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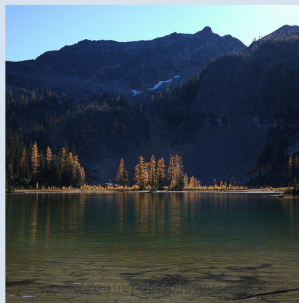
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Learning Activity of the Month

North Cascades Institute
Halloween Family Getaway

Connect with your family – and nature too – on the scenic shores of Diablo Lake at the North Cascades Institute's award-winning Environmental Learning Center from Oct. 29 - 31st. Enjoy a variety of activities or simply relax with a book in the Wild Ginger Library.

[Learn more about this fun event by clicking here or visiting \[www.experiencewilderness.org\]\(http://www.experiencewilderness.org\).](#)

Welcome

Andrea,

This is it! October is the time to see fall colors at their finest! Contrasted against the North Cascades' gray granite peaks and glacial-fed turquoise lakes, the changing colors look spectacular this time of year. One special color-

The Methow Conservancy

[The Methow Conservancy](http://www.methowconservancy.org) (www.methowconservancy.org) inspires people to care for and conserve the land of the Methow Valley, which is east of the Cascades and contains some of the most diverse and productive habitat of the Columbia Basin. The non-profit organization

changer is the larch and you might just catch a few of them still with their bright gold hue.

While larches are conifers, their needles turn a beautiful golden yellow and chartreuse in the fall and then drop to the ground. Larches typically grow at higher elevations, above 5,000 feet. Some of the best places to see larches at their golden peak include this month's featured hike: Twisp Pass; Blue Lake on Highway 20 just west of Washington Pass; and the Enchantments in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness off Highway 2.

On your way to hiking, check out the community of Arlington, which is situated in one of the most beautiful river valleys in Western Washington, the Stillaguamish.

Until next time,
Peter Dykstra
Pacific Northwest Regional Director

The Wilderness Society's North Cascades Initiative envisions the North Cascades as a celebrated national treasure, where wilderness is preserved for future generations, where recreational opportunities are enhanced and well-planned, and where vibrant local communities realize the benefits of the wildlands surrounding them.

My North Cascades Story

By Don Parks
Alpine Lakes Protection Society

A Lifetime of Joy!

My first serious trip to the Cascade Range was an innocent fishing trip to Waptus Lake (Alpine Lakes Wilderness since 1976) with workmates in 1966. I had no idea at that time that I would end up over the succeeding 44 years exploring, researching, and advocating for and about these mountains and their issues, from the Columbia River to the North Cascades heartland.



Don overlooking the Pratt Valley

[Continue reading Don's story.](#)

Conservation

Natural Wonders of the North Cascades

Federal Funds and Partnerships Support Watersheds and Recreation in the Tonasket Ranger District

Meadows, bogs, high school students, hikers, horseback riders and all-terrain vehicle users are all benefiting from

encourages land conservation through voluntary easement programs, serves as stewards of protected lands, and provides community education.

A Wild Night Out

Join Washington Wilderness Coalition and others on November 6th for a delicious dinner, hosted bar with Northwest beers and wine, hors d'oeuvres, lots of fun silent auction items and for the first time ever - a live auction!

[Visit www.wawild.org](http://www.wawild.org) to purchase tickets.

The North Cascades Are Calling -- You!

We're now on [Facebook!](#) Make sure to check out our new nonprofit page at www.facebook.com/northcascades and become a fan of the North Cascades!

Do you love to picnic, hike, camp, climb or commune with nature? Or do you simply like to admire it all from afar? You can do all of that and more in the North Cascades! Visit: www.experiencewilderness.org to plan your next adventure into the North Cascades.

Questions? Comments?

Email us at ncinfo@twsnw.org.

some great partnerships and work on National Forest lands in the northeast corner of the North Cascades.

The Secure Rural Schools Act, also known as "county payments," created a federal fund for restoration work that benefits our National Forests. The fund was created by Congress in response to decreased revenues from logging on National Forests.

County payments require members of a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to participate in monitoring restoration projects that are funded. On Wednesday, September 29th, five members of the Wenatchee-Okanogan RAC visited several project sites on the Tonasket Ranger District.

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Recreation

Explore the North Cascades

Twisp Pass

Autumn colors make Twisp Pass a lovely hike this time of year. The first half-mile parallels the forest road, but then you enter the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness. This 151,435-acre wilderness stretches from Lake Chelan's northeastern shore across the Sawtooth Range to the Twisp River valley.



On the way to Twisp Pass

The 4.5-mile (one-way) trail follows alongside the Twisp River, undulating between forest and open slopes.

[Learn more about this hike.](#)

Vibrant Communities

Arlington

Arlington is situated in one of the most beautiful river valleys in Western Washington, the Stillaguamish. The north and south forks join at this rural Snohomish County town. Flanked by the river and its tributaries, Arlington offers a variety of water-based activities including fishing, river rafting and bird watching. Less than an hour north of Seattle and at the beginning of the Mountain Loop Highway, Arlington also is a jumping off point for outdoor recreation in the North Cascades.

[Learn more about Arlington.](#)



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