



## Destination of the Month

*New, notable or just plain cool travel destinations across the Northwest*

### Washington's North Coast

In the past decade, settling on a settee behind plate glass to watch the mighty Pacific Ocean exhale winter storms has emerged as a favorite winter pastime. However, with the exception of the Long Beach Peninsula, all routes to the tempests led to Oregon and British Columbia. Until now.

Iron Springs Resort and Seabrook Cottage Rentals have joined Kalaloch Lodge on the Olympic Peninsula as excellent destinations for hunkering down when the waves grow to epic proportions and the gales doth blow. In Copalis Beach, new owners have transformed Iron Springs' offerings into a viable alternative to those found in Cannon Beach, Ore., and Tofino, BC. More than two dozen renovated cabins spread like sanderlings upon the bluff, most affording clear vistas of Poseidon's wading pool.

Situated across Route 109 from the sands of Pacific Beach, Seabrook continues to cast its fairy-tale charm, adding the Mill 109 Restaurant and Lil's Pantry Market to several other amenities. This planned community of clapboard cottages, wide sidewalks and cruising bikes is the Olympic Peninsula's only "leave your keys by the door" destination. There's no better way to get soaked during storm season than watching sheets of rain smack into floor to ceiling glass windows while submerged in the new indoor pool.

I'd say it's time to layer up and head out—or peel off and jump in..

—*Story by Crai S. Bower*