

# **STEVENS PASS SOUTH, JOSEPHINE LAKE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**

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# STEVENS PASS SOUTH EVENT INFORMATION

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An easy to get to hike at the Stevens Pass Ski Area Parking Lot F. So you might get company on busy weekends or holidays. You should expect a rather steep hike out of the Ski Area from the trailhead at 4100' to 5160' at the top of Cowboy Ridge on a steady series of switchbacks. Once in the trees, you'll be away from the sound of the highway below and into welcome shade. You will then go through a boulder field and under power lines to a service road. But once into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, you'll reach the outlet creek for Lake Susan Jane. And further yet, the Icicle Creek Trail down to the emerald green waters of our Lake Josephine destination.

**Remember, you're in the mountains, so be prepared for changing weather conditions. Carry extra clothes, snacks and water. Sunscreen, a hat and bug repellent are good ideas. Sturdy hiking boots and poles are recommended.**

**Please check current weather and trail information, especially early in the season: Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Service Office, 74920 NE Stevens Pass Hwy, Skykomish, WA, Virtual Service only. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm, (360) 677-2414. Expect to leave a message. Your call will be returned quickly**

**No cell coverage except at Stevens Pass Ski Area, No emergency phone otherwise.**

**Parking Passes:** You must have either a Northwest Forest Pass, an America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass, an Interagency Senior Pass, or a Military Pass to park on any National Forest Land.

**Restrooms:** The only restroom is at parking lot "E" on the east side of the ski area before you start. Otherwise, it's the "bush toilet" on the route.

**Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)**  
**Stevens Pass South Josephine Lake PCT Hike**  
**17Km (10 1/2 miles roundtrip) - Rated 4C (1500' elevation gain in/800' out)**  
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**Driving Directions:** Drive US 2 to Stevens Pass. **GPS Coordinates: 47.7461, -121.0865.** On the south side of the pass just east of the ski area complex are parking lots with multiple parking levels some that set back off the highway behind a line of trees. The PCT starts from the far end of the upper lot F. **Make sure you have a proper parking pass on your vehicle.**

1. At the trailhead, fill out the hiking pass.  
(4,100' Elevation).
2. Follow the trail as it ascends up the hill with views of the ski area.
3. At 0.5Km, **CROSS** under a ski lift.
4. At 1.7Km, **CROSS** under a ski lift.
5. At 3.2Km, crest the rocky ridge (5,160 Elevation) at two ski lifts.
6. At 4.8Km, **CROSS** a gravel road and under four powerlines.
7. At 6.5Km, (4,600' Elevation), **CROSS** the outlet creek at Lake Susan Jane.
8. At 7.1 Km, pass a small pond on your right.
9. At 7.3Km, is a junction with the Icicle Creek Trail. **TURN LEFT** on the Icicle Creek Trail. Josephine Lake is visible below.
10. The Icicle trail goes clockwise around the basin and down to the lake at the outflow creek and several campsites. (8.5Km - 4,700' Elevation).
11. **TURN AROUND** and return on the Icicle Creek Trail to the PCT junction.
12. **TURN RIGHT** on the PCT and hike back to the parking lot and your vehicle.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT. The only water available on this hike is at the lakes.

**Emergency cell service 911 may be available only at or near the trailhead.**

These directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association Athletic Waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

# Stevens Pass South Josephine Lake PCT

