



UPPER BIG CREEK TRAIL HIKE Y 2892

Distance: 7K, 13K
Difficulty Rating: 13K RATED 3C
 7K RATED 2C

The Big Creek trail follows a winding route around the Big Creek drainage and up the lower slopes of Mount Ellinor with an elevation gain of 900 feet for the 7K route, or 1800 feet for the 13K route. The forested trail crosses cascading streams on sturdy bridges under the canopy of the Olympic National Forest. The 13K route includes the Mt. Ellinor Connector trail and climbs another 900 feet to a bench, a beautiful view of Lake Cushman below, and on a clear day, views of Mt. Rainier.

Pets are allowed on leash with owners responsible for cleanup. **Restrooms:** near the trailhead, but no facilities on the trail. There is also a public restroom in Hoodspport next to the Hoodspport Grocery, 24151N, US-101, Hoodspport, WA. It is on the left side of the road as you pass through Hoodspport.

Walk Registration

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box at my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account; click on the “My Start Box” tab; then the “Finish Table” tab; then click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate a stamped “virtual” insert card that you may print.

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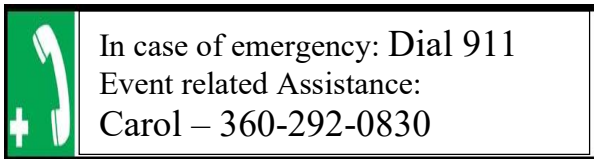
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UPPER BIG CREEK TO OVERLOOK Y 2892



Distance: 13K -**Difficulty level:** 3C

ESVA Challenges: On the Road Again; 39 counties - Mason

Start Point: Big Creek Trailhead & Campground, Forest Service Road 24, Hoodspport, WA
LAT: 47.494374, LNG: -123.212209

Driving Directions:

From I-5 Southbound or I-5 Northbound: Take exit 104 for US 101 N toward Aberdeen/Port Angeles for 5.9 miles. Take US 101 N exit toward Shelton/Port Angeles. Continue 29 miles on 101 N to Hoodspport. From Hoodspport, turn left onto SR 119/N Lake Cushman Rd. Drive a little more than 9 miles where SR 119 “T”s with

and becomes SR119/FR24. Turn left and travel 100 yards. The entrance to Big Creek Campground and the Big Creek Trailhead is on the right side of the road. **Parking:** Enter the Big Creek Campground and park in front of the closed gates to the campground, or park across from the Big Creek Campground entrance on the side of Forest Service Road 24. Parking in both areas is free, and does not require a special pass until the campground opens in mid-May.

Miscellaneous: This is a hike on sometimes rough trails, and has substantial uphill sections. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, and bring walking poles if you use them. You will be hiking under the cover of forest, so be sure to carry warm clothing. Bring your own water and a lunch or snacks. **Pets** are allowed on leash. **Restrooms:** There is a restroom at the Big Creek Campground near the trailhead, but no restroom facility on the trail. There is also a public restroom in Hoodspport next to the Hoodspport Grocery, 24151 N, US-101, Hoodspport, WA. It is on the left side of the road as you pass through Hoodspport.

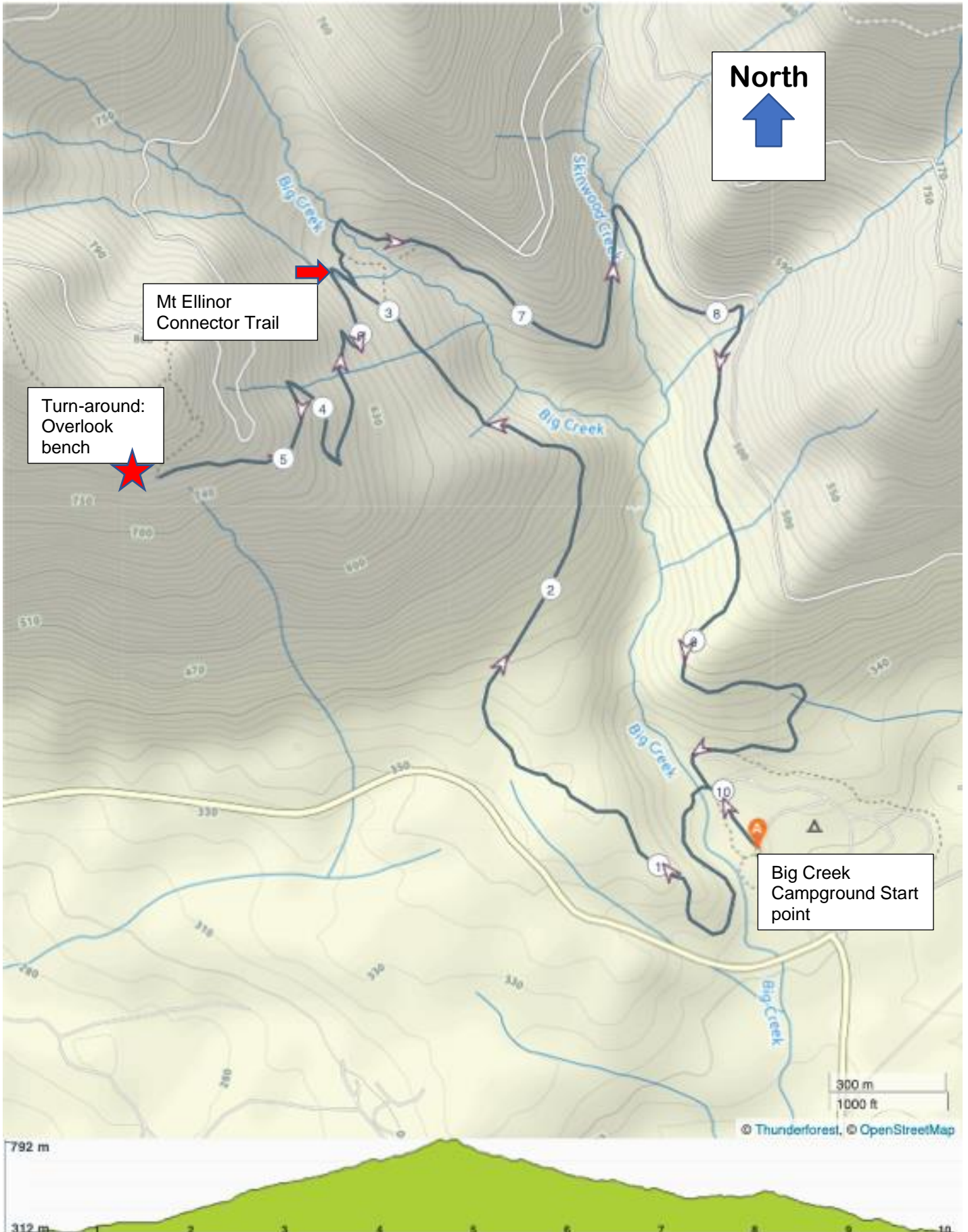
1. To access the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail, enter the Big Creek Campground, walk approximately 100 yards. Veer right, and start at the picnic shelter next to the day use parking area and pit toilet inside the Big Creek Campground.
2. **RIGHT** following the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail as it meanders along a flat, forested trail. Cross Big Creek on a sturdy bridge.
3. Turn **LEFT** and follow the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail in a clockwise direction.
4. **Continue** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail as it climbs approximately 900 feet.
5. **LEFT** on the Mt. Ellinor Connector Trail at the trail intersection. The Upper Big Creek Loop Trail continues straight and the Creek Confluence Trail veers right.
6. Follow the Mt. Ellinor Connector Trail up and up.
7. **SHARP LEFT** at trail intersection going up 2 log steps. Look up on a tree for a sign pointing left to “RLOOK”.
8. **Straight** to the end of the trail where there is a nice bench and overlook to Lake Cushman below and views of Mt. Rainier to the south on a clear day.
9. **TURN AROUND** and continue down trail to intersection.

10. **STAY RIGHT** and continue down the trail to the intersection with the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail.
11. **LEFT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail.
12. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail crossing North Branch Creek on a good bridge.
13. **STRAIGHT** crossing another good bridge spanning Big Creek above a gorgeous cascade.
14. **STRAIGHT** as the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail begins descending, skirting some big boulders.
15. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail passing the junction with the Creek Confluence Trail on the right.
16. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail crossing Skinwood Creek and No Name Creek. Look for views of Mt. Ellinor to your right through the trees.
17. **STRAIGHT** passing a junction with the Big Creek Campground Trail which loops around the Big Creek Campground.
18. **EXIT** the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail near the picnic shelter and day use parking area where you entered. **RIGHT** to the campground exit and SR119.

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Upper Big Creek Trail to Overlook 13K Map

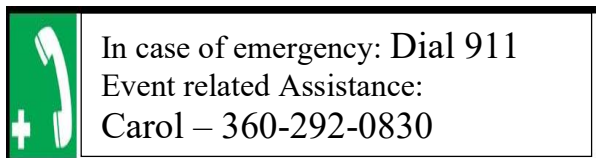




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4. **Continue** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail as it climbs approximately 900 feet.
5. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail passing the Creek Confluence Trail on the right and the Mount Ellinor Connector Trail on the left.
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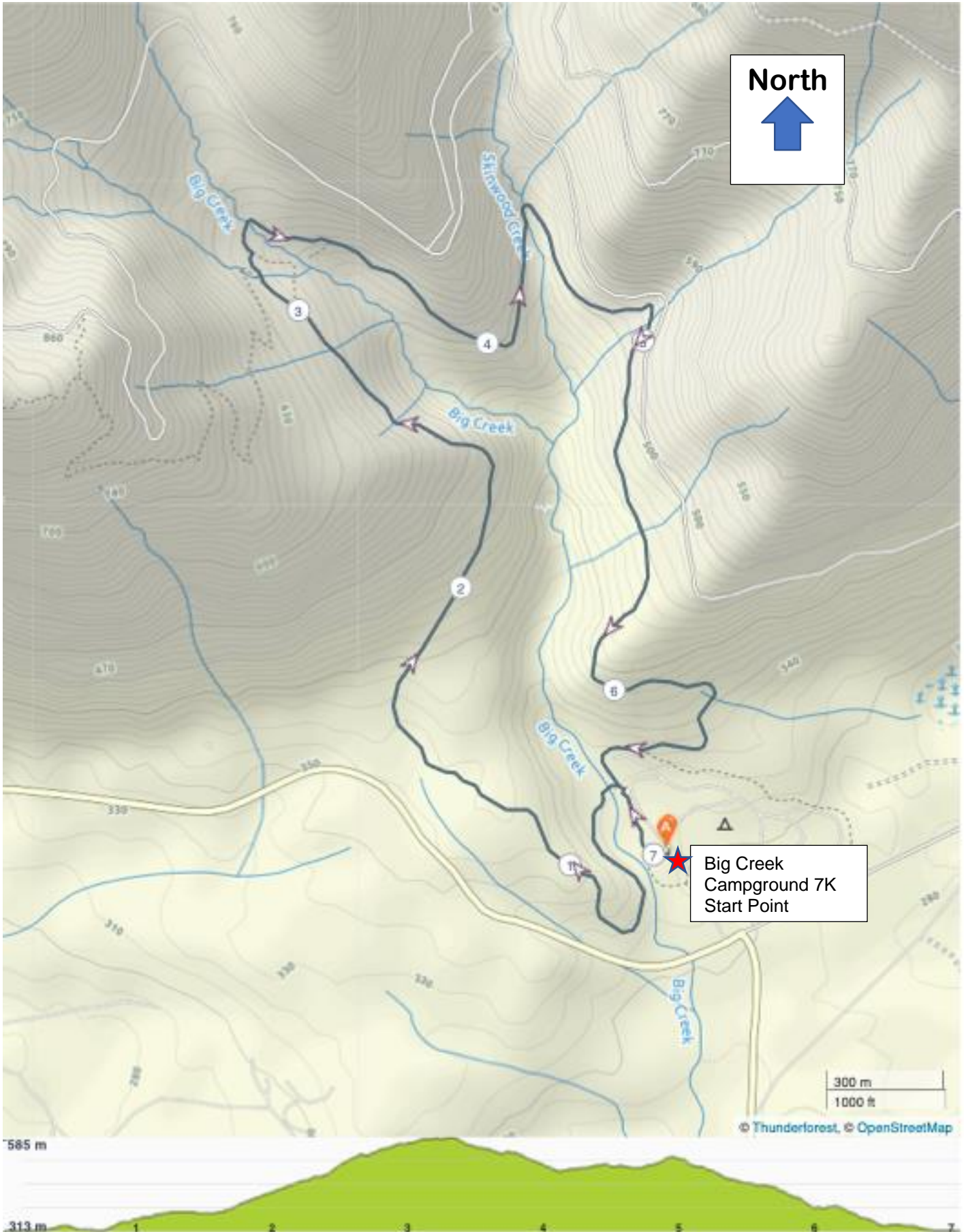
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Big Creek Loop 7K Map



WALK NAME /NUMBER Big Creek Y2892				
ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Counties [ongoing]	MASON			
Historic Train Stations [2019-2021]				
Rails to Trails [2020-2022]				
Frontline Heroes [2021-2024]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
On the Road Again [2022-2025]	MULTI-DAY EVENT YES	HOLIDAY/TRADITIONAL EVENT OR FESTIVAL EVENT		" NEW TO ME" EVENT YES
OREGON SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	Hoodspport		
AIRPORTS-CELEBRATE FLIGHT	[2020-2022]			
BORDER CROSSING	[2014-2023]			
CAROUSELS ACROSS AMERICA	[2019-2021]			
GREAT LAKES	[2021-2024]			
LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES	[2019-2021]			
MAYFLOWER - 400TH ANNIVERSARY	[2020-2022]			
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
ROCKIN' AROUND THE CLOCK	[2020-2022]			
TOWN HALL/CITY HALL	[2020-2024]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2024]			