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# Sunset Weekend Trips

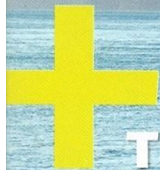
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Roslyn from above

# *A new look at Roslyn*

Pack your hiking boots (and your heels)  
for a weekend in Washington's Cascades

**USED TO BE**, it was hiking boots only in Roslyn, a coal-mining town turned mountain escape in a rugged Washington valley surrounded by Cascade peaks and lakes. But the opening a few years ago of the Lodge at Suncadia—the grandest resort in Washington—has not just added a bit of sophistication to the area’s wild beauty, it has fattened the weekend-er’s suitcase as well. Make room for everything from Keens to cowboy boots when you pack for a few days in Roslyn.



**GETTING THERE**

Roslyn, Washington, is about 80 miles from Seattle; drive east on I-90 to exit 80.

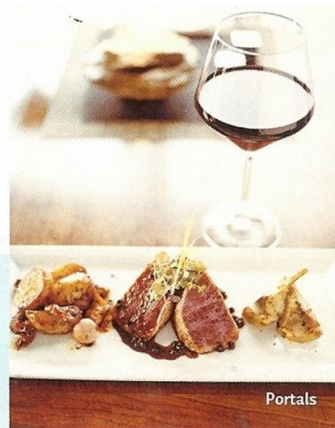
**WHAT TO DO**

One of the best hikes is in the **Alpine Lakes Wilderness**, 25 miles northwest of town. The trail, Deception Pass, follows an easy 1.5 flat miles through mossy forests and marshes to a stop at Hyas Lake. The trail splinters into little paths on the left that lead to the lake, where you can cool your feet and watch osprey diving for lunch. *To get to Hyas Lake trailhead, take State 903 and follow bumpy gravel Forest Service Rd. 4330 to the end. Check weather conditions at 509/852-1100.*

>> Roslyn is ideal for walking. Wander past white-steeped churches and by faded pastel



Flying Horseshoe Ranch



Portals

Victorian cottages. Glimpse sites made famous by the '90s TV show *Northern Exposure*, which starred Roslyn as the fictitious town of Cicely, Alaska. You'll find Dr. Fleischman's clinic at 112 W. Pennsylvania Ave., and you can belly up to the bar at **The Brick**. (Be sure to ask to see the "jail" downstairs.) 100 W. Pennsylvania Ave.; 509/649-2643.

>> For a dose of kookiness better than those *Northern Exposure* writers could ever dream up, point your toes toward Memorial Road to see the town's rather picturesque cemeteries—26 in all, with mysterious names like **Cacciatori D'Africa** and **Druids**. Wander beneath towering evergreens, past tombstones etched with the names of the immigrants who moved here in the 1880s to work in the mines.

**WHERE TO EAT**

Framed by floor-to-ceiling windows, **Portals** restaurant at

Suncadia is worth the splurge for dinner. The wine list features an extensive selection from nearby Yakima and Red Mountain wineries. A tuna poke tower and horseradish-crusted salmon might seem risky in this land-locked valley, but they taste as fresh as the pan-seared trout hooked in a river nearby. \$\$; 509/649-6473.

>> Yes, **Roslyn Café** is the sandstone building with the camel mural that a moose moseyed by in *Northern Exposure*. Inside is a bistro where regulars gather Friday nights for local brews and some grub. \$\$; 201 W. Pennsylvania Ave.; 509/649-2763.

**WHERE TO STAY**

**The Lodge at Suncadia** forms a crescent, which gives all the rooms facing the Cle Elum River a full-on Cascades view. Don't be fooled by the rugged national park-esque exterior. Inside, the condos and suites have stone gas

fireplaces and soaring ceilings. Treat yourself to a pedicure at the spa or a few laps in the outdoor pool followed by a heavenly steam and sauna.

*From \$209; suncadiaresort.com*  
>> If you prefer down-home digs to a full-service resort, 8 miles northeast of town is the **Flying Horseshoe Ranch**, a big red farmhouse set on 200 acres with barns and guest cabins. Penny Blackburn and son Justin have turned this once-kids-only horse camp into a low-key guest ranch for all ages. Come for the day to ride through piney meadows and splash in the pool. Or stay the night in a luxury tent and make your own meals in the cookhouse. *Tents \$90, cabins from \$100; guided trail ride \$35; in Cle Elum; flyinghorseshoeranch.com*

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