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## It's 'Twilight' time in the Pacific Northwest

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By [Chris Gray Faust](#), USA TODAY

They're called "Twi-hards," fans so avid about *Twilight* that they hit the road to find trails traversed by the fictional Bella Swan and her vampire love, Edward Cullen.

While the series' second book — *New Moon*, opening as a movie Nov. 20 — makes a detour into Tuscany, the majority of *Twilight*'s lovestruck action takes place in the Pacific Northwest. Tiny Forks, Wash., (pop. 3,192) has seen visitation jump 600% since Stephenie Meyer's first teen-vampire novel was released in 2005, says Marcia Bingham, director of the Forks Chamber of Commerce.

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"We're reveling in it," Bingham says of the fan attention. "And they don't complain about the rain!"

Here are some places to sink your teeth into *Twilight*.

•**Forks, Wash.** This logging town on the Olympic Peninsula is considered Vampire Central. A free map outlines *Twilight* touchstones such as Forks Community Hospital (check out Dr. Cullen's parking spot) and Forks High School. Tours are conducted by Dazzled by *Twilight*. For those staying in Seattle (3½ hours away), Kimpton hotels have packages that include a day-long trip to Forks. [forks.wa.com](#); [seattleres@kimptongroup.com](mailto:seattleres@kimptongroup.com)

•**La Push, Wash.** Home of the Quilleute tribe, La Push boasts werewolf-friendly First Beach — an essential stop for Team Jacob. Native American-owned Oceanside Resort has packages and specials, including one that includes firewood for your own beach bonfire. [quilleutenation.org](#)

•**Portland, Ore., area.** Producers shot much of *Twilight* in St. Helens, near the Columbia River Gorge. (Bella's house is here, as well as the Italian restaurant where Edward and Bella have their first date.) Events are planned around the *New Moon* opening weekend. In nearby Corbett, the View Point Inn — site of the prom scene — offers a *Twilight* slumber party package, a reservation-only *Twilight* menu and tours. [travelcolumbiacounty.com](#); [theviewpointinn.com](#)

•**Vancouver, B.C.** Fans searching for RPazz (as star Robert Pattinson is known) have been hanging out north of the border, shooting site for *New Moon* and for *Eclipse*, the third series installment set for release in June 2010. Several companies, including *Twilight* Tours Vancouver, take fans to locations, neighborhoods and restaurants where the cast hung out. [twilighttoursvancouver.ca](#).

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[yourjillybean](#) (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 11/8/2009 5:52:46 PM

People need to get their own facts straight before they start tearing into one another. The scene used in the movie *Twilight* of Bella and Edwards first date WAS filmed in Saint Helens, Oregon!! They used a building down on First Street for it. The inspiration for the restarant scene came from the actual restarant in Washington. I live in Saint Helens and have pictures of them at the fake restarant here! I also know the locals in the background of that scene. The blond at the catmans table is a local hair salon owner whom let them use her salon as the dress shop in the other scene in the movie! I love this saga and hate to see people with such hatred on this site. Sit Back - Relax - Enjoy The Show!!

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Skrealing (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 11/8/2009 12:16:43 AM

The Portland part of the article is wrong, unless it means where the scenes were actually filmed.

The Italian Restaurant is in Port Angeles, WA, about an hour's drive from Forks.

My wife & I worked at the national park there this summer. I took her to eat there for our anniversary.

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kimc333 (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 11/7/2009 10:53:00 PM

It's not only Twilight time in the Northwest but it's also Twilight time in the desert & more specifically Phoenix, Arizona home of Stephenie Meyer. Check out New Moon Rising Over Arizona:

<http://cullenboysanonymous.com/new-moon-rising-over-arizona/>

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I won't say that they need to get a life but to see so many people obsessed with vampires is disturbing and then there are those who think vampires are sexy necrophilia is not sexy.

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People have been obsessed with creatures/beings more powerful than humans.

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thisoneguy (19 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 11/7/2009 2:07:59 PM

marktexas wrote:

These people need to get a life!

SixPenceRicher wrote:

What? As opposed to you, who feels compelled to troll and judge other people on their actions, hobbies, and interests?

So, do you feel superior now?

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Clearly, SixPenceRicher, you aren't savvy enough to grasp the irony in your calling out marktexas for his judgmental comments while doing exactly the same thing to him.

Which begs the question: So, do you feel superior now?

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If you want to spend your time reading or watching poorly-written, poorly-acted, low-brow cr@p then that's your right, just as it's my right to call it that.

If you or the people in this story want to trek to some remote spot where somebody once made a cr@ppy movie or read about other people who have done that then that's your/their right.

If marktexas or anyone else wants to express their opinion that those people need to get a life then right or wrong it's their opinion and they have a right to express it.

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datubaman (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 11/7/2009 1:40:08 PM

Really? Common now...don't these people have jobs, or real lives? Oh wait...probably not. Thank you Obama.

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I am so sick of hearing about Twilight...and Pattinson needs to wash his damn hair.

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