

By the Shore: Explore the Pacific Northwest Coast like a Local

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If you're looking for a guide to all things Pacific Northwest that's just about perfect, this is it.

Author Nancy Blakey offers a wealth of information, from a description of the exquisite "sound of silence" at the Hoh Rain Forest's One Square Inch of Silence to all you've ever wanted to know (and more) about salmon, crabs, and clams and how to catch, clean, and cook them.

Though she lived with her family on Bainbridge Island, Blakey's busy life kept her time outdoors limited to walking her dog. One day, she was startled to realize that she was missing out on all the beauty and adventure that surrounded her.

The result was this book, filled with awe-inspiring photographs; useful and fun illustrations; maps and directions that highlight what you'll most want to experience; suggestions on where to eat, and even what to order when you get there; fun projects to do with children; sea-inspired arts and crafts; scrumptious recipes; rules and regulations to be aware of; lists of all you'll need for the activities you choose; and warnings to keep you safe and healthy as you enjoy your trip. She's even included the pronunciations of some unusual place-names, making it easier for you to sound like a local.

The book is divided by the seasons, making it easy to plan trips all year long; you'll know what's happening, what's open and what's not, and what you can expect from the weather no matter when you want to travel.

With Blakey as your guide, you'll miss nothing; in fact, you're likely to come away knowing more than the locals about the spectacular Pacific Northwest.

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