



Big leaf maples along Quinault River
Mary Christiansen photo

Lake Quinault Area Accommodations & Campgrounds

A Willaby Creek Campground (US Forest Service)
Lake front. 21 sites. Flush toilets. First come first serve. RV's 22' max. Picnic area and boat launch. Closed in winter.

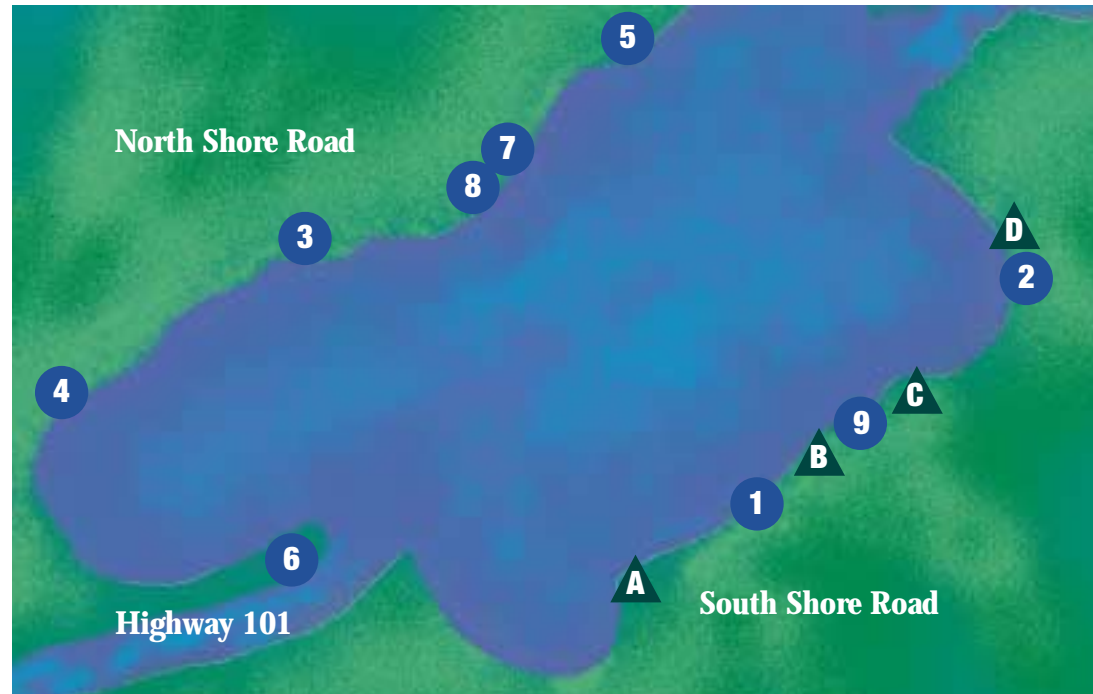
B Falls Creek Campground (US Forest Service)
Lake front. 30 sites. Flush toilets. First come first serve. RV's 16' max. Picnic shelter & boat launch. Closed in winter.

C Gatton Creek Campground (US Forest Service)
Lake front. 5 walk-in sites & picnic area. Vault toilets. First come first serve. Closed in winter.

D Rain Forest Resort RV Park and Campground (Private)
Lake front. 31 sites. Flush toilets, hot showers. Hook-ups. Reservations accepted. 1-800-255-6936.

E North Fork Campground (Olympic National Park)
9 primitive sites. Pit toilets. No hook-ups. Not shown on this pg. See fold-out map, upper right.

F Graves Creek Campground (Olympic National Park)
Flush toilets. 30 sites. No hook-ups. Not shown on this page - see fold-out map, middle right.



1 Lake Quinault Lodge 1-800-562-6672
Historic Lodge (1926), 92 rooms, most with lake views & some fireplaces.

2 Rain Forest Resort Village 1-800-255-6946
Cabins & Motel, lake views, fireplaces, kitchens & Jacuzzi tubs.

3 Lake Quinault Resort 1-800-650-2362
Beautiful North Shore Lake view frontage, townhouses & kitchen units.

4 Lake Quinault Inn 360-288-2714
Lake Quinault Inn on the North Shore, satellite TV, telephones, tanning beds and fitness room.

5 Lochaerie Resort 360-288-2215 Quiet secluded cabins on the beautiful North Shore of Lake Quinault.

6 Quinault River Inn 1-800-410-2237
Spectacular views of the Lower Quinault River, free DSL & beautiful new rooms.

7 Cottage Peaks 1-877-845-5364
4 bedroom, 2 bath vacation home on the North Shore of Lake Quinault. Sleeps 10. Kayak rental available.

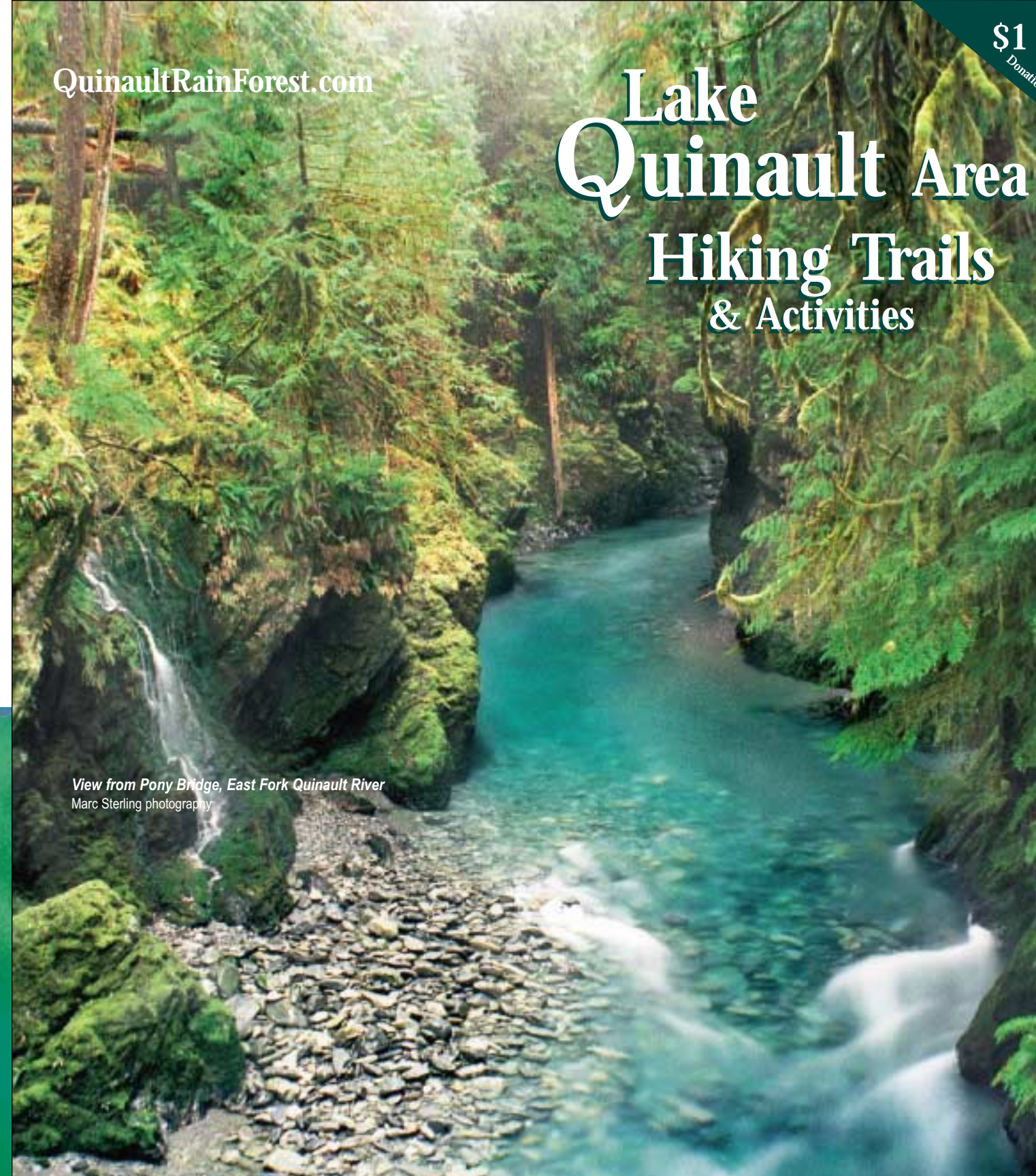
8 Eagles Rest 1-800-261-8344
One story vacation home on the North Shore of Lake Quinault. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, sleeps 8.

9 South Shore Vacation Home (360) 288-2640
2 bedroom vacation home on the South Shore of Lake Quinault. Sleeps 4-6. Fully furnished. TV/VCR/Phone. Spectacular view.

QuinaultRainForest.com

Lake Quinault Area Hiking Trails & Activities

\$1 Donation



View from Pony Bridge, East Fork Quinault River
Marc Sterling photography

At **Lake Quinault** you will find **astounding beauty and grandeur.**



Lake Quinault view from west end
Larry Workman photo

Visit the most spectacular and varied **Rain Forest** on the Olympic Peninsula.



Elk herd in Quinault Valley
Stuart May Photography

Majestic glacier-carved and glacier-fed Lake Quinault is surrounded by the mossy old growth trees of the Quinault Rain Forest, one of only three temperate coniferous rain forests in the Western Hemisphere.



Upper Pete's Creek
Larry Workman photo

The Quinault Valley is known as the "Valley of the Giants." Here you will find the largest Sitka Spruce tree in the world, along with other nationally recognized giants of Hemlock, Douglas Fir and the mighty Western Red Cedar.

Lake Quinault is located on the southwest end of the Olympic National Park. Miles of trails, swimming, boating and fishing are easily accessible from the many campgrounds and resorts around Lake Quinault and within the Quinault Rain Forest.

A 31 mile loop road takes you around the lake venturing into the south end of the Olympic National Park. Keep a keen eye out for Roosevelt Elk, Black Tail Deer, Cougar, Bald Eagle, Bobcat, and Black Bear and gorgeous views of the Olympic Mountains.

Quinault Rain Forest

Facts, Figures & Trivia

Lake Quinault is a natural lake (elevation 180') formed by a glacier that receded into the mountains many thousands of years ago.

The Quinault Valley receives an average of 12 feet of rain per year, nourishing an incredible and complex temperate rain forest ecosystem. Most of the rain falls in the winter months. The wettest year on record was 1999 when 182.48 inches (over 15 feet!) of rain fell in the Quinault Valley.



Moss and fern shrouded maple trees
Sharlene Gillies photo

Fishing in the Quinault Valley
Mary Christiansen Photo



Temperate rain forests such as Quinault are true rain forests in more northern or southern latitudes than tropical rain forests. Temperate rain forests only exist on the Northwest Coast of North America, Chile, New Zealand, Southern Australia, and small patches in Norway, Britain, and Japan.

The Quinault Indians traditionally used Lake Quinault as summering grounds for salmon fishing, hunting, berry picking, and recreation.

Quinault Indian Legend says a monster lives in the Lake that is so big he can swallow a cedar canoe.

Early pioneer settlers first came to the Quinault Valley in the late 1880's.

The first road was built to Lake Quinault in 1914. Previous access was only by wagon trail, path, or river. The first auto made it to Quinault in 1912.



Upper Quinault River
Lake Quinault Resort photo



Falls Creek cascades
Sharlene Gillies photo

Lake Quinault South Shore Hiking Trails

Rain Forest Nature Trail

This .5 mile loop is a must see in the Quinault Valley. It is the Quinault Rain Forest "in a nutshell"! Stroll along the fern and moss covered canyon of Willaby Creek. Learn to identify the trees and wildlife of the rain forest. This trail has interpretive signs along the way that will help you become knowledgeable about this fascinating and complex ecosystem. The trail meets wheelchair accessible standards part of the way as shown with the yellow dotted line.

Willaby Campground

.2 mile

.5 mile loop

Cedar Bog

The trail turns to boardwalk for a stretch as the forest opens up to a cedar filled wetland.

1.1 mile

1.7 miles Big Cedar Trail

Falls Creek Campground

US Forest Service Ranger Station

Lake Quinault Lodge

.4 mile

.6 mile

Falls Creek Loop

This trail crosses Falls and Cascade Creeks. If you like rushing streams and waterfalls, this is a hike for you. For a loop hike of less than two miles, connect with the .6 and .4 mile trails beginning and ending on South Shore Road. This hike is highly recommended for its rain forest grandeur.

Big Cedar Trail

Extending 1.7 miles (one way) off of the main trail is the Big Cedar Trail. This trail is more primitive than the other trails on the South Shore, but is still easy to follow. There is a stream crossing at 1.3 miles that can be hazardous at high water (no bridge). The trail ends at an impressively large cedar tree.

Gatton Creek Campground

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World's Largest Sitka Spruce

You may drive or hike to this awesome world record tree. It stands 191 feet tall, 17 feet in diameter, and 55 feet, 7 inches in circumference. Don't miss it!!



World's largest Sitka Spruce,



Elk in the Quinault Rain Forest
Stuart May Photography

Hiking on the Quinault National Recreation Trails is an awesome experience. The rain forest scenery is inspiring. The trails are well marked and maintained. There are loops of many lengths. Find the one(s) just right for you. Most of these trails are of moderate difficulty with minor hills. Many are suitable for kids and elderly.

Trail of the Giants

Hikers here will be rewarded with solitude, and awe for the large Douglas fir trees that inhabit this area.

Key to Symbols

- Trail suitable for kids or elderly
- Interpretive Trail
- Golf Course
- Waterfall
- Groceries
- Restaurant
- Hotel/Motel/Cabins
- Camp Ground
- Gas Station
- Ranger Station
- Post Office
- Laundry

Quinault River, view looking west
Sharlene Gillies photo





South Shore Trails

