

Dear 2015 PNW FOP participants,

Thanks for your interest in the upcoming PNW FOP! You're receiving this email because you responded to our initial interest survey with a "definitely" or "possible" response, and here we will provide the essential information for the field trip. We hope you'll join the festivities, and please pass this on to others who may be interested but weren't on the original mailing list.

Please send any questions you may have to pnwfop2015@gmail.com , and we'll respond as soon as possible.

First important note: *It is very important that we get firm participant numbers as soon as possible, so the following cost and payment info requires your action!*

Costs and payment

A per-person fee of \$30 will cover campsite and minor logistical costs. All transportation, food, and Olympic National Park entrance fees in the Elwha valley will be covered directly by the participants. We have set up a PayPal account to collect the camping funds, and we ask that you make the payment and confirm your participation *as soon as possible*. As a non-organization, FOP has no resources or infrastructure, and we have to recoup all costs!

Please pay \$30 per person at PayPal.com using this link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=K3QMRELYNXXG4

As the payments will also confirm participation, they will give us the final participant numbers (and names) for campground reservations and fees.

Camping

We have 15 reserved sites for the FOP group at the following locations:

Thursday night, 9/17 and Friday night 9/18: Falls Creek

Campground, Lake Quinault south shore. See link below and appended map. If you are planning to drive out to Quinault Lake early Friday morning instead of Thursday, the first meeting location is described below.

[Falls Creek Campground Google Map link](#)

Saturday night, 9/19, Crescent Beach RV Park, Strait of Juan de Fuca, west of Port Angeles.

[Crescent Beach RV Park map link](#)

We have 15 tent campsites reserved per night, and that should be ample space but will require sharing of campsites, depending on the actual turnout. If the response numbers rise further, we will add more campsites as possible. We'll all fit in any case, in classic FOP style. If you prefer camping in greater solitude, there are good alternate campground options in each of the two areas.

Lodging

If you prefer to stay under a solid roof, there are also good options.

For Thursday and Friday night, lodging is available at several Lake Quinault area lodges, at Kalaloch Lodge (20 miles north), in Forks (ca. 50 miles north) and in Hoquiam/Aberdeen, about 60 miles south.

For Saturday night, lodging is available in Port Angeles and smaller towns nearby.

Field guide: To keep up-front costs low, we will not print the field guide. Instead, we will post the field guide online a week ahead of the trip for participants to download and print, bring electronically, or memorize ahead of time. We intend to have it posted by noon on Monday, September 14, at:

<http://geog.uoregon.edu/envchange/fop> .

Car pooling

Essential! All of the sites have limited parking, many have complicated access routes, and we need to do all we can to limit our physical and atmospheric impacts. Please plan to hop

in a car with others or take on passengers, or better yet, carpool from wherever you live. The success of the field trip depends on it!

Dogs

Well behaved dogs are welcome as always, but there are potential complications. Please note that we will be on National Park Service Land and Quinault Indian Nation-owned or managed land for some of the stops. NPS rules regarding dogs are, of course, rather strict. Please check the Olympic National Park rules on dog access to beaches and trails. Also, Quinault Lake, the first stop on Friday, has recently been a sensitive site for water quality and access issues, and there may be dog restrictions for that stop. We do need to stay in the good graces of the park and the Quinault Nation.

Morning gathering locations for each day

VERY IMPORTANT! As navigation to some of the stops is complicated, it is important that you join the group at the appointed location at the start of each morning. This will be simple if you are camping with the group, and the information below will help you find the group at the start of each day if you are staying on your own. These meeting locations will also be good places to carpool for the day.

Friday, September 18. Meet at the Lake Quinault Ranger Station, south shore road, at 9 AM. This is very close to the Falls Creek Campground, and is our first science stop of the day. We will be introducing the trip and talking about Lake Quinault coring project results on the lakefront below the ranger station for about an hour. See the Google Maps link below and the appended map.

[Quinault Ranger Station map link](#)

Saturday, September 19. Meet again at the Lake Quinault Ranger Station, south shore road, at 9 AM. See link above and appended map. We will depart right away for points north.

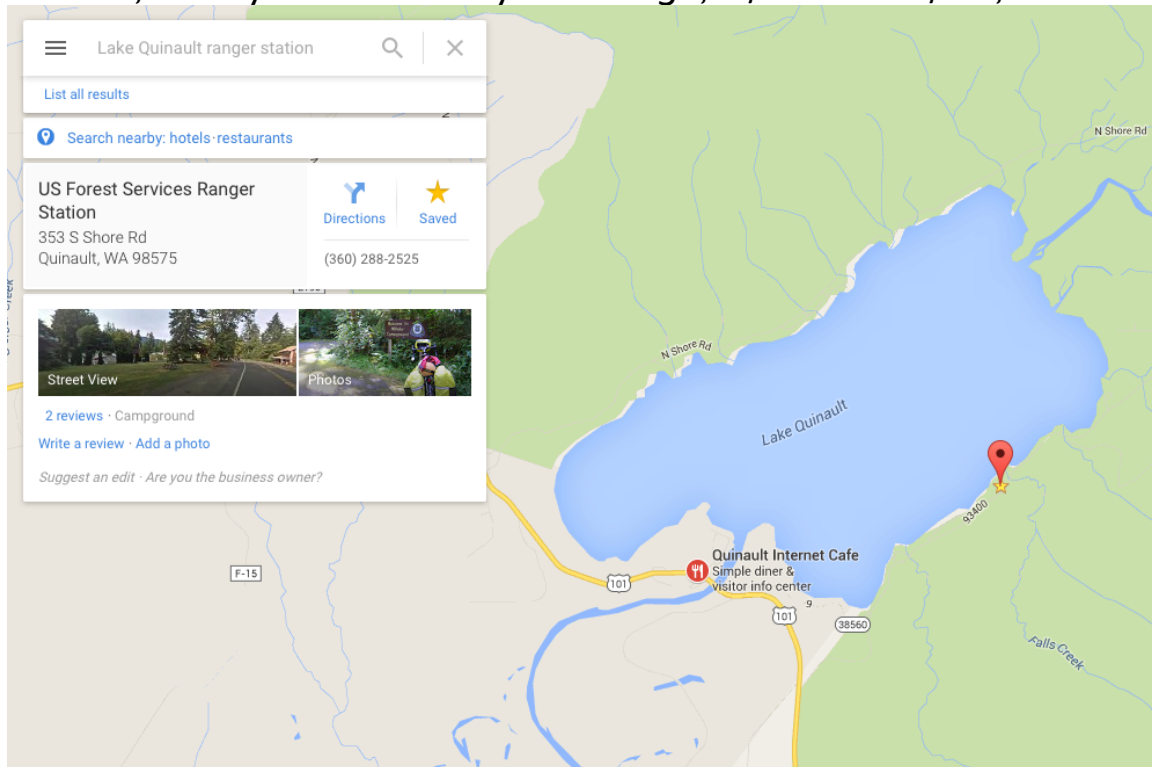
Sunday, September 20. Meet at 9 AM at Lairds Corner Park and Ride lot, near the intersection of Hwy 101 and 112, west of Port Angeles. See link below and appended map. It is important that we carpool from here for the drive into the Park up the Elwha River.

[Laird's Corner map link](#)

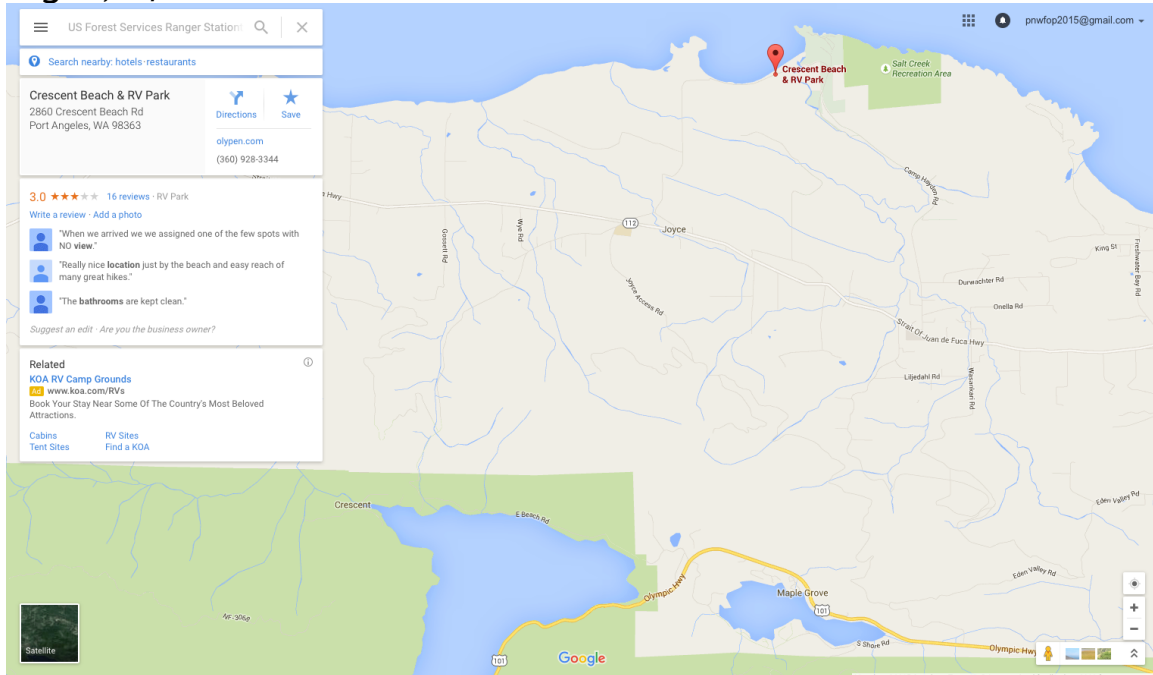
Map for Falls Creek Campground, nights of 9/17 and 9/18



Map for morning meet-up locations at Lake Quinault Ranger Station, Friday and Saturday mornings, 9/18 and 9/19, 9 AM.



Map for Crescent Beach & RV Park, campground for Saturday night, 9/19



Map for morning meet-up location at Laird's Corner, Sunday morning, 9/20

