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## 47 Catherine Creek Labyrinth, White Salmon, WA

The Lewis and Clark Scenic Byway traces the Washington side of the Columbia River Gorge with its famous scenery front and center. The town of White Salmon makes a great base for exploring the region's backroad drives, trails and wineries. Fall is a particularly beautiful season in the Gorge—fall colors have burst forth and the crowds have thinned.

The Gorge is a transition zone between the western and eastern slopes of the Cascades, the west being a wetter, lush landscape and the east being drier and more arid. Hiking the Gorge's trails through this landscape provides a good sense of this transition. About 3 miles east of White Salmon, you'll find the trailhead for the 3-mile Catherine Creek Labyrinth loop trail, which traces the creek up and back down. On this day hike, you'll encounter interesting rock formations, groves of protected Oregon white oak and a basalt arch that was revered as a sacred place by Native Americans. Keep an eye out for wildlife.

After the hike, enjoy the friendly town of White Salmon. Spend the night in town at Inn of the White Salmon and hit a few winery tasting rooms the next day. Plan your stay in White Salmon and find details about the Catherine Creek Labyrinth trail by visiting [explorewhitesalmon.com](https://www.explorewhitesalmon.com).

## 48 Gig Harbor Film Festival, Gig Harbor, WA

If you're looking to plan a getaway in a quintessential Pacific Northwest maritime town, go to Gig Harbor. Located just across the Narrows Bridge from Tacoma, it is easily accessible. There are many reasons to visit Gig Harbor throughout the year but fall brings the Gig Harbor Film Festival, for film buffs, a perfect reason to spend a few days soaking up the city's charms.

Bunk down at the Maritime Inn, located in Gig Harbor's historic waterfront downtown, just steps away from an assortment of restaurants, art galleries, shops, breweries and a distillery tasting room. You'll discover plenty to do while you're not in the theater.

The Gig Harbor Film Festival had to suspend its 2020 season for health and safety reasons but plans to be back in full swing in 2021. Plan ahead by purchasing your festival passes and booking your lodging early.

For more information about a getaway to Gig Harbor, visit [gigharborguide.com](https://www.gigharborguide.com). To learn more about the 2021 Gig Harbor Film Festival, go to [gigharborfilm.org](https://www.gigharborfilm.org).

## 49 Wine Tasting in the Lewis-Clark Valley, Lewiston, ID

One of the Northwest's emerging wine regions is knocking it out of the park. Lewis and Clark Valley straddles the Washington-Idaho border. In recent years, winemakers have been discovering the area's terroir and have moved into the valley.

Now wine lovers have discovered the region, and it is becoming one of the Northwest's newest and best wine regions. Its charm is that it is still on a small scale. To date the region has only 17 wineries and vineyards, combined. Unlike larger, more heavily trafficked wine regions, visitors can often meet winemakers and growers while sampling their wines.

And the quality of the wines is generally similar to what one expects in the wineries of the Columbia Valley and Walla Walla. Lewis Clark Valley is a wine region to watch; it is only going to grow as more winemakers move in and set up shop.

To explore Lewis-Clark Valley's wineries, use Lewiston, Idaho, as your home base. Plan your trip at [visitlcvvalley.com](https://www.visitlcvvalley.com).

