



lestport, Grayland Bike Routes



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Bicycling the Hidden Coast Along this secluded 41 mile byway you'll discover

charming and pristine beaches sheltered by ragged cliffs and pocket coves. Bicycle north on Highway 109 to visit coastal communities - old and new with plenty of scenic stops along the way. This area is sparsely populated but offers quaint small towns, seaside resorts, cabins and restaurants for those that like a slower pace. The route travels through Ocean City, Seabrook (bike friendly), Pacific Beach (former Naval station), Moclips (Museum of the North Beach), culminating at Taholah (Quinault Cultural Center) and the reservation of the Quinault Indian Nation. Some mountain biking can be found in the forests as well. Inquire with land owners.

Bicycling Seabrook

Seabrook is an established beach town on the Washington coast designed to have everything you need within a 5 minute walk or a quick zip on a bike. You can rent easy-riding cruiser bikes or bring your mountain bike to pedal the trails, lanes, and the beach! For more information, please call the Seabrook Cottage Rentals office at 360-276-0265 or visit www.seabrookwa.com.

Bicycling Ocean Shores

Riding your bike in this beach town is all about flat roads (lots of them!), sand and salt water. There are some wonderful loops to pedal on the back roads of Ocean Shores. Don't miss a stop at the jetty (far southern tip of the peninsula). Other sites of interest you could ride to include Damon Point State Park, the Coastal Interpretive Center and the Weatherwax – Ocean Shores' own piece of rain forest! If your bike tires are FAT, pedal in the hard packed sand on the beach (closer to the water). It's a really fun experience that everyone on a bike should try at least once! Bike rentals are available.



Bicycling Westport

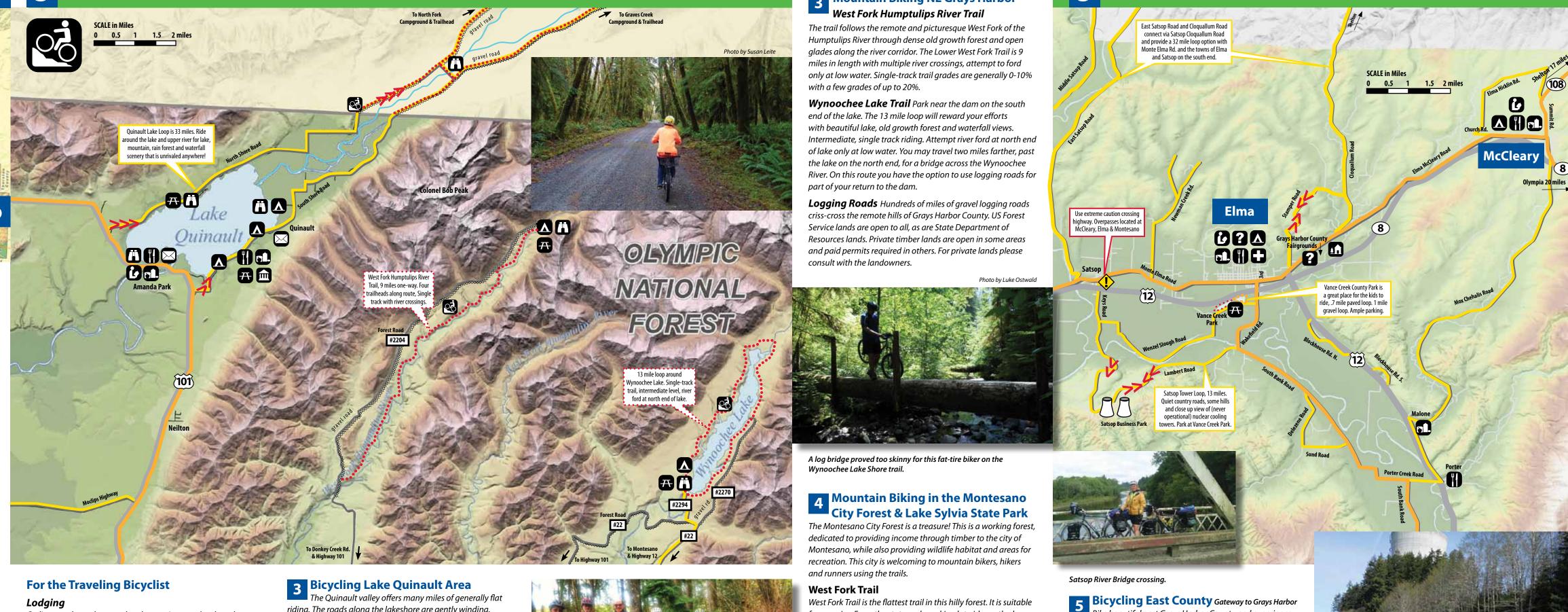
Westport has a top rated biking loop that includes the town center (fishing docks area), the viewing tower (northern tip of the peninsula), the Westport Dune trail (concrete walking/ biking path), and the Westport Lighthouse. It's a classic! Take the family, you are in for a treat. Be sure to watch the surfers catching waves at Westhaven State Park. If your bike tires are FAT, pedal in the hard packed sand on the beach (closer to the water). It's a really fun experience! **www.westportwa.com**



Some of our favorite places for family friendly bike riding are the Westport Dune Trail, the Aberdeen Chehalis River trail, and Seabrook area pathways. In the Montesano area we like the



3 Lake Quinault area bike routes & NE Grays Harbor bike routes



Cyclists can choose between hotels, vacation rentals, a hostel, or bed and breakfasts. Reservations are highly recommended in the summer months. Most towns along Highway 12 have hotel/motel accommodations. A hostel is in Elma. Bed & Breakfasts and hotels are in Aberdeen. Vacation rental and resort accommodations are along the beaches, at Seabrook, and at Lake Quinault. For more information see www.VisitGraysHarbor.com

Camping

Photo by Lauri Paulse

Many campgrounds are equipped with "Hiker-Biker" sites. They provide a place to set up a tent away from the conventional campsites, yet are still close to showers and rest room facilities.

NOTE: Campgrounds may display a "Campground Full" sign when the conventional sites are all occupied; please inquire with the attendant as to availability of Hiker-Biker sites.

For additional information on state park campgrounds: www.parks.wa.gov

Transit Buses available

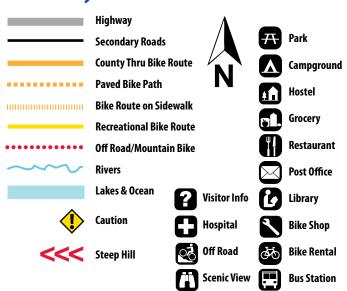
All of the Grays Harbor Transit buses are equipped with double bike racks for transporting bikes. Buses can be boarded in towns as marked by the Bus station symbol. Stops upon request are available on many roads throughout the county. See **www.** *ghtransit.com* for complete schedules and information.

Amenities

Groceries, food and lodging are found in most communities. Free Wifi is available at Timberland Regional Libraries, there are 8 locations in Grays Harbor **www.trl.org**. You will find public restrooms at most parks and libraries.

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Grays Harbor Bike Routes KEY



Be a safe bicycle rider. Follow these simple rules.

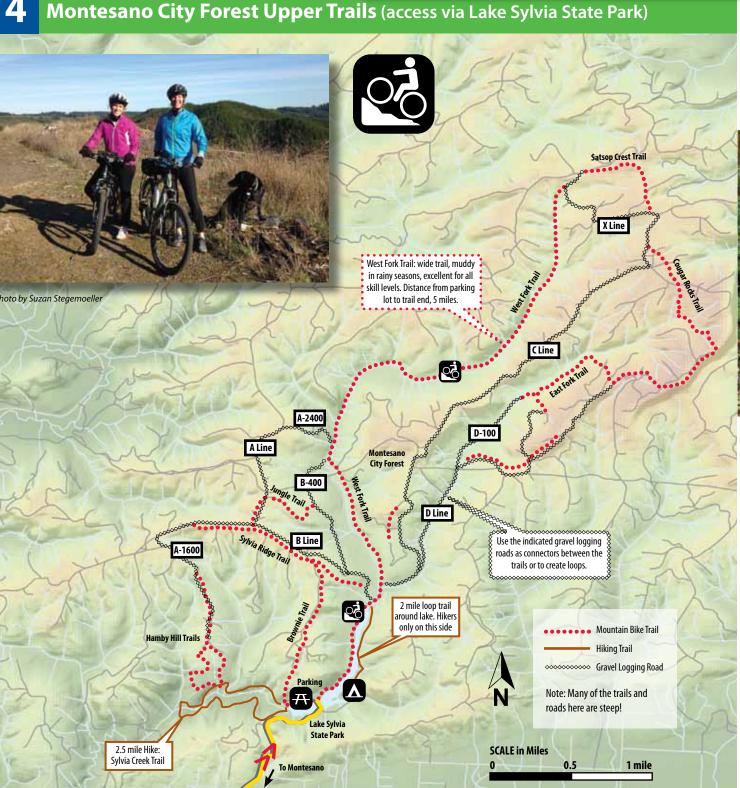
Always wear a helmet while riding. Helmets required in the • LIKE a CAR - scan behind, yield, City of Aberdeen. **Be courteous. Audibly alert** pedestrians as you approach. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, on sidewalks, pathways and trails

Choose the best way to turn left: signal and when safe, move into the left lane and turn left. • LIKE a PEDESTRIAN - dismount and walk your bike across the intersection in the crosswalk



riding. The roads along the lakeshore are gently winding, without shoulders and popular with tourists. The roads east of the lake, up valley, are more quiet and offer spectacular views. The more hardy bicyclist can tackle the 33 mile loop around the lake and upper Quinault river. This route is part paved/ part gravel (see map) so a skinny tired bike is not ideal. Bring a lunch (it's remote!) and enjoy close-up views of the lake, the river, the temperate rain forest, waterfalls and the surrounding mountains. Camping, cabins, historic lodge and hotels are available. www.quinaultrainforest.com







traffic.

and laws. Ride in the same direction as

RCW.46.61.755 states: Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Obey all traffic signals, signs



& lane changes. Check behind & ahead before turning. Yield to vehicles with the right of way.

3 Mountain Biking NE Grays Harbor

for a novice. From the state park parking lot, ride north along the shore of Lake Sylvia, exiting the state park through a gate at the end of the lake. From here on you are in the Montesano City Forest. Continue on trails and logging road along the West Fork Sylvia Creek. After a small hill the way flattens out again. Travel 5 miles through verdant forest surrounding the creek. At mile 5 the trail ends at a logging road. You can turn around and enjoy the trail in the other direction or navigate the logging roads or additional trails for a loop back to Lake Sylvia State Park. More detailed maps are available at **www.montesano.** us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/394



West Fork Trail, Montesano City Forest.

6 Mountain Biking in Capitol Forest Capitol Forest, on the far eastern edge of Grays Harbor

County, is popular for a wide variety of recreation. Mountain

two parts to prevent conflicts between motorized and non-

motorized recreation. Motorized use is only permitted on the

northern half of Capitol Forest and horseback riding is limited

year round. The network of single track trails is extensive and

extends beyond this map into adjacent Thurston County. For a

complete and more detailed topo map go to www.dnr.wa.gov/

Publications/eng_rms_capmapnu_may2.pdf Expect challenging

trails, hills, and loads of fun! Watch for log trucks.

Just roll with it!

the bicvclist.

Ride defensively. Be aware of other

vehicles. It is unsafe for bicyclists to

faster than a vehicle, take the lane in

front of them where the driver can see

pass motor vehicles on the right. If

CAUTION: Always watch for cars or

trucks stopping or turning.

to the south. Mountain bikers and hikers use both halves

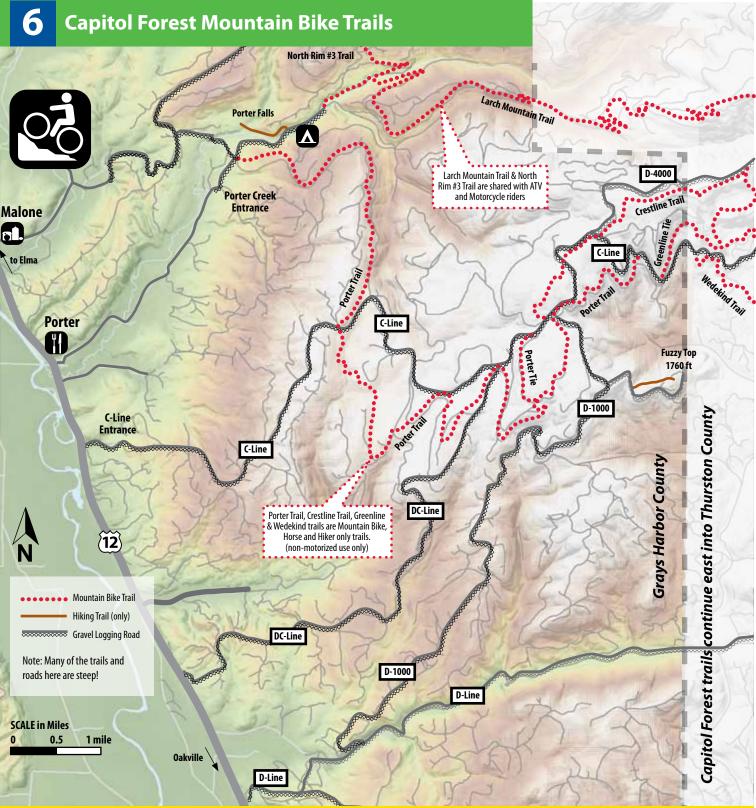
of the forest, with some trails for hikers only. Trails are open

motorcycle riders all recreate here. Capitol Forest is divided into

bikers, campers, hikers, hunters, horseback riders, and

Many other trails traverse the hills and valleys of the Montesano City Forest and Lake Sylvia State Park area. Most of these single track trails are for advanced riders due to steep terrain, tree roots and other hazards. The logging roads provide great riding as well for novice and intermediate riders. Watch for log trucks.

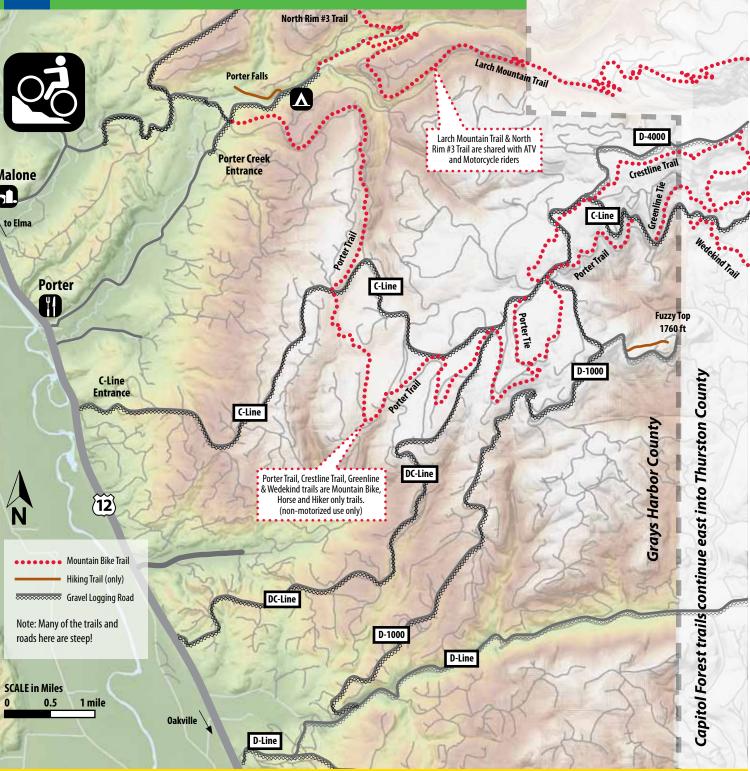
great places to camp.











RCW 46.61.7700 Cyclists may ride side by side, but not more than two abreast.



SAME ROADS . SAME RIGHTS . SAME RULES

5 Elma & McCleary area bike routes

Bike beautiful east Grays Harbor County and experience life at a slower pace. Ride through working agricultural areas, forests, and along winding rivers making their way to the nearby ocean. In east Grays Harbor you will find family friendly biking options, scenic country loops, mountain biking and

(right) Bike races are held in various parts of the county. The Satsop Business Park cooling towers provide a back drop for one race. The same 13 mile loop route is regularly enjoyed by recreational bicyclists.

Be Visible . Be Alert . Wear a Helmet . Have Fun!

Be visible day or night. Wear bright clothes.

RCW 46.61.780 states: At night you must have a white headlight and tail light or red rear Cyclists may choose to ride on Ride predictably. the path, bike lane, shoulder or travel lane as suits their safety needs. Riding on sidewalk is generally allowed unless marked.

Leave adequate space between you and parked cars. Be careful of opening car doors. Do not weave in and out of parked cars and traffic.

Trails of Grays Harbor County Guide to Bicycling the Roads &



1.800.621.9625

Grays Harbor Public Health & Social Services www.healthygh.org/connectgraysharbor/

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Public Health & Social Services

www.ghcog.org/localresources.html WA State Parks: www.parks.wa.gov

Grays Harbor Fairgrounds: **www.ghcfairgrounds.com**

Timberland Regional Library: **www.trl.org**

CONNECT Grays Harbor, online bike route maps: **www.ghcog.org/gis.html** See 'CONNECT Grays Harbor' on Facebook Bike Club: 'Bicycle Grays Harbor' on Facebook

or BikeGraysHarbor.wordpress.com

LaVoque Bike Shop . **360.532.0887** . 623 Simpson Ave, Hoquiam, WA Traffic counts for Grays Harbor County roads (& all of WA)

www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/tools/traffictrends

www.warmshowers.org is a free worldwide hospitality exchange for touring cyclists and has host homes in our area.



Grays Harbor County is the heart of Washington's coast. The county reaches inland to rugged mountains on the southwest portion of the Olympic Peninsula. Temperate rainforest and pristine coastline are among the attractions of this beautiful area.

Nearby counties have bike resources as well. To the east of Grays Harbor is Thurston County: www.trpc.org/179/Thurston-County-Bicycle-Map *To the north and northeast of Grays Harbor are Jefferson & Clallam counties:*

http://ptbikes.org/maps/ County To the south is Pacific & Lewis County: http://www.lewiscountytrails.org/index.

php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=2

www.healthygh.org/connectgraysharbor. most current version of the map. The most current version may be found at prior versions of the Grays Harbor County Bike Map. Riders should consult the other users of the facility or right-of- way. This map supersedes/replaces all should always ride with care for their own safety as well as the safety of all ity, and the inherent potential for conflict in any shared-use space. Riders to the conditions of the facility, pedestrian and other traffic on the facilit is the responsibility of the individual rider to remain alert at all times a

aesign elements may vary between jurisdictions. users. This map includes facilities within multiple jurisdictions. Conditions and impairment or a route irregularity warrants special care on the part of route or potential road hazards. The chance that one may come into an area of visual other irregularities that may impact rider and motorist ability to see each other teatures. Riders should also remain alert tor areas of visual impairment and encroaching vegetation, stormwater inlets, and other natural, and manade ing ruts, cracks, and bumps. Riders may encounter expansion joints, debris, environmental factors. Facilities may contain pavement imperfections, includwear and tear and degradation due to weather, motorized traffic and other Vieb of besopying the static reads of the static st fitness of any of the listed facilities for bicycling. Many of the facilities identishown on this map, nor does the County guarantee the stability, condition or not assume liability for bicyclists who choose to travel upon any of the facilities designate these facilities as formal bikeways. Grays Harbor County also does Harbor County. In providing this information, Grays Harbor County does not solely to assist bicyclists in their selection of tacilities to ride throughout Grays NOTICE TO BICYCLISTS: This map and accompanying information is intended