

AUGUST CAMP SPECIFICS 2020

Olympic Peninsula, Quilcene, Washington

Airport Meeting Location and Transportation

Campers flying to Camp will meet at the Seattle-Tacoma airport (SEA) baggage claim **between 11 AM and 2 PM on Saturdays only** for transport to camp. Vans will depart for camp as they fill and drivers are available. The meeting place is **adjacent to baggage carousel #16, near the escalator** at Seattle-Tacoma airport (the same location as 2017). For those arriving by taxi or limo, ask to be dropped at door #26.

If possible, please do not plan to arrive at the meeting place prior to 11 AM on your arrival day to allow departing campers to disembark.

The camp is about a 2.5-3-hour drive from the airport with a QUICK stop en route for lunch and for people to buy a few snacks and supplies (e.g. happy hour provisions).

Transportation

Please complete the on-line transportation form **when you have a complete flight schedule including your flight number and carrier as soon as you have your arrangements made (no later than May 1)**.

If arriving by 2 p.m. is a problem, you may need to consider arriving a day early and spending the night near the Sea-Tac airport.

We try to accommodate unanticipated flight delays or schedule changes. If you are notified of changes in your schedule that will significantly change your arrival time, please notify the Transportation Coordinators at augcamptrans@gmail.com immediately, **not** the Registrar. See phone numbers below for arrival Saturdays only.

If Your Flight is delayed

Please call the number given below if your flight has been delayed, changed, rerouted and for other Saturday travel emergencies. This is NOT the emergency number for Camp. **Have the appropriate phone number on your travel day. If you call before 10 am and get no answer, keep trying as the phone may be en route to the airport and in a no-coverage area.**

- On July 18 and 25: call 203-733-2963 (Paula)
- On August 1 and August 8: call 917-495-2084 (Virginia)

Departure Transportation

Transportation to SEA will not be available on departure Saturdays for flights leaving before 10 a.m. Vans begin leaving camp at 5 AM to return to the airport. You must plan to leave camp about 4-5 hours before your flight time.

We strongly encourage you to book a flight departing late morning. If you choose to book an early morning flight you should consider booking it for Sunday morning and spending Saturday night near the airport.

Volunteer Drivers at Camp

In order to run our full program of hikes and activities each day, August Camp depends on having a large number of campers qualified as volunteer drivers. Even if you drive your own vehicle to Camp, please consider applying to be an approved van driver.

Please complete the on-line **Authorization to Drive August Camp Vans** form **no later than May 1st**. This form authorizes the AMC's insurance carrier to review your driving record.

We appreciate your willingness to apply to be a driver. The more drivers we have, the less everyone has to do.

Driving Directions to Camp

The 2020 August Camp will be held in Quilcene, WA (GPS: ca. 47.852749, -122.894716)

- Drive southeast on Airport Expressway - towards Departures drive, use left lane to keep left.
- Right at fork and follow signs for WA-518 east/I-5/I-405.
- After about a mile on WA-518 east, take exit to I-5 south toward Tacoma/Portland.
- Drive 21 miles and take exit 132B toward WA-16W; follow signs for Gig Harbor/ Bremerton/16W.
- After 27 miles, merge onto WA-3N for 25 miles and turn left onto 101 south.
- Drive 7.8 miles and right onto Lords Lake Loop Road (if you are using GPS and end up coming north on 101, this will be a left turn.).
- After 0.3 miles, turn right onto unsigned dirt Fern Hollow Road. Look for August Camp sign.

Please note that your mapping apps will only get you as far as the beginning of our dirt road so please read the following.... The address is 120 Fern Hollow Rd, Quilcene, WA 98376. PLEASE DO NOT PULL INTO ZEN RIVER RETREAT! Follow the road straight ahead and across a little wooden bridge over the river. Follow the road as it veers to the right and up the hill. You will see a "Cedar & Fern" sign. At the end of the road you will see a gate.

Note: As far as how to get there from Sea-Tac, there are multiple ways to go. Do not take the ferry with the camp vehicles – follow the above directions. Taking the ferry is much slower, though the mileage is less.

Site Information

Cell Phones

Cell phone use at Camp is discouraged. If you must use your cell phone, do so out of earshot of other campers - not in your tent, please. AT&T and Verizon coverage is reported to be good in Quilcene.

Electricity:

There will be no electricity at camp this year. We suggest bringing a car charger for use while in the vans for charging phones, cameras and such small devices.

Camp Phone Number

Should someone need to contact you in the case of a serious emergency, such as might require your return home, please use your own cell phone as the first line of communication. If that is not possible, for emergencies during Camp, July 18 - August 15, 2019, the cell phone of the Camp Manager, Juliana Beecher, may be used (**603-387-9707**) Please leave a detailed message. **PLEASE CHECK BACK ON OUR WEB SITE SHORTLY BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR CAMP AS THIS NUMBER MAY CHANGE IF THE PROVIDER COVERAGE AT OUR SITE IS POOR.**

A Special Note about Outings at this Year's Camp

Although August Camp is primarily a hiking camp, we will also schedule some non-hiking excursions to scenic areas, and, if possible, some rafting, kayaking or biking activities. These extra activities may involve extra charges, such as admission fees, or costs of an outfitter. In addition, it is perfectly ok to stay in camp for the day and relax with a book or your camera.

The National Park and the surrounding wilderness areas and forests are magnificent. It would take weeks or even months to begin to do all the spectacular hiking available in this very special area. With that in mind, please remember that in one week you have only 6 days to hike so you cannot possibly do all the "best" this area has to offer. We will make every attempt to offer some of the most spectacular hikes several times within a given week. Two-weekers will obviously have twice as many days to accomplish their hiking wish list, but will still not be able to do it all. Whatever you hike will indeed be wonderful, but you simply cannot do it all during your stay at August Camp. Also be aware that in many areas the hike must be limited to 12 participants by federal regulation.

Driving to Hikes

Drives to hikes may be long and at times on winding secondary roads, as is often the case at our Western sites. It is also possible that we will encounter restrictions due to road work which may add to travel time, as the very short summer season is the only time to work on serious road repair.

Camp and Hike Elevation

Our Camp is located close to sea level but some of our hikes will go to about 6000 feet. You may wish to select easier hikes until you feel acclimatized.

Guidebooks

“Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula,” 2016, 2nd ed. by Craig Romano;
 “Day Hike! Olympic Peninsula, 2019, 4th Edition by Seabury Blair;
 Pacific Northwest Recreation Map Series, “Olympic Peninsula,” 2017;
 Trails Illustrated Map No. 216, “Olympic National Park

Important Contact Information

<p>Post Office Your Name AMC August Camp General Delivery Quilcene, WA 98376</p>	<p>Medical Facility: Olympic Medical Center 939 Caroline Street Port Angeles, WA 98362 360-417-7000 (Emergency room/trauma center)</p>	<p>Medical Facility: Madrona Hill Urgent Care 2500 West Sims Way, Suite 1 Port Townsend, WA 98368 360-344-3663 (Closed Sundays)</p>
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Registration or general questions: Lois Rothenberger, 267-219-8346 or ACregistrar@comcast.net
 Transportation coordinator: Virginia Campbell, 917-495-2084 augcamptrans@gmail.com
 General Camp questions: Lennie Steinmetz, 610-694-8677 or steinmetz.lennie@gmail.com
(Call before 9 pm eastern time in all cases.)

Have a safe journey and we'll see you at Camp!
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