

LEAVENWORTH, WA. - ICICLE GORGE - CHATTER CREEK TRAILS
7K and 3K SEASONAL EVENT 7K RATED 1B 3K RATED 2B
CENTRAL WASHINGTON SUNSTRIDERS In Chelan County

This on-line information packet consists of the following three pages of information:

1. This information page with driving directions, restroom info, and other information.
2. The 7K and 3K walk directions page.
3. The 7K and 3K map page.

Driving Directions to Icicle Gorge Trailhead.

The Icicle Gorge Trailhead parking lot is just off FS 7600 in the Icicle Gorge drainage of the Wenatchee Nat'l Forest. Coordinates: 47.36' 30.94"N 120.53' 41.18"W

Westbound: From downtown Leavenworth at the US 2 - 9th St/Evans St. stoplight, continue WEST on Hwy 2. In 0.8 miles (at the very west edge of town), take the 2nd exit off the roundabout onto the Icicle Road. PROCEED approximately 15 ½ miles to the Icicle Gorge trailhead parking lot (signed on left). Along the way, at 12 ½ miles, the road becomes unpaved but is maintained for autos. At about 15 miles, you pass the Chatter Creek Trailhead sign and then the Chatter Creek Guard Station before you get to the trailhead parking lot road.

Eastbound: From Stevens Pass, drive EAST on US 2 through Tumwater Canyon to the west edge of Leavenworth. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit off the roundabout onto the Icicle Road. PROCEED approximately 15 ½ miles to the Icicle Gorge trailhead parking lot (signed on left). Along the way, at 12 ½ miles, the road becomes unpaved but is maintained for autos and at about 15 miles, you pass the Chatter Creek Trailhead sign and then the Chatter Creek Guard Station before you get to the trailhead parking lot road.

Restroom Info: Vault Toilets are available at the Icicle Gorge Trailhead parking lot and at Rock Island Campground.

Words to the Wise (Other Info)

Early in the season, there may be some lingering snow patches on the trail. When it has been raining, the wooden walk bridges may be extremely slippery. During hot summer days, carry water with you. Don't leave valuables in your car at either trailhead.

NOTE: A Valid Federal Lands parking pass is required to park at the trailheads. You can buy a daily NW Forest Pass for \$5.00 at the Icicle Gorge trailhead (exact amount is necessary because no change is available). At the trailhead and in the campgrounds are pit toilets. The 7K and 3K trails make up the 10K distance for this event.

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, 911 does not work in this area. There may be a USFS Ranger or employee at the Chatter Creek Guard Station or in the campgrounds. Near Leavenworth, 911 works.

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7K Icicle Gorge Trail walk instructions (#1 - #6) (Rated 1B).

NOTE: This is a well-maintained Forest Service trail. In a few places, it will be difficult for strollers. No wheelchairs on the trail. There are some minor hills but mostly the trail consists of gentle grades as it follows the creek.

1. From the trailhead parking lot, enter the trail next to the pit toilets. **PROCEED** on the trail until it intersects with the main Icicle Gorge loop trail.

2. Turn **LEFT** on main trail and **PROCEED** downstream on the trail (creek on your **right**) to a large footbridge (*Icicle Creek bridge on map*) that crosses Icicle Creek.

3. **CROSS** the bridge and **PROCEED** up the creek (*creek on your **right***) until you come to a couple campsites that are part of Rock Island Campground. *Along the way is an overlook at a rock wall.*

4. Turn **RIGHT** on the road and **CROSS** Icicle Creek on the Rock Island Campground auto bridge.

5. Just past the bridge, watch for a sign on your **right** denoting the continuation of the Gorge Loop trail. Turn **RIGHT** on the trail. *Pit toilets in the campground.*

6. **PROCEED** on the trail (*creek on your right*) back to the starting point. Along the way, the trail splits at a "Y" for a short distance and comes back together.

Driving Directions to Chatter Creek Trailhead from Icicle Gorge trailhead parking lot.

As you drive out of the Icicle Gorge parking lot, turn **RIGHT** on the Icicle Canyon Road (FS 7600) as if you were returning to Leavenworth. In 0.7 miles, turn **LEFT** onto the short dirt access road into the (signed) Chatter Creek trailhead parking lot.

3K Chatter Creek Trail hike instructions (#7 - #9) (Rated 2B).

NOTE: This trail is not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. There are some rocks and roots. The trail does a steady climb (450 feet) to a bridge over Chatter Creek with a small waterfall.

7. From trailhead parking lot, enter the trail next to the kiosk.

8. **CONTINUE** on the trail as it winds up through open and timbered areas to the bridge over Chatter Creek. At the bridge, the creek consists of little rapids and waterfalls.

9. Turn **AROUND** at the bridge and return to the parking lot.

These directions may be used only by persons duly registered for this AVA/IVV sanctioned event.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to finish/complete your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded pdf is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. Later, any pdf fees are credited back to a walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker.) The \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded pdf expires in 60 days.

Thank you for walking our Icicle Gorge/Chatter Creek walk.

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ICICLE GORGE TRAILS



The residents of Icicle Gorge are as many and varied as the landscapes they inhabit. From the tops of the towering Ponderosa pines to the smallest pebbles beneath the current of Icicle Creek, plants and animals interact to maintain the delicate balance of life found here.

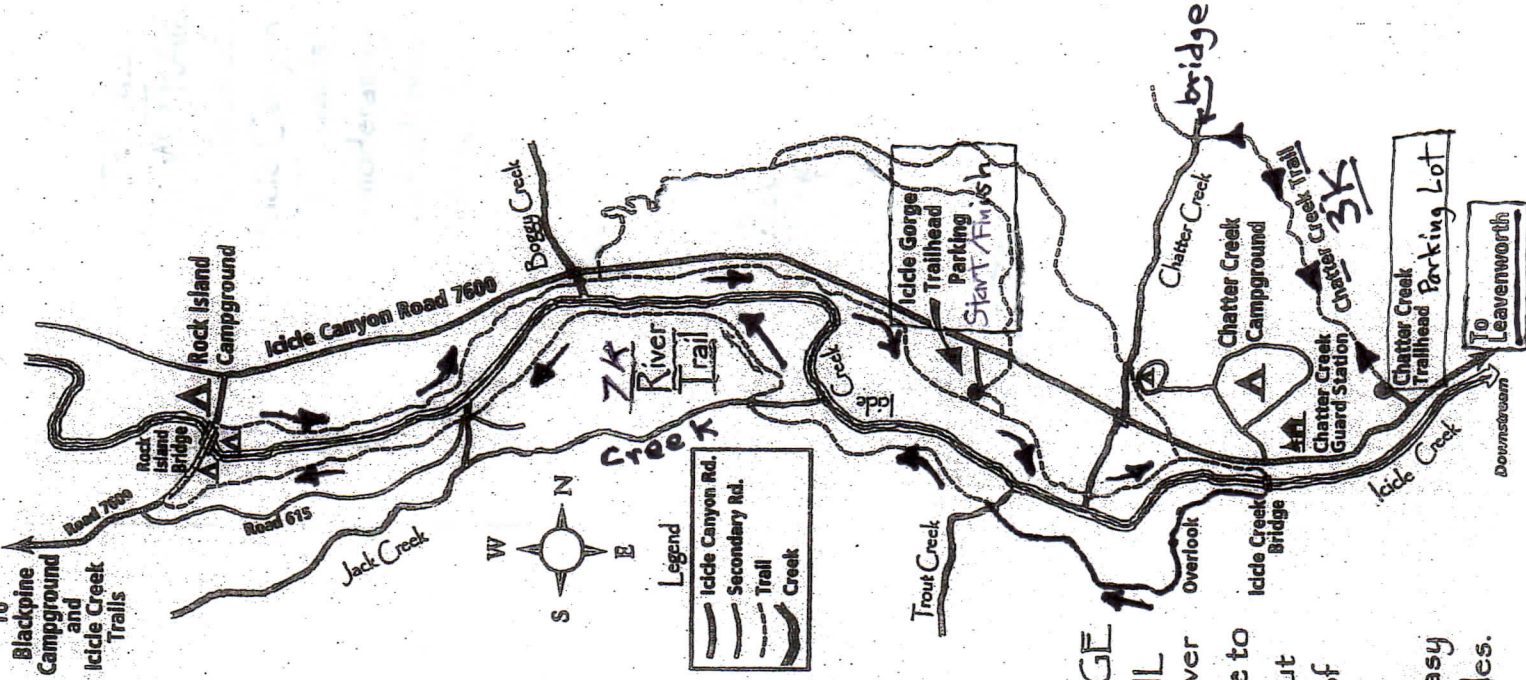
A walk along one of the scenic Icicle Gorge trails is a great way to introduce yourself to the diversity of life found in the Pacific Northwest.

Take the **ICICLE GORGE RIVER TRAIL** for a pleasant river walk and a chance to learn more about the residents of Icicle Gorge.

The trail is an easy loop hike of 4 miles.



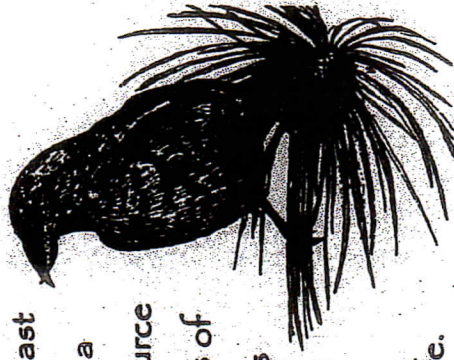
Illustrations by Lorah Waters



Take a drive... Take a hike!

The Icicle Gorge trails are a beautiful and relaxing drive from the Bavarian village of Leavenworth. The Icicle road meanders northwest as it follows the cascading course of Icicle Creek through spectacular scenery.

The clear, cold water you glimpse tumbling down past slick boulders is a freshwater resource for the residents of Leavenworth, as well as a haven for countless species of wildlife.



As you make your way up the canyon, you are passing through an ancient corridor to the heart of the Cascades. You will soon be surrounded by views of stunning peaks in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, and by the sound of Icicle Creek's rushing waters.