

Royal Basin

Categories:

Camping

1-2 Nights

3-4 Nights

5+ Nights

Hiking

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Climbing

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Biking

Easy

Moderate

Hard

Afloat

River/Stream

Lake

Ocean

What made it great?

Two large basins on the edge of Forest Service wilderness and located in Olympic National Park. Upper basin is in alpine wilderness setting with views of Mt. Fricaba, Deception Peak, Gillhoully Tower and other top ranked climbing peaks. Lower basin has open meadows and camping both near the meadow and at Royal Lake. Both forest hiking, meadows and alpine peaks and climbing are available on this hike. Trail is about 7.5 miles in length.

Location

Township 27 North Range 04 West. Take the Palo Alto road near Sequim Bay State Park. Road becomes the Forest Service road 2909. Take the FS 2950 road to the trail head. A Forest Service trail head pass is required for parking.

Appropriate/Available time of year/season

Access is available all year. Our troop has done both fall and winter outings to this basin. Reservations for camping at royal lake is needed in the popular hiking/camping season. Contact the WIC (wilderness information center, Olympic National Park, Port Angeles office) for permits and trail conditions.

Appropriate length of activity

In spring/summer/fall this can be done in a weekend. Winter outing may require an additional day due to snow and other trail hazards.

Appropriate ages & group size

Better for scouts with at least a couple of backpacking trips of experience. 2nd class to 1st class and above. Trail climbs gently but steadily for 7.5 to 8.0 miles to the alpine elevations. Winter outing for venture/experienced scouts/adults only.

Approximate cost per youth

Cost of Forest Service parking permit, Olympic National Park back country permit.

Contact Information

Olympic National Park on line, click on wilderness trips tab <http://www.nps.gov/olym>

Misc

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