

GINNETTE & SHOE LAKES (WHITE PASS SOUTH PCT) HIKE

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EVENT INFORMATION

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Trail Info: Hike to Ginnette Lake and back for a 6km where you ascend and angle southeast skirting the edge of the White Pass ski area through open pine forests gaining nearly 1000 feet. But the best hike is further to Shoe Lake. Trail views open up even more as you go between woods and sun-filled meadows along the east flank of Hogback Mountain, hugging the ridge at 6400 foot elevation and crossing rock scree slopes. Just before the trail drops down to Shoe Lake, take in the views. There is a trail that goes around the lake with wildflowers and a shady grove to enjoy before returning up to the PCT and back to the start. Remember, you're in the mountains, so be prepared for changing weather conditions. Carry the ten essentials. 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. You are in the southern part of the William O. Douglas Wilderness area, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest -- The Naches Ranger District. The office is at 10237 US Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937. Phone 509-653-1401. Office hours Monday - Friday, 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 4:30pm. No passes sold after 4pm.

Emergency 911 Service is probably not available south of the trail head or ski slopes.

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 the trailhead or across US12 at the White Pass Campground.

Water: Available at Ginnette and Shoe Lakes if you've brought purification.

White Pass South - Ginnette and Shoe Lakes PCT Hike Y3191
Ginnette Lake 6.0Km R/T (3.7 miles) 1,000' elevation gain - Rated 3C
Shoe Lake 22Km R/T (13.5 miles) 2,200' elevation gain in - 500' out - Rated 4D

Driving Directions: EB - Drive US-12 to White Pass. At the White Pass Ski Area sign and chalet, continue 0.7 miles east on US-12. Just past the "Wenatchee NF White Pass Campground and Trailheads" sign on your right, turn Right onto the narrow, one lane gravel and dirt road that goes 250' to the small PCT South trailhead parking area. **WB** - Drive US-12 from Yakima. 1 1/2 miles past the Dog Lake Campground road and at the "White Pass PCT South Trailhead" sign on the right, turn left on the narrow one lane gravel and dirt road that goes 250' to the small PCT South trailhead parking area. If you get to the White Pass ski area at the pass, you have gone too far west. **Then for both EB and WB** - If the parking lot is full, drive back out to the highway, turn LEFT on the highway and immediately turn RIGHT on the White Pass Campground and Trailheads gravel road and park along the road where you won't block traffic on the road. Then carefully walk across the highway to the PCT South Trailhead (4,410' Elevation).

N46.38' 36.26" W121.22' 43.38" **Make sure you have the proper parking pass on your vehicle.**

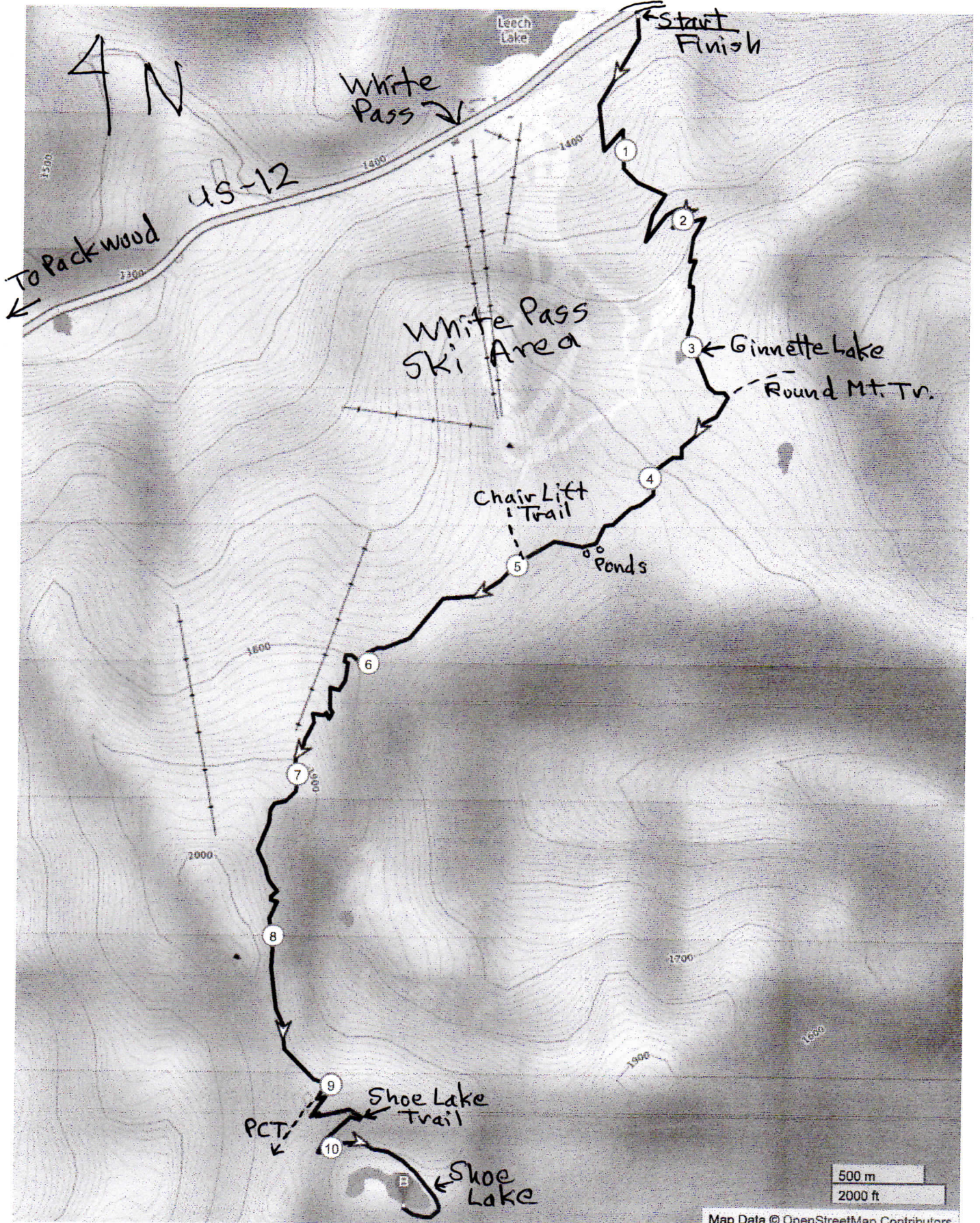
1. At the trailhead kiosk, fill out a hiking pass.
2. Start on the PCT and **CROSS** Clear Creek.
3. At 3.0Km, you reach Ginnette Lake. **Shoe Lake hikers** continue **STRAIGHT** on the PCT. **6K hikers TURNAROUND** and return to the start point.
4. 3.4Km, junction with Round Mt. Trail to the left. Continue **STRAIGHT** on the PCT.
5. 5.0Km, junction with Chair Lift Trail to the right. Continue **STRAIGHT** on the PCT.
6. 6.4Km, you start to break out of the timber into more open meadows with subalpine flowers.
7. 9.1Km, **CROSS** over a small trail pass.
8. 9.2Km, junction with the Shoe Lake Trail. Turn **SHARP LEFT** on the Shoe Lake Trail. Descend into the Shoe Lake basin.
9. 11.0Km, south shore of Shoe Lake.
10. Turn **AROUND** and return the way you came on the Shoe Lake Trail back up to the PCT.
11. Turn **SHARP RIGHT** on the PCT and return to the trailhead and your vehicle.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

Emergency cell service 911 is hit and miss along the trail.

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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