



# LAKE ESCAPE: HOUSEBOAT VACATIONS

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**Lake Billy Chinook, Oregon,**  
[VisitCentralOregon.com](http://VisitCentralOregon.com),  
[CovePalisadesResort.com](http://CovePalisadesResort.com)

**Lake Roosevelt, Washington,**  
[Go-Washington.com/Lake-Roosevelt-Grand-Coulee](http://Go-Washington.com/Lake-Roosevelt-Grand-Coulee),  
[NPS.gov/laro](http://NPS.gov/laro),  
[LakeRooseveltAndMore.com](http://LakeRooseveltAndMore.com),  
[LakeRooseveltAdventures.com](http://LakeRooseveltAdventures.com)

**Shuswap Lake, B.C.,** [ShuswapTourism.ca](http://ShuswapTourism.ca),  
[TwinAnchors.com](http://TwinAnchors.com), [BluewaterHouseboats.ca](http://BluewaterHouseboats.ca)

**Okanogan Lake, B.C.,** [TourismVernon.com](http://TourismVernon.com),  
[TourismKelowna.com](http://TourismKelowna.com), [VisitPenticton.com](http://VisitPenticton.com),  
[sites.google.com/site/WelcomeToKelownaHouseboats](http://sites.google.com/site/WelcomeToKelownaHouseboats)

*Looking for a fun* and safe summer vacation destination?

Houseboating checks all the boxes: private, home-like accommodations surrounded by a water playground, the freedom to cruise around at-will exploring coves and beaches, relaxing and playing in the sun-filled outdoors.

Houseboats come in various sizes, accommodating from six to a dozen or more people and with a choice of amenities. Just stock up on food, beverages and water toys and off you go. Rental rates are comparable to full-service resorts. Cooking on-board saves on restaurant bills. Marinas offer convenient pit-stops for fuel, water and supplies. Consider these houseboating destinations for your next Northwest vacation.

## Lake Billy Chinook, Oregon

This 28-mile-long Central Oregon reservoir captures run-off from the Deschutes, Crooked and Metolius Rivers in a scenic canyon framed by soaring basalt cliffs. With 72 miles of shoreline and three arms, there's plenty to explore. You can even catch your dinner by fishing for trout, Kokanee salmon and bass.

Cove Palisades Resort rents houseboats and other equipment. A store, café, fuel dock and pump-out facilities provide everything you'll need.

## Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, Washington

Construction of Grand Coulee Dam created a 130-mile-long lake on a stretch of the Columbia River. The dry, sunny climate makes this area ideal for boating, swimming, shoreside hikes, fishing and more. Its 660 miles of shoreline features sandy beaches, hidden coves and pine-dotted hills.



Lake Billy Chinook, OR

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Seven Bays Marina offers a restaurant, fuel, pump-out station and other supplies. Keller Ferry Marina has boating services, fishing supplies and a grocery store.

## British Columbia

**Shuswap Lake**, mid-way between Vancouver and Calgary, stretches 55 miles long and covers 120 square miles. This natural H-shaped lake has 26 provincial and marine parks along its 370 miles of shoreline. The town of Sicamous, marinas and shoreside stores provide supplies. Enjoy cruising the lake, water recreation, swimming and fishing.

**Okanogan Lake** spans 84 miles from Vernon south to Penticton, with Kelowna at its mid-point. Its 200 miles of shoreline feature more than 30 beaches. The area's mild climate invites activities like water sports, swimming, and fishing. And, it's also a renowned wine region.

Other British Columbia houseboating destinations include **Lake Kocanusa**, near Cranbrook, and both **Cowichan Lake** and **Sproat Lake** on Vancouver Island. Check Canadian travel restrictions before making any reservations. 🇨🇦

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