

LAKE SUSAN JANE & LAKE JOSEPHINE (STEVENS PASS SOUTH PCT) HIKE

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EVENT INFORMATION

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Trail Info: The PCT ascends steadily through old growth timber and open ski area slopes before switchbacking steeply up to the top of an open (ski area) ridge with views to the northeast. The trail then switchbacks down the backside of the ridge through more open ski slopes, a boulder field and under power lines (with gravel service roads) before leveling out. Beyond the powerlines, the trail goes into old growth timber and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness before going through more boulder fields with a short climb to the edge of Lake Susan Jane. Beyond the lake, the trail climbs steadily with views of Lake Susan Jane (from above) to the ridge top where there are partial views of Lake Josephine through the trees. On the ridge top, you turn left on the Icicle Creek Trail and descend steeply through old growth timber with views of beautiful emerald green Lake Josephine. The outlet creek area is a great lunch spot for viewing the lake and the glacial cirque it is set in. Then return back the way you came to the tailhead parking lot. 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.

Restrooms: Vault toilet at the parking lot. Restrooms at the ski area facilities. None on the trail.

Emergency 911 Service: Cell coverage only near the ski area. Not in the wilderness.

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.

Stevens Pass South PCT Hike Y3184

Lake Susan Jane 13Km (8 mile R/T) Rated 4C (1000' El Gain in/400' out)

Josephine Lake 17Km (10 1/2 mile R/T) Rated 4C (1500' El Gain in/800' out)

Driving Directions: US 2 to Stevens Pass. GPS Coordinates: 47.7461, -121.0865. On the south side of the highway just east of the ski area complex are parking lots with multiple parking levels some that set back off the highway behind lines of trees. The PCT starts from parking lot E. Make sure you have a proper federal lands parking pass on your vehicle.

1. At the trailhead kiosk just inside the timber, fill out the hiking pass. (4,100' Elevation).
2. Follow the trail as it ascends up the hill in the timber and through open ski slopes with views of the ski area.
3. At 0.5Km, **CROSS** under a ski lift.
4. At 1.6Km is a way trail that goes downhill to the right. Continue **STRAIGHT** on the PCT.
5. At 1.7Km, **CROSS** under another ski lift.
6. At 3Km, **CROSS** under another ski lift.
7. At 3.2Km, crest the rocky ridge (5,160 Elevation) at two ski lifts. (*cell phone service here*).
8. At 4.8Km, **CROSS** a gravel powerline service road and under four powerlines.
9. At 6.5Km, (4,600' Elevation) is Lake Susan Jane on your right. (*Good lunch spot*)
10. Ascending above the lake, at 7.1 Km, pass a small pond on your right.
11. At 7.3Km on the ridge top above Lake Susan Jane is a signed junction with the Icicle Creek Trail. Turn **LEFT** on the Icicle Creek Trail. Josephine Lake is visible through the trees below.
12. The Icicle trail goes clockwise around the basin and down to the lake at the outflow creek. (8.5Km - 4,700' Elevation). (*Good lunch spot*).
13. Turn **AROUND** and return on the Icicle Creek Trail to the PCT junction on the ridge top.
14. Turn **RIGHT** on the PCT and hike back the way you came toward the trailhead parking lot.
15. Just above the main ski area complex, there is a two-wheel eroded track that crosses the PCT and goes straight up the ski slope hill. Just beyond the two track is a "Y" in the trail. The left "Y" goes down to the ski area complex. **ANGLE RIGHT** at the "Y" on the PCT to get back to parking lot E and your car.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

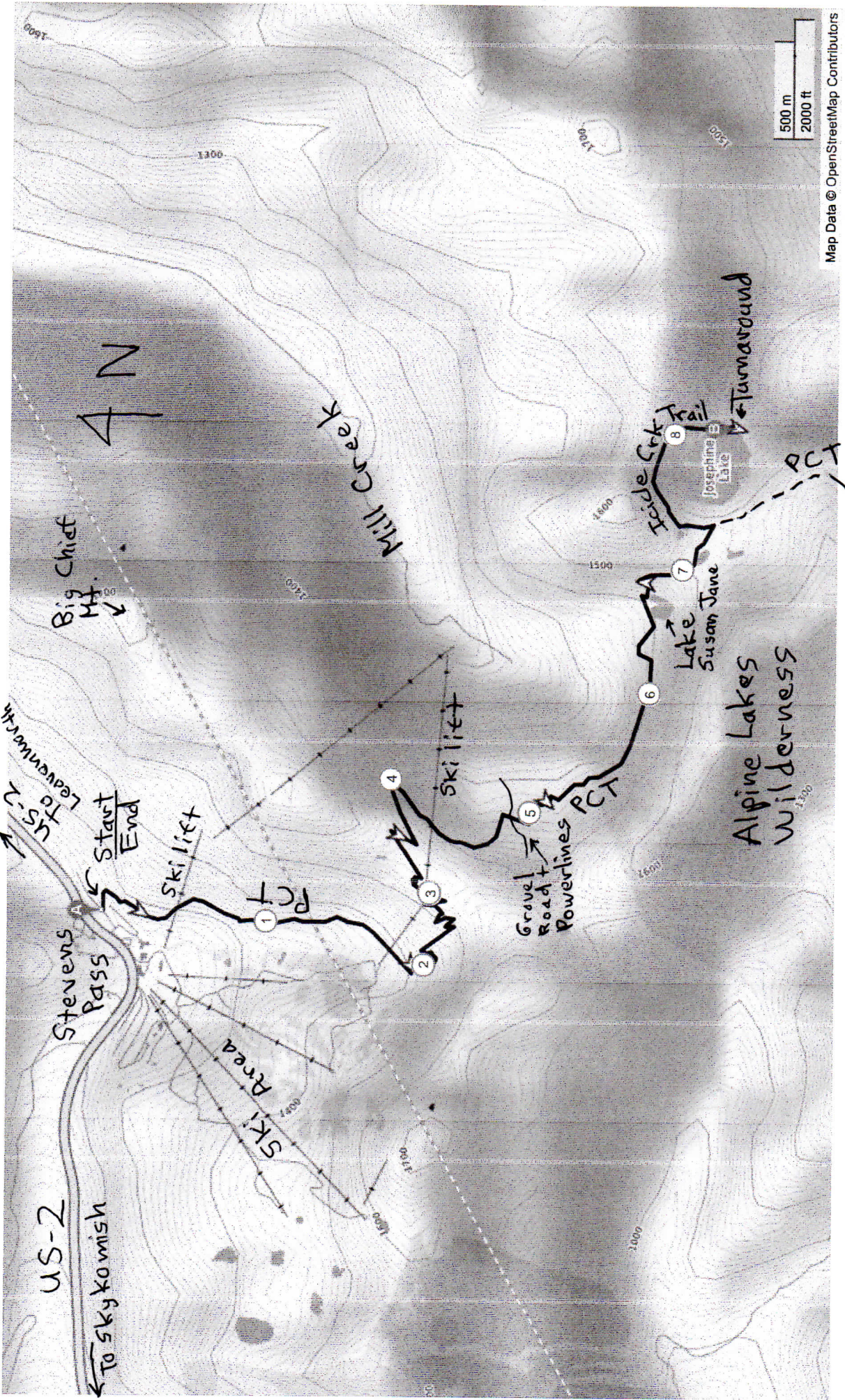
In late summer, the only water available is at the lakes.

Emergency cell service 911 may be available only at or near the ski area.

These directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association 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