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SEABROOK



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SEABROOK, WASHINGTON

Designed for the kind of small-beach-community experience that we remember from our youth, Seabrook is a place where kids roam freely and neighbors borrow sugar, even when they've only just met. The architects who created it nine years ago embraced a philosophy called New Urbanism, which encourages tight-knit, pedestrian-friendly communities. Backyards are virtually nonexistent, nudging people to gather on front porches; homes are close together; and shared services, like fire pits and an indoor swimming pool, abound. A well-curated store, a restaurant, and a bike-rental shop complete the village, and the vast Seabrook beach, a place for razor-clamming, kite-flying, and sand-dollar-combing, is never out of earshot. The stunning rain forests and beaches of Olympic National Park are a short (and scenic) drive north.

HONEY PEARL RANCH

Take a horseback ride on the wide beach of Ocean Shores, a 15-minute drive south from Seabrook. honeypearl.com.

LYTLE SEAFOODS OYSTER SHACK

Stop here for Grays Harbor Pacific oysters and they'll shuck them on the spot—or get some to grill back at the cottage. *1 Rock View Lane, Hoquiam, lytleseafoods.com.*

MUSEUM OF THE NORTH BEACH

The museum celebrates the centuries-old traditions of the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest coast as well as the area's more modern history, including its once-thriving canneries and lumber mills. *4658 State Route 109, Moclips, moclips.org.*

IRON SPRINGS RESORT

The resort, with recently remodeled cabins, sells its own brand of gooey cinnamon rolls in its general store. *3707 State Route 109, Copalis Beach, ironspringsresort.com.*

QUINALT RAIN FOREST

There's a walk for everyone here, from loops under a half-mile to marathon-length treks. Visit some of the country's largest trees in the Valley of the Rain Forest Giants, including a Sitka spruce that's 58 feet around and 191 feet tall, and a western red cedar that's 63.5 feet around and 174 feet tall. fs.usda.gov; nps.gov.