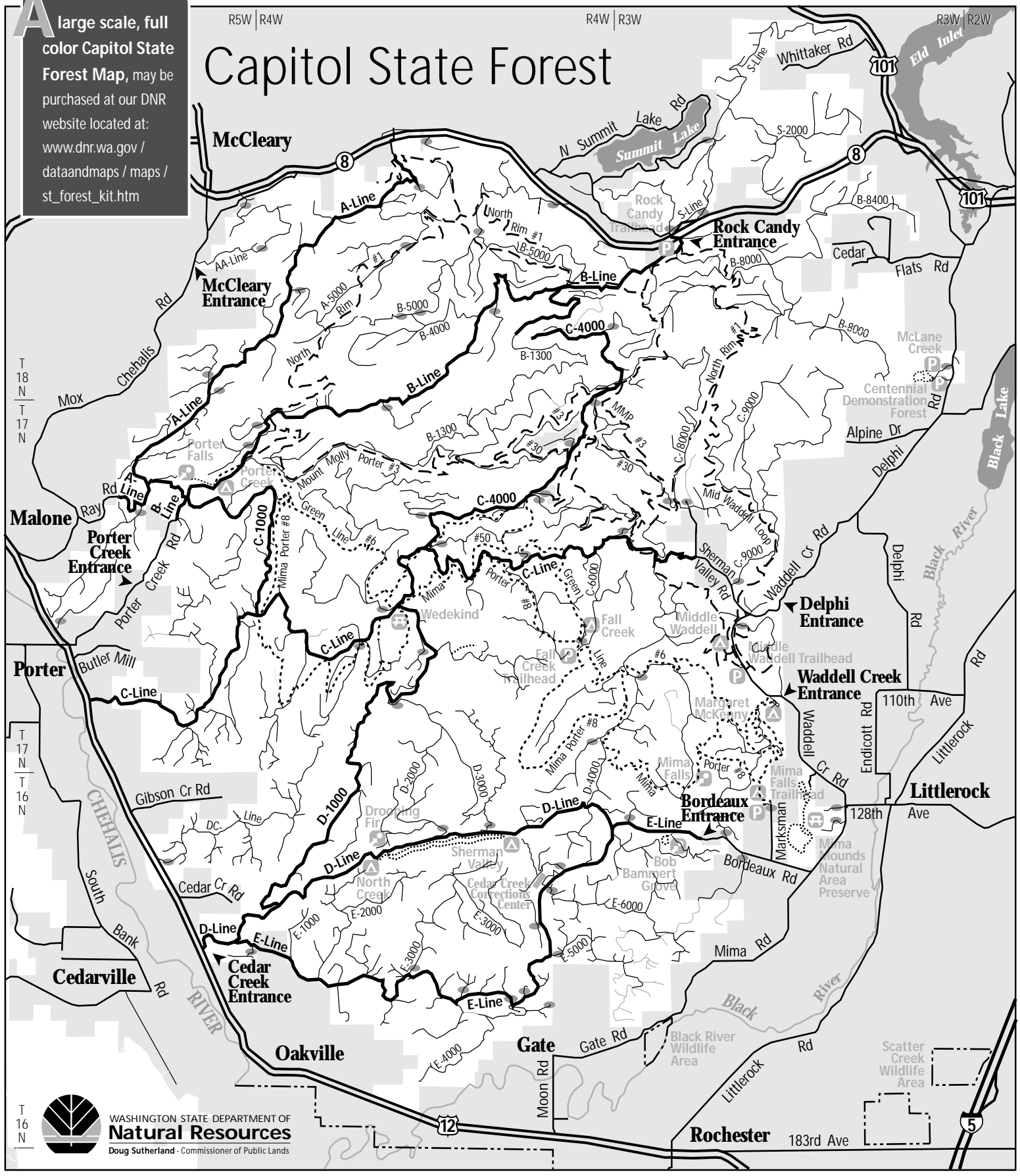


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**LEGEND**

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- Major Highway
- County or City Rd
- Primary Forest Rd
- Secondary Forest Rd
- Motorbike/Mtn Bike/Hiker Trail
- Horse/Mtn Bike/Hiker Trail
- Hiker Only Trail
- Campground
- Picnic Site
- Parking or Trailhead
- Point of Interest
- Gate

## Rules to remember

### On the Roads

- **CAUTION:** Few roads are paved and all have soft shoulders.
- Logging trucks, heavy equipment, and other vehicles use these roads. Be ready to yield the right-of-way.
- **DRIVE WITH CAUTION.** On forest management roads, keep speed under 25 mph.
- Speed limit in camp and picnic sites is 5 mph.
- Please do not litter.
- Motorcycles, horses, and mountain bikes are allowed behind gated roads shown on this map *unless* roads are posted or abandoned.

### On the Trails

- Stay on signed, approved trails.
- Unsigned trails are CLOSED.

- Respect the rights of others on trails.
- Do not ride in streams or on road berms.
- Watch for unmarked hazards on trails.
- Off-road vehicles (ORV) must have vehicle license or ORV permit tag, and U.S. Forest Service-approved spark arrestor.
- Trails are closed to ORVs and horses, Nov. 1 to March 31.

### In the Campsites

- Respect sites designed for people with disabilities.

- Camp only in designated campgrounds and campsites open April 1 – Oct. 31.
- Do not alter or remove vegetation.
- Limit fires to campsite fireplaces.
- Do not burn pallets or treated wood.
- Maintain quiet from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Do not shoot in or near recreation sites, trails, or roads. Check for hikers or other quiet users.
- ORV use not permitted in campgrounds.
- Use of fireworks is strictly prohibited.
- Campsites are available first-come, first-served. No reservations.
- Limit stay to 7 days per calendar year.



# A working forest

Most of the income produced in this forest — for schools and other beneficiaries — comes from the harvest of timber. Harvests are carefully planned years in advance and are designed to support a living mosaic of forestland that is habitat for wildlife and protection for streams and fish.

A telecommunications site on Capitol Peak is leased for radio, television and cellular phone transmission. Other trust income is earned from commercial permits to pick forest products such as ferns, salal, and noble fir boughs to support the floral and greenery market.

Along with producing trust income, DNR protects forest health, wildlife habitat and water in Capitol Forest. This ensures that future generations will be able to benefit from the forest as we do.

DNR adapts its management to new information, science and technology. In designing timber harvests, key areas are left standing to retain the biologically-complex old forest. Its abundant microorganisms, fungi, plants and animals contribute to the overall health and productivity of the ecosystem. This creates a more diverse mosaic of forest types.

The result is that visitors to Capitol State Forest will see various harvest styles — partial cuts, small clear cuts and thinnings. Visitors also will see standing trees, decaying logs, shrubs and snags (dead standing trees) that sustain the diversity important to the lands' wildlife and forest health.

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# Recreation and stewardship

Capitol State Forest, just 5 miles from Olympia, is popular for a wide variety of recreation opportunities. Open to the public since 1955, campers, hikers, hunters, horseback riders, mountain bikers, and motorcycle riders play here. Whether spending a week in a campsite, an hour picking mushrooms or taking an afternoon drive for the scenic views, more than 150,000 people visit each year.

Capitol Forest is divided into two parts to prevent conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreation. Motorized recreation, like ORVs, is allowed on the north half, and horseback riding is limited to the south. Mountain bikers and hikers use both halves of the forest, with some trails for hikers only.

Trails are open year-round for hikers and mountain bikers. Trails for motorized vehicles and horseback riders are open from April through October, along with the forest campgrounds. Winter closures help DNR protect forest soils and streams that are important for fish habitat.

	Camping units	Picnic units	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Interpretive Trails	Hiking Trails	Mountain Bike Trails	Horse Trails	Motorbike Trails	Capitol State Forest Recreation Sites and Facilities
Fall Creek	8									Forest Stream Setting
Fall Creek Trailhead										Horse Ramp Non-Motorized Trailhead
Margaret McKenny	25									Group Fire Circle, Forest Stream Setting
McLane Creek Centennial Demo Forest										Interpretive Nature Trails, Beaver Pond
Middle Waddle	24									Motorbike Oriented
Middle Waddle Trailhead										Motorbike Trailhead
Mima Falls Trailhead	5	3								Forest Setting
Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve		6								Interpretive Nature Trails, Mounded Prairie
North Creek	5									Hiker Only Trail, Biking on Roads Only, Forest Stream
Porter Creek	16									Forest Stream Setting
Rock Candy Trailhead										Parking Only
Sherman Valley	7									Hiker Only Trail, Biking on Roads Only, Forest Stream
Wedekind										Forest Setting Group Fire Circle

Number by camping and picnic symbols is number of sites.  
Facility shown with  is on a barrier free route of travel from an accessible parking area. Levels of accessibility vary.

With Washington's population increasing, and more forest land being developed, there are fewer forests for people to enjoy.

As a working forest, Capitol State Forest can continue to be a place where people work and play outdoors, where tree harvesting and replanting cycles bring an

unending stream of revenue to the school and county trusts, and where native plant and animals species thrive — for centuries to come.

### Volunteers help create a better forest experience

DNR relies on the good work of volunteers. Volunteers help build and maintain campgrounds and trails. They pick

up garbage, restore damaged areas and provide information to visitors. People volunteer in organized recreation groups, some as individuals, and all care about the forest.

Help by volunteering and respecting the forest. To volunteer, call: 1-800-527-3305, ext. 111

Organized events require a DNR permit. Call Central Region at 360-748-2383

**CAUTION:** This map shows the approved trails only. Forest trails not shown on the map are CLOSED.

**General Information**  
1-800-527-3305

**General Text Telephone for the Deaf (TTY)**  
360-902-1125

**Medical Aid/Sheriff**  
911

**To report wildfires**  
1-800-562-6010 or 911

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