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## SEMIAHMOO

The resort's two golf courses are up on the Blaine mainland—and you can play the links with a soccer ball on select evenings—but the hotel, spa, and eateries sit on a beachy spit that spikes so far into the sound that it practically kisses the U.S. border. Guests counter cold Canadian winds by gathering around s'mores bonfires at dusk. [semiahmoo.com](http://semiahmoo.com)

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## COPALIS BEACH

The Pacific Ocean beach is a Washington state highway for stretches south of this mid-peninsula spot—keep it to 25 miles per hour—but Copalis is more. It's the only FAA-designated beach airport in the country; pilots aim for the darker, wet sand when landing and try to avoid the driftwood. Otherwise it's a quiet waterfront bordered to the north by Iron Springs Resort, some of the poshest rental cabins on the coast. [ironspringsresort.com](http://ironspringsresort.com)

### SAND 101

Gravel beaches are the most common kind in Puget Sound, but they can also be spotted on the coast, like on **Tokeland's** Willapa Bay side. Though they suck for playing volleyball, the small-stone beaches tend to support more marine animals, since they provide hiding spots from predators. Crabs love 'em, and harbor seals feed along mixed gravel beaches.



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## OCEAN SHORES

Though best known for its modest oceanfront hotels, beach horseback tours, and a giant casino, the sand-blown town just north of Hoquiam has the state's best beach kitsch at Sharky's, a T-shirt and saltwater taffy emporium entered via the mouth of a great white shark. [oceanhores.com](http://oceanhores.com)

