

Icicle River Interpretive Trail

Activity: Hiking

Region: Leavenworth District - Wenatchee NF, Washington

Difficulty: Easy

Round Trip Mileage: 1

Round Trip Time: 1 hours

Suitable For: Adults and Kids

Seasons Open: Early Spring - Late Fall

Permits Necessary: No Permit Necessary

Trail Description

This is a fun trail for walking and learning about the spectacular Icicle River Valley. Be sure to pick up the interpretive brochure before heading out on the trail. The hatchery releases over one million salmon per year. It's one of the best areas to learn about Northwest Salmon, river ecology, and the role of fish hatcheries in our state. The native name for Icicle Creek was Nasikelt. As pronounced this name sounds very similar to Icicle. Legend has it that early pioneers mistook the proper native name and interpreted it as Icicle. The name Icicle was established by USGS maps in the early 1900s.

Driving Directions

Follow US Highway 2 West through Leavenworth and go left at the end of town on Icicle Road (follow signs to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, there is a large gas station at the corner). If you are coming from the East on Highway 2 over Stevens Pass go right on Icicle Road when you first enter Leavenworth. Follow Icicle Road for 2 miles and go left into the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery.

