

Directions to Mt. Blanchard Trailhead

In Skagit County

Directions: I-5 northbound, exit # 240 to Alger.

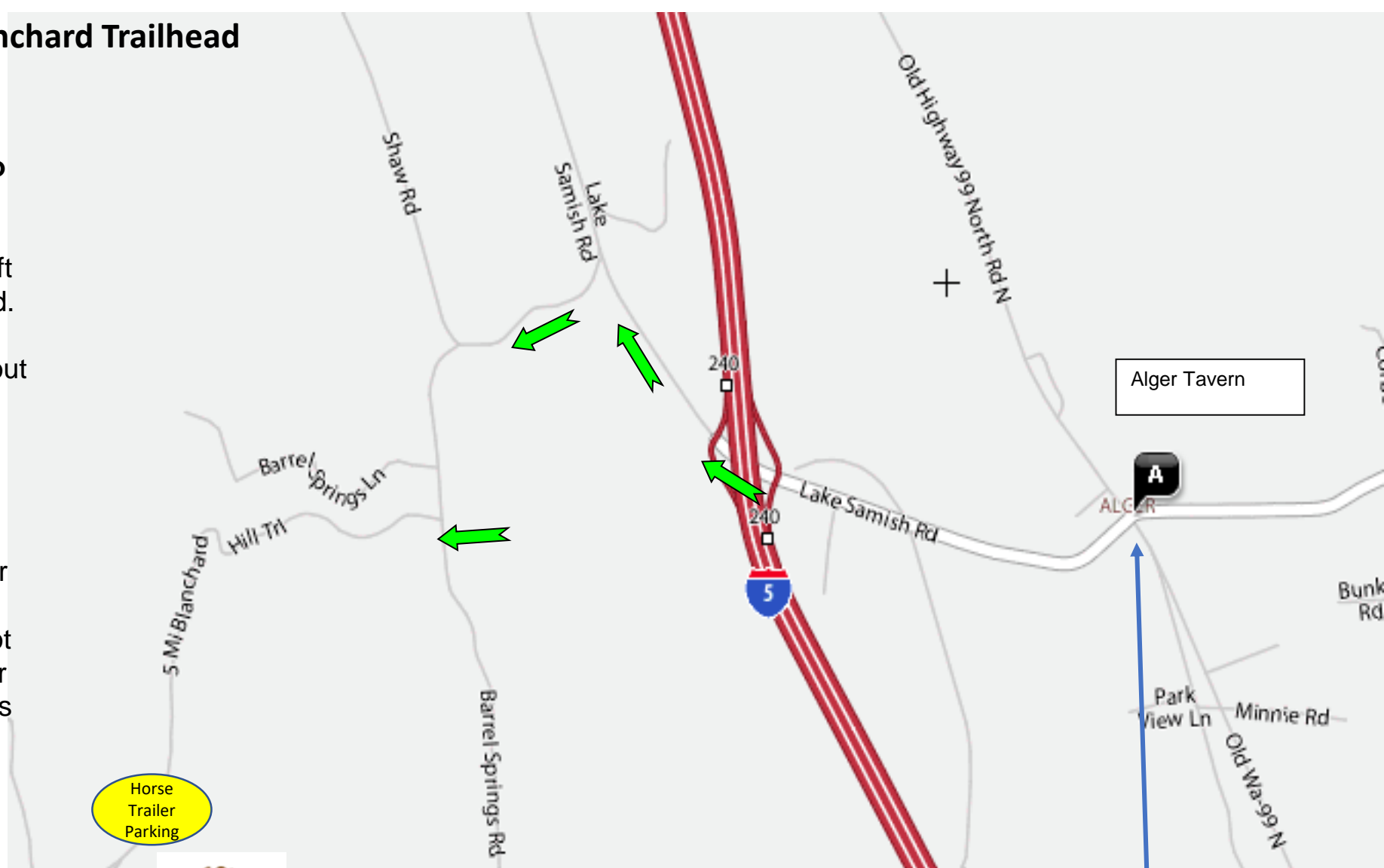
Turn left at end of off ramp onto Lake Samish Road, cross over freeway. Turn left on the first paved road, Barrel Springs road. This is a sharp, tight left turn, give yourself some room if there is a car waiting to pull out onto the main road.

Continue on Barrel Springs road about a mile. Look for gravel road on your right. There may or may not be a sign about Trailhead parking. Follow the gravel road less than a mile to the parking area on your right.

Please back into the parking space. Do not park parallel to the hillside. Leave room for others. There is a concrete restroom at this location.

Trail entrance from the parking lot near the restrooms.

You can go to the following web site for a map of the trails,
<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/blanchard.pdf>



Horse
Trailer
Parking



If you would like to enjoy some fine dining before you finish your day, head into Alger. The Alger Tavern is at the intersection of Old Hwy 99 and Lake Samish Road. On the map marked with the letter "A". Plenty of space for horse trailers.



Ride Rating Scale

Ride leader: Must RSVP	
Driving conditions to TH:	Paved all but last mile. Last quarter mile is steep. If you don't have 4x4, keep your momentum up.
Pass Required:	Discover Pass
Ride out time:	11:00 AM
Approx. ride time:	3 - 4 hours
Trail terrain:	Elevation gain but not dramatic. Trail has narrow places with trees very close to your knees, some bridge crossings. On the way down the Lily/Lizzard loop (recommend riding clock wise) there are some large stop downs.
Ride level:	Beginner/intermediate
Equine hoof suggestions:	shoes or boots recommended
Over night camping:	If you really wanted to, yes.
Any facilities at Trail head:	Vault toilet at lower & upper parking areas.
Maps of the riding area:	https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/blanchard.pdf

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