

OCEAN CITY, COPALIS, MOCLIPS

"Up the beach," as the natives say, are the small towns of Ocean City, Copalis, Moclips, Pacific Beach and Copalis Crossing, all rich in history and natural beauty. The area has accommodations ranging from tent camping to resort facilities. It also has two Washington State Parks.

Ocean City, famed for its razor clam digging, is immortalized in Norah Berg's book, "Lady on the Beach."

Copalis Beach, originally an Indian encampment, once was headquarters for commercial razor clam canneries. Ocean front resorts and campgrounds offer enjoyable accommodations and easy access to ocean beaches and hiking trails.

Pacific Beach was settled by an otter hunter and later developed as a resort area. When the US Navy vacated the base located here, it was quickly turned into a beachfront recreational area. Private resorts are located right on the beach.

Moclips became the terminus for the excursion trains that ran twice daily bringing literally thousands of Seattleites to the ocean. Its 285-room resort hotel was swept into the sea during a violent 1904 storm. Over the years these rooms have been replaced by the establishment of a number of fine resorts on the beach.

ABERDEEN/HOQUIAM

Three towns, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, lie at the base of the harbor. Built during the boom days of logging, they are a mixture of a rich and diverse cultural heritage. Residential areas, particularly in Aberdeen, exhibit architecture reflective of their old-world origins. Their history is well-displayed at the Aberdeen Historical Museum and the Polson Museum in Hoquiam.

The Harbor center is the ideal place to begin a day's drive to visit all 40 county Centennial murals painted by local artists depicting the area's history. In Cosmopolis the "Treaty Mural" commemorates the signing between the U.S. Government and the Chehalis Indian Nation. This site is the focal point of a river-front park. Cosmopolis celebrates its park system with an annual Festival In The Park. Additional festivals and events held in this tri-city area are: Splash!; Ethnic Heritage Festival; Loggers Playday and Aviation Day.

The Port of Grays Harbor's viewing tower lies midpoint between Aberdeen and Hoquiam on the waterfront. It provides a commanding view of shipping traffic and harbor birdlife. Migrating birds, 1-2 million strong, can also be viewed during their annual migration through the nationally recognized Bowerman Basin Refuge. This land is the newest bird refuge in the nation.

POLSON MUSEUM, Hoquiam, on Hwy. 101. Mansion with historical and logging memorabilia, collection of Indian basketry, rose garden and exotic trees. 1611 Riverside Ave. Admission Fee. June, July and Aug.: Wed.-Sun., 11-4. Other: Sat.-Sun., 11-4. For special tours call (360) 533-5862.

WESTPORT

Towards the ocean, the highway forks, turning north to **Westport** with its many shops, charter boats and wide sandy beaches. The marina, located in the hook of this peninsula, is a busy hub of activity as the seasonal fishing and crabbing boats land their daily catch. One can also see million-dollar pleasure boats being crafted.

The Westport Maritime Museum, the Shell Museum and the Westport Aquarium serve as additional visitor attractions. Photo opportunities abound, particularly at the lighthouse and the jetty.

For info on Westport and Grayland call 1-800-321-1924.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Olympic National Park is open all year. Some roads and facilities are closed in winter. Entrance fees (good for 7 days) are collected at various locations within the park from May through September.

Costs are \$10.00 per vehicle; \$5.00 on foot or bike. Annual entrance passes can be obtained at entrance stations for \$20.00. Commercial tours: capacity of 1-6 people (sedan) \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per person; 7-15 people (van) \$75.00; 16-25 people (minibus) \$100.00; 26 plus people (motor coach) \$200.00. Rates subject to change. For visitor information, please call (360) 565-3130 or for the deaf, 1-800-833-6385 or TTY 1-800-833-6388 for current information on campground, roads and facilities. Visit the web site at www.nps.gov/olymp

FERRY SERVICE-Regularly scheduled ferry service is in operation across Puget Sound with connections to the Hood Canal Floating Bridge and Bremerton. Schedules are available from Washington State Ferries, Seattle Ferry Terminal, Pier 52, Seattle, WA 98104; toll-free 1-800-843-3779 or (206) 464-6400. Ferry service is also available most of the year between Victoria, B.C. Canada and Port Angeles, Washington. Schedules available from Black Ball Transport, Inc., foot of Laurel Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362; (360) 457-4491. *Victoria Express*: (walk-on only) has seasonal service, 115 E. Railroad, Pt. Angeles, WA 98362; (800) 633-1589.

BUS LINES -Port Angeles is served by: *Olympic Bus Lines*, operating daily to Edmonds, Seattle, Sea-Tac, reservation needed, (360) 417-0700; *Clallam Transit*, runs daily (Monday through Saturday) within Port Angeles and commuter services to Sequim, Joyce, Lake Crescent, Forks, Neah Bay and LaPush. Possible summer stops at Lake Crescent Lodge & Log Cabin Resort, call (360) 452-4511 or 1-800-858-3747. *Jefferson Transit*, operates from Port Townsend and services Brinnon and connects with Clallam Transit in Sequim, it also connects Forks and Quinalt (360) 385-4777; and *Grays Harbor Transit* which operates from Olympia and Aberdeen and goes to Lake Quinalt, call (360) 532-2770 or 1-800-562-9730.

VISITOR CENTERS-*Olympic Park Visitor Center*, (360) 565-3130 located at 3002 Mt. Angeles Road in Port Angeles, houses the park's major exhibits, along with a small theater/auditorium, children's activity room and nature trails; open daily in summer. Reduced hours fall through spring. The *Hoh Visitor Center*, (360) 374-6925 in the Hoh Rain Forest has exhibits and 3 short nature trails; no full-time staff in winter. Both are open all year. Summer information centers are located at *Storm King* on Lake Crescent and at Kalaloch. *Hood Canal Ranger Station*, (360) 877-5254 offers information on the east side of the Olympic Peninsula. All carry park publications and visitor information and orientation.

HURRICANE RIDGE VISITOR CENTER-Located on Hurricane Ridge, 17 miles south of Port Angeles. Features sandwiches, light meals, curios and gifts and small park information center. Write: Manager, Forever Resorts, 416 Lake Crescent Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98363; (360) 928-3211. OPEN: daily, May 15-Sept 26, 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Visitor Center will be open winters, weather and road permitting, on weekends and holidays.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS-Free campfire programs, interpretive walks and talks are offered during the summer. Snowshoe walks are offered during the winter. See site bulletin boards for location, dates and times.

SEMINARS-For a more in-depth look at the natural and human resources of the park, visitors are invited to participate in *Olympic Park Institute*. A brochure is available at visitor centers or through the Olympic Park Institute, 111 Barnes Point Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98362 or call (360) 928-3720. www.yni.org/opi