



Washington
State Route 112

The Strait of

JUAN DE FUCA
HIGHWAY

ITINERARY #4
Photography & Wildlife



From sea stacks to eagles...

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1. Elwha River Bridge The Elwha River's glacier-fed waters and deep gorge are exceptionally scenic and can be viewed while crossing the newly replaced Elwha Bridge (just north of SR112) on Elwha River Road. It replaces the old one-lane bridge and includes a pedestrian deck suspended below the vehicle deck. **Scenic attributes:** Bridge construction, river, scenery, fall colors. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, a variety of birds, deer, salmon spawning.

2. Freshwater Bay This peaceful bay is a favorite place for kayaks and canoes and for fishing. It offers sweeping views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Vancouver Island. **Scenic attributes:** Salt water views, beach, surf, forest trails. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, whales, river otters, sea lions, seals, a variety of marine birds.

3. Salt Creek/Tongue Point/Crescent Bay Loop Known world-wide for its tide pools, Salt Creek Recreation Area includes the Tongue Point Marine Life Sanctuary and Audubon Trail and hiking trails to Striped Peak. After leaving Salt Creek, drive west along Crescent Beach Road for views of the stunning beach and surf. The loop will take you to the town of Joyce and the photogenic, historical Joyce General Store. **Scenic attributes:** Salt water views, tidepools, beach, surf, WW II bunkers, forest trails. **Possible wildlife:** Part of the Olympic Audubon loop, marine wildlife including whales, seals.

4. Whale Trail The Whale Trail is a series of sites where the public may view orcas, other cetaceans and marine mammals from shore. Along Highway 112, there are viewpoints and Whale Trail Interpretive Signs at Freshwater Bay County Park, Salt Creek Recreation Area, Sekiu Overlook, and Shipwreck Point.

5. Sekiu Fishing Village and Overlook From the Sekiu overlook there are stunning views of Slip Point and Clallam Bay. The quaint fishing town fills with fisherman several times a year. **Scenic attributes:** Salt water views, fishing boats, restored school house, rainbows. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, whales, marine life.

6. Lake Ozette Part of Olympic National Park and the third-largest lake in Washington State, Lake Ozette offers boating, hiking and camping and access to the trailhead of a 9-mile cedar boardwalk loop to the Pacific shoreline, up the coast and back to the lake. Check with Olympic National Park's Wilderness Information Center in Port Angeles for overnight permits, tips, and tide schedules. **Scenic attributes:** Lake views, recreational boats, rain forests. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, swans, raccoons, salmon, other aquatic life. (Turn at Milepost 12-13 and drive to the end of Hoko Ozette Road)

7. Sail and Seal Rocks (Sea Stacks) These picturesque twin offshore rocks are popular feeding grounds for gray whales, often seen swimming in the area. Various sea birds can also be seen. The Strait of Juan de Fuca is a dramatic glacial fjord connecting Puget Sound to the Pacific Ocean. It is exceptionally scenic, with complex rocky shorelines, and the magical combination of soft northwest light and water. A photographer's dream! **Scenic attributes:** Salt water views, fishing boats, rainbows. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, whales, marine life. (Milepost 1)

8. Cape Flattery, Shi Shi Beach Upon entering the Makah Reservation, Highway 112 ends and travel continues along the Cape Flattery Scenic Byway to Cape Flattery and Shi Shi Beach. A recreational use permit (required) can be purchased at the Museum and several other local outlets. Birdwatching and marine life flourish among rainbows, sunsets, sea stacks and expansive views of the Pacific Ocean. **Scenic attributes:** Salt water views, fishing boats, Tatoosh Island, rainbows, sunsets, surf. **Possible wildlife:** Eagles, whales, marine life.

All along the route, make the most of other scenic opportunities such as barns, farms, mountains, Vancouver Island, lush forests and beaches.