

Portage Service from Diablo Lake to Ross Lake

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Safety Notes:

- Diablo Lake and Ross Lake are big lakes with LOTS of wind. The weather can change quickly and without warning
- There is no restaurant or store on-site
- Know your skill level
- Be prepared for the elements
- Do not overload your vessel
- While on Ross Lake, paddle early in the day to minimize wind exposure
- Wear your life jacket
- Always check the weather conditions when planning your trip and before you head out
- There is no cell service in the area; make all arrangements before starting your adventure

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Launch Your Vessel

- Park your vehicle & launch your canoe/kayak at Colonial Creek Campground



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Safely Paddle

- Paddle down Thunder Arm
- Turn RIGHT to paddle up the Skagit Gorge
- Stay close to shore at all times
- When a power boat approaches, slow down or stop paddling to allow the boat to quickly pass. Once boat has passed, turn into the wake
- **CAUTION: It can be very windy and choppy**

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Dock & Call for Portage Service

- Land your vessel at the portage dock
- Use phone to call the Resort office (instructions on the phone)
- **Keep access to Ferry Dock clear**
- **Keep your vessel and gear clear of the gravel road**
- We will pick-up your party, vessels and gear with our trucks & transport you on the haul road to Ross Lake
- Be prepared with cash to pay driver. Check RossLakeResort.com for current rates
- Be prepared to show backcountry permit to driver
- When your trip is done, we will do the same thing in reverse! Use phone (see map) to call office for portage service

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Portage Service Notes:

- Operates 7 days a week during the season from 8 AM to 4 PM
- No reservation is required. Simply call the Ross Lake Resort office using the phone at the portage dock
- Please be patient. We work as fast as we can but backups occur during the busy summer months. With COVID policies for 2021, the best times to portage are before 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM and after 3:30 PM
- You **MUST** have a backcountry permit from the National Park Service to camp on Ross Lake. Ross Lake Resort cannot portage your party without a permit

