

WAITSBURG



POPULATION: 1,254

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aitsburg looks like the set of a 1950s movie about rural life—red barns, lush barley fields, farmers in overalls steering John Deeres along Highway 12. But the village 20 miles north of Walla Walla is no act. Wheat still reigns in this community, as it has for the past century. It's just that out-of-towners—particularly of the foodie persuasion—have tweaked the small-town script.

Five years ago a trio of Seattle restaurateurs opened the Cajun-inspired Whoopemup Hollow Café. Across the street another Seattle expat set up a high-end cocktail bar, Jingermanbar. Vintners followed with tasting rooms. The blend of agrarian culture and fine dining has attracted second-home buyers from the city—and hotels and art galleries are on the way—yet Waitsburg, for now, has dodged the dreaded G-word. It's not gentrified when tractors still roll down the main street.

DRIVE TIME 4 hours **SLEEP** Nothing New Lodging, 214 Main St, 509-337-6393; nothingnewlodging.net
EAT Whoopemup Hollow Café, 120 Main St, 509-337-9000; whoopemuphollowcafe.com

ROSLYN

POPULATION: 1,020

In Roslyn, you can have it both ways. The former coal-mining village in the Cascades—so frontier-looking that it doubled as fictional Cicely, Alaska, on the 1990s TV show *Northern Exposure*—claims small-town status in all the right ways: century-old buildings still in use, early-model pickup trucks, and no-nonsense locals who like to tie one on at the Brick, the longest continuously open tavern in the state. Unlike in so many bucolic burgs, however, you can take all that in *and* enjoy luxurious accommodations, thanks to Suncadia Resort, two miles away. Rest your dogs in a suite that rivals the Four Seasons, tuck into a steak at Swiftwater Cellars, or putt around on one of three golf courses, and you'll forget that you're in a city with a population barely larger than a Starbucks line. Then roll back to "Cicely" and get rural. Moose moseying down Main Street not guaranteed. But possible.

DRIVE TIME 1 hour, 30 minutes **SLEEP** Suncadia Resort, 3600 Suncadia Trail, Cle Elum, 509-649-6400; suncadiaresort.com **EAT** The Brick, 100 W Pennsylvania Ave, Roslyn, 509-649-2643

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