

The Hike to Lonely Lodge

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The hike occurs in early spring and begins at a point approximately 100-150 feet above sea level along the coast on the Olympic Peninsula in the state of Washington. At the trailhead, the terrain is rolling; the path is well-packed soil; and the soil is relatively dry. The path is relatively narrow and winds through vegetation similar to saw grass, approximately 6-8 inches high.

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The path turns inland after approximately four miles and descends to a marshy region. The path is wider, is still well marked, but the soil is saturated. The path meanders through the marsh for two and one-half miles before a gradual ascent to a small meadow where it is dry again.

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Approximately one-half mile through the meadow, the path begins to climb rather steeply. The path is somewhat rougher here; the soil is rockier and not as well packed as before. The steep climb continues with a series of switchbacks over a distance of 3.2 miles. The temperature drops considerably as you ascend to an altitude of approximately 2,700 feet. Near the top of the path, small patches of snow begin to appear.

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The last section of the trail is well marked and level, but the actual path is covered in approximately three inches of wet snow. The ground underneath the snow is no longer frozen; it's saturated and slippery. To reach Lonely Lodge, you have approximately 2.5 miles of your hike remaining.