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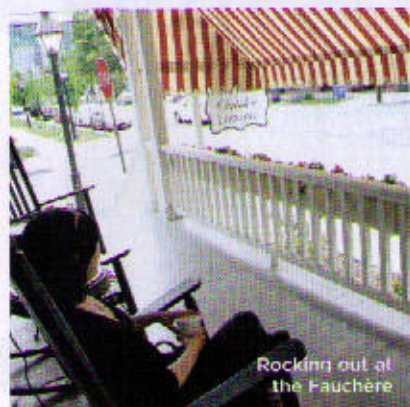
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Bar Louis at Hotel Fauchère in Milford



Rocking out at the Fauchère

**“After work, I like to go swimming in a waterfall,” says a resident of Milford**

## Milford, Pa.

Population: 1,292

Nearest City: New York, 71 miles

A resort town since the Gilded Age, Milford is popular with newcomers interested in its Victorian houses. Sean Strub (a direct-mail and publishing entrepreneur who moved here in 1997) and retired executive Richard Snyder spearheaded the town beautification effort, launched *Milford Magazine*, and in 2001 bought the 1880s-era **Hotel Fauchère**. Five years and \$6.5 million later, it reopened with heated slate bathroom floors, Frette sheets, and a price point that's ritzy for such a small town, not to mention *Budget Travel* (401 Broad St., 570/409-1212, [hotelfauchere.com](http://hotelfauchere.com), from \$275). The 70,000-acre **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** is nearby ([nps.gov/dewa](http://nps.gov/dewa)); buy picnic supplies at **Fretta's** (223 Broad St., 570/296-7863). Kitchen and bath designer Derek Roberts moved to Milford in 1991. “My mountain bike is well used,” he says. “After work, I like to go swimming in a waterfall.” He has become such a civic booster that he began organizing **Fluviarchy** dance parties—named for the network of waterfalls—at The Emerson House (call the Fauchère for info). “Find me for free-drink tickets,” he says. —Drew Limsky

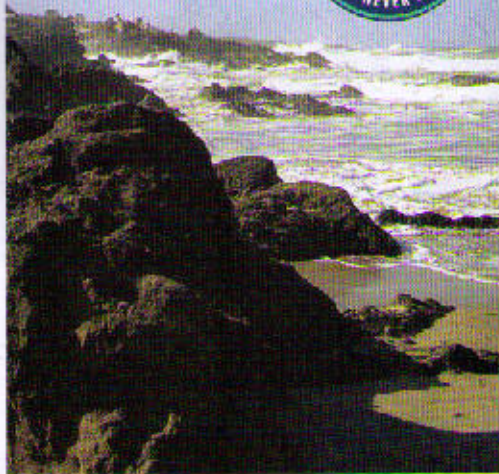
## Yachats, Ore.

Population: 617

Nearest City: Eugene, 86 miles

In 2005, Dave Thomas and Deb Gisetto left Vermont for Oregon and soon found

The beach at Shamrock Lodgettes in Yachats



themselves awestruck by the scenery around Yachats (*yah-hots*). “It was just unbelievably beautiful,” recalls Thomas. “And the people were possibly the most friendly in the country.” Thomas and Gisetto put down roots by opening **Green Salmon Bakery & Coffee House** (220 Hwy. 101, 541/547-3077). Yachats also has cute shops, like **Raindogs** (162 Beach St., 541/547-3000, [raindogsonline.com](http://raindogsonline.com)), and a deli called **Grand Occasions** where you can watch the sea roll in while you eat pie made with blackberries, strawberries, or whatever's in season (84 Beach St., 541/547-4409). After staying in a **Shamrock Lodgettes** beachfront cabin, you may move to Oregon, too (105 Hwy. 101, 800/845-5028, [shamrocklodgettes.com](http://shamrocklodgettes.com), cabins from \$99). —Colin Lingle

## Waitsburg, Wash.

Population: 1,212

Nearest City: Walla Walla, 21 miles

Ross Stevenson and Leroy Cunningham settled in Waitsburg six years ago, in search of a quieter lifestyle. With two partners, they opened the **Whoopemup Hollow Café** in 2005. The Whoop, as it's known, dishes up jambalaya and Coca-Cola cake to wheat farmers and wine snobs alike (120 Main St., 509/337-9000, jambalaya \$19). Just across the street, Jim German recently opened **Jimgermanbar**, which specializes in classic cocktails and small plates (119 Main St., 509/337-6001). His wife, Claire Johnston-German, owns the **AMO Art** gallery next door >>>