

# 2016 Summer Fact Sheet

## **Scenic Gondola Rides:**

Guests ride up the Mt. Rainier Gondola (almost 2,500 vertical feet from 4,400' to 6,872") to the summit, where you can enjoy the stunning views of 5 volcanoes, dining at the Summit House, Picnic or relax in a lounge chair and soak up the sun.

## **Gondola Hours:**

### **Early-Summer Season**

Open May 28-30, June 4-5, June 11-12 & June 18-19, 2016

Saturday & Sunday Only: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last ride down is at 5:30 p.m.)

### **Peak-Summer Season**

Open Daily June 24-September 4, 2016

Sunday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (last ride down is at 6:00 p.m.)

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (last ride down is at 8:00 p.m.)

Open until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4th

### **Late-Summer Season**

Open Daily September 5-September 18, 2016

Monday to Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last ride down is at 5:30 p.m.)

## **Summit House Restaurant:**

The Summit House is Washington's highest elevation restaurant, sitting at 6,872", accessed by the Mt. Rainier Gondola or a hike☺ The patio is open for outdoor dining.

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**Peak-Summer Season:** Open Daily June 24-September 4, 2016

Sunday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Open until 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>

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Monday to Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Reservations:**

Reservations are accepted anytime Monday thru Friday, and after 4pm on Saturdays. Due to a high volume of walk-ins, reservations will no longer be accepted Saturdays (before 4pm) or Sundays. Availability will be first come, first serve. Please arrive at the base of the gondola at least 15 minutes before your reservation with a scenic gondola ticket in hand. Reservations can be placed online (for up to 12 people) or by calling (360) 663-3085. Groups of 13+ are welcome anytime Mon-Thurs, and before noon on Fridays. Group reservations must be placed with a live person over the phone. Reservations do not include a gondola ticket.

### **Fireside Cafe:**

Found at the top of the outdoor master staircase from the main plaza. This walk-up cafe offers a great selection of lunch items, ice cream and drinks.

#### **Hours**

Early Summer: Saturday & Sunday TBD

Peak & Late Summer: Daily 11:00 a.m. to Close (weather/business permitting)

### **Alpine Inn Restaurant:**

Open Daily serving breakfast (7:30am-10am) lunch (11am-5pm) and dinner (5:30pm-9:30pm)

### **Snorting Elk Cellar:**

Open Daily Monday-Friday (4pm-close) and Saturday & Sunday (2pm-close)

### **The Summit Gift Shop:**

The Summit Gift Shop is located at the top of the Mt. Rainier Gondola and is your summer go-to at the mountain top. With a yummy selection of ice cream, snacks, beverages, picnic items, and sandwiches, you can snack while enjoying the magical views. If you're looking for souvenirs or forgot something for your trip, the Summit Shop carries gifts, clothing, accessories, postcards, Mt. Rainier souvenirs, art and more.

**2016 Early Summer Hours:** Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (hours may vary)

**2016 Peak and Late Summer Hours:** Daily: 10:00am- 5:00pm *Hours are weather permitting.*

### **Disc Golf:**

Enjoy the beautiful views while playing this challenging yet fun 30-basket disc golf course. Start the lower course just up the slope from the Mountain Shop or take the Mt. Rainier Gondola up to start the more challenging course from the summit down. The course is free and open to anyone at any time. Good shoes/hiking boots are recommended. Good marking/spotting is important and a big help in finding your discs. The Mountain Shop and the Snorting Elk Cellar have free course maps available and custom stamped discs for sale.

### **Interpretive Walks:**

Find the guide near the Summit Shop (top of the gondola) for a complimentary tour beginning promptly at 11:00am & 1:00pm on Fridays-Sundays (weather permitting).

Join us for a short (45min – 1 hour), interpretive walk from the summit of Crystal Mountain. Learn about local flora and fauna, human history and the geologic processes which have shaped this unique alpine landscape. Go ahead and ask all your wilderness related questions regarding animals and vegetation to

volcanoes and hiking trails and anything and everything in between. Tours are complimentary and open to everyone.

### **Hiking:**

Trail maps are available at the Mountain Shop, online, and at the Silver Skis office.

### **Guided Horseback Rides:**

Come ride with Chinook Pass Outfitters through the solitude and spectacular scenery of the Cascades. Enjoy glacier-fed streams, alpine meadows covered with wild flowers, unspoiled mountain lakes of the Norse Peak Wilderness, and the Wenatchee National Forest. The fragrance of pine and spruce blends with flowers, berries, and tundra grass. The creak of saddle leather measures your quiet, relaxed journey under snow-capped peaks and lazy skies. Call (509) 895-9120 to make a reservation.

#### **Chinook Pass Outfitters is Located in Upper C Lot next to Crystal Chalets**

Rides start as early as 9:00am, Last ride finishes at 6:00pm

Must be 6 years old to ride, No Double Riding – Can be led (if you'd like to ride with your child)

Weight restrictions apply

**Rates (per person) Cash Only Please** – There's a cash machine in the Mountain Shop at the base area.

3 mile ride (1 hr): \$35.00

6 mile ride (2 hrs): \$70.00

Day Ride (5 hrs): \$180.00 (min 4 persons, must be 12 years+)

Outlaw Overnight Ride (supper, slumber & cowboy breakfast- 3:00pm-11:00am): \$285.00 (min 2 persons, must be 8 years+)

### **Biking:**

Bikes are not allowed on the Gondola, but they are allowed on most trails around the resort. There are also many trails along the river on Hwy 410. Rentals are available at Alta Crystal 360-663-2500

**Swimming:** Silver Skis offers a heated 87° private pool to Silver Skis registered guests only (no hotel guests, RV, etc. allowed) Open midweek until 8pm and weekends until 10pm.

**DVD Rentals:** A huge rental library is located in the Silver Skis lobby offering a variety of movies. Summer Special; Rent 2 DVDs for only \$4

### **Board Games & Lawn Games:**

Available at the Silver Skis office: Horseshoes, Ladder Ball, Croquet, Bocce Ball, Basketball, etc.