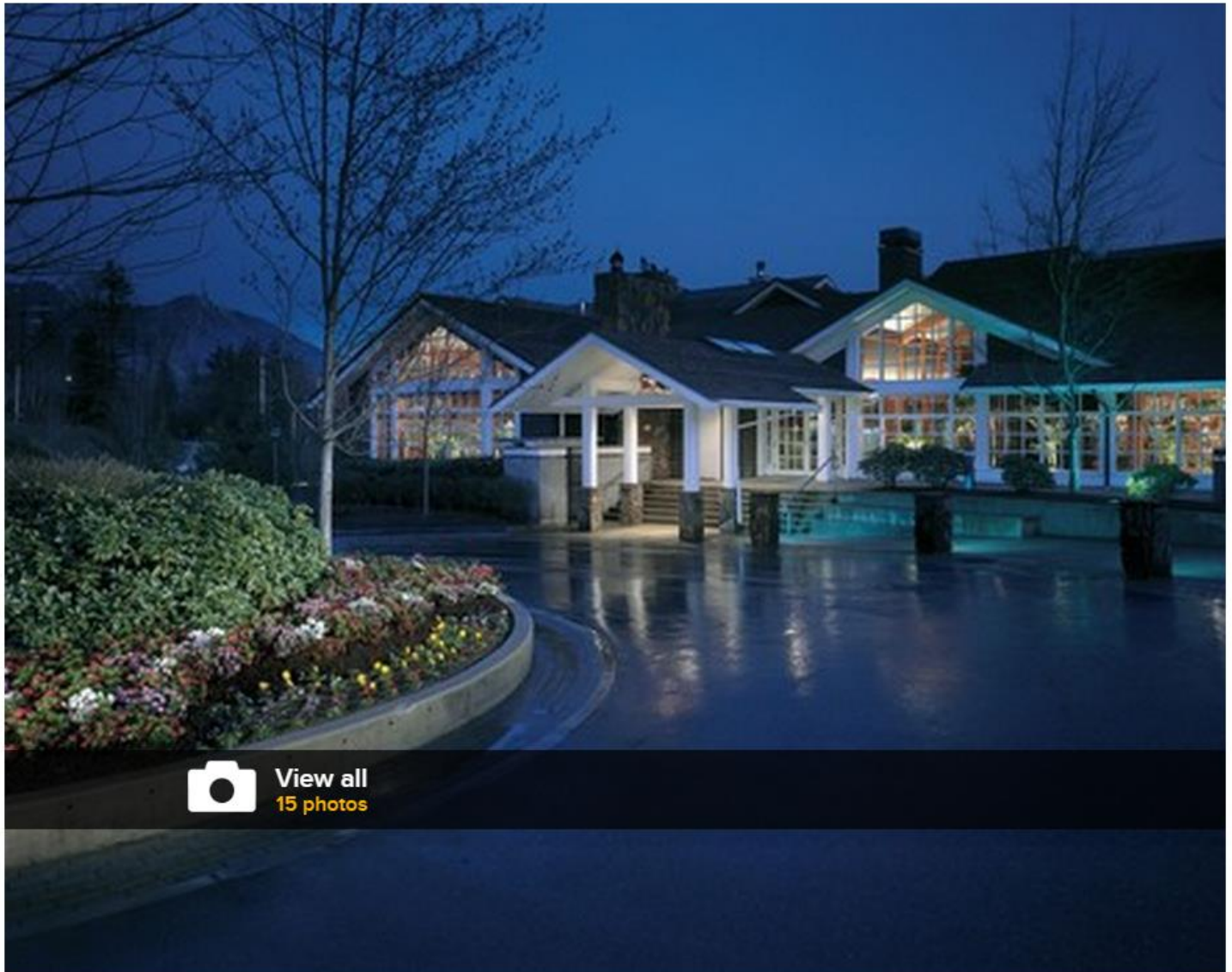


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Salish Lodge & Spa

Stars of the iconic 1990s television series, "[Twin Peaks](#)," will gather in North Bend and Snoqualmie, Washington, in late July for fun, photo ops and some damn fine coffee. Catherine E. Coulson, the enigmatic Log Lady; James Marshall, who played angst-ridden James Hurley; Charlotte Stewart (Betty Briggs); and Kimmy Robertson, ditzy sheriff's office receptionist Lucy Moran, are among celebs attending the 23rd annual [Twin Peaks Festival](#).

Alas, tickets to the July 24-27 celebration sold out back in October with the announcement that director David Lynch is planning a third season of the cult classic to air on Showtime in 2016. However, fans of Lynch and the show can still steep themselves in the world of sawmills, cherry pie and One-Eyed Jacks with a full-on “Twin Peaks” experience.

The [Salish Lodge & Spa](#), a luxury resort tucked in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains that starred as the Great Northern Lodge in the series, has created a “Great Northern Escape” that includes a “Twin Peaks” map for a self-guided driving tour of many show hotspots. The Roadhouse (its actual name is Fall City Roadhouse Inn) – the town watering hole featuring singer Julee Cruise in the role of “Roadhouse Singer” – makes a fun breakfast stop.

For lunch, fans know there really is only one place: the “Double R Diner,” owned by long-suffering Norma Jennings, a former “Miss Twin Peaks” who is married to sleazy career criminal and chronic parole violator Hank Jennings (but carrying on a long-term affair with Big Ed Hurley). In reality, the North Bend restaurant is Twede’s Cafe, a place where visitors can find the kind of comfort food cooked by Norma and served by high school drop-out Shelly Johnson: BLTs, tuna melts, French dips and grilled cheese. It is also the home of one of the world’s most famous desserts – the oft-referenced cherry pie.

Peaks Freaks can visit Snoqualmie sites Ronette’s Bridge, the Packard Sawmill and the Sheriff’s Station, which is now the DirtFish Rally School. The nice folks here will let you take a peek inside and even pose for a selfie at the desk answering the phone *a la* Lucy Moran. Another must-pose snapshot for any aficionado’s scrapbook is at the “Welcome to Twin Peaks” sign (population: 51,201). And in deference to The Log Lady (local crazy Margaret Lanterman), don’t miss the Giant Log sheltering beneath Snoqualmie’s Centennial Log Pavilion. It is a massive Douglas fir, the species Agent Dale Cooper rhapsodizes over and seen in the show’s opening credits.

Of course, overnighting at the Salish Lodge puts you right in the belly of the beast, so to speak –at the epicenter of several key Peaks’ plotlines. The Great Northern Hotel was the scene of many a scheme hatched by cutthroat businessman Ben Horne and his playboy brother, Jerry, the two occasionally joined by Ben’s lawyer, Leland Palmer. It was also where Agent Cooper was shot and had his visions.

The resort overlooks the 268-foot [Snoqualmie Falls](#) seen in the opening shot of “Twin Peaks,” another not-to-be-missed landmark and photo op. Rooms are warmly inviting with featherbeds, fireplaces and oversized two-person jetted spa tubs. Some rooms offer window seats – the better to curl up with *The Secret Diary of Laura Palmer* – and many of them overlook the Snoqualmie River.

Fans of the inimitable Agent Cooper (and let’s face it – who isn’t?) will love the lodge’s Dale Cooper cocktail, an expertly crafted concoction of Batch 206 Counter Gin, clove- and cardamom-infused Salish honey, Salish Lodge & Spa Dry Honey Cider, a lemon twist and Luxardo Lychee.

And the pièce de résistance? Something no Peakser can resist: A slice of cherry pie laced with Salish honey and fresh vanilla paired with damn fine coffee, served in The Attic, the kind of place Agent Cooper would feel perfectly at home spinning his quirky but always spot-on deductions.

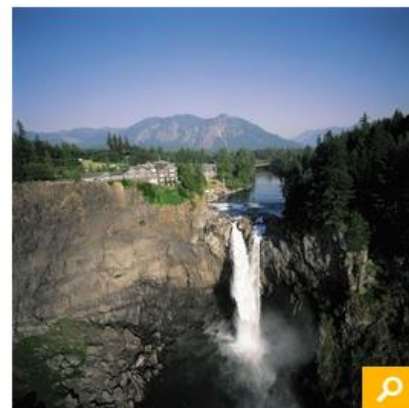
Chris Mulkey’s “Twin Peaks” adventure guide

“Twin Peaks” star Chris Mulkey, a celebrity guest at the 2014 Twin Peaks Festival, has appeared in nearly 200 movies and television shows, including “Grimm,” “Justified” and “Saving Grace.” Still, the role he is most recognized for is that of bad-to-the-bone Hank Jennings. Mulkey is also a southern blues musician and he and his band, Deluxe, play different venues around the country. In fact, when Mulkey attends the Twin Peaks Festival, he treats those in attendance to his music.

Mulkey ranks Hank as his favorite role, citing the character’s “double-sided personality that is both romantic and violent.”

With season three of “Twin Peaks” currently in pre-production for its 2016 release on Showtime, Mulkey recently waxed philosophical on the subject of what might have become of Hank Jennings – last seen being hauled back to jail for flagrant parole violations – 25 years later, which is where Lynch’s Season 3 will pick up.

“Hank has a small ranch up in the woods and leads hunting trips that become very strange,” he said. (Of course this is assuming Hank either serves all his time or convinces the parole board to give him yet another chance.)



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Hank Jennings' favorite "Twin Peaks" haunt?

"He likes to drink whiskey at the bottom of the waterfall at sun down."

For Mulkey, playing Hank Jennings was a real bucket list adventure – but the actor has several other adventures still to be checked off.

"On my bucket list are a motorcycle trip from the bottom of Italy all the way across the Riviera to Granada, Spain. I want to ski the Andes and do Carnival in Rio. And finally, I want to surf in Australia."

Adventure gear to take along

A "Twin Peaks" truism often cited in the TV show and the movie, "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me" – a prequel to the series which came out in 1992, a year after the television series went off the air – is that "the owls are not what they seem."

From her studio in Los Angeles, jewelry designer [Sara Pocius](#) has created the perfect pendant for Peaks fans – especially when entering the woods surrounding the town of Twin Peaks: A limited edition 3-D printed stainless steel owl necklace that includes a 16-inch black rubber cord (\$34).

Pocius fashions both a ready-to-wear jewelry line and custom designs. Her interpretation of the owl is exactly what it seems – somewhat mysterious, on-trend and the perfect accessory for a visit to "Twin Peaks" hotspots. Pocius also has a limited edition eco-friendly oxidized sterling silver owl necklace (\$104-\$114) and a tiny charm-size owl necklace (\$44-\$48) – as well as many other designs that may be seen [here](#).

Information

The [Salish Lodge & Spa's](#) "Great Northern Escape" package includes overnight accommodations with fireplace and balcony or window seat, exclusive "Twin Peaks" hotspots map, Two Dale Cooper cocktails, cherry pie and damn fine coffee and a \$15 Amazon gift card (guests can stream season one of "Twin Peaks" at their convenience). Package rates begin at \$279. Visit the website for more information or to make reservations.

Additionally, the Salish has curated some enticing products "Twin Peaks" fans will not be able to resist, including Damn Fine Coffee Mugs, Snoqualmie Falls Premium Blend Coffee, Salish Lodge & Spa Cherry Pie Filling, Log Pillows and a variety of "Twin Peaks" art prints. The items are available at the lodge's gift shop and online.

The Annual [Twin Peaks Festival](#) is typically held in late July/early August each year. About 150 or so fans from all over the world gather for a long weekend fete that includes celebrity guests; a celebrity banquet and autograph-signing session; "Twin Peaks" Filming Sites Bus Tour; a picnic lunch with the celebrity guests that features cherry pie for dessert, a Tibetan rock-throw contest and a hike to area filming sites; contests and more. Tickets generally go on sale in February.