

STEVENS PASS NORTH, LAKE VALHALLA PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

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STEVENS PASS NORTH EVENT INFORMATION

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An easy to get to hike from the Stevens Pass North Parking Lot F. So, you might get company on busy weekends or holidays. Starting at 4100' you'll experience a 1200' elevation gain. From rugged Stevens Pass, the trail starts on a slightly inclined maintenance road paralleling the highway with stunning views to the east and many wildflowers. The trail takes you around Skyline Ridge as it heads west up the Nason Creek area. You'll cross over the abandoned east entrance of the Cascade RR Tunnel, which has some difficult history you might research. As the trail gets slightly steeper you'll get a view of Lichtenberg Mountain. Then a series of switchbacks including a forested slope climb the last to the spur trail you take down to the crystal-clear waters of the northwest shore of Lake Valhalla. Good spot for lunch before returning.

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. 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

Emergency 911 Service available at the trail head.

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.

Restrooms: The only restroom is at parking lot "E" on the east side US 2. Otherwise, it's the "bush toilet" on the route.

Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
Stevens Pass North Lake Valhalla PCT Hike
18Km (11miles roundtrip) - Rated 3C (1200' elevation gain)
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Driving Directions: Drive US 2 to Stevens Pass. **GPS coordinates 47.74754 -121.08810.** On the north side of the pass is a large parking Lot F, 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.**

- 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.
- 6.** At 8.7Km (4,900' Elevation), **TURN RIGHT** on the spur trail that descends to 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.

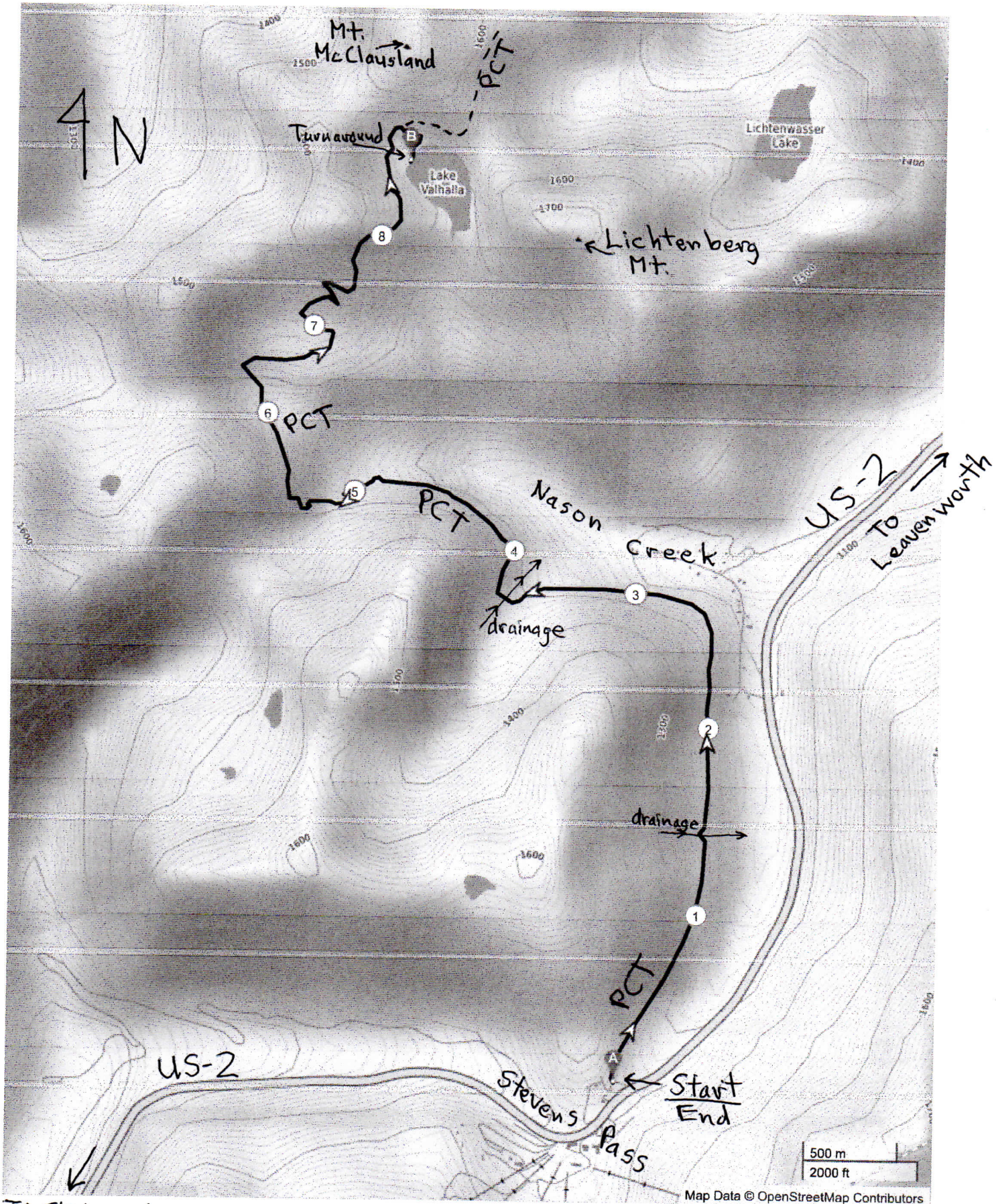
Water is available at Lake Valhalla and possibly at the two drainage crossings along the trail - but they could be dry after mid-summer. Don't drink without chlorinating.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

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

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