The North Fork Sauk River provides a variety of sights to explore in a day: visit the powerful North Fork Sauk Falls, wander among the old-growth giants of Harold Engle’s Memorial Grove, and set off into the Glacier Peak Wilderness at the road’s end. The Bead Campground provides easy access and a great family-friendly place to stay.

From the Mountain Loop Highway, turn onto Forest Service Road 49 (North Fork Sauk Road). Find the North Fork Falls trail at mile 1.2; Engle’s Grove at mile 3.4, and the North Fork Sauk Trail at mile 6.4.

The Eightmile Creek Trail ascends to Square Creek Pass with open slabs of granite and impressive views. The trail enters old growth about twenty minutes from the car; big trees, waterfalls, huckleberries, and streams delight along the way. The trail also passes Three O’Clock Rock, where climbers may be found on a granite dome rising directly above the trail. Several other rock climbing destinations lie nearby but this is the best choice for those new to the area.

From the Mountain Loop Highway near Clear Creek Campground, follow the Clear Creek Road FR 2060 about 7.5 miles up to the trailhead (take the right fork at about 7 miles) and hike about 40 minutes to reach the crags or continue up to Squire Creek Pass.

Get to know the Sauk River through a thrilling whitewater adventure or enjoy a family-friendly hike along the three-mile easy-to-access Old Sauk River Trail. The trail hugs the riverbank, winding among stately old fir trees and moss-covered maples and wildflowers provide a breathtaking sight in the spring. The Clear Creek Campground provides great family camping with more than a dozen campsites along the Sauk River. The campground, trailheads, and boat launch are all on the east side of the Mountain Loop Highway, not far south from the town of Darrington.

The Eightmile Creek Trail provides a great way to access the rugged and stunning Glacier Peak Wilderness from the west side of the North Cascades as well as the wild and scenic Suiattle River. The road accesses two campgrounds and several trailheads, including the Green Mountain Lookout trail, known for its wildflower meadows, historic fire lookout, and incredible views. Hikers and equestrians can also set off to the picturesque Image Lake from the popular Suiattle Trailhead at the end of the road.

From Highway 530 near milepost 56 north of Darrington, turn east onto the Suiattle Road and drive as far as you’d like!

**NORTH FORK SAUK TRAILS**

**EIGHTMILE CREEK**

**WILD AND SCENIC SAUK RIVER**

**SUIATTLE ROAD**

*This map is intended to help you locate hikes and sights around Darrington. Green Trails Maps are available from many bookstores and online. Many do-it-yourself hiking trails Maps online at www.greentrails.com or at the local coffee shop, Mountain Loop Books and Coffee. Eastern Washington & Oregon: National Forest Recreational Day Pass: $5. Available at any Federal recreation sites charging day use or entrance fee. Available at National Forest offices or www.discovernw.org.*

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**Interagency Military Pass, Interagency Access Pass**: Passes for active duty military and their dependent family members issued by a federal agency are free of charge. Available at any Federal recreation sites charging day use or entrance fee. Pass issued in person; available at National Forest offices.

**Interagency Annual Pass**: $80. Annual pass honored at all federal recreation sites charging day use or entrance fee. Available at National Forest offices or www.discovernw.org.

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