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Iron Springs Resort: An Oceanside Retreat Designed for Families

Finding the perfect balance between work, school and play can be hard, especially when your kids' extracurricular activities need a calendar of their own. But weekends were made for family time and we can't think of a better way to spend some quality time with your crew than by taking a weekend getaway to Iron Springs Resort. With miles of pristine sandy beach, gorgeous ocean views, tranquil forest hiking trails and cozy cabins that are both kid- and dog-friendly, this resort in Copalis Beach hits the weekend getaway spot.

A Family Destination for Generations

Nestled along the shores of the Pacific Northwest Coast in Copalis Beach (approximately 20 minutes north of Ocean Shores on Highway 109), Iron Springs Resort has served as a quaint, oceanside destination for vacationing families and couples for nearly seven decades. Over the years, this beachfront resort has seen many changes including a full restoration in 2010 when Seattle-area brothers, Doug and Bill True, purchased the property and spent an entire year giving it modern-day comforts and some luxe amenities while still retaining the property's original, historical charm. You can find snippets of the past echoed throughout the property, including an upside-down boat that ushers guests in from the highway when they arrive. This boat has served as an iconic greeting for visitors and one that was restored and re-installed as part of the property's facelift. In fact, you will find the boat theme echoed throughout the property—from the cabins' numbers to the artwork and dishes found inside the cabins.





Cozy Cabins to Fit Every Size Family

The resort consists of 25 unique and private cabins that sit perched on a hillside, looking out over the Pacific Ocean and Copalis Rocks. Each cabin is designed to offer its guests unparalleled ocean views along with plenty of privacy. (Psst... the resort is carefully positioned on more than 100 acres of coastal woodland, where trees and shrubbery provide natural boundaries between the cabins, making each one feel like your own private house.) Each cabin has a deck with Adirondack chairs and a barbecue and comes with a fully stocked

kitchen (from cookware to firewood), a flat screen television, complimentary WiFi, restored fireplace or wood stove, super comfy pillow-top beds and new furniture throughout including chairs upholstered with vintage Pendleton wool blankets and tables created from fallen wood on the property.



If you're looking for a cabin where you can truly retreat and unplug, cabin 28 also known as the "honeymoon cabin" offers all of the unique and modern amenities except has no phone or wireless access. It's also the most secluded and private of the cabins, but still comes with breathtaking ocean views. Psst! We're told that cabin 15 is the most requested cabin because of its unobscured ocean views; however we are partial to the cozy feel and gorgeous views found in cabin 16.



Each cabin has a maximum occupancy ranging from 2 to 10 guests, with prices changing seasonally. The lowest nightly rate is \$179 (late fall and early winter) and the highest is \$359 (summer and holidays). Some cabins are spacious enough to share between more than one family and others offer adjoining doors, so you can comfortably fit 20 of your closest friends or family members into two cabins. Psst... if you're planning to stay for an extended period, a coin-operated guest laundry service is available 24 hours a day.

Dog-Friendly Amenities

Finding a resort that allows (and even encourages) you to bring your four-legged pals is hard to come by. But you will be happy to know that Iron Springs does both! When you pull into the resort, one of the first things you will notice is the dog house located outside cabin 1 which serves as the General Store. The house belongs to Sheba, Iron Springs' official dog greeter and resident of the property; and Sheba belongs to Jerry Lacey, the on-site maintenance man and person responsible for building and repairing all of the cabins. Sheba can often be spotted working alongside Lacey, riding shotgun in his Gator or greeting guests inside the store.

In each of the 25 cabins you will find dog-friendly amenities including food bowls, absorbent paw-printed towels and a dog mat as well as a convenient water spigot to wash sandy paws after a day of playing on the beach. You will also find plastic bags and trash cans placed around the property for easy clean up. And we should note: dogs are welcome just about everywhere on the property except the beds, couches and furniture. If you've got multiple pups, up to three dogs are allowed per cabin. The cost per day, per dog is \$20 and charges are capped at five days.



A General Store for All Your Needs

The little general store at the resort has a surprisingly wide selection of food, snacks, coffee, wine, beer and Iron Springs' famous cinnamon rolls (a breakfast must!). It also has an even better supply of everything Fido would ever need or want. We told you this place loves dogs! You will also find a wide variety of Iron Springs-themed souvenirs including tee shirts, hats, beach toys, kites and sweatshirts along with a huge selection of DVDs and puzzles, games and outdoor equipment that guests can check out for free.



Steps Away From the Beach

Iron Springs is located in the Mocrocks beach area and offers easy access to clamming and fishing along its pristine stretch of beach. Guests can access the beach using the resort's private pathway through the shallow Boone Creek (wear your flip flops or rain boots!) or through a groomed pathway just down the road. Kids will have a blast flying kites, beachcombing and building driftwood forts and everyone will love having this beach practically to themselves.



Come for the Clams!

If you plan to travel to Iron Springs during the fall, you can expect to have a bit of company on the beach during razor clam digging season which typically starts in mid-October. (Psst... Copalis Beach is usually ground zero for some of the best razor clam digging on the Washington Coast.) The resort provides a covered area near the beach with stainless steel counters and sinks, so you can clean your clam limit. Plus, gives step-by-step instructions on how to do it—if this just happens to be your family's first go at harvesting and cleaning clams.



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Have you visited Iron Springs Resort? Are you planning to visit this fall or winter? Tell us about your experience in the Comments below!

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