



**Weekend Getaway**

a) Curlew Lake & Rails-to-Trails Railroad Trestle; b) Downtown Republic; c) Republic Brewing Co Beer; d) Fossil hunting at Stonerose's Boot Hill Fossil Site



## Spend a Weekend in Republic, WA for Some Old-Fashioned, Authentic, Rural Charm

**W**hile the best way to see Republic, WA and the surrounding countryside involves a week-long stay, filled with fossil hunting, hiking, swimming, fishing, and water sports; many families and vacationers can only wrangle a few days away from work and school obligations. So, what can be done in less than a week? Lots! Even a two to three day visit will give you ample time to soak up the authentic Old West feel of this rural town, hunt for fossils, drive some of the area's scenic back roads, and enjoy a swim along the lovely shores of the Kettle River.

### Where to Begin?

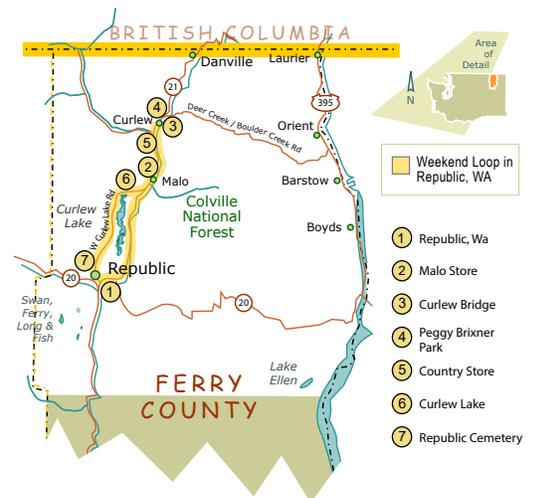
Before you leave home, pre-book the Balcony View Suite at the Northern Inn (Northern-inn.com), where you'll be treated to great views of Republic and the neighboring hills. Check in, park your car and stroll the shops and restaurants of Republic's historic main street, Clark Avenue.

Hit the Republic Brewing Company

(republicbrew.com) for regionally recognized brews (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and great live music. While the brewery doesn't serve food (other than all-you-can-eat peanuts), three nearby restaurants will happily deliver to your table. If you want to sample the brewery's beer, but you're traveling with children, you can still enjoy an excellent meal at Esther's Mexican Restaurant or Freckles Gourmet BBQ, which offer RBC's Pale Ale on tap!

Saturday morning, beat the heat and visit Stonerose Interpretive Center early. First, enjoy a tasty breakfast at the Knotty Pine restaurant (located on Republic's historic Clark Ave.), before heading to Stonerose (stonerosefossil.org). There, you'll learn all about Republic's 49-million-year-old fossils, before heading up to their Boothill fossil site to dig for fossils in Stonerose's world-class fossil beds.

When you start to think about lunch, head back to your hotel, grab your bathing suits and your cameras and head north for lunch and an afternoon of fun!



**Freckles Gourmet BBQ** offers tasty menu choices of pork BBQ, beef steak, fish tacos, BLT sandwiches, and more! All meats are smoked and prepared on site. Don't miss their fried pickles and beer batter onion rings. [facebook.com/FrecklesGourmetBbq](https://facebook.com/FrecklesGourmetBbq)

Nine miles from Republic, just off Hwy 21, spend a leisurely lunch at Fisherman's Cove Resort ([fishermanscove.us](http://fishermanscove.us)) where you'll be treated to yummy, classic burgers, fries, and shakes, while enjoying beautiful views of Curlew Lake. After a satisfying lunch, head north on Hwy 21 to the historic and photogenic Malo Store, where you can purchase snacks and drinks to enjoy later in the afternoon.

Then, make your way north to the historic community of Curlew, which, in the early 1900s, was once a thriving Gold Rush town. Drive over Curlew's restored one-lane bridge, and turn left on to Hwy 21 and left again into the entrance to Peggy Brixner Park. Break out the beach towels and head down to The Ole Swimmin' Hole for some quality time at this locals' beach hangout on the Kettle River.

If you head back to town before 5:00 p.m., just for the fun of it, stop in at The Country Store. Photo opportunities abound here! Located on the east side of Hwy 21, between Curlew and Malo, the store carries great candies, groceries, antiques, fishing gear and just about anything else you might need while on your trip.

### Want More?

**Enjoy the excitement of small-town, dirt-track racing** at Eagle Track Raceway. Located a half mile south of Republic, Washington on Pendry Road, the track hosts 3/8 mile, dirt-track, sprint, and stock car racing. Snacks and soft drinks are available. View the races from the bleachers, or from your car or tailgate. More info at: [eagletrackraceway.com](http://eagletrackraceway.com)



Heading south on Hwy 21, turn right onto West Curlew Lake Road, and stop at the northern most point of Curlew Lake to photograph a stunning view of the lake and rails-to-trails railroad trestle. Then, continue south on West Curlew Lake Road back to Republic. On the rise, just above the town, turn right into the entrance to the beautiful Republic Cemetery for a spectacular view of the San Poil valley.

When you return to the hotel, purchase a copy of the Historic Walking Tour booklet at the desk and, before dinner, take a tour of the town. Be sure to visit Gold Mountain Gallery to browse the work of local artists. Enjoy dinner at one of the town's restaurants (Republic Pizza Co, Freckles Gourmet BBQ, Esther's, The Knotty Pine, Madonna's, Steve-O's). Sunday morning, as you pack your car up to head back home, the town will be quiet. As you walk over to the Knotty Pine restaurant to enjoy breakfast or brunch, take a moment to notice the clean air, beautiful sky, and peaceful ambiance of Republic.

Be sure to check the Community Calendar at [FerryCounty.com](http://FerryCounty.com) for local events to attend. Bingo? County Fair? Prospectors' Days? Fireworks on the Lake for the 4th? Yup – we have all that and more!



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e) Railroad-facing side of the Historic Malo Store; f) Peggy Brixner Park's "The Ol' Swimmin' Hole"; g) View from Fisherman's Cove's open-air restaurant.

### Bring Your Fishing Rod!

Ask, "How's the fishing?" of anyone who has fished Curlew Lake, as well as Ferry County's many other lakes and rivers, and the answer you'll likely receive is, "The fishing is great!" In the spring and early summer, you'll find it hard to beat our trout fishing; come summer and fall you'll enjoy reeling in largemouth bass; and our record-setting Tiger muskies provide spring-through fall angling fun. Learn more about area fishing at [FerryCounty.com](http://FerryCounty.com) and Curlew Lake Resorts at: [tiffanysresort.com](http://tiffanysresort.com) • [blackbeachresort.com](http://blackbeachresort.com) • [fishermanscove.us](http://fishermanscove.us)