

Featured Day Trip Activity

Boulder Cave Trail

Just an hour away from Canyon River Ranch is short hike that leads to the natural wonders left behind by a unique erosion process. When the Yakima Basalt Formation, a series of lava flows with sediment deposits, covered the area. Devil Creek eventually eroded these deposits, causing sediment to collapse and the caves to form. The trail to Boulder Cave was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1930s and has been improved several times since then. If you plan to walk through the cave do not forget a light source or two. Also, this area is an important habitat for the Pacific western big-eared bat, so please follow guidelines to reduce disturbance to this sensitive species



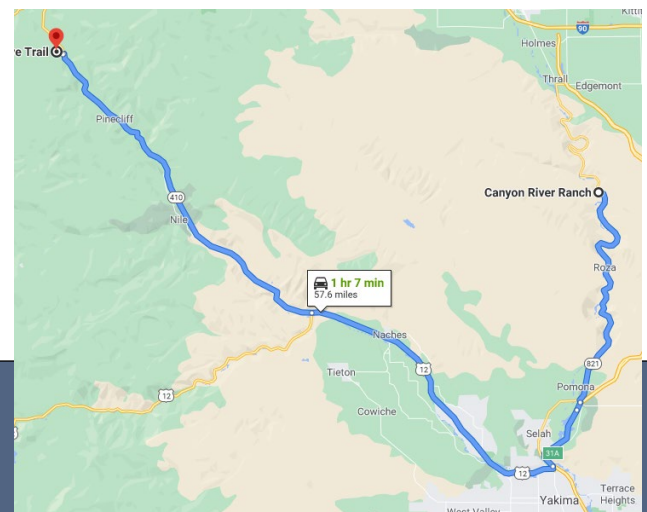
Features

- ❖ 1.5 mile trail, 400 ft elevation gain
- ❖ 2 Restrooms
- ❖ Habitat for the Pacific western big-eared bat
- ❖ Covered and Paved Picnic Area with benches along the Naches River

Directions

Head South on Canyon River Road and turn right to merge onto I-82 E toward Yakima. Take Highway 12 W for 4.4 miles and continue onto Highway 410 W and follow for another 25 miles past the community of Cliffdell. Then turn left on Forest Road 1704 / Old River Road, cross the bridge over the Naches River, take a right and follow road to the end.

Northwest Forest Pass is required at Boulder Cave Picnic Site.



For more information on the Boulder Cave Trail visit

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recarea/?recid=58133>