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Holden Village closed to hikers summer 2026

No foot or vehicle traffic on FSR 8301 between Holden Village ballpark and Lucerne

CHELAN, WA. July 8, 2026 - Holden Village is closed to all guests, including hikers, through the remainder of 2026. In addition, Forest Service Road 8301 is closed to all vehicle and foot traffic. No bus transport is available between Holden Village and Lucerne.

The closure is due to December mudslides on FSR 8301. A survey of the road has identified severe damage along the entire length of FSR 8301. According to [a January 29 order](#), from the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts, the closure on FSR 8301 starts at and includes the Lucerne commercial dock and continues up the road to its terminus at the Holden Village ballfield. All access without a permit is prohibited. This order is in effect until December 31, 2027, unless rescinded sooner.

Areas within and around Holden Village are also closed to hikers. RioTinto has closed access to portions of the Railroad Creek Trail and southern Bypass Road running between the water treatment plant and Holden Village east garage. Hikers attempting to pass through or around the Village using the Copper Basin trail cannot cross these sections of roadway.

Campsites and trails west of Holden Village remain available to hikers. The Cloudy Pass Trail, Holden Lake Trail, and Winston Trail remain open. However, hikers would need to access these trails from the west or north and cannot pass through Holden Village. Hikers are encouraged to explore alternative routes starting or ending in Stehekin.

Holden Village is unable to provide any hiker support including meals, accommodations, transportation, or supply depot services. Holden Village staff and former staff are also prohibited from hiking into the Village without express permission.

For current information about wilderness trail conditions, closures, and alerts in the region, please visit the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest website.

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About the Village

Located in the heart of Washington's North Cascades Mountains, Holden Village is an iconic retreat center that offers visitors a unique opportunity to step into the wilderness to form and renew their relationship with God, the earth, and each other. Over the course of more than 60 years, Holden Village has been transformed from a copper mining town to a vibrant place of education, programming, and worship where everyone is welcome and embraced and invited into deepening renewal.