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# Mount Rainier National Park News Release

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## High Visitation Expected Throughout the Summer Park roads and facilities are open for the season

As we approach the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, Mount Rainier National Park is already been experiencing high visitation, creating long wait times at park entrance stations, heavy traffic on park roads, and congested parking lots. Visitors to Mount Rainier National Park are encouraged to visit on weekdays and arrive in the early morning or late afternoon to avoid long waits at entrances and move easily to find a parking spot.

The park continues to work on ways to reduce congestion in heavily visited areas, such as testing various approaches to traffic flow at Paradise. Visitors are reminded that overflow parking is also available at the Paradise Picnic Area and along Paradise Valley Road. At Sunrise, when the parking area is filled to capacity, incoming vehicles are held at the White River Entrance Station and allowed to proceed only when parking spots become available by vehicles departing the lot.

As of Friday, June 30, most park facilities and roads are open for the summer, including roads to Sunrise and to Mowich Lake. Ricksecker Point will remain closed due to the road paving project between Longmire and Paradise. A complete listing of the current park road status and facility hours can be found on the park website, [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora).

“There are incredible experiences throughout the park and the surrounding areas”, said Randy King, Mount Rainier National Park Superintendent. “By planning your trip to avoid peak congestion times, you may find that you spend less time looking for parking and more time enjoying the park.”

Park information, announcements, and the Mount Rainier webcams are posted on the park’s official website, [nps.gov/mora](http://nps.gov/mora).

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