

LAKE VALHALLA HIKE (STEVENS PASS NORTH PCT)

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EVENT INFORMATION

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Trail Info: A popular hike to a beautiful lake. Starting at 4100' you'll experience a 1200' elevation gain. From Stevens Pass, the trail starts on an old closed-off (and returning to nature) road that parallels the highway with some limited views to the east. The trail takes you north on the side of Skyline Ridge and then it turns and heads west up the Nason Creek drainage. When the road ends, the trail continues above Nason Creek. The trail gets slightly steeper with views of Lichtenberg Mountain. Then you climb in the forest with some switchbacks to a subalpine area with small meadows and a view down through trees to the lake before you get to the unmarked spur trail that takes you down to the crystal-clear waters on the northwest shore of Lake Valhalla. Remember that you are 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. Hiking boots and poles are recommended. Please check current weather and trail information, especially early or late 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.

Restrooms: There are restrooms at the Stevens Pass ski area complex on the south side of the pass and there is a vault toilet at the trailhead.

Emergency 911 Service only available at and near the trailhead.

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

Stevens Pass North Lake Valhalla PCT Hike Y3182

18Km (11miles roundtrip) - Rated 3C (1200' elevation gain)

Driving Directions: Drive US 2 to Stevens Pass. On the north side of the pass is a large parking lot with a small electrical substation set back off the highway behind a tall chain-link fence. The substation is between a house and a large tin roofed "A" frame building. Park in the large parking lot. Make sure you have the proper parking pass on your vehicle. GPS coordinates 47.74754 -121.08810.

1. Go **STRAIGHT** between the tin roofed building and the substation to the trailhead. Fill out the hiking pass at the trailhead. (4,056' Elevation).
2. Go **STRAIGHT** on the trail.
3. At 1.4Km, **CROSS** a drainage.
4. At 3.7Km, **CROSS** a flowing drainage.
5. At 8.2Km, the trail is above Lake Valhalla which is visible through the trees below on your right.
6. At 8.7Km (4,900' Elevation), **TURN RIGHT** on an unsigned spur trail that descends through small meadows and timber toward the lake.
7. At 9.0Km (4,830' Elevation), the spur trail reaches the edge of the Lake Valhalla's NW shore.
8. **TURN AROUND** and return on the spur trail up to the PCT.
9. **TURN LEFT** on the PCT and hike back to the parking lot and your vehicle.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

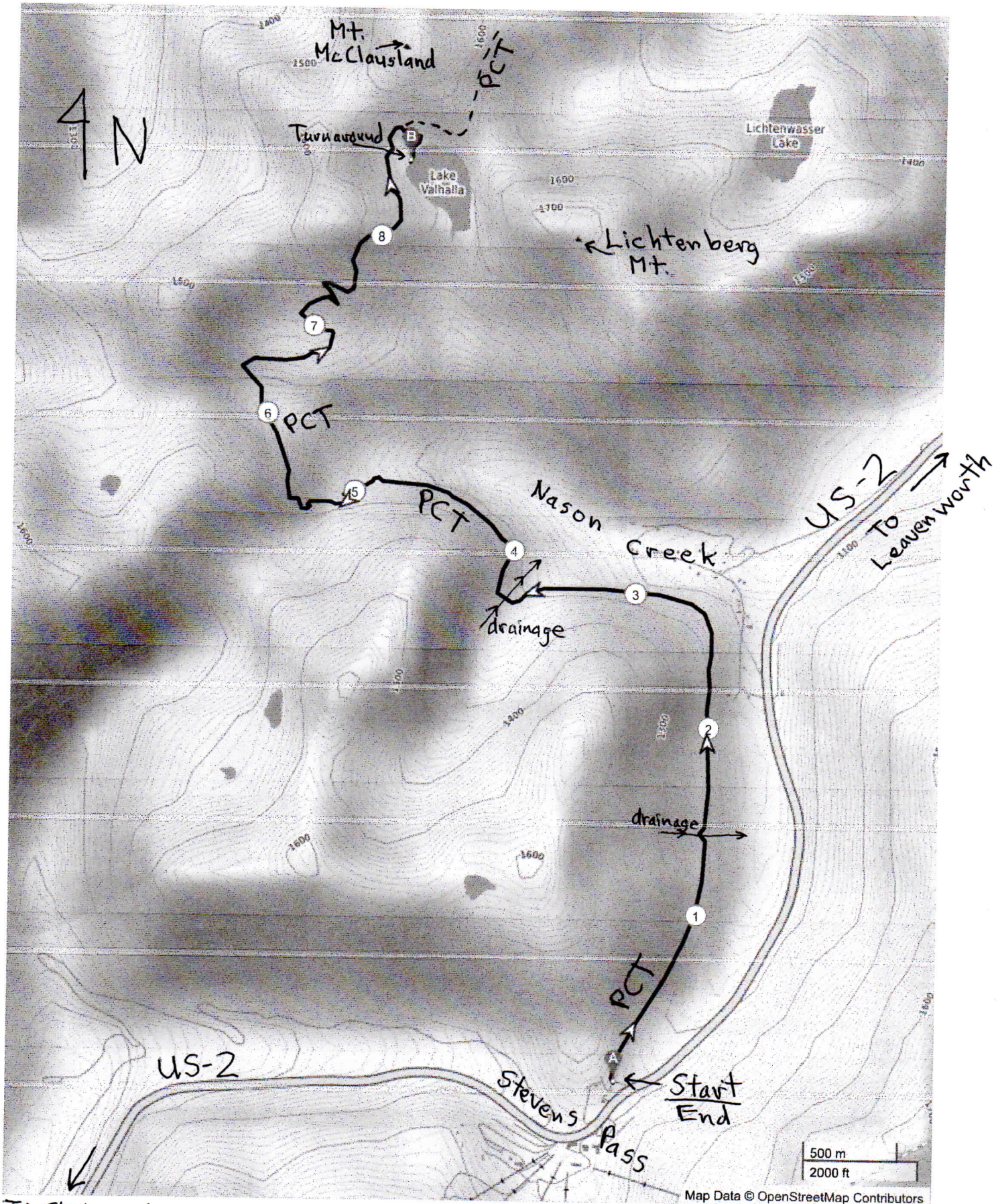
Water is available at Lake Valhalla and possibly at the two drainage crossings along the trail - but they could be dry after mid-summer. Don't drink without treating the water.

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 AVA Athletic Waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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AVA hikes that qualify for the PCT Special Program Challenge

WASHINGTON:

1. Chinook Pass North – Sheep Lake and Sourdough Gap - Y2763
2. Mt. Rainier National Park -- Naches Loop and Dewey Lakes - Y2050
3. North Bonneville – Gillette Lake - Y2294
4. Snoqualmie Pass North – Kendall Katwalk - Y0786
5. Snoqualmie Pass South – Lodge Lake and Mirror Lake - Y3183
6. Stevens Pass North – Lake Valhalla - Y3182
7. Stevens Pass South – Josephine Lake - Y3184
8. White Pass North - Four Lakes – Y3190
9. White Pass South - Ginnette and Shoe Lakes – Y3191

OREGON:

10. Cascade Locks – Herman Creek Pinnacles - Y1677
11. Eugene, OR – Willamette Pass Rosary Lakes – Y2465
12. Government Camp – Timothy Lake – Y1514
13. McKenzie Pass – Belknap Craters – Y3246
14. Wapinitia Pass – North Twin Lakes – Y3230
15. Sisters, OR – McKenzie Pass Matthieu Lakes – Y2435
16. Willamette Pass – South - Three Lakes – Y3240

CALIFORNIA:

17. Carson Pass – Overviews & Frog Lake -- Y0880
18. Donner Pass – Y1038
19. Round Valley – Castle Valley & Views - Y0983
20. Whitewater – River Trail – Year-round - Y0975