

Evening activity: Enjoy a brew near the marina

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If you weren't looking for it, you could easily miss River Mile 38 Brewing Co.

The brewery, located near Elochoman Slough Marina, is just a minute or so away from downtown Cathlamet, Washington. The brewery currently features about a dozen beers, many of which are IPAs or ales (I enjoyed the Scarlet Peach).

While at River Mile 38, you can enjoy a brew outdoors on the brewery's large patio. You can also buy your drinks to-go to enjoy after you've made it home.

If you're looking for a snack to accompany your drink, you can pick from some locally-sourced options, like chevre from Skamokawa Creamery. Snack bags of Chex Mix and other treats are also for sale.

The brewery is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.



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An art sculpture, left, and Cathlamet Pioneer Center.

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Cathlamet is your next stop. Just about everywhere is within walking distance, so you can easily park your car downtown and not get too tired.

While in town, go for a walk downtown to see an old saloon and historical buildings and monuments. Then, head down to Strong Park and Waterfront Trail, located next to the Wahkiakum County Museum. The park holds historical features, like a ship and train car. You can also walk along the river in the

park, which features views of unique boats and wildlife.

Once you've explored Skamokawa and Cathlamet, head over to Puget Island. The island is mostly covered with residential homes and farms but it's still worth a drive (or bike ride) around the area. While there, you'll likely get to see white-tailed deer roaming the area (make sure to watch out for any deer that enter the road).

Where to eat

The dining options between the two towns

is limited but satisfying. In Skamokawa, check out the Duck Inn. Located off the Columbia River, this timeless restaurant offers breathtaking sights and arguably breathtaking food too — you won't be disappointed by your portion size. The inn serves traditional American dishes and has a full-service bar to enjoy.

In Cathlamet, you have a few more options. If you're in the mood for pizza, head over to the Pizza Mill, located off Third Street. You can also head over to Maria's Place for Mexican food, Back-

RoadZ for burgers or River Mile 38 Brewing Co. for drinks.

Where to stay

There are a few places to stay in both towns. In Skamokawa, you can camp at Skamokawa Vista Park or stay in Skamokawa Resort or Twin Gables Inn.

In downtown Cathlamet, you can reside in Hotel Cathlamet or Bradley House. On Puget Island, you can camp at the South Welcome Slough Campground & Moorage.

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