



KALALOCH LODGE BACKGROUNDER

OVERVIEW

Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Kalaloch Lodge is a rustic retreat that offers stunning panoramic views and seven unique beaches. This coastal land was aptly named Kalaloch or “land of plenty” by the Quinault Indians. Remote and peaceful, the Lodge offers the perfect escape for a romantic getaway or a family vacation of relaxing days filled with beach combing, fishing, hiking and exploring.

The resort features 10 guest rooms (5 with ocean view rooms) in the main lodge. There are also 44 rustic cabins (20 with views) that sleep 4-9 people and have both kitchenettes and Franklin fireplaces. A two-story motel, Sea Crest House, is located about two blocks from the main lodge.

Kalaloch Lodge is the only year-round lodging in Olympic National Park.

KALALOCH LODGE AND THE OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Kalaloch Lodge is managed by ARAMARK, an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service. ARAMARK has been providing services at Kalaloch Lodge since 1989.

ARAMARK is a leading concessioner associated with the National Park Service and operates services at Denali, Mesa Verde and Shenandoah National Parks, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Lake Powell) and Ellis Island National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

HISTORY

In 1925, Charles W. Becker, Sr. acquired roughly 40 acres just south of Kalaloch Creek. Milled lumber that washed up onto the beach provided the material for the main house lodge and wood cabin frames that comprised the original Becker’s Inn and Resort Cabins. After the Olympic Loop Highway was completed, Charles Becker, Jr. added several additional guest cabins to the property between 1934 and 1936.

Included in the Olympic National Park Coastal Strip Acquisition authorized by President Roosevelt in 1940, and consummated under the Truman administration in 1953, the property by then renamed “Becker’s Ocean Resort” was occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard from October 1, 1942 until a fire broke out in 1943. In 1946, after some reconstruction, the Coast Guard encampment resumed operations at Becker’s Ocean Resort. Becker’s Ocean Resort returned to recreational use after the war in the late 1940’s.

The National Park Service purchased the Becker property in 1978 and renamed it Kalaloch Lodge. In 1989, ARAMARK purchased Kalaloch Lodge and now operates as an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

With thousands of visitors to Kalaloch Lodge each year, efforts to maintain the precious landscape are crucial. That's why ARAMARK and the National Park Service have made environmental education and awareness a priority.

Additionally, ARAMARK employs many environmentally safe products and programs in the fields of electric and heating, solid waste reduction, and recycling. Initiatives such as implementing bi-fuel Ford trucks and Green Suites dispensers in place of traditional bottles of shampoo and soap and reduce both pollution and waste. These practices, among many, have helped increase environmental awareness among Kalaloch Lodge visitors regarding the importance of keeping the environment clean.