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Long Beach is home to the World Kite Museum and the Washington State International Kite Festival in August each year.

This corner of Southwest Washington is known for its seafood, with fishing, crabbing, oystering, and clamming popular pursuits. Numerous fishing charters operate out of the Port of Ilwaco and the surrounding areas.

This area also offers several State Park options to visit, including Cape Disappointment and Fort Columbia, and Fort Stevens State Park on the Oregon side of the river, where you can learn about the



*Above: The Seaview beach on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington
Left: Relaxing at The Sou'wester Lodge*



history of the region including the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the WWII defense installations.

If you're looking for good food and drinks, the Long Beach Peninsula has options, but with Astoria right across the bridge, we headed there for meals. We visited the Buoy Beer Company, a microbrew at the 8th Street Pier with full food menu and outstanding river views. We had breakfast at the Blue Scorcher Bakery & Café (1493 Duane Street, right next door to the Fort George Brewery), an employee owned, organic restaurant, that uses locally sourced ingredients to create delicious and healthy foods. After breakfast we strolled along the Astoria Riverwalk and enjoyed

the fabulous fall weather, the sunshine and sea breezes, and the fantastic views.

With so much to see and do, and such a short drive away, the Long Beach Peninsula, the Sou'wester Lodge, and Astoria make a great overnight or weekend get-away and really are worth the trip!



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