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## Seattle family road trips

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## Hit the road this summer in Seattle to these iconic Northwest family destinations

Hitting the open road is easy for Pacific Northwest families. Short road trips year-round help us satisfy our wanderlust and get us out to explore the natural beauty that surrounds us in [Seattle, Washington](#). From mountains to water, here are three family road trips that will take you around a two hour drive from [Seattle](#).

### Hood Canal at the Alderbrook Resort and Spa

Nestled in the trees on the serene waters of Hood Canal, the [Alderbrook Resort and Spa](#) is a scenic drive that will take you less than two hours by car, or a short ferry ride and drive from Seattle (depending on traffic). During the summer months, there are endless outdoor activities for families, including water sports, swimming, and hiking trails. The lodge and two-bedroom cottages with kitchens are popular with families and offer all the amenities of a

resort hotel. We had a ton of fun exploring the property with a family pirate treasure hunt. After collecting all six of the pirate coins, our kids enjoyed a special treat for their efforts.



*Serene NW beauty at the Alderbrook Resort and Spa*

The food and wine at Alderbrook is outstanding with the hotel always having themed complimentary community events at the BBQ area, cooking up seasonal crab, oysters, and other fare.

## **Camano Island at Cama Beach State Park**

Head north on I-5 to experience the beauty of the Puget Sound on Camano Island, a trip that will take you around an hour and a half by car (traffic dependent). [Cama Beach State Park](#) is a 1930s-era Puget Sound fishing resort experience where you can skip the tent and sleep on a real bed and take a hot shower. You will want to call ahead (up to a year in advance) to book one of the 24 simple, heated wood cabins, featuring basic amenities such as private bathrooms, running water, and refrigerators. Be prepared to pack light, as the cabins are only accessible by a shuttle that takes you down to the campground. The best time to go is during the summer crabbing

season where you can rent a boat and a crab pot at the Center for Wooden Boats to catch your limit of fresh crab for dinner.



*Fresh crab caught that morning at Cama Beach State Park*

It is the simple memories we cherish of getting back to basics, sitting around the campfire at Cama Beach State Park, eating fresh crab we caught for dinner, and watching the sunset.

### **Cle Elum, WA at Suncadia Resort**

Head east on 1-90 about two hours east of Seattle over Snoqualmie Pass to a growing resort community called [Suncadia Resort](#) in Cle Elum, Washington. Suncadia is centered around [creating fun family memories year-round](#). During the summer months, you can swim in the outdoor pool, hike, bike, golf and explore the endless trails that wind through the pine trees. The big draw for our kids is the chance to bike-till-they-drop and slip and slide in the aquatic center's water slides and outdoor pool. Suncadia keeps an active events [calendar](#) perfect for families year-round.

**What are your favorite west coast road trips to take with the family?**