



## **BEST RV ROAD TRIPS IN NORTH AMERICA**

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# RV Traveler's Roadmap to

# Olympic Loop

This scenic drive in western Washington explores the diverse eco-systems of the Olympic Peninsula. Aside from jaw-dropping beauty at every turn, what makes this drive so unique, is that within a few hours, you can explore lowland and sub-alpine forest, rivers and lakes, the glacier-capped peaks of the Olympic Mountains, temperate rainforests, and the rugged beauty of the Pacific Ocean. The route circles the Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest that encompass nearly one million acres.

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### Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Lighthouse in Port Townsend, WA

**Trip Length:** Roughly 250 miles, not including side trips

**What to Watch Out For:** Be sure to bring rain gear if you plan to hike or camp

**Best Time To Go:** Year round, but best from April-October

**Must See Nearby Attractions:**

- 1** The Space Needle - view Mt. Rainier, Olympic Range, Puget Sound
- 2** Seattle
- 3** Victoria, BC (ferry departures available in Port Angeles, WA)

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### Traveler's Notes

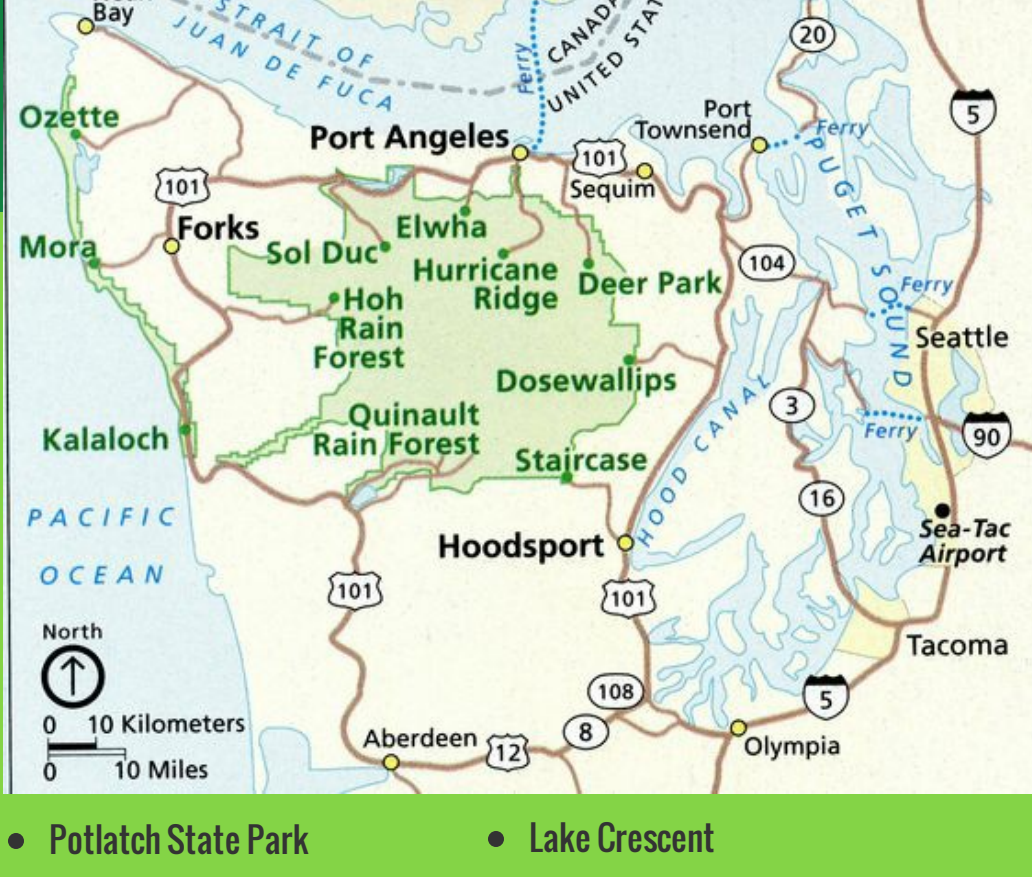


Ruby Beach

- +** In Pottlatch, US-101 follows Hood Canal, the longest fjord in the United States. Hood Canal is known for its oysters and clams, and they are a specialty in the many local restaurants.
- +** Once you approach Hoodspport, consider a side trip by turning onto WA-119 and visiting Lake Cushman State Park. You'll discover water-based recreation such as fishing, sailing, scuba diving, kite-surfing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boards, water-skiing, and swimming.
- +** Port Angeles is fifteen miles from Sequim and is a great base for exploring the Olympic National Park. The 17-mile drive up Hurricane Ridge Road (reach it, via Race Street S.) delivers awe-inspiring views with every turn, as it winds its way to Hurricane Ridge at an elevation of 5,242 feet.
- +** The inviting, small town of Port Gamble features antique shops, galleries, museum and picturesque turn-of-the-century New England style buildings. Or take WA-20, which heads to Port Townsend, one of the top 8 cities in the United States, according to MSN City Guides.

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### What To See Along the Way



- Potlatch State Park
- Lake Cushman State Park
- Dosewallips State Park
- Mt. Walker Viewpoint
- Port Townsend
- Sequim
- Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge
- Port Angeles
- Hurricane Ridge Road
- Elwha River Valley
- Lake Crescent
- Sol Duc Hot Springs
- La Push
- Bogachief State Park
- Hoh Rain Forest
- Ruby Beach
- Kalaloch
- Queets Valley Rain Forest
- Lake Quinault
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- Grays Harbor National Wildlife Redfuge

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### Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Olympic National Park, WA

- Potlatch State Park:** Potlatch State Park is a 57-acre camping park with 5,700-feet of saltwater shoreline on Hood Canal. The park's beautiful grounds are home to a variety of activities, from interpretive programs for kids to boating and shellfish harvesting.
- Lake Cushman State Park:** Skokomish Park at Lake Cushman, formerly known as Camp Cushman or Lake Cushman State Park, covers over 500 acres with three boat-launch ramps on the 41,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on Lake Cushman.
- Dosewallips State Park:** Dosewallips State Park is a 1011 acre, year-round camping park with 5 miles of shoreline on Hood Canal and the Dosewallips River. The park is unique in that it offers both freshwater and saltwater activities.
- Mt. Walker Viewpoint:** Mt. Walker is the only peak facing Puget Sound that has a road to its summit. Both viewpoints have short trails to the viewing area with interpretive signs.
- Port Townsend:** Port Townsend, Washington blends history with modern life. Shop in the boutiques, stroll along the tree lined historic streets, and dine in some of the best restaurants around.
- Sequim:** Dungeness Valley with the Irrigation Festival, the oldest continuous community festival in the state.
- Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge:** The Dungeness NWR provides habitat for many different species. More than 250 species of birds, 41 species of land mammals, and eight species of marine mammals have been recorded in the refuge.

# Ready, set, go!