

[Iron Springs Resort at Copalis Beach reopens after year-long renovation](#)

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Iron Springs Resort's upside down boat welcomes guests to the 64-year-old resort in Copalis Beach.

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Slideshow: Iron Springs Resort - Photos by Sue Frause

[Iron Springs Resort](#) at Copalis Beach on Washington's coast has been a favorite getaway for people in the Northwest since 1947. That's when Olive Little purchased it and ran it for decades as a family business. In those early days, **Iron Springs** was merely a lodge and eight small cabins. Eventually, the lodge was expanded to include a restaurant where Olive served up her famous clam chowder and cinnamon rolls. Over the years, Olive added cabins that are positioned on 1/5 of the 100-acre woodland site. By the time of her death, there were 25 cabins.

In 2010, two couples of the True family from Seattle (Doug and Janet, Bill and Ruth) purchased the resort. They had vacationed at Iron Springs for more than 45 years, and loved the history and memories the resort had given them as their families expanded. After a year of much needed renovation and rehabilitation, it reopened on Fourth of July weekend 2011, with the 25 cabins fully restored and modernized. I was a newbie during my recent mid-September visit, having somehow missed this popular coastal getaway over the years. Perched on the beachfront cliffs above the Pacific Ocean, it's my new favorite ocean retreat.

The restoration has successfully blended the old and the new, with thoughtful interior design by [Robert Emil Arnesen](#) of Seattle. Throughout the cabins, you'll find tables and wall accents made from wood on the property; Northwest artwork by Elton Bennett and Walton Butts; and hardwood floors. All the cabins have either a fireplace or wood burning stove, and floor plans vary -- Cabin 14 is perfect for lying in bed and watching the view. Cabin 28, the *Honeymoon Cabin*, is located at the very top of the property. With its original fireplace, it's the most secluded and has a terrific ocean views. Plus, there's no phone or wireless access in this cabin, perfect for unplugging from the daily routine.

Plush, comfortable chairs have been upholstered from vintage Pendleton and East Hudson Bay blankets. Cabin sizes range from a cozy one-bedroom to a two-bedroom, two bath unit that sleeps up to ten. Modern touches include granite countertops, cable TV and complimentary WiFi. Each cabin deck has Adirondack chairs and a charcoal BBQ, and kitchens are full-size and fully equipped for cooking meals. The Iron Springs Store sells items you may have left behind, including snacks, beer, wine and the resort's famous cinnamon rolls. There's an on-site laundry facility, and even a clam-cleaning station. Iron Springs is located in the Mocrocks Beach area with easy access to clamming and fishing. The resort is also dog friendly, complete with water bowls and towels to clean Fido up after a day on the beach.

First Razor Clam Dig of the Season - Oct. 28 & 29, 2011

Mockrocks Beach is one of four beaches in Washington to open for the first razor clam dig of the season, during the evening tides of Oct. 28-29. No digging will be allowed either day before noon, and diggers 15 years or older must obtain a 2011-12 fishing license to harvest razor clams. The others are Long Beach, Twin Harbors Beach and Copalis Beach. Read more about the razor clam season from the [Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

Rates: *Mid Season rates (fall/spring/early summer) start at \$209/night per cabin. Low Season rates (late fall/winter) start at \$159/night per cabin. High Season rates (summer/holidays) start at \$269/night. Pets are \$20 per day per dog (three dogs per cabin maximum).*

Iron Springs Resort Holiday on the Shore Package

- Accommodations in oceanfront cabin
- Mulled cider spice kit to create your own cider or wine
- Winter cookie decorating recipe book and cookie cutters
- Holiday card making kit
- Keepsake holiday DVD

The package is available Oct. 30-Dec. 31, 2011. Prices start at \$174 per night, with a minimum three-night stay. Reserve at 360.276.4230 (seven days in advance).

Getting There: Iron Springs Resort is located north of Copalis Beach in Grays Harbor County, 2.5 hours west of Seattle. Click on the [map](#) for driving directions.



