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TRAILHEAD DIRECT

PARK. RIDE. HIKE.

MARGARET'S WAY
SQUAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

ISSAQUAH ALPS

MAY 23–AUGUST 30, 2026

NOW STOPS AT SOUTH BELLEVUE
LINK LIGHT RAIL STATION

TRIP PLANNING

Visit kingcounty.gov/TripPlanner to plan your trip.

FARES

Fares shown are for each direction.

Adults (19 and older)	\$3.00
ORCA LIFT Fare* <small>*income qualified</small>	\$1.00
RRFP cardholders <small>(registered seniors, Medicare, disabled)</small>	\$1.00
Youth (18 and under)	FREE

HOW TO PAY

Upon boarding, pay your fare with:

- Exact change
- A paper transfer ticket
- An ORCA card
- A Transit GO Ticket on your mobile device
- Other forms of payment not accepted

Get your ORCA card online at myORCA.com, by calling 1-888-988-6722 (ORCA), at a ticket vending machine in Sounder and Link Light Rail stations, or at the King County Metro Pass Sales Office.

You can download the Transit GO Ticket app from your mobile device's app store and buy tickets directly with a credit or debit card.

ACCESSIBILITY

While trail destinations may vary in accessibility, Trailhead Direct vehicles are wheelchair accessible. All are welcome.

Hiking Tips

WHAT TO BRING

- Reusable water bottles (*fill before, no water at trailheads*)
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Map of the trail
- Ready-to-eat food (*fruit, sandwiches, granola bars*)
- Sturdy, closed-toed, comfortable shoes
- Extra long sleeved layer
- Extra bag to pack out your trash
- Sun protection
- Backpack (*to carry it all*)
- Rain gear

BEFORE YOU GO

- Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back
- Visit Wta.org to read about the trail, find the right map, and check the weather
- Fill your pack with the items from the checklist above



Suggested Hikes

Trailhead Direct offers access to a wide variety of King County and WA State DNR trails. For more information, please visit wta.org/hikes to learn about current trail conditions and inspiration for other adventures.



PRETZEL TREE TRAIL

A short, family-friendly trail that follows the adventures of a little field mouse and ending at two intertwined tree trunks stretching skyward.

Length: 0.25 miles roundtrip
Elevation gain: Minimal
Difficulty Level: Mild
Toilet: At Trailhead
Trailhead Direct Stop: Squak Mountain State Park

MARGARET'S WAY

A steep trek up a wooded hillside past rushing creeks is worth the payoff of beautiful views of Mt. Rainier on a clear day

Length: 6.5 miles roundtrip
Elevation gain: 1500 feet
Difficulty level: Strenuous
Toilet: At Trailhead



LEGEND

- Parking Available
- Public lands in King County
- Parks in King County
- Link light rail station
- Stop locations

Weekend/Holiday Service Only
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Trailhead Direct is a seasonal service that operates on weekends and designated holidays. For the 2026 season, designated holidays are Memorial Day (5/25), Independence Day weekend, (7/3), and Independence Day (7/4).

PARK HERE MOUNT BAKER TRANSIT CENTER BAY 2	PARK HERE S BELLEVUE LIGHT RAIL STATION BAY 2	PARK HERE ISSAQUAH TRANSIT CENTER BAY 5	MARGARET'S WAY TRAILHEAD	SQUAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK	MARGARET'S WAY TRAILHEAD	PARK HERE ISSAQUAH TRANSIT CENTER BAY 5	PARK HERE S BELLEVUE LIGHT RAIL STATION BAY 1	MOUNT BAKER TRANSIT CENTER BAY 2
6:30	6:40	6:54	7:01	7:12				
7:00	7:10	7:24	7:31	7:42				
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9:00	9:11	9:25	9:32	9:43	9:51	9:58	10:13	10:29
9:30	9:41	9:55	10:02	10:13	10:21	10:28	10:44	11:00
10:00	10:12	10:28	10:35	10:46	10:54	11:01	11:18	11:36
10:30	10:42	10:58	11:05	11:16	11:24	11:31	11:50	12:08
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12:00	12:12	12:28	12:35	12:46	12:54	1:01	1:22	1:41
12:30	12:43	12:59	1:06	1:17	1:25	1:32	1:53	2:12
1:00	1:13	1:29	1:36	1:47	1:55	2:02	2:23	2:42
1:30	1:44	2:00	2:07	2:18	2:26	2:33	2:54	3:14
2:00	2:14	2:30	2:37	2:48	2:56	3:03	3:24	3:44
2:30	2:44	3:00	3:07	3:18	3:26	3:33	3:54	4:14
		3:42	3:49	4:00	4:08	4:15	4:34	4:53
		4:12	4:19	4:30	4:38	4:45	5:04	5:23
		4:42	4:49	5:00	5:08	5:15	5:34	5:53
		5:12	5:19	5:30	5:38	5:45	6:02	6:21
		5:40	5:47	5:58	6:06	6:13	6:30	6:49
		6:09	6:16	6:27	6:35	6:42	6:59	7:17

* Estimated Time
 AM – Lighter Type
 PM – Darker Type

⚠ Make sure you leave yourself enough time to catch one of the last Trailhead Direct trips This route has improved service thanks to Seattle voters.

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