

ELWHA April 11, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

UNSTABLE BANKS

ROCKS IN WATER

LARGE WOOD + FLOWING WATER

WILDLIFE - [BEARS, RACCOONS, ELK, COUGARS]
RATTLESNAKES

CURRENT + WATER

INSECTS [TICS, MOSQUITOS]

WEATHER

POISONOUS PLANTS

STINGING PLANTS

CLIFF SIDES

HIGH WINDS + FALLING SNAGS

ROOTS / ERODING SEDIMENT

TERRITORIAL BIRDS [OWLS, EAGLES, GROUSE]

OTHER HUMANS

HUMAN HAZARDS

FUEL, GAS

FIRES

KNIVES

POOR JUDGEMENT SKILLS

LACK OF SLEEP

ANXIETY

FOOD IN TENT

BEING DISTRACTED

SUBSTANCES

EPI-PEN

BEAR SPRAY

UNSAFE FOOD (ALLERGENS OR EXPIRED)

SICKNESS

WALKING AWAY FROM CAMP → BEING ALONE

→ MILK, TREE NUTS, EGGS

POLICIES TO PREVENT HAZARDS

ELWHA TRIP
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- * KEEP ALLERGENS OUT OF FOOD
- * GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STORING FOOD
 - * HANG BEAR BAGS 2X/DAY → ONCE AFTER BREAKFAST & ONCE AFTER DINNER
 - * INCLUDE PRODUCTS THAT SMELL IN BAGS
 - * NO FOOD IN TENTS
- * CHECK-IN WITH YOUR GROUP MEMBERS AT LEAST 1/DAY
(What is the boundary in which you can be alone?)
 - ↳ BE IN VOCAL DISTANCE WITH SOMEONE IF YOU ARE NOT IN PAIRS.
 - (What is minimum group size?)
 - ↳ AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE PER GROUP
- * HAVE LEADER + PERSON FALLING BEHIND GROUP
 - ↳ BREAK INTO 2 GROUPS FOR HIKE IN
 - ↳ BE IN EARSHOT + EYESHOT OF PERSON FRONT + BEHIND YOU
 - ↳ MINIMUM OF 4 PEOPLE / GROUP
- * SAFE-HANDLING OF FUEL
 - * DESIGNATED PLACE FOR FUEL
 - * MAKE SURE WE TURN ON/OFF PROPERLY
- * ENSURE CAMPFIRE ARE PUT OUT PROPERLY
- * NEVER BE FILTERING WATER THROUGH ELWHA RIVER
 - ALWAYS FILTER FROM A STREAM
- * SIGN-IN, SIGN-OUT SHEET (LAMINATED, USE SHARPIE TO MARK)
- * BE BACK AN HOUR BEFORE DUSK
- * DON'T BRING SUBSTANCES IN TO CAMP
- * NO UNWOLED CARIBEANERS OF ANY KIND

HIKE-IN