



RECREATION

Strategies & Tools

CAMPING

Camping enjoys a long history with families in the Teanaway Valley. Camping builds strong connections to the land, wildlife, trails and rivers. The forest has three existing camping areas, which include Teanaway, Indian Camp and 29 Pines.

Enhance opportunities for overnight camping

- Relocate existing campsites outside of the floodways and develop additional campsites in locations consistent with watershed protection
- Provide a mixture of designated individual and group sites with picnic tables and fire rings with designated parking for cars, trucks, trailers, and RVs
- Explore using volunteer hosts, contract management, and partnerships to manage camping areas
- Manage the majority of campsites on a first-come first-served basis, explore the potential for reservations at group or individual sites
- Install signage and kiosks with information about camping area rules, emergency contacts, important announcements, and maps of campsite locations and trails in the TCF
- Post signage to educate people about “Leave No Trace” principles; consider providing garbage cans and dumpsters
- Improve equestrian camping and facilities by
 - Providing mounting blocks, highlines or corrals, water, manure bins, and wheelbarrows
 - Providing designated equestrian campsites
 - Partnering with equestrian user groups to help manage equestrian facilities
- Provide designated parking for day use which is separate from camping
- Provide designated trails and access to the river from the camping and day use parking areas
- Consider adding day-use shelters for picnic and environmental education

- Do we need to explore zoning or regulation changes to enhance camping management?

Provide opportunities for backcountry camping

- Provide designated primitive campsites along trails in moderate and low-density areas
- Provide maps and signage to indicate locations of campsites and associated rules
- Remote campsites may be in suitable designated areas or they may include picnic tables or tent sites; fires will not be allowed; Leave No Trace principles apply;
- Work with user groups and volunteers to help manage remote campsites
- Partner with adjacent land managers to develop a connected system of backcountry campsites

COMMERCIAL RECREATION, GUIDE SERVICES, GROUPS, AND EVENTS

Commercial recreation and group events can play an important role in introducing people to outdoor recreation and provide opportunities for environmental education and community building. Managed access refers to access requiring the issuance of permits for large groups, specialized uses, or events.

Allow commercial recreation, guide services, and group events in the forest according to the following guidelines

- Manage recreation permits in accordance with WAC 332-52- Public Access and Recreation.
- Events should not overwhelm normal recreational use
- Prioritize nature-based events that provide opportunities for education and non-profit groups; limit commercialization
- Explore contract management and partnerships in managing camping
- Consider how events and commercial recreation can support the management of the TCF by providing opportunities to generate income or encouraging/requiring participants to volunteer in the TCF
- Work with user groups and agency staff to determine how to manage group events considering frequency, safety, capacity, staffing needs, fees, sanitation, resource protection, and access

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The 50,000-acre Teanaway Community Forest, with its free-flowing streams and rivers, rock formations, native forests and habitat for salmon, spotted owls, elk and large predators provides a rich environment for outdoor environmental education.

Support environmental education in the TCF

- Improve facilities that can support environmental education such as shelters, group campsites, amphitheaters, huts, or tool sheds
- Develop interpretive signage at restoration sites, campgrounds, river access points and viewpoints
- Partner with K-12 schools, colleges, trade schools, non-profits, nature groups, and user groups to support educational programs and activities

Program topics and activities could include:

- Stream restoration
- Salmon
- Habitat for endangered species
- Birding
- Wildlife observation
- Orienteering and geocaching
- Scavenger hunts
- Scout activities
- Mushroom picking and foraging
- Photography and painting
- Cultural events
- Vocational training for forestry
- Fire ecology and management
- Forest ecology and management
- Geology
- Astrology
- History
- Human impacts and sustainable practices
- 5 Goals of the TCF
- Wilderness first aid training
- Wilderness survival and ten essentials

Program topics and activities could include:

- Local K-12 schools
- Outdoor schools
- Central Washington University
- Yakima Valley College
- Wenatchee Valley College
- North Cascades Institute
- Orienteering & geocaching
- Kittitas Audubon
- Scout Troops
- Alpine Lakes Protection Society