Homesteaders

Imagine traveling by foot and boat into the Olympic wilderness. Fish are plentiful, hunting is promising, and the water pure. By the 1880s families began settling the Elwha Valley, building homes and carving out a living.

Geyser Valley area trails pass three homesteads: Krause Bottom, with scattered fruit trees, Humes Ranch and Michael’s Cabin. These homesteads remain a testament to lives and memories that still linger. Please treat historical structures with respect so future generations can also discover the past.