

Mount Spokane State Park: A User's Guide

Updates and Revisions

Page 23. The new runs were cut in 2017 after the state Supreme Court declined to hear the legal appeal and upheld the lower court ruling. See [Spokane's History of Skiing: 1913 to 2018](#) for details. A brand new triple chairlift was installed in 2018.

Bottom of page 28. The Blanchard Creek Road through the park was permanently closed to vehicles in 2015. Hiking is still possible, but not particularly easy.

Page 38. The first full paragraph has been revised to read: In 1991 the NHP found five priority plant communities at Mount Spokane in need of protection. They are: the western hemlock/queenscup beadlily community, the western hemlock/beargrass community, the subalpine fir/beargrass community, the lodgepole pine forest, and the Idaho fescue-buckwheat community. Current Natural Forest Areas within the park are intended to help protect these plant communities. Five other natural communities found at Mount Spokane were described as: grand fir/queenscup beadlily, western hemlock/fools huckleberry, subalpine fir/smooth woodrush, western hemlock/oakfern, and the western redcedar/skunkcabbage.

Pages 40-44. Three butterfly species have been added. These are the Dreamy Duskywing (*Erynnis icelus*), the Persius Duskywing (*Erynnis persius*), and the Dun Skipper (*Euphyes vestries*).

Page 64. The Friends Group will be installing a log bench along Trail 103 in 2019. The bench was built from Larch logs from the park by an Eagle Scout. Just south of the parking lot on Trail 120, the new single track bike Trail 290 branches off to the right. Downhill cyclists have right of way on this trail. This trail parallels Trail 120 and actually joins it for a creek crossing for a short distance. It also crosses Trail 121 and ends at the bottom of Trail 122. Trail signs will be added in 2019.

Page 69. The Friends Group will be installing a log bench along Trail 121 in 2019. The bench was built from Larch logs from the park as an Eagle Scout project.

Page 71. In 1932, W. H. Cowles placed a bronze plaque on a boulder next to a stream on the Day Road where overheated automobiles took on water. The original plaque disappeared, but the Friends Group installed a replacement in 2018.

Pages 73, 76, and 84. A new CXT vault toilet was installed at Smith Gap in 2018, courtesy of the Friends Group.

Page 79. The CCC cabin received a new roof, chinking, repairs to the chimney, and staining in 2016. Interpretive signs were added to the interior by the Friends Group.

Page 81. In 2015, the Friends Group started a project to restore the Cook's Cabin woodshed.

Page 98. Before reaching the Loop Road on Trail 130, you will pass the bottom of the new chairlift #6.

Pages 99-100. The Blanchard Creek Road is a county road that can no longer be maintained and has been closed to vehicles at the park boundary with six tank traps and a few fallen trees. It is still best to park cars at the road junction that is 0.5 mile past the end of the maintained road and the signs that read Summer Road and Road Closed in ½ Mile. The main road then curves to the right and immediately passes a split to the left and then two to the right. There are two more tank traps about a mile down from the high point just before the four way intersection. After the four way intersection, the trail gets extremely rough with frequent deep water bars and tree branches. Fortunately it is just a short distance to the turnoff for Three Rocks. The trail to Three Rocks is still open although it is getting more eroded. Past this turnoff (Option #3) a mountain bike would be completely useless as the Blanchard Creek Road gets much worse with large fallen trees and frequent deep water bars all the way to the crossing of Blanchard Creek. There is a new locked gate at the north park boundary and still a nice little spot by the creek just beyond it. With regard to Option #2, Trail 193 now has 9 tank traps but it still leads to a pleasant hill top and the best views of the park's west side.

Page 105. Lower Trail 290 has been completed. Upper 290 is still under construction. Downhill bike trails for the alpine ski area have yet to be developed.

Page 106. The Three Rocks Trail is no longer suitable for horses or bikes.

Page 114. A new warming hut and vault toilet were built on top of Tripps Knob in 2015.

Page 118. New paragraph for Mt. Spokane Summit Route. The Mount Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park has added an additional uphill travel route with several restrictions for backcountry skiers. The route is available between 6:30 AM and 9:10 AM on days the ski area is open, except on days with ski race events. Skiers are permitted to skin up from Lodge One and follow the left outside edge of the B-29 run and then the left outside edge of the Tea Kettle run to the summit. At 9:10 AM, skiers must transition to downhill skiers regardless of where they are on the route and they are then subject to the same rules as other downhill skiers. Before 9:10 AM, the descent route is limited to Tea Kettle and B-29. After 9:10 AM, skiers may take any open run. Skiing and snowshoeing is permitted within the patrolled boundary when the lifts are not operating until grooming operations begin. Grooming normally begins at 4:00 PM on Tuesdays. For more information please go to: www.mtspokane.com/uphill-travel-policy.