

## GRAYS HARBOR

**Grays Harbor** is located at the southwestern edge of the famous Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. Nestled between the mountains and the sea, **Grays Harbor** invites you to experience a vacation as diverse as the terrain.

Listen to the surf pound the jagged shoreline. Hike into the ancient timbers of the rainforest. Experience yesteryear in a charming fishing village. No matter what you seek, **Grays Harbor** always guarantees an UNFORGETTABLE experience. For more information, please call toll free (800) 621-9625 or visit our web site at: [www.graysharbor.com](http://www.graysharbor.com)

## KINGSTON

**Kingston**, known locally as "The Little City by the Sea", was once a lumber town in the late 1800's. Now a sleepy looking but active town of about 4,900, our town is the gateway to the Olympic Peninsula as the Edmonds-Kingston ferry docks right on the shore of the town. We host a wonderful two to three day (depending on the calendar) Fourth of July Celebration featuring the longest running Fourth of July

parade west of the Mississippi and multiple other activities.

We also have a wonderful Heritage Day festival the last Saturday of September and our Kingston Country Christmas the second Saturday of December.

**Kingston Chamber of Commerce** is at 11212 State Hwy. 104 in the Kingston Community Center. Mail: P. O. Box 78, Kingston, WA 98346.

Phone (360) 297-3813 or e-mail: [info@kingstonchamber.com](mailto:info@kingstonchamber.com)

## LAKE QUINAULT

The Quinault Rain Forest is one of four rich temperate rain forest canopies that lie within the west side of Washington's Olympic Mountains. It begins in the Mount Anderson drainage to the east and the Low Divide drainage to the northwest. This majestic forest follows the paths of the North and East Forks of the Quinault River.

These forks meander down the valley and merge into one Quinault River, which enters beautiful **Lake Quinault**. The Quinault Rain Forest completely surrounds **Lake Quinault**, bringing its unique biological community to the shoreline.

## MCCLEARY & OAKVILLE

Boasting wonderful recreational activity, **McCleary** and **Oakville** offer easy access to the nearby 91,000 acre Capital Forest, peaceful country drivers and some of the best steelhead fishing in Washington. There are also community parks and playgrounds, not to mention a well-lighted baseball field, basketball court and skateboard park at Beerbower Park.

Each community boasts annual events that draw thousands of visitors. In **McCleary**, the famous Bear Festival is held the second weekend of July. **Oakville's** Heritage Parade and Rodeo takes over the town each July to celebrate America's independence.

You can visit the McCleary Museum at Carnell House and view historic monuments throughout both communities, including the McCleary Hotel (built in 1912) and an antique locomotive at Beerbower Park. In the old-fashioned flavor of downtown **Oakville**, with antique buildings, that are reminiscent of times past, or see a re-enactment of the last bank robbery by horseback during **Oakville's** Black Hills Rodeo.

For more information about **McCleary**, visit [www.cityofmccleary.com/chamber.html](http://www.cityofmccleary.com/chamber.html) For **Oakville**, contact the local chamber of commerce at (360) 273-2702.

## MASON COUNTY/SHELTON

Home of Hood Canal, the only true fjord in the lower 48 states, **Mason County** embraces a ruggedly spectacular and sparsely populated region less than two hours by car from Seattle.

Old growth forests, cold clear rivers, salmon fishing, world-class scuba diving, and several mountains over a mile high make up

some of the wilderness attractions of Mason County. It holds the southeast entrance to Olympic National Park, and boasts the High Steel Bridge, with its jaw-dropping view 440 feet above the South Skokomish Gorge.

**Shelton**, the county seat and largest city, prides itself on its 1917-era architecture, antique shops and art galleries, as well as some of the best restaurants anywhere in South Puget Sound. It is only a half hour from **Shelton** to the Olympic Mountains and most state park beaches along Hood Canal.

The town of Union is a tiny arts, healing and wine mecca, with the Dolby Waterwheel, Harmony Hill Retreat Center and Alderbrook Resort & Spa top attractions. Highway 106, which links Union to Belfair in the north, is one of Washington State's most scenic drives.

Overnight lodging is available along Hood Canal, in Belfair and Shelton, and in Kamilche, at Little Creek Casino. Prices and types of accommodations vary. Camping is prevalent at many private, national forest and state park campgrounds.

Weather in **Mason County** is usually warm and dry throughout the summer months, with September-October being a prime vacation season due to the diminished crowds and autumn colors.

## MONTESANO

The county seat of Grays Harbor County for more than 120 years, **Montesano** is located about nine miles east of Aberdeen. The city was founded in the 1850's, near the confluence of the Wynoochee and Chehalis Rivers. Inside the historic County Court House are murals depicting



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