

A PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT RAINIER

The story of a group of pilgrims traveling from the city of Tacoma through Longmire Springs and Paradise Valley to the summit of Mount Rainier.

The picture post card medium was chosen to visually engage the viewer in the remoteness of the journey, the beauty of the surroundings, the glory of the Mountain, and the wonders of the final ascent.

Mount Rainier from the meadows of Paradise.



Real photo, photographer unknown, cancelled at Longmire in August 1914.

The cards illustrate the stages of this particular pilgrimage rather than showing general views of Mount Rainier. The images make specific contributions to the story and use eye-catching detail to highlight the subjects presented.

Cards from 1900 to 1930 are shown, including scarce cards and cards with special features.

<i>Post Card Formats</i>	<i>Years Used</i>
Private Mailing Card	1898 to 1901
Undivided back	1902 to 1907
Divided back	1907 to 1915
White border	1915 to 1930

<i>Stages of the Pilgrimage</i>	<i>Stage</i>
Approaching the Mountain	1
Primeval Forest and Longmire Springs	2
Along the Road to Paradise	3
Settling in at Paradise	4
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