

Plan your Trip!

Silver Skis Chalet prides itself with our motto “Bringing Families Together” and the possibilities are endless! Crystal Mountain Resort is conveniently located at the Northeast entrance of Mt. Rainier National Park. Below are some sample itineraries to help you plan your stay:

Day One:

Drive to [SUNRISE](#)! Sunrise elevation is 6400 feet (the highest you can drive on the mountain). There you will find numerous hiking trails that range from easy to difficult. Grab a snack from the deli, purchase your sunscreen and get that awesome t-shirt you’ve been eyeing.

* Sunrise is known for its beautiful sunrises...get up early to experience it!

4pm- Drive 30 minutes to Crystal Mountain Resort and Check-In at Silver Skis Chalet (Last building on the left). Unpack, shower and jump into the heated pool to stretch your tired muscles.

5:30pm- Prepare dinner in your condo or grill-out on one of our gas BBQ grills. Take advantage of our organic herb garden and add a little flair to your meal!

7:00pm- Play a game of croquet on the front lawn, roast marshmallows at the fire pit or play a board game in your room.

9:00pm- Watch a DVD with the family

Day Two:

10:00am- Walk to the base area and take a [Scenic Gondola Ride](#) to the top of Crystal Mountain! From the summit, you can see 5 volcanoes: Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Baker, Mt. Adams, and Mt. Hood. Have lunch at the [Summit House](#) (Washington’s highest restaurant), or enjoy a picnic lunch. Meet at the Summit gift shop to go on a 45 min. guided [Interpretive Walk](#) to learn about local flora and fauna, human history and the geologic processes (11am & 1pm on Fri-Sun). When you are ready to leave, you can either ride down the gondola or hike down the Crystal Mountain trail to visit [Henskin Lake](#) (Hiking trail maps available at the Silver Skis Office).

4:00pm- Arrive back at the base area. Go for a [horseback ride](#) (Crystal Mountain Outfitters (509) 895-9120), [throw disc golf](#), or relax by the pool.

6:00pm- Eat dinner “alfresco” at the [Alpine Inn Restaurant](#) (across the parking lot from Silver Skis).

8:00pm- Watch for Wildlife (Elk love to feed on the hillside).

Day Three:

9:00am- Hike under the giant trees at the [Grove of the Patriarchs](#), located 35 minutes away in Mt. Rainier National Park. This trail offers a closer look at nature on a 1.25 mile loop (only 100' elevation change).

11:00am- Drive to the [Ohanapecosh](#) campground. Enjoy a Ranger-Led Program, hike the Silver Falls Trail, and visit the interpretive center. Have a picnic while you are there!

3:00pm – On your way back to Crystal Mountain, stop by [Tipsoo Lake](#) (on top of Chinook Pass) for a great view of Mt. Rainier, beautiful wildflowers, and a walk along the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail).

Day Four:

9:00am – Drive to [Paradise](#) in Mt. Rainier National Park (1hour 15 min). Along the way, visit [Box Canyon](#) and [Reflection Lakes](#). Paradise offers a wonderful Interpretive Center, a restaurant, 2 Cafés, 2 gift shops, a coffee shop and many hiking trails.

3:00pm- After you leave, head to [Narada Falls](#) (5 minute drive) and [Christine Falls](#) (10 minutes) for photos of these beautiful waterfalls.

Day Five:

10:00am-Explore [Boulder Cave](#) (45 minute drive), have lunch next to the river at [Whistlin' Jack Lodge](#), then head over to [Bumping Lake](#) where you can swim, float, or rent a boat for the afternoon!

Day Six:

10:00am Take a hike along the [Greenwater Lakes Trail](#) (35 minute drive). This easy trail is great for families and will take you through old growth forest to two pristine mountain lakes (2 hours roundtrip).

1:00pm Enjoy a snack and tasty beverage at [Greenwater Collective](#) or a burger and brew from the [Naches Tavern](#). Shop for souvenirs and Ice Cream at [Wapiti Outdoors](#).

Drive to [Suntop Lookout](#) for sunset!