



A Week at the Beach, or Two...

Take part or take all of this journey to the sea
Where the summer sun is reluctant to set
And the Rainbows come in threes

DAY ONE: CLALLAM BAY PARK, SLIP POINT, M & R TREE FARM, PILLAR POINT
Clallam Bay Park invites you to stroll along the bridge crossing the Clallam River to the many picturesque picnic spots along this pristine beach. This is home for the river otters playing along these banks. Watch the shore birds or explore the coastline for agates, fossils and other treasures. You'll find gas, groceries, travel supplies and more in this quaint little town, as well as ready-made lunches, hot or cold, at one of the eateries.* Slip Point is our outdoor aquarium -- one of the best exhibits you'll ever see. Examine tide pool animals and sea life. The historic lighthouse residence still sits on the point overlooking the windswept cape where an automated bell buoy warns boats of the dangerous yet luring rocks. * A beautiful 12-mile, 20-minute riverside drive east will take you to the Merrill & Ring Tree Farm. An informative self-guided tour, ends in a 70-year-old working rain forest where wood fiber products are replenished faster than anywhere on earth. * Five minutes up the road you'll enter Pillar Point Park where you'll find a boat launch in Butler's Cove and picnic tables by the beach, with Pillar Point off to the west. Watch the shore birds & wildlife or walk the massive sandy beach in search of treasures.
*Please respect our beaches. Take one treasure and leave the rest for others to see and for the sea to recycle. Remember the saying "take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

DAY TWO: A DAY IN SEKIU ON THE BEACH OR ON THE WATER

Experience the peace and quiet of this northwest coastal lifestyle. This historic bayfront fishing town, watched over by eagles, is never short on smiles or hellos. Known for record setting salmon, as well as halibut, lingcod and bottomfish. Sekiu means "quiet waters" making it accessible for fishermen and boaters alike. Kayak the straits or charter a boat for fishing, diving, kayaking, whale & wildlife tours. Rent a boat or bring your own. Moorage is available, as well as boat launches and a fuel dock at the marina. You'll find a full service dive shop, gift shops, espresso and more, in town. Our pub and restaurant are nearby, boasting water views. Hike, beachcomb, bird watch, and fossil hunt right here in town or just relax to the sights and sounds of this hidden treasure we call home.

DAY THREE: LAKE OZETTE, CAPE ALAVA, SAND POINT

In 30 minutes you can camp, picnic, swim, canoe, kayak and hike at the largest natural lake in the state, Lake Ozette. Stop here for espresso, snacks, food and more. *Follow 3.3 miles of easy cedar-planked trails through untouched forest and meadows to Cape Alava, where wildlife abounds near and on the beach. *Just to the north is the old village site where the Makahs uncovered their museum treasures. *Along the 3-mile stretch of primitive beach, dotted with sea stacks and tide pools, you'll discover the 44 ancient petroglyphs carved at wedding rock. *A 3-mile trek back on the Sandpoint boardwalk trail completes this 9-mile triangle. *Check tides for safe passage. The park suggests wearing soft soled shoes on the boardwalk. Average 5 hour hike.

DAY FOUR: NORTHWEST COASTLINE BETWEEN SEKIU AND NEAH BAY

While the resident eagles watch over our friends and neighbors year round, dozens of migrating bald eagles can be seen between Sekiu and Neah Bay in the spring. Frequent sightings of Gray whales, sea otters, and herons abound as well as over 200 bird species that live and migrate here. A continuation of unspoiled stretches of seacoast offers many turnoffs and opportunities to access the beaches, as well as unique accommodations, camping and RV parks right on the beach. Stop for gas, snacks, food and more. Kayak up the Hoko river and around Seal and Sail Rocks. Charter a boat for fishing, diving, kayaking, whale & wildlife tours. You'll find moorage available as well as a boat launch. Divers will find air and surfers, waves. This is truly a nature lover's paradise.

DAY FIVE: NEAH BAY, MUSEUM, MARINA, CAPE FLATTERY, HOBUCK BEACH

A 30-minute drive along the rugged coastline will bring you to the Makah Museum.

Share their legacy at this world class museum by viewing the 500+ year old artifacts that are beautifully displayed. Visitors may handle many articles. *Visit the new marina where the commercial fishing boats glide in and out of the harbor, and the waters are alive with seals, sea lions and shore birds of all kinds. *Another 20-minute drive will bring you to Cape Flattery, the most northwest point of the lower 48 states. The breathtaking cedar-planked trail, with scenery unsurpassed, meanders through towering fir and cedar trees. The wild ocean waves crash along the sea caves, cliffs and sea stacks and ending at the ocean swept tip, overlooking Tatoosh Island. This is an excellent viewing spot for migrating birds and whales. *Hobuck Beach, can be reached by car. Stroll the vast sandy beaches with ocean waves and surfers in the mist.

DAY SIX: SHI SHI BEACH, POINT OF ARCHES, MARINE SANCTUARY

Just a 60-minute drive will take you to one of the most photographed coastal spots as seen on the Travel Channel, Shi Shi Beach. A 2-mile hike one-way, this trail is laced with hand hued cedar planked board walks, ending with a steep beach access trail. Plenty of free parking at the trailhead, and your old favorite pay parking spot as well.

This magnificent beach will take you to Point of Arches and the Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary protects the largest concentration of seabirds in the U.S. The beauty here will convince you that this must be where the world began.

DAY SEVEN: SOL DUC HOT SPRINGS, SOL DUC FALLS, SALMON CASCADES

A 40-minute drive will take you where salmon fight their way up the Soleduck River at Salmon Cascades. *Hike well-maintained trails through enchanting old-growth forests of towering firs and delicate ferns. Take in the splendor of Sol Duc Falls, a peaceful mountain meadow, or sit beside an alpine lake and fish for trout. You can always spend the day swimming and relaxing in the legendary mineral pools. Is this heaven on earth or what ?

DAY EIGHT: LAKE CRESCENT, MARYMERE FALLS, SPRUCE RR TRAIL

In 45 minutes you'll be driving around the beautiful and legendary Lake Crescent, where boating, canoeing and fishing are all enjoyed. Find your picturesque spot to picnic along its shores, as there are many of them. *You'll find the Storm King Ranger Station which hosts many trailheads for walks, hikes, bikes, wheelchairs and even a _ mile paved mini trail. These trails wind through old-growth forests primeval, offering beautiful views of the lake, with some viewing former homestead sites. The spectacular 90-foot Marymere Falls and Moments in Time interpretive trail are found here.

DAY NINE: HURRICANE RIDGE

The 2-hour drive is worth it. Literally, 360 breathtaking views of the luring Straits of Juan de Fuca, Port Angeles, Mt. Angeles and the leeward Olympic Mountains are found on the many trails in this sub-alpine environment. Meadows painted with wildflowers, black-tailed deer and the whistle of the Olympic marmot all abound here at the top of the world and are easily accessed by wheelchair, walking and hiking. *From Port Angeles, you can mountain bike to the lodge at the top of Hurricane Ridge. You'll have the ride of your life on the way back down.

DAY TEN: VICTORIA, CANADA

A peaceful 1 hour 15 minute drive delivers you to Port Angeles. Once there enjoy a short ferry ride from Port Angeles to Victoria on Vancouver Island B.C. Tour the world famous Butchart Gardens, a floral paradise. Spend the day strolling through the many shops downtown and taking in the local sites. Victoria is considered one of the world's most beautiful cities.

DAY ELEVEN: LAPUSH, 2ND, 3RD, AND RIALTO BEACHES

In just 50 minutes you can surf the waves, watch the whales, kayak the waters or just sit in the sand and watch the wildlife at LaPush, First Beach. Second beach, with a .6 mile forested trail, and Third Beach, with a 1.5-mile trail, boast their own beauty of sandy beaches dotted with sea stacks, tide pools and watched over by eagles. Drive to Rialto Beach and see stacks of driftwood like you've never seen before. View the beach, James Island, Cake Rock, and wildlife from your car. Hike up the beach 1 _ miles to view Hole-In-The-Wall.

DAY TWELVE: FORKS, TIMBER MUSEUM, LAKE PLEASANT

Just 40 minutes away, you'll find timber heritage, pioneering spirit and friendly faces all around Forks. Shop the day away in the many one-of-a-kind shops and eat in one of the many restaurants. Stop by the Visitor Center for maps, brochures and a tour of the lovely gardens at Tillicum Park . *At the Timber Museum you'll find pioneer and regional history, an authentic fire lookout tower, and a 12ft Loggers Memorial. The free logging tours, Tuesday and Thursday (360 374-2531), are a fascinating journey into the realm with stories of the unforgettable characters that made it all happen. *Outside of town you'll find Lake Pleasant, which is exactly that, a pleasant little lake to picnic and swim, complete with play ground.

DAY THIRTEEN: HOH RAIN FOREST, RUBY BEACH, KALALOCH

After a 60-minute drive you will step back in time as you venture down trails where 500-year-old trees tower, ferns are everywhere, and mosses not only blanket the ground but also hang from the trees. You have just entered the Hoh Rain Forest either by wheelchair or walking. The Hall of Mosses being only 3/4 mile round trip is a magnificent experience. *Just minutes down the road, Ruby Beach, known for it's granular red garnets in the sand, sea stacks, and multi-colored cliffs, is the first of six distinct beaches, ending with Kalaloch known for its beautiful sunsets.

DAY FOURTEEN: DAY OF REST? OR MORE SIGHTS

We suggest you rest a day before you head home, but if you're up for more. Try the 40-minute drive to Kloshe Nanitch Lookout. The view doesn't get any better than this. The reconstructed fire lookout is a replica from the 1920's with spectacular views of Lake Crescent, Mt. Olympus, Lake Pleasant and the Sol Duc Valley. Skilled back road drivers can make it to the top of this 7 mile one lane gravel road, the rest of us hike it. *After all this hiking your feet deserve a break. Raft, kayak or canoe the Olympic National Park, the dense rain forest, a secluded lake or the sea itself. Pass through breathtaking views of snow-capped peaks and Carrie Glacier. Take in the scenic wonder of our abundant marine life or paddle lazily on a quiet lake where Bald Eagles and Osprey abound. Choose a guided trip or be your own captain, the thrill of white water or a serene water setting, the choice is yours. Or ask your resort what their favorite adventure is -

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Driving times estimated with Clallam Bay-Sekiu as the starting point.