

Trip Guide: The North Beach of the Washington Coast

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Pack up the beach chairs and flip-flops, but leave that to-do list at home. Head to the hidden stretch of Washington's coast known as the "North Beach" for sandcastles and solitude. The sand stretches for miles in this less-visited coastal treasure.

Like Ocean Shores, cars are permitted to drive right on the beach in some spots, though the density of cars on these beaches is far lighter, and cars are not allowed in some parts at all. Some lodgings have private beach access; others are within walking distance to a public beach.

Get there: From the town of Ocean Shores, head north on State Route 109, hugging the coastline for 30 miles through tiny towns like Seabrook, Pacific Beach and Moclips before the road peters out at the mouth of the Quinault River.

Read on for our guide to a great getaway on the Washington Coast, the hidden area known as "North Beach."



STAY

[Iron Springs Resort](#), Copalis Beach. This newly remodeled resort dates back to the 1940s as a place for families to unwind, fish and wander beautiful beaches. When the True family bought and remodeled the collection of 28 cabins they had vacationed in for decades, they prioritized sustainability and preserving the resort's charms. The remodeled cabins reopened in 2011, and the result is stunning. Each cabin has a full kitchen, wood-burning fireplace and deck. The on-site general store stocks basic groceries and supplies. Dogs are welcome. Rates: \$159–\$289. 360-276-4230.

