



Mt. Rainier, in Rainier National Park, Washington, is the highest peak, and the most superb landmark, in the Pacific Northwest and covers nearly one fourth of the whole Park area. The early Indians of the region called the mammoth white cone "The mountain that was God," an apt description, for Mt. Rainier dominates the entire Cascade range. An extinct volcano, it is supposed, at one time, to have reached a height of 16,000 feet. Then, it is believed, a tremendous explosion took place, destroying the top part of the mountain and reducing its height about 2,000 feet, to 14,408 feet.

Crowned with a halo of snow, Mt. Rainier carries upon its shoulders 26 active glaciers. At its base are huge forests of Douglas fir, and between these and the ice belt are vast fields of wild flowers, presenting a riot of color.

Mount Rainier National Park is easily reached during the summer from Tacoma and Seattle. From late June to early September there is daily bus service to Longmire, Paradise Valley, and Sunrise. Hotel or cabin accommodations are available at the National Park Inn at Longmire, and at Paradise Inn and Lodge in Paradise Valley at the foot of glaciers. Winter sports are popular during the skiing season (December 1 to May 1) but there are no overnight accommodations, nor regularly scheduled public transportation, during the winter months.



Mt. Rainier, across Reflection Lake, rises to the staggering height of 14,408 feet and covers one hundred square miles—truly the "King of the Cascades."

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