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FROM THE RUGGED AND WILD TIP OF CAPE FLATTERY, Washington, to the undulating dunes of Bandon, Oregon, the Northwest coastline has lured wanderers for centuries—some of them straight into the rocks (one reason this stretch is dotted by dozens of picturesque lighthouses). The danger for today's vacationer, who most often arrives by land, is making a bad choice: crashing, if you will, into a mediocre inn or slurping down a substandard oyster. That's where our travel and food experts come in. With a variety of traveler tastes in mind, we point the way to the best sea stacks and fish shacks, viewpoints and tide pools—as well as providing a few how-tos to keep your beach adventures on track.

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Seabrook is
master-planned for
the whole family



[loungers]

Seabrook

It's easy: Drive in. Unpack. Have fun. Seabrook is a family-friendly New England-style planned village on the Washington coast with an incredibly beautiful, sandy (yes, sandy!) beach, parks and trails, everything from sweet little cottages to stately homes for rent, and amenities such as an indoor community pool and the **Front Street Market**—the go-to place for s'mores fixin's, a great wine for dinner, an early-morning latte (15 Seabrook Ave.; 360.589.2414; Facebook, "Front Street Market")—all within easy walking distance).

Spend days getting physical with hikes, long beach walks, bike rides (cycles are available to rent, \$5/2 hours or \$20/day) and playground adventures. Perfect

evenings include cooking fresh seafood in a fully equipped kitchen (don't picture a cramped, kitschy condo; these new homes are nicer than most folks' primary residence) or dining at Seabrook's **Mill 109 Restaurant and Pub** (mill109.com), followed by relaxing on the front porch. It's the best of two worlds: roughing it (imagine your kids covered with trail debris) combined with the comforts of plumbing and a beautiful roof over your heads (welcome on rainy afternoons).

Recent additions include super-luxe, bluff-top homes; **SeaWorthy Home**, a purveyor of eclectic home decor and gifts fit for the coastal life (360.589.1607; Facebook, "SeaWorthy Home") and the pristine Town Hall, an enchanting space for gatherings. Also, **Wind Gate Equestrian**

(windgatesb.com) opened in Seabrook's new Farm District this year, offering rides, pony camps and programs suitable for children with special needs. *Pacific Beach*; 360.276.0099; seabrookwa.com SHEILA MICKOOL

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Copalis Beach

Iron Springs Resort in Copalis Beach, 11 miles north of Ocean Beach, retains the simple charm of the 1940s (when it was built) with not an ounce of mustiness, and has plenty of modern extras, including a well-stocked general store, Wi-Fi and its very own food truck. Each of the 28 cozy (and tastefully restored) cabins perched among windswept pines has a killer view and either a woodstove or fireplace—an ideal base for hiking nearby sand dunes, collecting seashells or playing hours of "fetch the driftwood" with your pup, who is welcome here, for an additional fee (from \$279 in the summer. 3707 Highway 109; 360.276.4230; ironspringsresort.com). BYO kayak or canoe, and paddle the nearby **Copalis River** to see the ghostly remnants of an old cedar and spruce forest believed to have been transformed into a salt marsh by an earthquake hundreds of years ago.

Iron Springs
Resort in Copalis

