

Pavilion. The festival features live music, food booths, wines from more than 20 Northwest wineries, and unique souvenir vendors. The Heat on the Street Car Show comes to town in the summer, this year on July 31st, filling Main Street with custom cars and motorcycles, live music, food, prizes, and sidewalk shopping. In September, on Labor Day Weekend, the annual World of Outlaws brings car racing to town, and includes a parade of cars and drivers through **Elma's** downtown, as well as a city-wide garage sale.

For more information, contact the **Elma Chamber of Commerce** at (360) 482-3055.

FORKS

Forks is an ideal hub to explore the northwest corner of the Pacific Northwest. This 2,000 square mile area is bordered on the north and west by over 100 miles of saltwater shores and to the south and east by alpine meadows and rain forest valleys. Over 200 square miles of wild rivers furrow the native region, including the Hoh, Bogachiel and Sol Duc with healthy runs of native salmon and steelhead. Neighboring communities include Sekiu, Neah Bay, Clallam Bay, Beaver and La Push. Don't miss beautiful glacier-carved Lake Crescent and the Sol Duc Valley with hot springs and waterfalls.

Explore the Northwest Coast and the world-renowned Makah Museum, Cape Flattery and Shi Shi Beach. La Push is home to First Beach and the picturesque James Island.

Across the River is Rialto Beach. Just south of **Forks**, the Hoh Rain Forest is among the only temperate rain forests in the

northern hemisphere and nearby Kalaloch and Ruby Beaches are must-see stops.

For a handy travel planner with maps, activities and lodgings for the area, contact the **Forks Chamber of Commerce** at (360) 374-2531 or toll free (800) 44-FORKS. Visit their website at: www.forkswa.com or e-mail: info@forkswa.com

GIG HARBOR

Gig Harbor offers a unique shopping experience. Specialty gifts are available in a wide selection of shops and galleries. Satisfy your appetite in one of the many interesting restaurants within walking distance of the harbor's public dock and park.

The **Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula** area provides many opportunities for recreation including camping, boating, fishing, swimming, scuba diving and water-skiing. The Purdy Spit is a popular spot for windsurfing, beachcombing and clam digging.

If events suit your style, the **Gig Harbor-Peninsula** area hosts events throughout the year including the Maritime Gig Harbor Lights at Christmas, summer outdoor theatre and much, much more. Visitors to **Gig Harbor** are encouraged to stop by and experience the history of **Gig Harbor** as displayed in the Gig Harbor-Peninsula Historical Society museum.

Please visit our website at: www.gigharborchamber.com

GRAYLAND

A small community along State Highway 105, on the beautiful Washington Coast, **Grayland** is the heart of the "Cranberry Coast". There are many cranberry bogs, that were started by the Finnish farmers nearly 150 years



*Grayland along the Cranberry Coast
(photo courtesy Cranberry Coast Chamber of Commerce)*

ago. Be sure to attend the Cranberry Harvest Festival, held the second full weekend in October, located at the Historic Grayland Community Hall. The Hall was built by the Finnish people in the 1930's and it is still used today for the annual Cranberry Harvest Festival, Driftwood Show, Holiday Market Place and many community events and festivals.

An enormous stretch of 18 miles of beach is flat, sand covered, patched with spiky grasses. Stand at the edge of the ocean and take a big breath until your lungs nearly burst and your cares will fly with the wind. No noise other

than the sound of the gulls and the muted dull roar of the surf.

The residents are as steady and relentless as the ocean. Lots of them operate their own roadside businesses, cafes, small groceries, gift/antique shops, motels/cabins and camping/RV parks. Plus Grayland State Park, some sites near the beach. Nothing fancy about the town or its residents. Just friendly folk. Come, take a stroll on the beach, fly a kite, try our cranberry cuisine or just relax. For more information contact, **Cranberry Coast Chamber** toll free (800) 473-6018 or visit www.2thebeach.org

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