



Smoke Outlook

Olympic NP 2023 Lightning Fires

9/18 - 9/19

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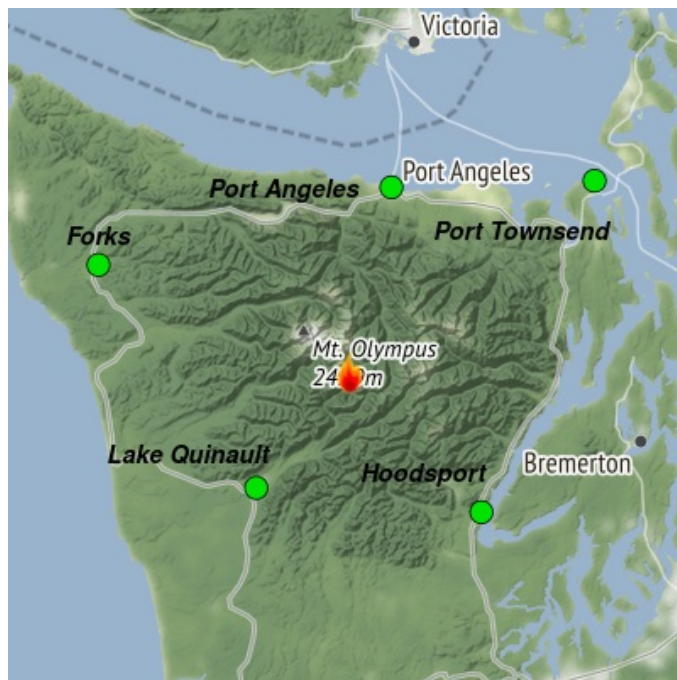
Please check the [Olympic NP webpage](https://www.nps.gov/olymp/index.htm) for road and trail closures associated with area wildfires (<https://www.nps.gov/olymp/index.htm>)

Fire

Seven fires are burning in Olympic National Park for a total of about 2,024 acres. These fires were ignited from a series of lightning strikes on the afternoon of August 28. The largest is the Delabarre fire located about 3 miles SE of Mount Christie at about 1,500 acres. Cooling temperatures and light rain should keep the fires from growing too rapidly today.

Smoke

Light smoke from the Olympic NP fires will move to the east today (9/18/2023) towards Hood Canal and Puget Sound but air quality is expected to remain Good in general with short periods of Moderate air quality possible. Recreationists on the eastern side of the Park in the area of Deer Park, Dosewallips, and Graves Creek are likely to see and smell some smoke at times. Winds turn more easterly tomorrow so smoke will move more towards the coast although at this time impacts are expected to remain light.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

Station	Yesterday			Sun 9/17	Comment for Today -- Mon, Sep 18	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Mon 9/18	Tue 9/19
Forks	No hourly data				Smoke is not expected to impact Forks for the foreseeable future.	●	●
Lake Quinault	No hourly data				Air quality is expected to remain good today. Light smoke possible tomorrow.	●	●
Hoodport	No hourly data				Light smoke impacts at times but overall air quality is expected to remain Good.	●	●
Port Townsend	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Light smoke possible at times but air quality is expected to remain Good.	●	●
Port Angeles	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Air quality is expected to remain Good today.	●	●

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
● Good	None
● Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
● USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
● Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
● Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
● Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

***Disclaimer:** This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

[Olympic NP Alerts and Conditions -- https://www.nps.gov/olymp/playyourvisit/conditions.htm](https://www.nps.gov/olymp/playyourvisit/conditions.htm)

[2023 Olympic NP Fires status on INCIWEB -- https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/waolp-2023-olympic-national-park-lightning-fires](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/waolp-2023-olympic-national-park-lightning-fires)

by Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program -- www.wildlandfiresmoke.net

Olympic NP Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/f4698a31>

*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health

