

Camping near the Tieton River

Flowing out of the eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountains, this pristine area offers year-round and stellar fall whitewater rafting on the Tieton River. Just 45 minutes west of Yakima and two hours from Seattle, there are numerous options for rural camping and RV hookups.

All of our Tieton River trips begin and end at our Tieton base camp, located close to the put-in for the run, just west of Yakima, WA. You can find driving directions to our Tieton base camp by following the link in your confirmation email, also included below. Keep the attachment handy - the Tieton is remote and cell service is marginal! Here are some of the options for camping near our Tieton Base Camp:

Hause Creek Campground - Located on the Tieton River less than a mile from the basecamp. This is a tent only facility without water or electricity.

www.recreation.gov/camping/ campgrounds/234017

Indian Creek Campground- Located on the Tieton River less than a mile from basecamp. This location accomodates both RV and tent camping. Campground includes vault toilets and potable water.

www.recreation.gov/camping/ campgrounds/232892

Dog Lake Campground – Small turn around and not suitable for vehicles over 20 feet. Campground has vault toilets and is about 20 minutes from basecamp. Trailhead to Cramer Lake starts here and the trail to Spiral Butte is a few minutes down the road. Campsites are first come first serve.

Silver Beach - Tent and RV camping on Rimrock Lake. Picnic table, firepit, potable water, toilets, and showers all provided. Rimrock is known for its Kokanee fishing. 6 people maximum in 2 tents per site. Approximately 10 minutes from basecamp.

(509)672-2500

https://campingatsilverbeach.com/

Peninsula Campground – Dispersed camping for RVs and tents located on a peninsula on the east shore of Rimrock Lake. Campground has vault toilets, no water, and is on a first come first serve basis.

From Naches travel west on Highway 12 W for about 22 miles. Turn left at Lost Lake Rd onto Forest Road 1200 / Tieton Reservoir Rd. Follow Forest Road 1200 for 3 miles to Forest Road 711. Turn right and travel 1.5 miles. Approximately 15 minutes from Basecamp.

Clear Lake North & Clear Lake South -

Excellent fishing in Clear Lake for native trout. Campground has vault toiets, no electricity, no water, and is on a first come first serve basis.

From Naches travel west on Highway 12 for 31 miles. Turn left onto Forest Road 1200 / Tieton Reservoir Rd. and follow for 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Forest Road 740 and go 0.5 mile. 15 minutes from Basecamp.

Windy Point - Windy Point campground offers sites for RVs and tent camping. Campground has potable water, picnic tables, and vault toilets.

https://www.recreation.gov/camping/ campgrounds/234026 **Elk Ridge RV Campground –** RVs, tents, and cabins located in the Naches Valley about 35 minutes from basecamp. Potable water, electricty, toilets, and showers available, as well as a small market

(509)658-2093

https://elkridgecampground.com/

Squaw Rock Resort and Campground -

RVs, tents, and cabins with full amenities and a small shop about 35 minutes away from basecamp.

(509)658.-2800

https://squawrockrvresortandcampground. com/

Rimrock Lake Resort - Lakeside RV and tent campground with potbale water and full amenities only 5 minutes from basecamp.

(509)672-2460

http://www.rimrocklakeresort.com/

Recreation.gov

https://www.recreation.gov

Forest Service Campground

https://www.fs.usda.gov/



Directions to Tieton Base Camp

The Tieton is located along highway 12, West of Yakima. Thanks to the remote location, the area offers many excellent camping options alongside the Tieton River. The majority of the sites are first-come-first-serve. There are also several great lodging options. Give us a call for more information.



From Portland/Vancouver:

From Portland (3 hours): Follow I-5 North to exit 68 for highway 12 East. Follow 12 East over White Pass, and past Rim Rock Lake. After you pass the Rim Rock grocery store, continue for a couple of miles until you see small signs for Soup Creek / Snow Park, a larger sign for Rimrock Lake Recreation area and a bridge on the right going over the Tieton. At that intersection take a LEFT TURN onto FS-1305 to the private Wet Planet Camp and look for Wet Planet signs, vehicles, and rafts on the right. The turn-off is between mile marker 167 and 168 on Hwy 12.

NOTE: This is a remote area, and cell phone reception is marginal. We suggest keeping these directions on hand as a backup for any gps or navigational devices.

From Seattle:

Fast route (3 hours): I-90 East, after 105 miles follow I-82 East. Take Exit 31, just before Yakima. Follow 12 WEST, driving through Naches (12 West turns left outside of Naches, make sure you stay on 12 West) and the tiny town of Rim Rock until you see small signs for Soup Creek / Snow Park, a larger sign for Rimrock Lake Recreation area, and a bridge on the left going over the Tieton. At that intersection, take a RIGHT TURN onto FS-1305 to the private Wet Planet Camp and look for Wet Planet signs, vehicles, and rafts on the right. The turn-off is between mile marker 167 and 168 on Hwy 12.

Also from Seattle:

Scenic route (3.5 hours): Take I-5 to I-405. From Renton, take SR-169 heading towards Enumclaw. In Enumclaw, turn left onto SR-410 East (Roosevelt Ave). After about 40 miles it will fork with SR-410 continuing east to the left and highway 123 going south to the right. KEEP RIGHT, following 123. At the end of highway 123, turn left onto highway 12 going east, towards White Pass. Follow 12 East over White Pass and past Rim Rock Lake. After you pass the Rim Rock grocery store, continue for a couple of miles until you see small signs for Soup Creek / Snow Park, a larger sign for Rimrock Lake Recreation area and a bridge on the right going over the Tieton. At that intersection take a LEFT TURN onto FS-1305 to the private Wet Planet Camp and look for Wet Planet signs, vehicles, and rafts on the right. The turn-off is between mile marker 167 and 168 on Hwy 12.