

Another Benefit of Hydro Power

Spada Lake Reservoir is the principal source of drinking water for 75 percent of Snohomish County's population. As a result, maintenance of high water quality is of primary importance. Water quality depends upon responsible public observation of the following:

WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS

1. Boat launching only at designated locations.
2. No combustion engines allowed on Spada Lake Reservoir.
3. Licensed motorized vehicle operation on improved roads only.
4. Picnicking only at approved sites.
5. Pets must remain in vehicles or be leashed at all times.
6. No overnight camping.
7. No swimming, paddleboarding, wading and/or water-contact activities in creeks or Spada Lake Reservoir.
8. No inflatable devices on Spada Lake Reservoir.

IMPORTANT

All sources of water within the basin are untreated, and consumption is not recommended. There is no cell phone reception at Spada Lake, please come prepared.

FISHING REGULATIONS

For the most current fishing regulations, contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife at 360-902-2700 or check its website at wdfw.wa.gov. **Note: All tributaries to the lake are closed to fishing.**

DIRECTIONS TO SPADA LAKE:

From Everett/Monroe: Take US Route 2 east through the town of Sultan. A quarter-mile past town, turn left (north) onto Sultan Basin Road. Follow the Basin Road 13.5 miles to Olney Pass.

From Seattle: Take State Route 522 east to Monroe. Take US Route 2 east and follow above directions.

The Sultan Basin Road is a county-maintained road and is paved for the first 10.5 miles. The final 3 miles to Olney Pass (end of county road) are gravel, as are all roads on PUD property within the Sultan Basin.



CONTACT

For more information about the recreation sites, visit snopud.com/spada.



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Spada Lake Reservoir Recreational Sites



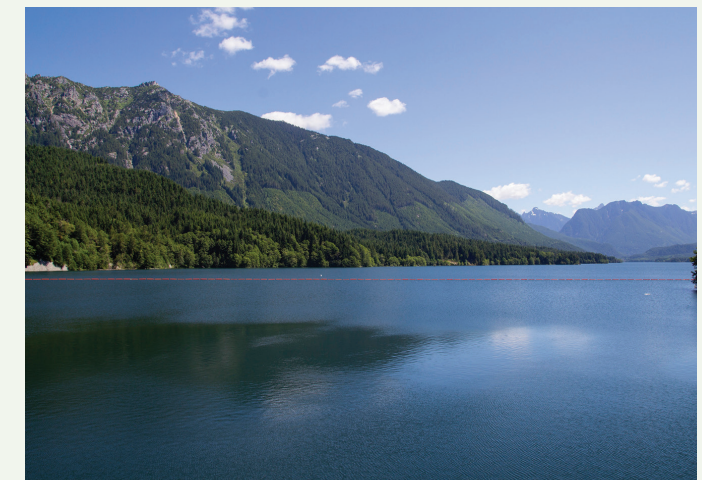
The Henry M. Jackson Hydroelectric Project was constructed and is operated by Snohomish County PUD under a license granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Project #2157) in 2011. (The original 50-year license was held by both the PUD and the City of Everett from 1961).

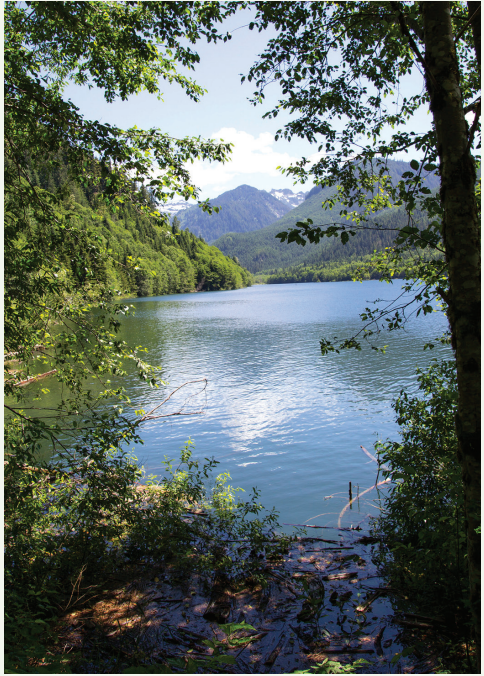
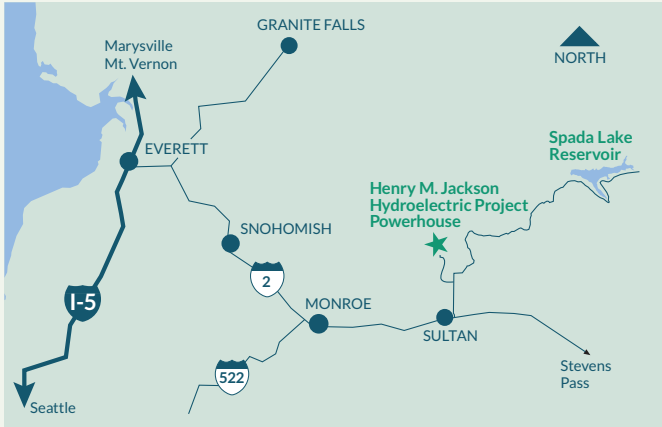
Spada Lake Reservoir was created in 1965 when Culmback Dam – an earth-and-rock-filled structure with an impervious clay core – was built across the Sultan River. The reservoir served to increase the capacity of the water system serving Snohomish County. The surface area of the reservoir was doubled and storage capacity quadrupled in 1984 when the Jackson Project was completed by Snohomish County PUD. The \$241.6 million project involved raising Culmback Dam and building facilities capable of generating enough power to supply about 56,000 homes. Typically, water from Spada Lake Reservoir flows through an intake structure near the dam and then through an eight-mile tunnel and pipeline to the powerhouse, located 12 miles downstream on the Sultan River. Water is conveyed from the powerhouse to Chaplain Reservoir where most is diverted for treatment by the City of Everett to make it suitable for municipal supply. Some water is conveyed back to the Sultan River at the City's Diversion Dam to maintain in-stream flows. The remaining water is returned to the river immediately below the powerhouse.

The Sultan Basin has a rich history as a public resource. Loggers, prospectors, fishermen, hikers, and mountain climbers have all made extensive use of the basin over the past century. Today, the basin also supplies 75 percent of Snohomish County with drinking water and provides clean, renewable electricity.

An active program to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the area is an important benefit of the project. With the completion of multiple recreation sites in the basin, the public has improved access to the reservoir and the Sultan River for fishing, picnicking, hiking, and other activities.

Most recreation sites were opened for public use in the summer of 1991 with additional sites added in 2013. These facilities provide: access for fishing and boating, picnic areas, viewpoint overlooks, interpretive signage, and public restrooms. Most sites have picnic tables. At the two sites along the south shore, boat launches provide access to the lake. The reservoir provides drinking water; therefore, swimming, wading, board sports, overnight camping, and inflatable devices (including float tubes) are not allowed in the area. Only rowboats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes and boats using electric motors are permitted on the reservoir. Please ensure that no aquatic invasive species are present on watercraft prior to entering the Sultan Basin and Spada Lake Reservoir.





	Miles from Olney Pass	Registration	Signage	Restrooms	Parking	Boat Launch	Picnic Areas
Olney Pass		◆	◆				
South Fork	3.2		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
South Shore	5.2		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Nighthawk	5.8		◆				◆
Bear Creek	6.4		◆	◆			◆
Gateway	1.4		◆		◆		◆
Culmback	1.7		◆	◆			◆
North Shore	2.1		◆	◆			◆

South Fork has covered picnic areas

*These gates may be temporarily closed due to hazardous road conditions or road work (see "Spada Lake Reservoir Access" at snopud.com/spada for the latest details).