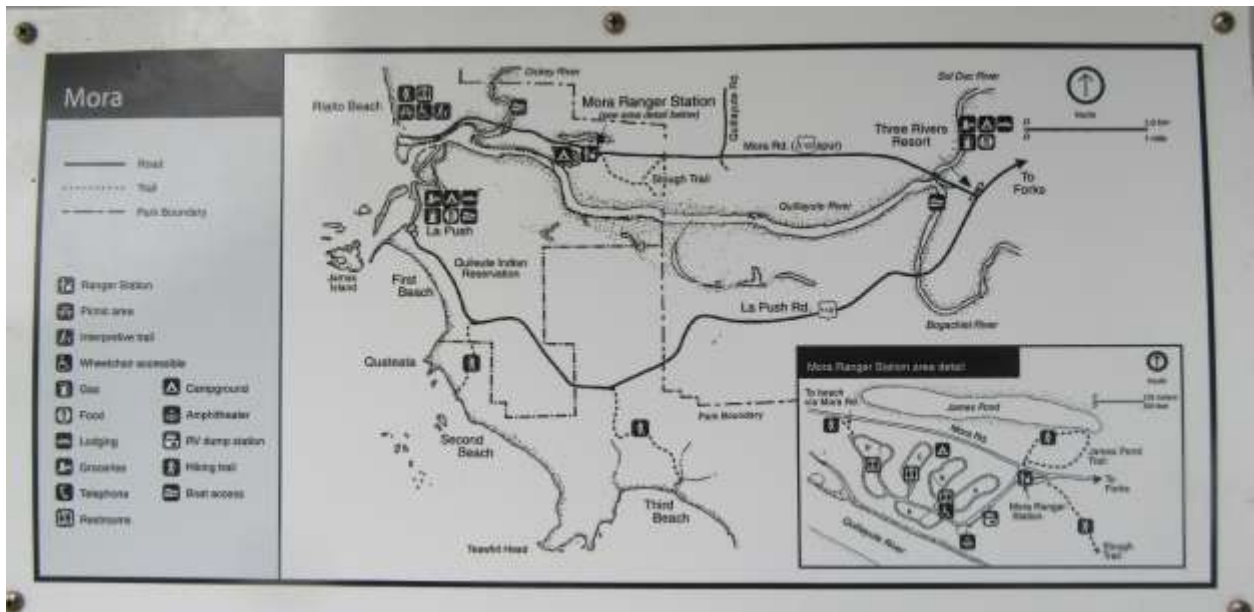


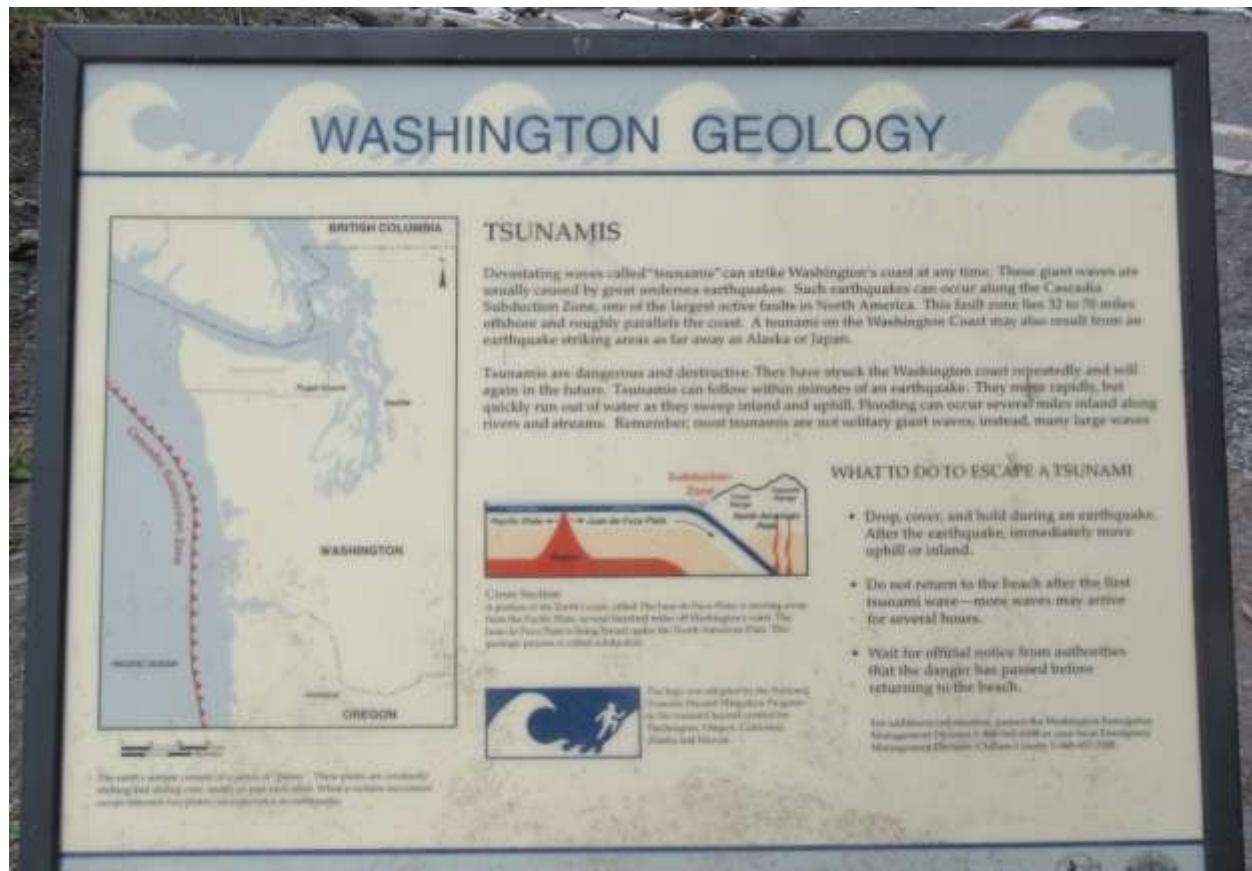
















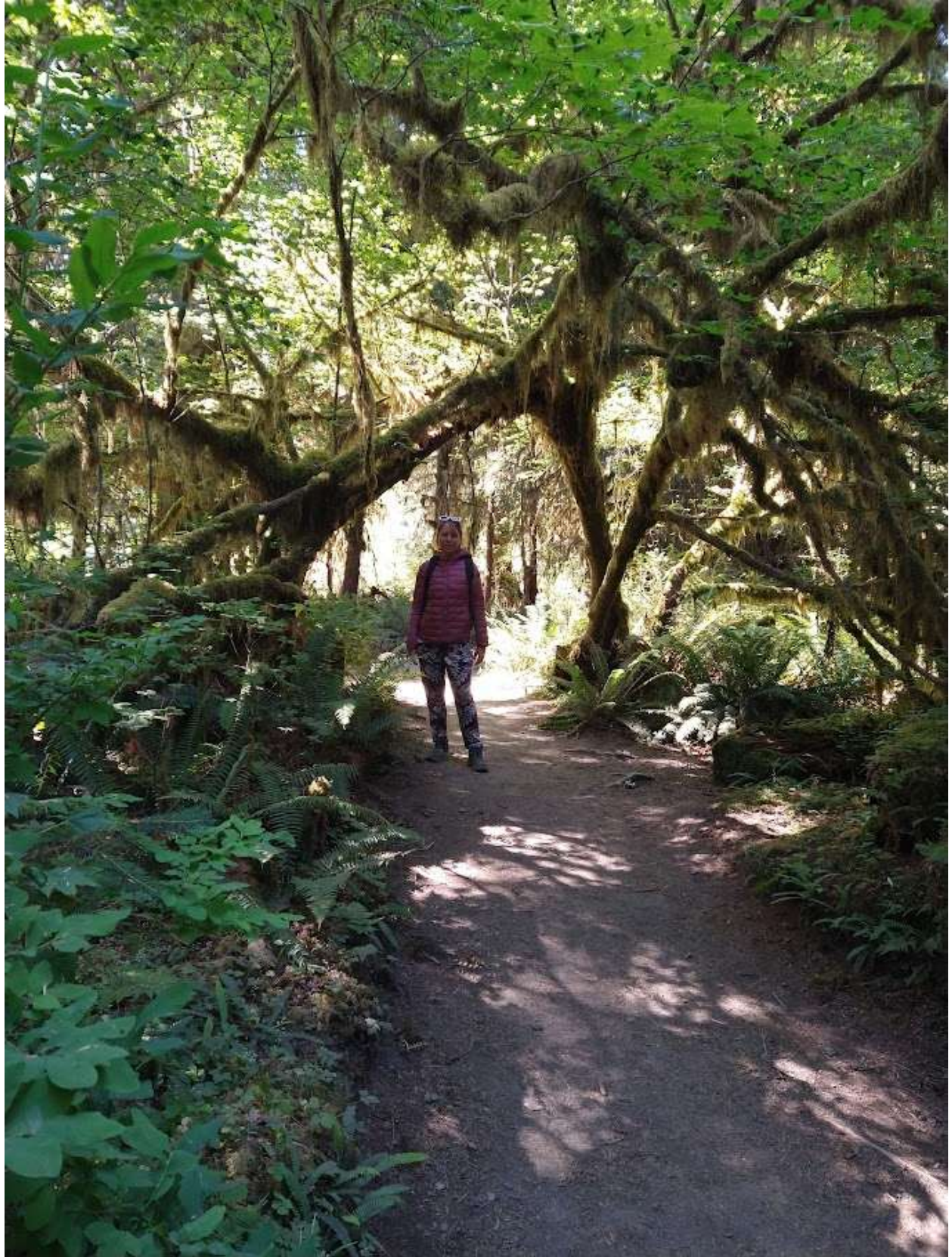


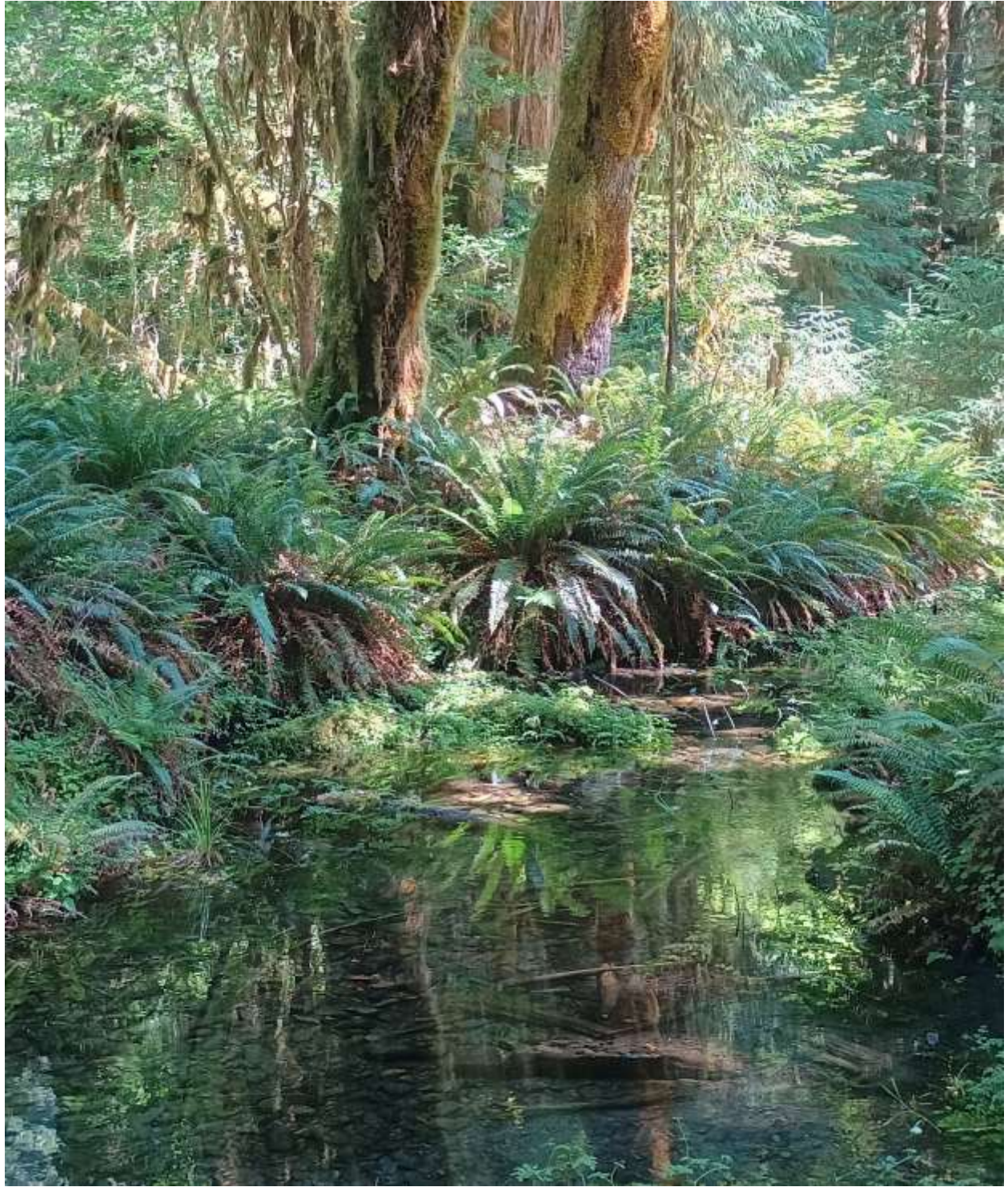




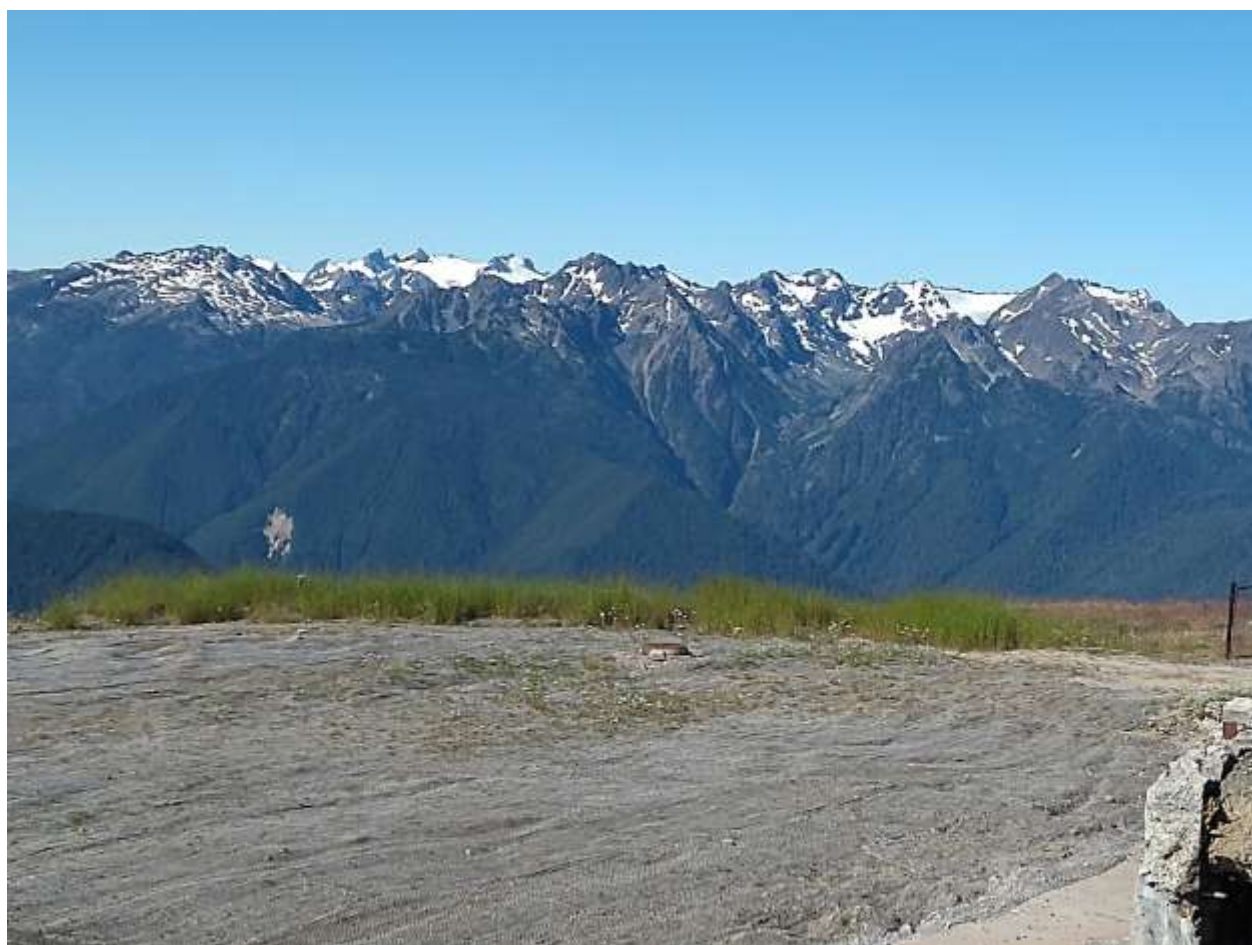


















Planning Your Visit to Olympic National Park

Getting Around the Park





























Rare Rainforest

A Complex Tapestry

Eight species of owls make their home here, including the federally listed Spotted Owl. Perched at the top of its food chain, only hawks, eagles, hawks, eagles, and small mammals like the Western flying squirrel.



The "Spotted" owl is the signature of the forest, and a symbol of the complex ecosystem, including the Spotted Owl, Western flying squirrel, and

Did you know that you're walking in a temperate rainforest? It's true! Silver Falls gets about 80 inches of rain each year. Because this rare habitat has more living mass and nutrient resources than any other ecosystem on the planet, many kinds of life are thriving here.

Hiding in each layer of the Silver Falls forest are many kinds of creatures, from tiny insects to majestic black bears. Carry binoculars as you walk the trails, and you may catch glimpses not only of wildlife, but of the complex ways they interact.



Western flying squirrels build nests in wet redwood using small sticks, grass stems, leaves, and mosses. They are also known to spend much of their lives in the trees.



Northern flying squirrels are the most common of the forest, surviving in abandoned tree trunks and snags. They are known to be active at night and are often seen feeding on the forest floor.



Spotted owls, like the Golden-Crowned Kinglet, are known to be active at night and are often seen feeding on the forest floor.



The forest at Silver Falls is a complex ecosystem, and the plants and animals that live here are all part of the same tapestry.

The forest floor is a complex ecosystem, and the plants and animals that live here are all part of the same tapestry.

Layers of Time

The Geology of Silver Falls

As you walk the Trail of Ten Falls, you are geologic history in the making. The exposed rock you see is the materials and conditions that have shaped the forest over the course of its million years.



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