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## 9 Late-Summer Road Trips to Take Now

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Whether you're looking for a last-minute weekend excursion to the mountains or an extended day trip to a seaside town, there are many family destinations—within a few hours' drive or less of the city—just waiting to be explored. So gas up the family roadster and read on for our favorite end of summer road trips. It's time for one last hurrah!



### Hood Canal

If you're looking for a road trip with options (like ferries vs. bridges), [Hood Canal](#) is the place to go. Located between the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas, this fantastic family destination will take you less than two-hours to get to (that is... if you don't encounter road and ferry traffic). If you're planning a weekend visit, consider skipping town a day early and returning on Tuesday (*cough cough*). Since you'll be trading high-rise buildings and busy freeways for sea-creature filled tide flats and beautiful beaches, your kiddos will think they're in a whole new world in Hood Canal.

Stay at: The totally kid-friendly [Alderbrook Resort and Spa](#). Tucked away towards the south end of the Hood Canal, near a tiny little town called Union, [Alderbrook](#) is the true Hood Canal showstopper! Kids of all ages will think the hiking trails at Alderbrook are awesome and will love dining on the patio, roasting s'mores by the campfire, beach combing and playing lawn games near the cottages. Everyone will love the indoor pool with restaurant service (Margaritas poolside, anyone?), the complimentary [daily activities](#), daily cruises aboard the [Lady Alderbrook](#), [kayaks](#), [boats](#), [SUP boards](#), [paddle boats and more](#) at the marina and the [Xbox Game Room](#). Psst! In addition to hotel rooms, the resort offers spacious cottages (*pictured above*), perfect for families who are looking to spread out a bit and take advantage of full kitchens.

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