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*Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area: Nature trails, birding, sandboarding, fat biking and dune buggy riding are some of the many recreational opportunities found year-round along this 40-mile stretch of coastal sand dunes.*

# GO FLORENCE

## 5 activities for every season on the Oregon Coast

Florence, Oregon, is the perfect base camp for exploring the state's scenic central coast region, come spring, summer, fall or winter. Known for its charming downtown and world-class attractions, Florence boasts towering bluffs, freshwater lakes, a coastal forest and massive sand dunes. Consider visiting in the off-season and enjoy smaller crowds. Here are five must-do activities to get you started.



- 1 Go horseback riding**  
You don't need to be an experienced rider to explore the Oregon Coast on horseback. C&M Stables offers beach rides, dune trail rides and sunset beach rides for all levels — even in winter, when the weather can be ideal.
- 2 Visit Sea Lion Caves**  
Don't miss this classic roadside attraction along Hwy 101, believed to be America's largest sea cave and the only mainland home of Stellar sea lions in the world.
- 3 Stroll Historic Old Town Florence**  
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- 4 Ride a dune buggy**  
Dune buggy tours are one of the best ways to explore the other-worldly, natural terrain of the Oregon Dunes Recreation Area, one of the largest coastal sand dunes in the world.
- 5 Explore Heceta Head Lighthouse**  
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# THE PEOPLE'S COAST

The Oregon Coast is the People's Coast — designated as publicly accessible to you, me and everyone else. The idea was first dreamed up and turned into law more than 50 years ago, and it has withstood the test of time. Sometimes it's hard to comprehend the significance of this tremendous access to the sandy beaches and tumbling surf of the coastline. What is the People's Coast, exactly? We find the legacy in numbers.



## A STORY TOLD IN NUMBERS

**363** That's miles of beaches, rugged coastline, tide pools and wildlife that are yours to discover.

**95** Oregon Coast state parks with quiet picnic spots and breathtaking vistas of sea stacks, myrtlewood groves and spouting bowls and churns.

**11** Lighthouses standing sentinel above the rocky coast, a testament to the state's maritime history and the seamen who navigated its often perilous waters.

**5** Nationally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, their waters luring boaters, fishers and all kinds of adventurers.

**2** National forests, with the wind in the trees overhead and trails underfoot winding up mountains and through meadows.

**1** Most simply, the People's Coast is about each of us, each pair of feet in the sand, eyes on the horizon and ears listening to the endless rhythm of the ocean on the beach.

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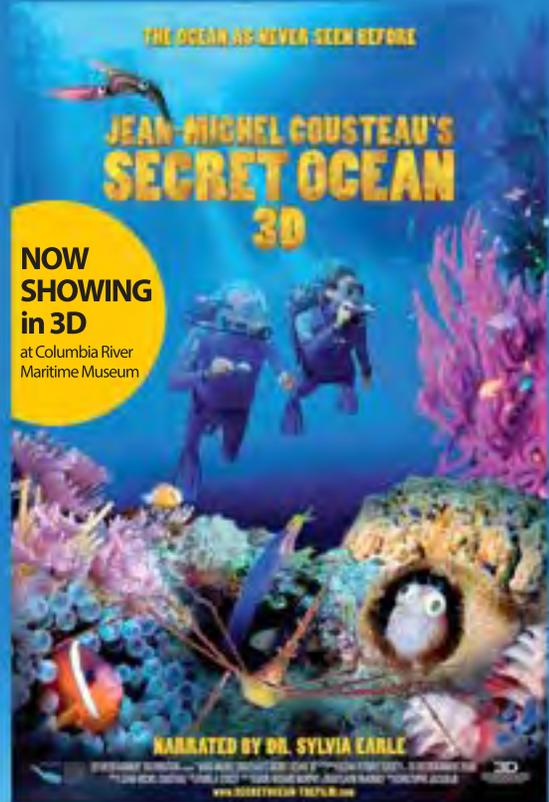
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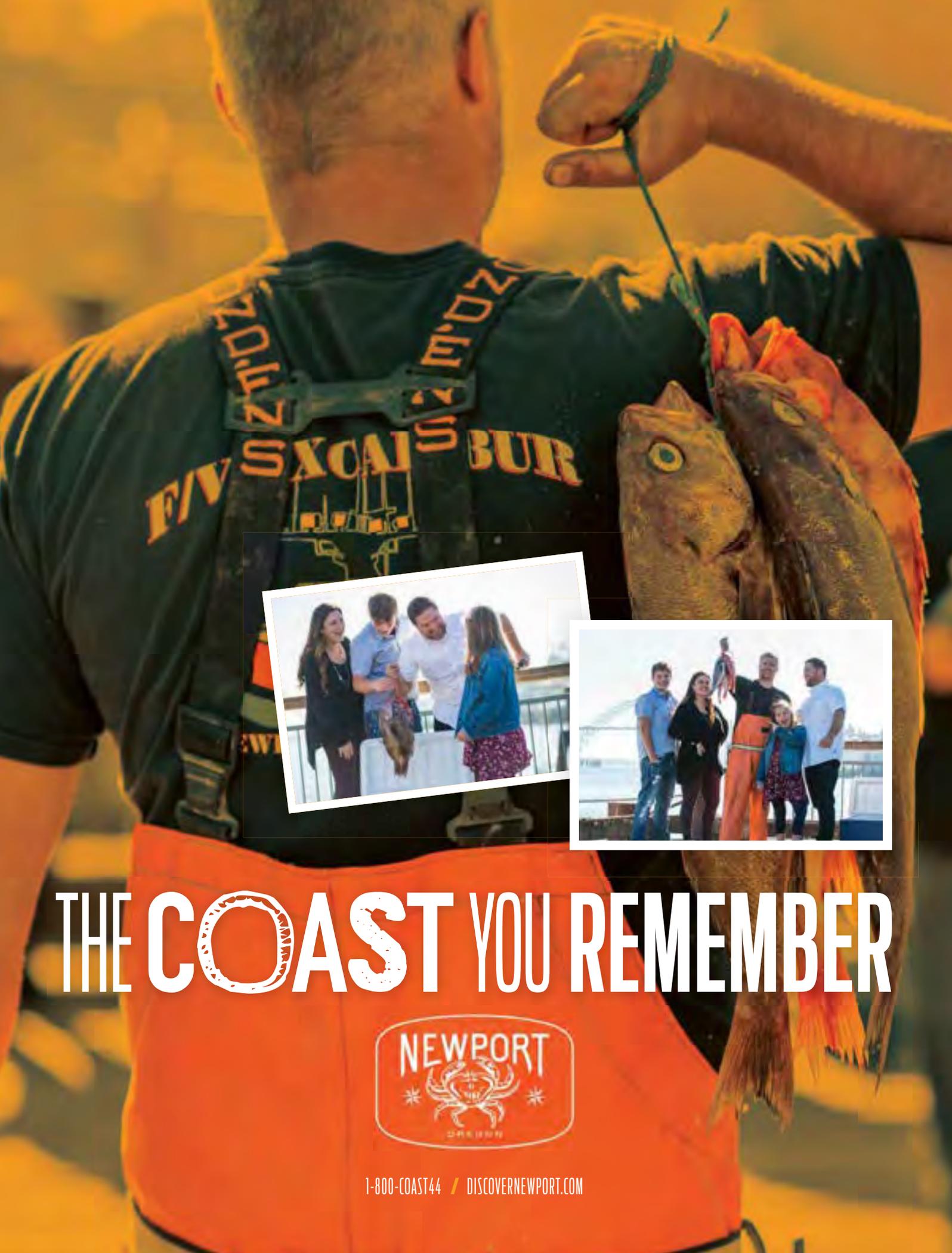
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# COASTAL CHARM

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## THE PEOPLE'S COAST

*Oregon's scenic beaches belong to everybody.*

Go ahead, trace the shore for shells, throw a Frisbee, play fetch with Fido or plop down on a blanket with a breezy book. Whatever suits your fancy, know the sand beneath your toes doesn't belong to any one person. Everybody owns Oregon's beaches — it's the law. That's why it's nicknamed "the People's Coast."

**A PUBLIC VISION:** More than 50 years ago, in 1967, state legislators had the rare foresight to pass the Oregon Beach Bill, a landmark law guaranteeing that all 363 miles of beach would remain free and open for locals and visitors to enjoy and cherish. In the decades since, several generations have stewarded these shores to ensure the promise is preserved for decades to come. You can help too.

**LEAVE NO TRACE:** Play on the Oregon Coast, and then pitch in so others can play here too: Leave no trace by picking up after yourself, staying on designated trails, respecting wildlife and leaving what you find where it's at. (That's why we have souvenir shops.) Avoid overcrowding sensitive natural areas and overwhelming small towns by planning a visit during the cooler months and by seeking out quieter, less-trafficked spots. And join volunteer programs to keep the Coast clean.

**HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE:** Never turn your back to the ocean, as sneaker waves come without any warning. Find local tide tables and time your activities to high and low tides, which also affect the tidally influenced rivers along the Coast. And save the booze for the brew-pub after-party — alcohol and recreation don't mix.

# SPOTTING WHALES

*Catch the migration of the great grays.*

The Oregon Coast has the supreme luck of sitting on the sidelines of one of the greatest shows on earth: the biannual migration of the gray whales. Around 20,000 of them swim the length of the state's coastline on their 12,000-mile (19,312-km) journey between Alaska's Bering Sea and the warm waters of Baja California, Mexico, in winter, then back again in spring.

## QUICK FACTS

They blow, they breach, they spy-hop and they dive. When migrating, they can swim 3 to 6 miles per hour. Gray whales typically weigh about 80,000 pounds (36,287 kg) and are 50 feet long (15 m). Their tails, often visible when they break the surface of the water, can be 15 feet wide (5 m). Females are slightly larger than males. They carry their babies for 12 to 13 months, and when they calve, the baby is usually about 15 feet long (5 m), weighing 2,000 pounds (907 kg) when born. Learn more at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Oregon State Parks Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay.

## WHEN AND WHERE

**Spring migration** northward peaks in March. Check out Whale Watch Week, hosted by Oregon State Parks' Whale Watching Spoken Here program. Volunteers at two dozen established viewpoints help you spot the swimmers. You can also take advantage of lectures and special events, plus enjoy a whale-watching tour, weather permitting.

**Summer and fall** are great times to get out on the water and view hundreds of resident whales that stick around for the season, many amassing between Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head.

**For winter watching**, the southbound migration to Mexico peaks in December, and visitors can participate in another Whale Watch Week. Stormy conditions make it difficult to get out on the water, so choose instead to scan the waters with binoculars.

*Go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com/Activities](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com/Activities) for information about whale charter companies and viewpoints along the Coast.*



Stone shelter at Cape Perpetua

# COAST BEER TRAIL



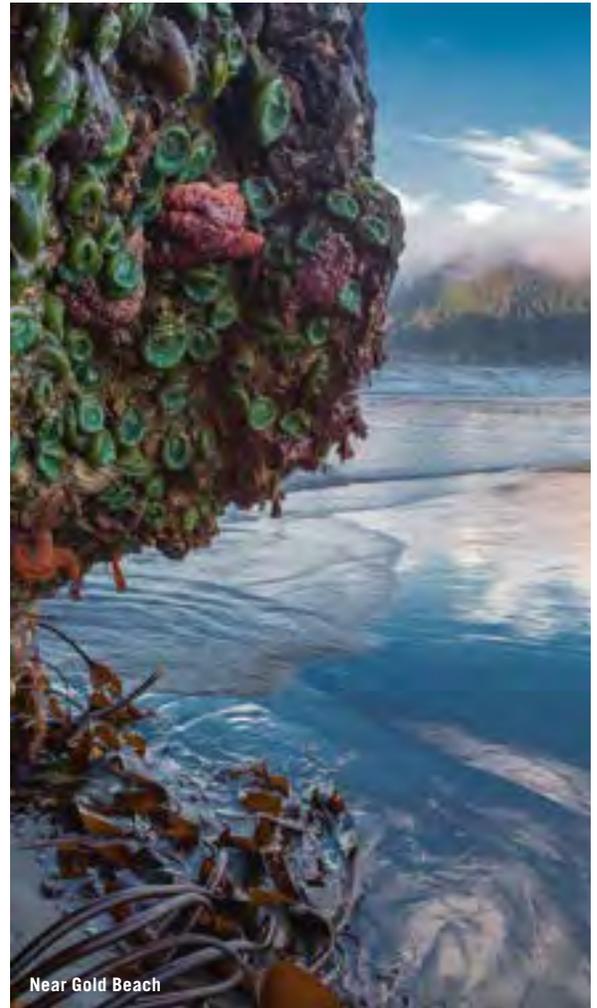
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Chetco Brewing Company

# TIDE POOLS

It's no surprise that Oregon's coastal tide pools are a huge draw for visitors year-round. They are teeming with life, color and marine creatures with funny-sounding names. Kids and grown-ups alike can connect with the ocean by exploring and understanding these critical habitats on full display. All visitors must be mindful of the do's and don'ts of tide-pool exploring: Do take photos to share; don't take (or touch, or move) anything living. Doing so could disrupt the delicate balance of the ecosystem and even kill it. Do step carefully — and aim for bare rock and sand if possible. Don't step on squishy sea anemones or crunchy barnacles, although it may not look like they're alive. Do take advantage of the interpretive programs at many of the tide-pool areas, nearly a dozen of which have peak-season resources such as touch tanks, microscopes, educational displays and tide-pool interpretive rangers to help explain what you're seeing.

The tide pools at Ecola State Park in Cannon Beach, the Three Graces (between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi) and Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area in Pacific City are standouts on the North Coast. On the Central Coast, visit Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area in Newport, Seal Rock State Recreation Site in Seal Rock and Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint in Florence for spectacular and accessible tide pools. Farther south, Cape Arago State Park, Coquille Point in Bandon and Rocky Point in Port Orford offer an incredible array of ecological diversity alongside rugged sea stacks and less-crowded beaches. Whenever you're out exploring the tide pools, be aware of sneaker waves and the rising tide, keep dogs on leash and under control, and tread lightly: Research shows that tide-pool species are adapted to a range of weather but are not well adapted for human contact. According to the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, 200 footsteps an hour kills everything in a small area, and it takes seven to 10 undisturbed years to recover.



Near Gold Beach

# LIGHTING THE WAY

*Lighthouses illuminate marine history.*

Up and down the Oregon Coast, 11 lighthouses stand as markers of the state's maritime past. During the 19th century, these sentinels were built to aid ships in navigating the often-perilous waters of the Coast and bring seamen safely home. Today many are open to the public. Wind your way up the circling stairs for unparalleled views of the Pacific Ocean, and imagine what life was like for the keepers' families at these remote outposts.

Go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com/Lighthouses](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com/Lighthouses) for more about Oregon's beacons of light.



Heceta Head Lighthouse

## BIRD-WATCHING SPOTS

From wintering ducks to nesting songbirds to waterfowl, the Oregon Coast is a year-round destination for watching your feathered friends in the wild. On the North Coast, thousands of shorebirds gather in fall and winter at Fort Stevens State Park to prepare for migration; watch them from a hiking trail or a platform with panoramic ocean views. Highway pullouts around Tillamook Bay and the forested trails at Cascade Head Preserve are also choice spots for viewing. On the Central Coast, local birders flock year-round to the easy 1-mile (1.6-km) Hatfield Marine Science Center Estuary Nature Trail, which borders Yaquina Bay. Watch for red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks, eagles, and other birds of prey. At Brian Booth State Park in Seal Rock, you can take a lush forest hike or explore the marsh to spot songbirds, hummingbirds, Wilson's warblers and purple finches. Yachats State Recreation Area is also a popular spot to spy resident gulls and pelagic cormorants. On the South Coast, the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve in Charleston is ripe for exploring, with 5,000 acres (2,023 ha) of fresh- and salt-water marshes and mixed-conifer forests. Stop off at the interpretive center for bird checklists. Also don't miss Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Harris Beach State Park in Brookings for more species than you can imagine.

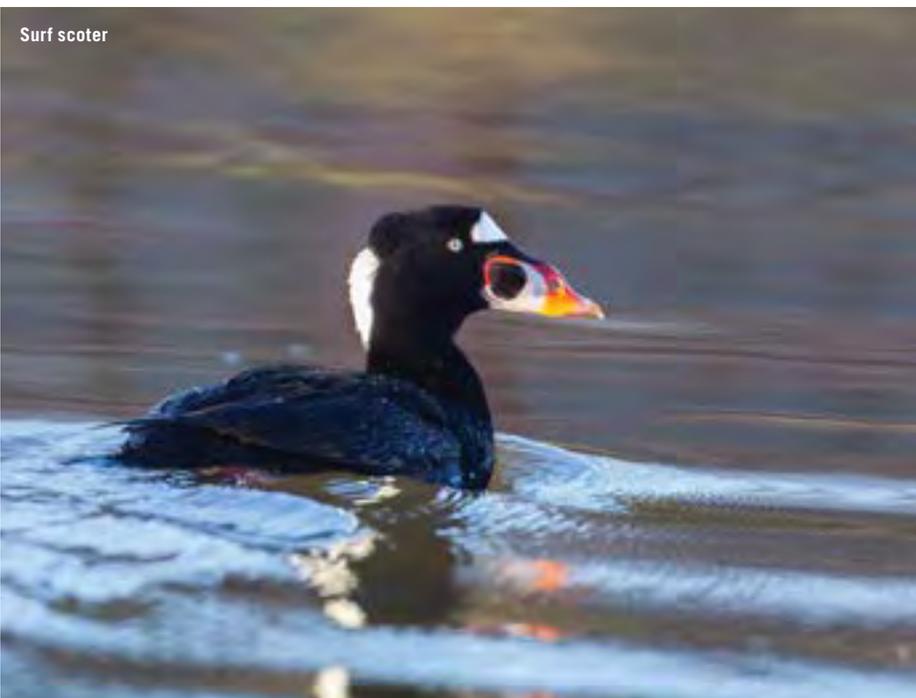
Wherever you go, know that Oregon's beaches are protected nesting grounds for a small shorebird called the western snowy plover. This federally threatened species nests in dry open sand, in tiny, shallow scrapes that are very well camouflaged. The bird will abandon its eggs if repeatedly disturbed by activities it considers a threat. Generally, where plovers are nesting (March 15 through Sept. 15), dogs, vehicles, bicycles, camping and fires are prohibited. Pedestrians and equestrians need to stay on wet sand. Keep people and pets out of these areas and plan an alternative route; see [OregonStateParks.org](http://OregonStateParks.org) for maps. Visit [OregonCoastBirding.com](http://OregonCoastBirding.com) for in-depth guides to bird-watching.



Tufted puffin



Oystercatchers



Surf scoter



# THE JOY OF FAT BIKING THE OREGON COAST

BY KATY BRYCE // PHOTOGRAPHY BY DYLAN VANWEELDEN

As an avid mountain biker, I've ridden thousands of miles up and down Oregon's mountains, over rocks and roots and through dense forests. So when a few of my friends invited me to spend five days exploring several sections of the Oregon Coast on a fat-tire bike, I didn't know what to expect. Riding bikes on the beach was new to me.

This I now know: After this adventure in sand, salt and scenery, I couldn't think of a better way to experience the Oregon coastline. From the unique sea stacks on the South Coast to the Central Coast's sand dunes and the sublime headlands of the North Coast, there are 12 designated fat-bike routes to satisfy all riders.

## SEA STACKS AND CREEK CROSSINGS

The quaint town of Bandon is well known for its world-class golf course, but not everyone knows that it's easy to find solitude and beauty here on two wheels. At low tide, we cruised safely on hard-packed

sand dotted with rugged sea stacks and arch formations large enough to ride through. Every so often we'd cross a clear little creek that flowed out into the sea, yelling "feet up" to keep our toes dry.

Keeping an eye on the ocean at all times — "sneaker" waves really do exist — we spotted sea lions and seals bobbing in the waves, and hundreds of birds in flight above us. The birdlife in this area is quite diverse and includes the threatened western snowy plover, which nests on some beaches in Oregon. Those beaches do not allow bikes (or dogs), so always check with the local bike shop to see which areas should be avoided.

## HIKE UP. SLIDE DOWN. GIGGLE. REPEAT.

If you're up for a more challenging adventure, head just north of Reedsport to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Our intrepid group of pedalers had a blast goofing off here one windy afternoon. Without a defined route to stay on



Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

the whole time, we were free to go where we pleased, and the shifting sand covered our tracks within minutes.

Mounds and mounds of sand make for an otherworldly landscape as you push your bike up a dune, then slide down. It might take a few tries riding down the dunes, as your front tire will tend to drift from side to side. No matter, though — if you fall off, you'll land in soft sand. Just be sure to close your eyes and mouth!

### HEADLANDS AND HUGS

I'm a sucker for the North Coast beaches, interspersed with tree-covered headlands,

steep cliffs and iconic offshore rock formations. There are plenty of awesome places to ride from Newport on north, but my favorite on this trip was from Cannon Beach to Arch Cape.

This is a tide-dependent ride, so we made sure it was low tide, then pedaled south from Cannon Beach, past the iconic Haystack Rock and its life-filled tide pools. Soon we reached what looked like the end, but upon a closer look, it was Hug Point, a historic wagon road that "hugs" the cliff. Thankfully, the low tide allowed us to ride the rugged path around the point and continue our

journey, passing a gorgeous little waterfall and some cool caves on our way to Arch Cape.

You can fat bike on the Coast year-round, as long as you pay attention to the weather, tides and winds. Keep in mind that the wind usually blows from north to south, so you'll work a little harder going north, but you'll enjoy that tailwind going south. And like most activities on the Coast, there are ample opportunities to end your day with a bowl of hearty chowder, the catch of the day and a cold microbrew. Pedal on!



## 5 SPOTS FOR GEAR, RENTALS AND ROUTE MAPS

### PINEAPPLE EXPRESS ADVENTURE RIDES

*(Port Orford)*

Fat bikes for rent; also half- and full-day guided tours along the coastal stretch between Brookings and Coos Bay. [pineappleexpress.bike](http://pineappleexpress.bike)

### SOUTH COAST BICYCLES

*(Bandon)*

Fat bikes by the hour, day, week or month; also a great resource for routes and local information. [southcoastbicycles.com](http://southcoastbicycles.com)

### BIKE NEWPORT

*(Newport)*

Full-service bike shop with fat-bike rentals; tours ranging from 8 to 26 miles (12.9 to 41.8 km) in length. [bikenewport.com](http://bikenewport.com)

### SAFARI TOWN SURF

*(Lincoln City)*

Fat-bike rentals by the hour or day; a perfect starting point for the 5-mile (8-km) Roads End route. [safaritownsurf.com](http://safaritownsurf.com)

### BAHAMA MAMA'S

*(Manzanita)*

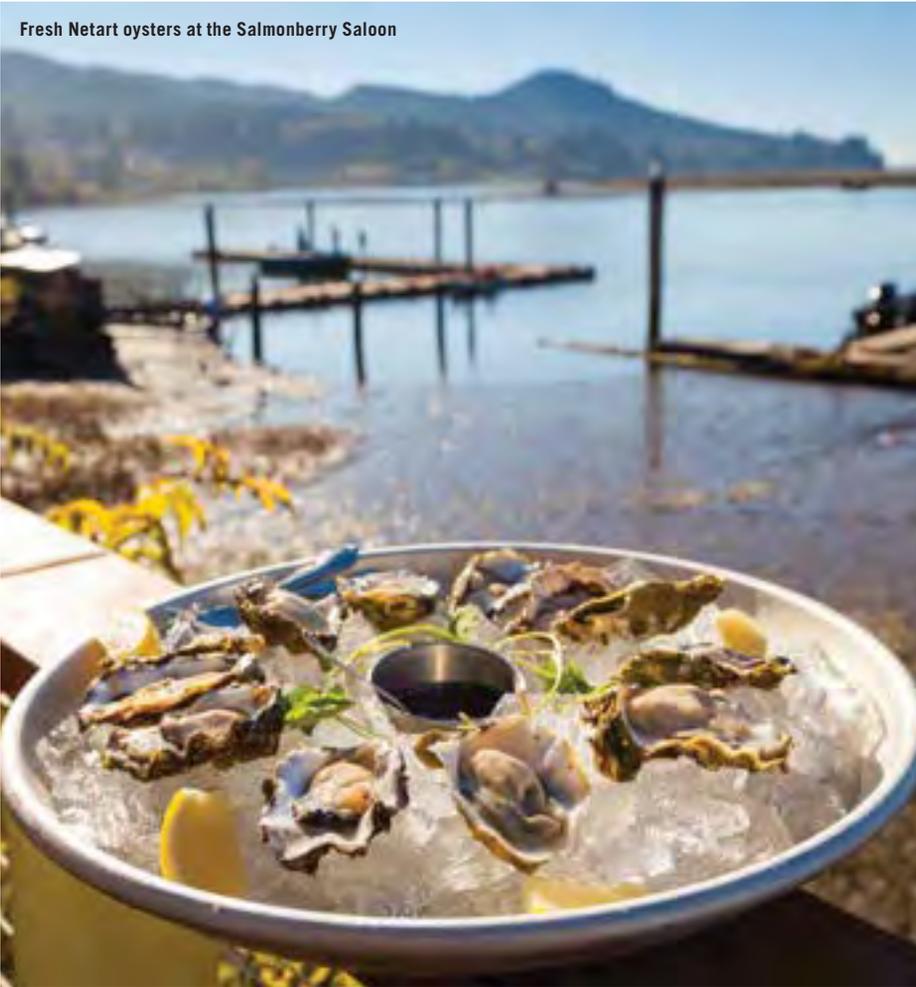
Simple fat bikes for cruising the nearby beaches. [manzanitabike.com](http://manzanitabike.com)



# FRESH EATS ON THE COAST

BY SAMANTHA BAKALL

Fresh Netart oysters at the Salmonberry Saloon



The Oregon Coast is a wonderland of epic, craggy cliffs overlooking the ocean; scenic lighthouses; flora-soaked trails; and fresh, salty air. Its coastal dining scene reflects much of the same diversity, pulling sweet crab from the depths of those frigid waters, aromatic mushrooms from old-growth forests and beautiful produce from near-evergreen farmland.

A host of world-renowned breweries, quirky cafes and restaurants, and all manner of seafood shacks call the North Coast region home. The Central Coast boasts a mix of casual and fine dining paired with unparalleled access to fresh, right-off-the-boat seafood. And the South Coast's warmer weather and rugged coastlines are home to dozens of seafood shacks, berry farms, breakfast nooks and beyond.

#### TASTY SAMPLES AND FORAGED INGREDIENTS

Crab enthusiasts should head straight to Ecola Seafoods Restaurant & Market off Cannon Beach's main drag. At this no-frills fish counter, buy fresh or house-

canned fish to take home, or order lunch from the seafood-central menu, including fish baskets, shellfish buckets and a crack-it-yourself crab dinner.

Not far are Cannon Beach's newest breweries, Public Coast and Pelican Brewing. Pelican offers the same menu as their Pacific City flagship but in a lofty space blocks from the other Haystack Rock. Award-winning Public Coast Brewing Co. pairs a lengthy list of suds with a tight menu of burgers and bites perfect for a post-beach recharge.

After sampling cheese and ice cream at the remodeled Tillamook Creamery, head in for a taste at de Garde Brewing. Specializing in barrel-aged, fruit-soaked wild ales, de Garde should be on every beer snob's list as their sought-after suds rarely leave the taproom, if not by your own hands.

Craving oysters? Head 15 minutes west from Tillamook to Nevør Shellfish Farm, a tiny kiosk selling oysters by the dozen pulled fresh daily from the bay. Plan on shucking them yourself at home

or in their spacious back patio.

You can also find those oysters on the half shell at the new waterfront Salmonberry Saloon in quiet Wheeler. Housed in the former Tsunami Grill, the nine-month-old restaurant from a trio of former Portlanders focuses on the best ingredients the region has to offer.

Those feeling adventurous can harvest shellfish and forage themselves, although knowledge and proper licenses for fishing, crabbing and clamming are required; get them at MyODFW.com. The flat beaches from Fort Clatsop to Seaside are a clammer's dream and the dense coastal forests near Fort Stevens hold fungal treasures. Head to the Cannon Beach, Manzanita, Tillamook, Pacific City, Neskowin and Lincoln City farmers markets to get the most of the region's prized ingredients without the work.

#### FRESH SEAFOOD AND GLOBAL CUISINE

If it's fish straight off the boat, fun (and fine) dining and good beer you're craving, head to the Central Oregon Coast. At the northernmost end in Lincoln City is Olde Line Lanes & Kitchen, a retro bowling alley serving excellent food, including poutine studded with cheese curds from Nestucca Bay Creamery, lamb burgers built with meat from nearby Schooner Creek Farms, fried chicken dinner plates and bubbly, charred pizzas.

Beginner cooks, or visitors wanting to expand their culinary canon, can book a demonstration cooking class (with tastes) at the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, which teaches a range of cuisines several times a month.

Just south along Highway 101 is the year-old Black Squid Beer House, an expansive taproom and bottle shop pouring local suds from 17 local taps. There's limited food here — think chips and pretzels — but they encourage bringing in outside food or packing a picnic.

No trip to the Central Coast would be complete without a visit to Newport's seafood standby, Local Ocean. A fish market and bustling restaurant, they specialize in sourcing the freshest seafood. Their roasted garlic and Dungeness crab soup is so good, you might need to order a second bowl.

Coast visitors looking for finer dining options should look to Depoe Bay's Restaurant Beck, a modern, locally

sourced Pacific Northwest restaurant overlooking gorgeous Whale Cove. Thirty minutes south of Newport lies Ona Restaurant & Lounge, a popular happy-hour spot with a seafood-heavy menu of fresh pasta, shareable plates and more.

When you've worked up a thirst, tiny Wolf Tree Brewery, located on a working cattle ranch (spent grain is great for feed!) recently opened a taphouse in the Wilder Corner Building in South Beach. Yachats Brewing, one block north of Ona Restaurant, features a hearty menu, good beer and a sustainable, locally focused outlook.

### BEACHSIDE PICNICS AND GROWLERS TO GO

The Southern Oregon Coast feels like a world away from the rest of the Oregon Coast, with its steep, cliff-ringed beaches; the truly FOMO-inducing, 12-mile-long (19-km) Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor; and all manner of culinary destinations.

Summer months along the Southern Coast burst with fresh berries, whether off the vine at local U-picks Twin Creek Ranch, Jensen Blueberries and Valentine Blueberries, fermented into cider at Bandon Rain; or distilled into cranberry rum at Stillwagon Distillery.

Visit a cranberry bog in the fall and pick up fresh-squeezed cranberry juice,

jams and fresh cranberries from Peters Cranberries in Sixes. Bog tours should be scheduled in advance.

Locally grown provisions can also be found at Port Orford's Community Co-op, which offers a tight selection of produce, organic meat and fish, and lunch specials. Face Rock Creamery's cheese shop in Bandon is a great place to stretch your legs, sample dozens of cheeses and pick up any picnic essentials.

Chowder hounds will want to snag a table at Redfish or at the Crazy Norwegian, famous for their fish n' chips in Port Orford. Casual lunch options can be found at Brooking's Catalyst Seafood as well as Barnacle Bistro in Gold Beach. Or buy fish for later from Fishermen Direct Seafood, which sells fresh cans of albacore tuna and salmon for those post-vacation parties at home.

Gold Beach is also home to Arch Rock Brewing Company, whose short list of brews can only be found along the South Coast and throughout parts of Southern Oregon. The vegan-friendly Chetco Brewing Company in Brookings has a functional taproom pouring a long list of beers for all drinkers, but the best bet is to grab a growler to go to enjoy while watching the sunset mere minutes north at Harris Beach State Park.

Fresh tuna at the Newport dock



## HOW TO "SHOP AT THE DOCK"

If you're looking to buy your seafood straight from the source, Newport and Garibaldi offer a "Shop at the Dock" program in conjunction with Oregon State University. The free, 90-minute educational tours in July and August give visitors an insider's look at buying directly off-the-boat from local fisherpeople.

During each tour, visitors walk along the dock or visit boats or local markets that sell fresh seafood. They learn what's in season, how it's caught, how it's sustainable, and how to identify the freshness of seafood and shellfish.

Often, visitors may see and purchase albacore tuna, salmon, live crab and more, depending on the boat or the market. And, while the tours only run during July and August, the direct-market season runs even longer, from June to September. Make sure to bring a comfortable pair of shoes, cash and a cooler filled with ice to take your treasures home in.

Register beforehand by calling 541-574-6534 ext. 57427 for general information and to sign up for the program in Newport, and 503-325-8573 to sign up for Garibaldi.



Cranberry bog in Bandon

# HOW TO CATCH A SUN BREAK IN SEASIDE

Pack lots of layers and  
a stack of good books.

Cozy up near your beachfront  
hotel window and watch  
the clouds.

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# NORTH COAST

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Rockaway Beach



*Historic fishing ports neighbor bustling beach towns on Oregon's North Coast, home to kayaker-loved waterways, vintage bookstores and celebrated seafood shacks.*



Cape Kiwanda

*Pop. 9,862; 5,469*

## **ASTORIA / WARRENTON**

Situated at the mouth of the Columbia River, the cities of Astoria and Warrenton are two of Oregon's most storied coastal towns, steeped in maritime and pioneer history.

Get your bearings at the **Columbia River Maritime Museum** in Astoria, where interactive displays and nautical artifacts tell the story of one of the busiest ports on the West Coast. Kids love the tugboat simulator and dramatic recordings of Coast Guard rescues on the treacherous Columbia River Bar, nicknamed "the graveyard of the Pacific" because so many ships have met their fate here. Outside the museum, scramble aboard the lightship Columbia and imagine life on this floating lighthouse. Nearby, visit the little **Hanthorn Cannery Museum**, housed in the oldest cannery building

still standing on the Columbia, where modest displays explore cannery history and life working in the canneries, as well as the local fishing industry from 1875 to the present.

For a bird's-eye view of the river, mountains and sea, climb 164 steps to the top of the **Astoria Column**. Modeled after Trajan's Column in Rome, the monument features a beautiful, hand-painted spiral frieze depicting the stories of early Western settlement. Among those early settlers was Captain George Flavel; you can tour his historic **Flavel House Museum**, which he built in the late 1800s, a fine example of the town's Queen Anne architecture.

The **Oregon Film Museum** pays homage to movies filmed in the state, from classics such as "The Goonies" and "The Shining" to "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Animal House." Housed in the former Clatsop County jail, which was featured in "The Goonies," the little



Crabbing in Seaside



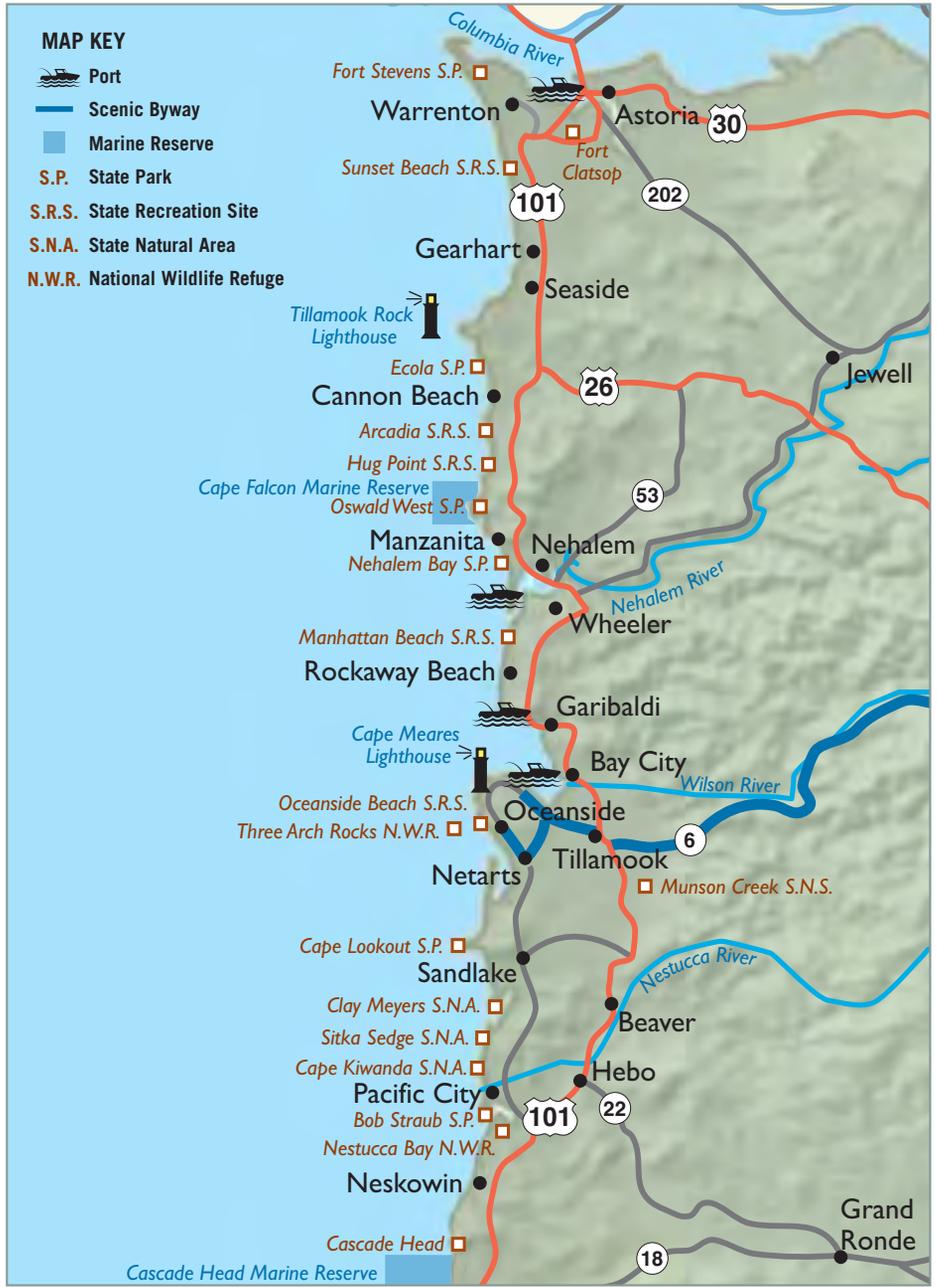
Shopping in Manzanita



Hug Point State Park



Rockfish Tacos at Source in Garibaldi



**DRIVING TIME**  
(In hours)

	Astoria	Seaside	Cannon Beach	Rockaway Beach	Tillamook	Pacific City	Neskowin
Astoria		.4	.6	1	1.5	2	2.25
Seaside	.4		.25	.75	1	1.75	2
Cannon Beach	.6	.25		.5	.75	1.5	1.75
Rockaway Beach	1	.75	.5		.5	1	1.25
Tillamook	1.5	1	.75	.5		.75	1
Pacific City	2	1.75	1.5	1	.75		.25
Neskowin	2.25	2	1.75	1.25	1	.25	

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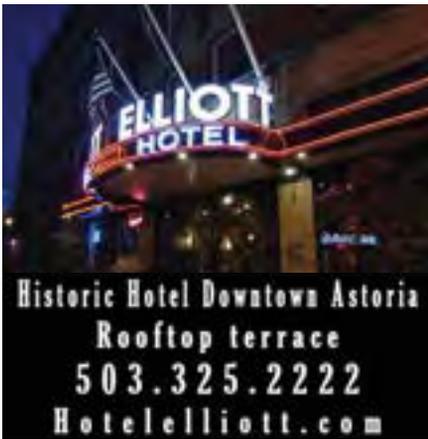
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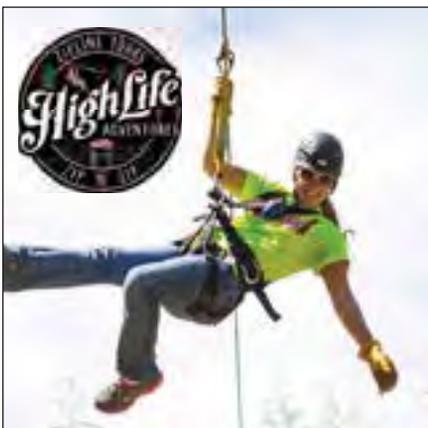
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Stretch your legs on the **Astoria Riverwalk** or hop on the **Astoria Riverfront Trolley**, which runs along the same route. Conductors share local history and point out noteworthy attractions. Hop on and off to explore old cannery buildings reinvented as cafes, shops and breweries. At the **Port of Astoria**, watch hundreds of ships from around the world plying the river, and admire the **Astoria-Megler Bridge**, the longest continuous truss bridge in North America.

The **North Coast Craft Beer Trail** stops at several notable breweries. Sample craft beer at **Fort George Brewery + Public House**, sited atop the original 1811 settlement of Astoria, or **Buoy Beer Company**, housed in a former cannery. **Rogue Ales Public House**, **Reach Break Brewing**, **Hondo's Brew & Cork** and **Astoria Brewing Company** are other options not to be missed.

Astoria's historic city center is compact and walkable. Downtown shopping includes: **Finn Ware**, celebrating the region's Scandinavian heritage; **Lodestar Goods**, with goods produced primarily by Northwest makers; **Doe & Arrow**, an eclectic boutique with a small collection of vinyl records; and one-of-a-kind antiques at **Astoria Vintage Hardware**.

Astoria is a bustling hub of activity year-round. The **Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival** presents three days of music, dance, food and crafts on the third full weekend in June, and the **Astoria Music Festival** also kicks off in June with operatic, symphonic and chamber music performances. In February the **FisherPoets Gathering** brings poets, songwriters and storytellers from across the country to Astoria's pubs, restaurants and galleries to share poetry, songs and stories.

A trio of parks in Astoria and Warrenton offers hiking trails and waterways that connect nature and history. Straddling both the Washington and Oregon banks of the Columbia, **Lewis and Clark National Historical Park** is home to Fort Clatsop, the 1806 winter encampment of Lewis and Clark's famous Corps of Discovery. You can tour the replica fort and interpretive center, and in the summer months, rangers in period dress answer questions and demonstrate pioneer-era skills. Walk the 6.5-mile (10.5-km) **Fort to Sea Trail** through the same fields and dunes the

corps traveled; shorter hikes, including paved trails and easy walks for kids, fan out from the visitor center.

Beachcombing and bike riding are popular at **Fort Stevens State Park**, and shutterbugs will love capturing photos of the impressive 1906 **Peter Iredale shipwreck**. The ruins of this four-masted steel sailing vessel rise dramatically out of the sands. History buffs will enjoy the displays at the park's military museum, or tours of the gun battery that also served as a World War II command center.

Float the **Lewis and Clark Columbia River Water Trail** by kayak or canoe, or take a guided SUP-ing tour with **Clatsop Paddle Company**. Clatsop Spit is a vast, sandy plain with excellent birding. For a bit more zing, head to **High Life Adventures**, where eight zip lines 75 feet (22.9 m) above the ground will whiz you through the treetops and over a lake.

Pop. 1,593

## **GEARHART**

While it's less than 3 miles (4.8 km) north of Seaside, sleepy Gearhart feels worlds away. Cedar-shingled beach houses and miles of beach give it a Cape Cod feel, with a handful of buzzing eateries and cafes adding to the summer-at-the-shore vibe. Birds and birdies are favorite pastimes in Gearhart, which attracts bird-watchers and golfers in equal measure. Spring and fall migrations bring hundreds of shorebirds to the **Necanicum Estuary**, while golfers have flocked to Gearhart since the late 1800s when, legend has it, a klatch of homesick Scotsmen knocked balls through a makeshift three-hole course. Today **Gearhart Golf Links**, the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi, offers a pleasant 18 holes among seaside meadows. Nearby **Highlands Golf Club** also offers amazing views. Another classic beach experience: razor clamming at **Del Rey Beach State Recreation Site**, an Oregon Coast tradition.

Pop. 6,707

## **SEASIDE**

A quintessential boardwalk experience awaits in Seaside, Oregon's first resort town. The distinctive 1920s-era **Promenade** is the city's most famous landmark; a brisk stroll, jog or bike ride along the 1.5-mile (2.4-km) paved path provides



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## WHERE THE LOCALS GO

**Denise Duhachek** and her husband, **Patrick**, are passionate about providing access to the Coast. They own Wheel Fun Rentals, a go-to spot for rental kayaks, pedal boats, surrey (2- to 11-person) bikes and more. They recently donated their two beach wheelchairs to the city of Seaside to broaden visitors' access to the sand. During summer they're busy running their shop's four locations; in winter they're open weekends only, weather permitting — which means you're likely to find them at many of their favorite North Coast spots.



### FORT STEVENS STATE PARK

We love to load up our bikes and go to Fort Stevens in Warrenton, go on trails, go to the Peter Iredale shipwreck and go picnicking. We have a lot of nieces and nephews who visit for a week or two every summer. Our grandson calls Fort Stevens the “bike park.”

### CULLABY LAKE COUNTY PARK

This place has a roped-off area for kids to swim, and behind you is a little mountain to hike on and ride bikes. It's right off the highway, midway between Warrenton and Seaside. You can launch a boat or jet skis out there, too. It's never really crowded.

### FORT TO SEA TRAIL

The Fort to Sea Trail is super fun. You can take this 6.1-mile (9.8-km) route and recreate the path of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery as they traveled between Fort Clatsop and the Pacific Ocean more than 200 years ago.

### THE COVE

The kids like to get up early and go looking for sand dollars at the Cove area in Seaside. You want to go right at low tide, or right after a super-low tide. They're full sand dollars. If you look closely, you'll find baby fingernail-size ones, too.

### SUNSET BEACH STATE RECREATION SITE

It's super fun to go razor clamming here. We come to this quiet beach in Warrenton and get a local license at any grocery store. We go home and clean them, bread them and deep-fry them. Who doesn't like that?

### SHORT SAND TRAIL

Just south of Cannon Beach, you walk down the trail and go to the tide pools, if you catch a negative tide. You can see starfish and anemones and caves where you can find agates. It's so beautiful. My sister-in-law is confined to a wheelchair but can get down to the picnic area and enjoy the view.



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**Broadway Street** bustles with classic arcade games, bumper cars and a vintage carousel, a twirling riot of color with rabbits, ostriches, reindeer and seahorses among the fanciful animals to ride. Duck into the many souvenir and saltwater taffy shops along the way, where generations of beachgoers have enjoyed sweet treats.

Explore daily life on the North Coast during bygone eras at the **Seaside Historical Society Museum**, which displays historic photos and features exhibits including early Native American artifacts, particularly of the Clatsop peoples. The circa-1890s **Butterfield Cottage** gives you a glimpse into vacation cottages at the turn of the last century, and the adjacent garden is a well-tended, peaceful spot to relax.

Seaside hosts a variety of annual festivals, from the finish line of the famed **Hood to Coast** relay race to **Seaside Beach Volleyball**, the largest tournament of its kind in the country (both events in August). Come spring, **Pouring at the Coast** (March) features more than 70 types of craft beer from nearly 30 breweries in the region.

Paddle the local waterways via the ADA-accessible dock at Broadway Street and Neawanna Creek. Paddlers can head north from there to explore the **Necanicum Estuary**. **Cleanline Surf** offers kayak rentals.

From the south end of Seaside, enjoy panoramic summit views along the challenging but rewarding **Tillamook Head trail into Ecola State Park**.

Continue by sipping your way along the North Coast Craft Beer Trail; pick up a passport at the **Seaside Visitors Bureau**,

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Pop. 1,728

## CANNON BEACH

A hub for the arts, Cannon Beach has been named among “The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America” for its thriving gallery, theater and music scenes. Acclaimed restaurants, craft breweries and vibrant shops reflect that creative spirit. A shuttle along Hemlock Street makes it a breeze to explore the town.

Sample the arts scene with a play, concert or musical year-round at **Coaster Theatre Playhouse** or in **Cannon Beach Arts Association’s** exhibits of local and regional artists; the gift shop features jewelry, arts and crafts from a range of local makers. Find a beach read or get a recommendation at independent shops like **Cannon Beach Book Company** or **Jupiter’s Rare & Used Books**. November’s **Stormy Weather Arts Festival** features theater performances, poetry readings, visual art and live music.

The **Cannon Beach History Center and Museum** has interactive exhibits, a Native American longhouse and the famed cannon that gave the town its name; it washed ashore in 1846 after the USS Shark wrecked near Tillamook Head.

You can sample regional wines — including dozens of Oregon pinot noirs — at the **Wine Shack**, while the newly opened **Public Coast Brewing Company** and **Pelican Brewing Company** are stand-outs in the local craft-beer scene. **EVOO** is a popular culinary school for hands-on classes, where you’ll see demonstrations and cook with seasonal local ingredients.

Stroll the town’s 4-mile (6.4-km) stretch of beach for views of iconic **Haystack Rock**, a 235-foot (71.6-m) monolith that’s one of the most-photographed spots in Oregon. Bring your binoculars and Audubon guide: Birding opportunities here are plentiful, with tufted puffins, black oystercatchers, guillemots, cormorants and western gulls among the species found on and around the rock. Tide pools are accessible at low tide, and seasonal interpreters are



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Pop. 651

## MANZANITA

A 7-mile (11.3-km) stretch of beach fronts Manzanita, a quiet and walkable coastal village. **Laneda Avenue** stretches through downtown and right to the sand; it's lined with a cluster of shops, cafes and galleries. Hungry? Chow down at local favorites such as **San Dune Pub**, **Neah-Kah-Nie Bistro** and **Bread and Ocean**. Soak in more relaxing vibes at **Spa Manzanita**, located just a block from the ocean. Check out **Bahama Mama's** for fat-tire bikes and sit-down cruisers to ride right on the beach.

North of town, explore the beautiful scenery at **Oswald West State Park**, laced with easy hiking trails through rain forests of hemlock, cedar and towering Sitka spruce. **Short Sand Beach**, or "Shorty's," is a wind-protected cove with reliable waves and a laid-back, family-friendly atmosphere for surfers of any level. It's also a prime place to pack a picnic and spend the day. Equipment and lessons for all ages are available with **Oregon Surf Adventures**. A strenuous hike leads to panoramic views at the summit of 1,600-foot (487.7-m) **Neahkahnie Mountain**, where local lore has it that Spanish pirates buried treasure centuries ago.

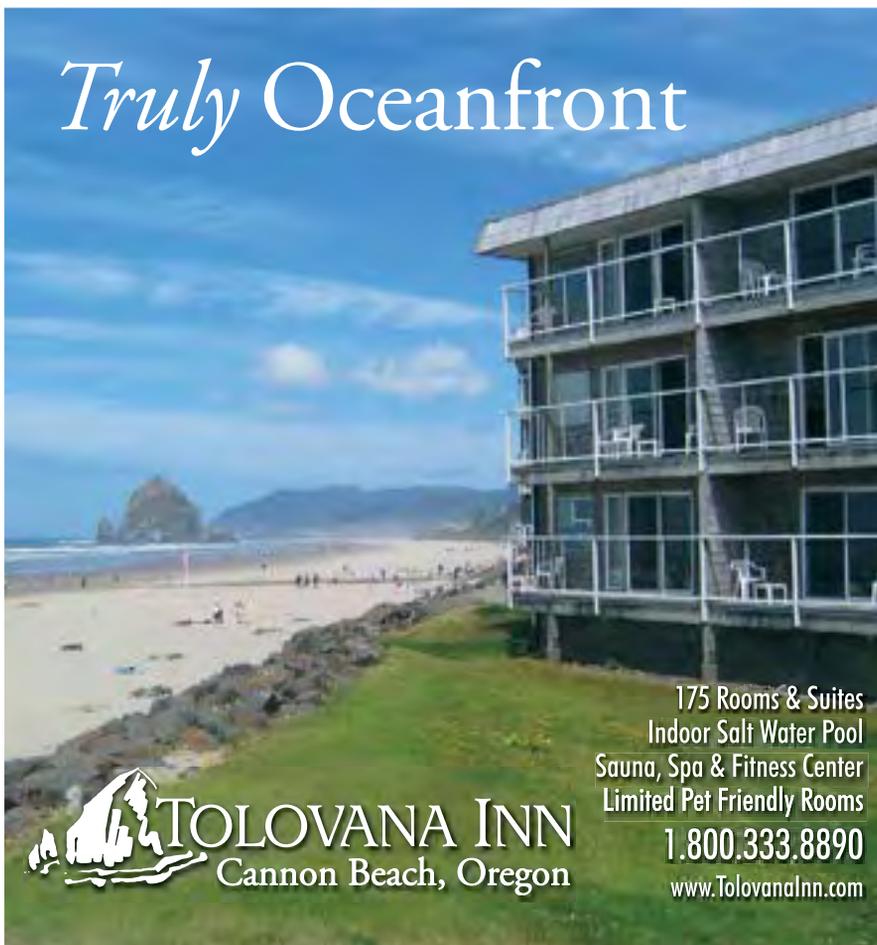
The **Nehalem Valley Historical Society** has artifacts and fascinating tales of the area, from the tragic fate of Bayocean, the luxury resort town that washed out to sea, to the shipwreck of a Spanish galleon carrying a cargo of beeswax.

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## NEHALEM

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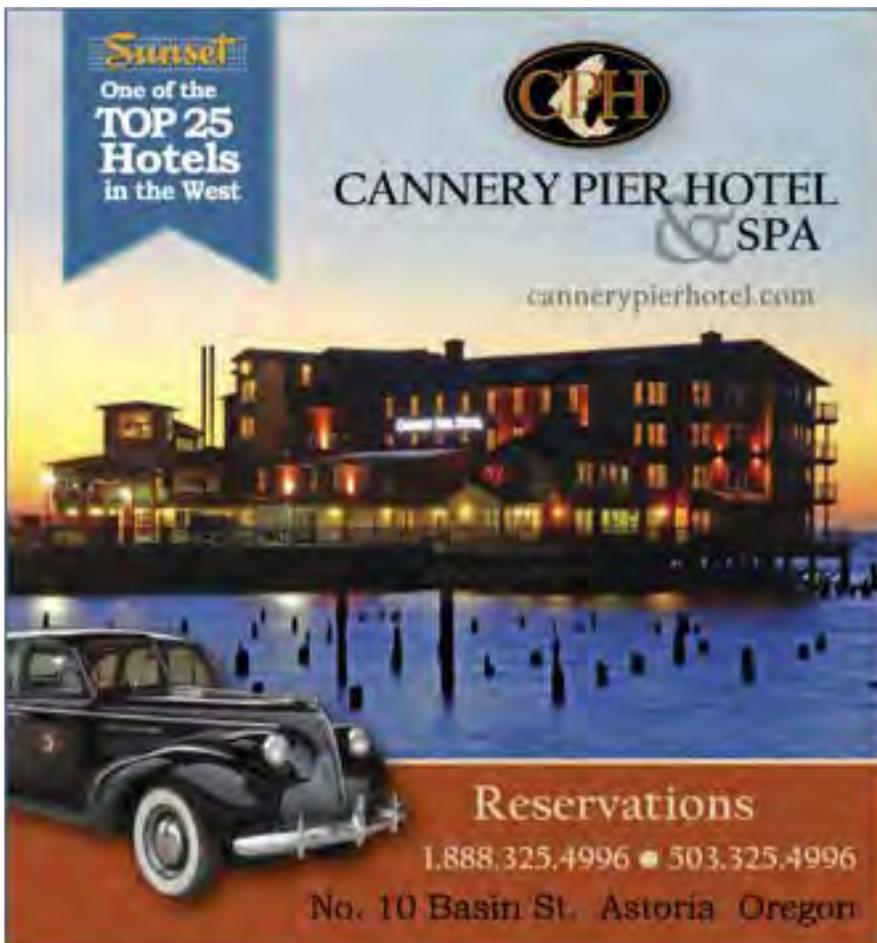
## WHEELER

In its heyday, Wheeler was a lumber and fish-packing town, with the coastal railroad linking this sleepy village to customers in Portland and beyond. Today the sweeping views across Nehalem Bay attract visitors who come to enjoy locally sourced meals at the **Salmonberry Saloon** and **Rising Star Cafe**. A cluster of picturesque buildings house antique shops and a historic hotel. Find more restaurants and culinary delights along the North Coast Food Trail.

Pop. 1,401

## ROCKAWAY BEACH

When the railway linked Tillamook to Portland in 1911, Rockaway Beach became a popular summer resort for Portlanders. That's as true today as it was back then. The 7-mile (11.3-km) stretch of sandy beach offers views of the offshore **Twin Rocks**, monumental rocks rising out of the bay and teeming with wildlife. The historic steam-powered **Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad** offers excursions along Tillamook Bay between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi. It's hard to beat the crab cakes, fried oyster and chowder at the no-frills **Old Oregon Smokehouse**. Trout-stocked **Lake Lytle** is popular with anglers and boaters.



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## PADDLE SPORTS

**COFFENBURY LAKE** (*Warrenton*) Tucked in the forests of Fort Stevens State Park, this rather narrow lake makes for a quick, relatively easy paddle; watch for Roosevelt elk, osprey, deer and more wildlife.

**NEAWANNA RIVER TRAIL** (*Seaside*) On the east side of Highway 101 in Seaside, launch your watercraft (kayaks and stand-up paddleboards welcome) at Broadway Park and enjoy the wild-life and scenery along the Necanicum River heading south. The quiet, peaceful trip will take you into downtown Seaside, where you'll turn around at Avenue S bridge.

**ALSEA RIVER TRAIL** (*Waldport*) With a dozen launch sites and two tributaries, the lower 10 miles of this pristine estuary (which is tidally influenced) makes it a favorite spot for paddlers of all types. River otters, waterfowl and other wildlife abound; beginner paddlers can start at the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile trail to Lint Slough in Waldport.

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY WATER TRAIL** Canoe or kayak some 200 miles (321.9 km) of navigable water on this National Recreation Trail, which comprises five watersheds. Devils Lake (Lincoln City) Bring your own stand-up paddleboard or rent one from the pros at Safari Town Surf, then drive it 1.3 miles south to Devils Lake for a leisurely paddle with calm waters that are sheltered from the coastal winds. Launch at Holster Park for open parking and easy access to shallow water.

**BEAVER CREEK WETLAND** (*Seal Rock*) Within the beachgoer-loved Brian Booth State Park, the Beaver Creek watershed's slow currents make it a favorite among beginner paddlers. Oregon State Parks offers guided kayak tours here in the summer; advance reservations required.

**SIUSLAW ESTUARY WATER TRAIL** (*Florence*) Paddle through coastal forests and estuary islands on more than 30 miles (48.3 km) of river, with a variety of routes suited to beginners and the more skilled.

**TAHKENITCH LAKE** (*between Reedsport and Florence*) Set inland and sheltered from the blustery coastal winds, this sprawling lake suits all skills, from beginners to pros — an ideal place to paddle, SUP and fish.

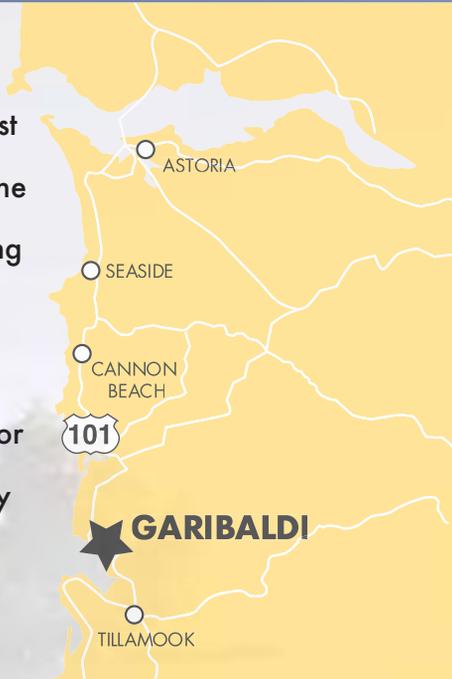
**COQUILLE RIVER** (*Bandon*) Put in your canoe or kayak at the boat ramp in Bullards Beach State Park and paddle upstream to pass beneath the mint-green, vertical-lift Coquille River Bridge.

**ROGUE RIVER** (*Gold Beach*) Let the experts at South Coast Tours lead you on a guided kayak tour on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River. Tours are customized for all abilities.

*Know before you go: Oregon's waterways are popular for all types of recreation, from SUPing to kayaking to boating. Be prepared for the unexpected and wear a life jacket while on the water. For required permits and other rules, visit the Oregon Marine Board.*

# DISCOVER GARIBALDI

Centrally located at the north end of Tillamook Bay, Garibaldi is the nearest deep water seaport to Portland and the north Willamette Valley. This charming and authentic fishing village is home to the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, and is the perfect place to drop anchor while you enjoy the incredible scenery and numerous attractions Oregon's famous north coast has to offer.



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## **GARIBALDI**

The authentic fishing village of Garibaldi is located at the north end of Tillamook Bay. Stroll the piers and tuck into premium canned albacore tuna and king salmon at **Garibaldi Cannery**, or head to **Source** restaurant for even more local seafood and artisan food. You can even catch your own with **Garibaldi Charters Deep Sea Fishing**. **Kayak Tillamook** takes paddlers of all skill levels on year-round tours throughout the Tillamook Bay waterways.

Discover 18th-century sailing history at the **Garibaldi Maritime Museum**, where hands-on exhibits and guides in period dress transport you to the era of Columbia River founder Captain Robert Gray. Two of his vessels — the Lady Washington and the Columbia Rediviva — are featured here in scale models.

Cheer for your favorite Dungeness during the raucous **Garibaldi Crab Races** in March, and return to watch fireworks over the bay during the **Garibaldi Days festival**, taking place the last full weekend in July. Celebrate the region's bounty of cheese,

wine and more homegrown delights at the annual **Crave the Coast festival** in Garibaldi in September.

Pop. 5,183

## **TILLAMOOK**

With five rivers, five bays and the Pacific Ocean, Tillamook is a lush valley with a vast array of easily accessible paddling adventures — from kayaking and canoeing to SUP-ing and waterfall adventuring. At 319 feet, Munson Creek Falls in Tillamook is the highest on the Coast range. The **Tillamook Water Trail** claims some 250 miles of navigable waterways through thick forests, pastures and estuaries teeming with wildlife.

You might know Tillamook for its much-loved cheeses. For more than a century, dairy farmers have worked the land in Tillamook County. The iconic and newly remodeled **Tillamook Creamery** produces 170,000 pounds of cheese daily and offers visitors an opportunity to watch the action. The spacious new visitors' center provides insight into the history of Tillamook cheese and a chance to sample

all manner of dairy delights. Just a mile (1.6 km) down the road, **Blue Heron French Cheese Company** serves samples of its signature Brie as well as smoked Gouda, cheddar and other artisan cheeses, which you can pair with flights of Oregon vino in the on-site tasting room. Twenty minutes south of Tillamook, find **Nestucca Bay Creamery**, a fifth-generation family-owned artisan cheese factory and store.

A quartet of museums offers a lens into local history from pioneer days to the present. **Tillamook County Pioneer Museum** displays photographs as well as Native American and pioneer-era artifacts, while **Latimer Quilt & Textile Center** features historic and contemporary exhibitions of quilting, weaving, basketry and more. The region's World War II era comes alive at the **Tillamook Air Museum**. Formerly the Naval Air Station Tillamook, it is a massive blimp hangar — the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world — where K-class blimps were built and stationed for WWII coastal patrols. Kids will enjoy climbing into the cockpits of fighter and transport planes that once soared the skies, and exploring exhibits



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of wartime and aviation artifacts. At the **Tillamook Forest Center**, you can climb to the top of a replica forest-fire lookout, and learn about the historic Tillamook Burn and reforestation efforts.

At **Kilchis Point Reserve**, named for Tillamook Chief Kilchis, an accessible, paved loop trail has native plants and interpretive signage highlighting pioneer history, flora, fauna and Native American heritage.

Vistas are revealed around nearly every turn on the **Three Capes Scenic Loop**, a 40-mile (64.4-km) pleasure drive along Tillamook Bay. **Cape Lookout State Park** offers easy beach access and fantastic views, making it one of the area's most popular sites for beachcombing. **Cape Meares Lighthouse**, with its first-order Fresnel lens, is the shortest lighthouse on the Coast. But perched on a bluff 217 feet (66.1 m) above the sea, it offers amazing views. Look nearby for Oregon's largest Sitka spruce and the Octopus Tree, an Oregon Heritage Tree, said to have been trained into its current shape over two centuries ago by Tillamook tribes. Just off the scenic route, **Oceanside** is a cozy hillside hideaway with the ambience of a quaint European village. It's a good spot to admire the offshore **Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge**. The town's aptly named **Tunnel Beach** is accessible only at low tide via a tunnel through Maxwell Point. Awe-inspiring views continue as the drive meanders past **Netarts Bay**, where you can head out onto the bay for crabbing and fishing, tour and taste at **Jacobsen Salt Company**, or sample oysters and clams at **Nevør Shellfish Farm**. Stretch your legs at **Cape Lookout State Park** with 8 miles (12.9 km) of hiking and walking trails, plus vantage points to watch whales as they migrate past the Tillamook Coast.

*Pop. 1,035*

## PACIFIC CITY

This slip of a town is famous for its double-ended dory boats, launched from the beach directly into the surf. The century-old tradition is celebrated annually in July during the **Dory Days festival**. Watch the action and sip craft brew on the patio of the award-winning **Pelican Pub & Brewery**, which also offers views of the Coast's other **Haystack Rock**, not to be confused with Cannon Beach's.

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Company and take a surf lesson, or take a lung-busting climb to the top of the sandy dune at **Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area**, where kids (and the young at heart) enjoy tumbling and rolling their way back down.

Fortify yourself with house-baked pastries at **Grateful Bread Restaurant and Bakery**, and don't let the lines at **Ben & Jeff's Burgers and Tacos** deter you. The fish and chips, smoked salmon and halibut tacos are worth the wait. For a casual but elegant take on traditional Pacific Northwest coastal cuisine, grab a table at **Meridian**, the restaurant at the newly opened **Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa**.

Nature beckons at the tranquil **Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge** with its accessible trails and observation decks, at **Bob Straub State Park** and at the tidal pools at **Cape Kiwanda Marine Gardens**.

Just south of Pacific City is **Neskowin**, where a small beach offers beautiful views of **Proposal Rock**. A unique sight south of town is the submerged petrified forest visible only at low tide. **Cascade Head Scenic Research Area** — a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve managed by the Forest Service — has fantastic views of the Salmon River and coastline all the way to Lincoln City. An upper trail (open July 16-Dec. 31) meanders its way to the windswept headland meadow, while the more vigorous lower trail winds up to the top through a lush forest.

The new **Sitka Sedge State Natural Area**, just north of Pacific City, offers four miles of scenic hiking trails for families. Hikers should be mindful of this area as critical habitat for threatened snowy plover marine birds, so watch for closures during certain seasons.



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## LINCOLN CITY

Stretching from the Salmon River to Siletz Bay, Lincoln City has something to tempt nearly any kind of beachgoer. Its miles of shoreline make for popular spots to beachcomb and build sandcastles, and it's also where large kite festivals are held in June and October. Scores of volunteers show their love for the coastline during the SOLVE beach cleanups in March and September.

When Lincoln City's beaches are crowded or over-windy, head to **Roads End State Recreation Site**; this sheltered spot just north of town can be surprisingly quiet. The flat, 7-mile (11.3-km) stretch of beach is a great place for fat-tire biking. Safari Town Surf offers bike rentals.

**Siletz Bay** draws crabbers (both by boat and on shore) as well as clambers at low tide. It's also a favorite spot for anglers, agate hunters and storm

watchers. **Devil's Lake** is a popular spot for kayaking, canoeing and waterskiing, and where SUP-ers and windsurfers seek calm breezes. The lake is seasonally stocked with trout, but fishers cast for bass, catfish and perch year-round. Boat rentals are available at **Blue Heron Landing**; **East Devils Lake Day Use Area** is a good spot to park and view the lake. Hikers can get the heart pumping at **Drift Creek Falls**, a popular trail that plunges into a wooded canyon, crosses a 240-foot (73.2-m) suspension bridge and offers dramatic views of a 75-foot (22.9-m) waterfall.

Artists have long been drawn to the area, and there are numerous galleries and art centers highlighting their work. The pioneering **Sitka Center for Art and Ecology**, a bucolic campus nestled in the trees near **Cascade Head Preserve**, offers weekend and weeklong workshops in a variety of disciplines from poetry and printmaking to photography, painting and



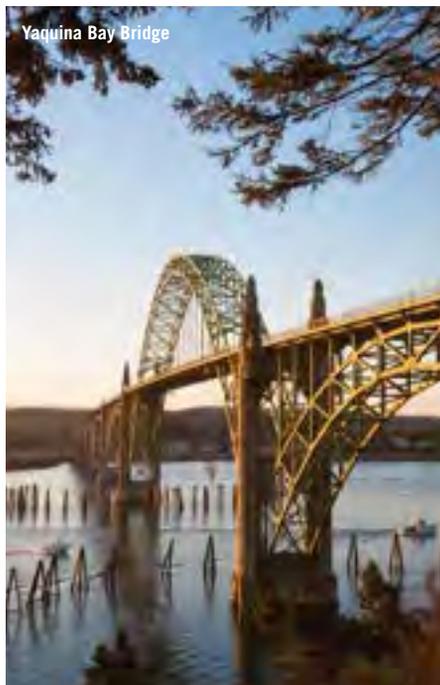
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**DRIVING TIME**  
(In hours)

	Lincoln City	Depoe Bay	Newport	Toledo	Waldport	Yachats	Florence
Lincoln City		.25	.5	.75	1	1.5	2.25
Depoe Bay	.25		.25	.5	.75	1	2
Newport	.5	.25		.25	.5	.75	1.25
Toledo	.75	.5	.25		.75	1	1.75
Waldport	1	.75	.5	.75		.25	1
Yachats	1.5	1	.75	1	.25		.75
Florence	2.25	2	1.25	1.75	1	.75	

(For statewide travel times, please see p. 80.)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

*While a whale population lives along the Oregon Coast year-round, the best time to spot them is during winter and spring migrations, when some 20,000 gray whales swim close to shore. Oregon State Parks hosts two Whale Watch Weeks that take place the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and the last week of March; hundreds of trained volunteers will be ready to help you watch whales. Visit [WhaleSpoken.org](http://WhaleSpoken.org) for updates.*

**Here are officially designated sites you can visit during Whale Watch Weeks:**

- Ecola State Park
- Neahkahnie Mountain Historic Marker
- Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint
- Cape Lookout State Park
- Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area
- Inn at Spanish Head
- Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint
- Depoe Bay's Whale Watching Center
- Rocky Creek State Scenic Viewpoint
- Cape Foulweather
- Devil's Punchbowl State Natural Area
- Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area
- Newport's Don Davis Park
- Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center
- Cook's Chasm Turnout
- Sea Lion Caves Turnout
- Umpqua Lighthouse State Park
- Shore Acres State Park
- Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint
- Battle Rock Wayside Park
- Cape Ferrelo
- Harris Beach State Park

writing, all led by noted regional creatives. Public programs at Sitka include exhibitions, music performances and author readings. Browse work by regional contemporary artists at **Pacific Artists' Co-op Gallery**, **Freed Gallery** and the **Lincoln City Cultural Center**, which is also a performing-arts venue. **Chinook Winds Casino Resort** is another performance venue with big-name entertainers, along with Las Vegas-style gaming and restaurants. Dozens of clay artists are showcased at **Mossy Creek Pottery** near Siletz Bay, and you can get a front-row seat to glassblowers as they work at **Alder House**, open seasonally from May to October. Give it a try yourself at **The Lincoln City Glass Center**. **"Finders Keepers"** is a one-of-a-kind, year-round event when nearly 3,000 blown-glass floats are hidden along Lincoln City beaches for all to find — and keep.

On the north end of town, more than 100 video games and an entire wall of pinball machines at **Game Over Arcade Bar and Grill** will keep the kids busy on a blustery day.

At the south end of town in the Taft neighborhood, the **North Lincoln County Historical Museum** houses exhibits that describe what life was like as a homesteader in this area.

Favorite local eateries include **Blackfish Cafe** (save room for their signature homemade ding dong); the **Side Door Café**, tucked away in Gleneden Beach; or the casual **J's Fish & Chips**, which is packed with locals for lunch. Located at the north end of the Taft neighborhood, the **Inn at Spanish Head** has unmatched views and is a favorite of whale watchers who want to scour the horizon while snuggled warmly inside. Volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program are stationed in the 10th-floor lobby during the official Whale Watching weeks (the week between Christmas and New Year's Day as well as the last week in March) to help you spot migrating gray whales. **Salishan Resort** in Gleneden Beach, about 7 miles south of Lincoln City, is worth a detour if only to admire the collection of Northwest art, but stay for lunch or a quick round on the public golf course; a nine-hole putting green is popular with families.

Shoppers will do well at the **Lincoln City Outlets** and its 50-plus brands, including Oregon-born brands like Nike and Pendleton Woolen Mills. Or go treasure hunting at the numerous antique shops

in the area. **Antique & Collectibles Week is a 10-day celebration in February featuring citywide sales and special events.** Year-round, the **Little Antique Mall** features nearly 100 vendors under one roof.

*Pop. 1,448*

## **DEPOE BAY**

With a thriving fishing industry true to its roots, Depoe Bay has also become known as a choice spot for whale watching. In fact, it claims to be the "Whale Watching Capital of the Oregon Coast." As waves crash and spray on the rocks below the town sea wall, visitors gather to scan the horizon, hoping to glimpse migrating gray whales or the resident pod that lingers here year-round. Watch out for Depoe Bay's **Blow Hole**, a geologic oddity that can spout water as high as 20 to 30 feet (6 to 9 m) in the air; it's the only town on the Coast with such a feature smack downtown.

At the **Oregon State Parks Whale Watching Center**, rangers help you spy whale spouts. Binoculars are available, and volunteers offer a wealth of information about whales and their habits. Educational films and exhibits, along with hands-on opportunities to touch baleen and whale vertebrae, make the whale center a favorite for visitors of all ages. **Whale Research Eco Excursions** offers educational whale-watching tours with marine biologist Carrie Newell and her team of marine mammal naturalists. Newell founded the **Whale, Sea Life & Shark Museum**, which houses her own collection of shells, sharks, seabirds, seals and whale artifacts. Venture down to the harbor (touted as the smallest in the world) to get a unique perspective on the iconic 1927 Depoe Bay Bridge designed by C.B. McCullough, or hop on a fishing boat with **Dockside Charters** or **Tradewinds Charters**. Both operate ADA-accessible vessels.

North of town, storm watchers and photo buffs enjoy **Boiler Bay**. It's named for the boiler of the J. Marhoffer, a freighter wrecked here in 1910, which you can still see at low tide. **Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area**, also north of Depoe Bay, is a little cove of a beach with rocky outcroppings and agate hunting. South of town, **Otter Crest Loop** is a 4.2-mile (6.8-km) scenic drive along an old coastal highway with a surprise around every corner; turnouts are great spots to see even more whales. **Cape Foulweather**



Depoe Bay



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## WHERE THE LOCALS GO

**Michelle Korgan** is owner and chef at the Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast and Ona Restaurant & Lounge in Yachats, where she's lived for 20 years and now raises her family. Korgan takes pride in her globally inspired, locally sourced fare — both at the B&B and at Ona's popular international buffets, held twice monthly between February and May. Don't be surprised if you find Korgan and her family at these favorite spots for food and fun on the Central Coast.



### ARR' PLACE

ARR stands for Amy, Rebecca and Robert — a couple and their daughter who own this tiny place in Nye Beach (nearby Newport), behind the play area. It's open for mostly dinner; they don't even have a sign — just "Open" or "Shut." They just make really honest food. Their brunch is extraordinary. They have the best benedict I have ever had, besides my own.

### OLDE LINE LANES & KITCHEN

This place in Lincoln City is so cute; they've done such a good job completely restoring the bowling alley with good drinks, good food and great soft-serve. It's beautiful and nostalgic and entertaining — so worth it if it's raining outside.

### ASIATICO

A sweet couple runs this sushi place right on the bay-front in Newport; I go there a lot. My son can eat 15 to 20 pieces of salmon sushi. Get the "Merman" roll, by request, with fresh jalapeno on top.

### NEPTUNE STATE PARK

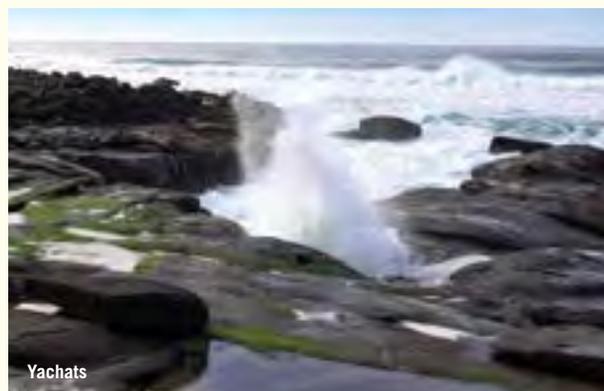
Five miles (8 km) south of Yachats, this place is pretty incredible during low tide. You've got to be very careful about respecting that big ocean. If you can get a minus tide, the intertidal waves in the rocks are incredible. You can harvest seaweed in the spring and summer if you get a permit.

### GREEN SALMON COFFEE COMPANY

It's my favorite place for a latte and a hippie breakfast in Yachats. The shop serves fair-trade, organic coffee and embraces sustainable practices such as composting their food waste and using 100-percent compostable and biodegradable products rather than plastic.

### TOUCHSTONE GALLERY

This gallery just north of Yachats focuses on local artists and unusual pieces that are diverse, approachable and drool-worthy. It's up against the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve, so you can think about which piece you want to buy while you go for a walk in the garden.



Yachats



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# SCENIC/ALMOST SECRET CAMPING SPOTS

**WRIGHT'S FOR CAMPING** (*Cannon Beach*) This family-run campground on the eastern edge of Cannon Beach offers 22 sites tucked into the trees, just a quarter-mile (0.4 km) away from Ecola Creek Forest Reserve and its network of scenic hikes.

**NEHALEM FALLS CAMPGROUND** (*Nehalem*) This inland retreat, about 10 miles (16.1 km) east of Wheeler in the Tillamook State Forest, offers an idyllic hideaway next to the Nehalem River and Nehalem Falls. Make s'mores and fall asleep to the sound of the falls.

**BARVIEW JETTY COUNTY CAMPGROUND** (*Rockaway Beach*) You can take the 2-minute walk through wooded trails to the broad, sandy shoreline at Barview Jetty, one of six campgrounds operated by Tillamook County. The others are just as dreamy: Whalen Island, Kilchis River, Woods County and Webb County campgrounds in Cloverdale; and Trask River County Campground in Tillamook.

**HEBO LAKE CAMPGROUND** (*Hebo*) With just 12 campsites, this secluded spot at 1,650 feet (502.9 m) elevation is your own slice of forested paradise. Walk the half-mile (0.8-km) trail around the lake as well as nearby Indian Trail, and fish for dinner at the 3-acre (1.2-ha) lake, stocked with rainbow trout.

**BLACKBERRY CAMPGROUND** (*Tidewater*) Seventeen miles (27.4 km) east of Waldport, this lush forested site provides ample access to the tall cedars and Douglas fir of the Siuslaw National Forest, and overlooks the shimmering Alsea River. Anglers, drift-boaters and fishers looking for a good spot to clean and cook the day's haul.

**TILLICUM BEACH CAMPGROUND** (*Yachats*) Beachfront camping? You've got the sand, the ocean and not far away, the forest, at your fingertips. Most of the 61 campsites here have beachfront views — ideal for whale watching and exploring the tidepools and trails through old-growth Sitka spruce at Cape Perpetua, 6 miles (9.7 km) south.

**ALDER DUNE CAMPGROUND** (*Florence*) If it's lake vibes you're after, you'll find not one but two here — Alder and Dune lakes are both stocked with rainbow trout several times per year, and the trail system winds over sand dunes to beautiful Heceta Beach.

**EEL CREEK CAMPGROUND** (*Lakeside*) You can easily lose track of time here at this otherworldly site next to the John Dellenback Dunes Trail, with direct access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and the Pacific Ocean. Most of the 38 sites here are surrounded by dense brush, which makes for a peaceful spot for hiking and birdwatching.

**BANDON/PORT ORFORD KOA** (*Langlois*) With a range of tent and RV sites as well as cozy cabins, this little hideaway offers amenities such as a heated swimming pool and a hot tub in the summer, an off-leash dog park, a playground, a basketball court and a recreation room with a scenic backdrop, just off Highway 101.

**LITTLE REDWOOD CAMPGROUND** (*Brookings*) Located on the Wild and Scenic Chetco River, the 12 shaded campsites here are an ideal home base for play on the sunny river bar and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Fourteen miles (22.5 km) inland from Brookings, you'll be in the company of more trees than people.

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Pop. 10,592

## NEWPORT

With its idyllic setting on Yaquina Bay, Newport is not only Oregon's largest commercial fishing port, it's also one of the most photogenic towns on the Coast. Its most recognizable symbol, the graceful art deco span of **Yaquina Bay Bridge** stretches 3,223 feet (982.4 m) and features grand stairways on each end that lead to observation areas.

Three distinct neighborhoods feel like destinations unto themselves, each with their own personality. The historic **Bayfront** is a cacophony of sights and sounds, where tourists rub elbows with fishermen

off-loading the day's catch. Storefronts are primarily souvenir shops mixed with quirky attractions like **Ripley's Believe It or Not** and the vintage **Undersea Gardens**. Fortify yourself at **Surf Town Coffee Company** or **Local Ocean Seafoods**, where those in the know go for some of the freshest seafood around and front-row views of the action along the docks. The barking sounds of Newport's resident seal lions echo above the din; grab an ice cream cone, and watch them loll in the sun and battle it out for fish scraps. Locals and visitors alike toss crab rings off the docks; rent equipment at **Embarcadero Marina**, where you can also buy fresh albacore tuna, salmon and crab right off the boat. Yaquina oysters are what originally propelled the growth of Newport; you can sample and purchase them up Yaquina Bay Road at **Oregon Oyster Farms**. Venture out to sea with **Yaquina Bay Charters** for fishing or with **Marine Discovery Tours** for educational excursions to see gray whales,

harbor porpoises, seals, sea lions, pelicans and bald eagles. Both experiences offer incredible views of the bay, river and coastline.

The **Nye Beach** district exudes a laid-back, creative vibe. It's a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood dotted with beloved spots such as Panini Bakery and Sylvia Beach Hotel, with each room inspired by a famous literary figure. For a taste of Oregon's counterculture ethos and some live music, stop at **Cafe Mundo**, where the fish tacos verge on legendary status. The **Taphouse at Nye Creek** shakes up craft cocktails and pours a rotating selection of beer and wine from 32 taps. Beach access is just off the main drag, and it's a peaceful place for a stroll or pedaling a fat-tire bike, which you can rent at **Bike Newport**.

Cross the Yaquina Bay Bridge and you are in **South Beach**, an industrial area that's home to the **Hatfield Marine Science Center** and the top-rated **Oregon Coast Aquarium**. Both feature live animals, touch tanks and displays on all facets of coastal marine life. The **Yaquina Estuary Trail** is an easy loop dotted with signage explaining the estuary environment. **Rogue Ales Brewer's on the Bay** offers great views of the bay, and dozens of taps feature their award-winning beers. Patrons of **South Beach Fish Market** feast on fresh seafood at the roadside picnic tables. South Beach is also home to two new world-class disc golf courses, at South Beach State Park and Wilder Park.

Newport claims two iconic lighthouses, both open year-round. The 1871 **Yaquina Bay Lighthouse** is the only wooden lighthouse on the Coast. It was in operation for only three years before it was decommissioned; in 1996 it was reinstated as a working lighthouse. You can also tour the adjacent living quarters. The aptly named **Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area** is truly spectacular. The centerpiece is the **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**, a 93-foot (28.3-m) marvel — the tallest on the Coast — that has been a beacon to fishing vessels and to visitors who have flocked here since its opening in 1873. A guided tour takes you up the 114-step staircase, while trails connect you to **Yaquina Head Interpretive Center**, where you can learn more about the natural and cultural history of the park. Offshore rocks are home to numerous bird species, including pelicans, cormorants and towhees; harbor seals and sea lions laze



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# FISHING

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as well. In-season, rangers guide visitors in exploring tide pools, home to urchins, sea stars, anemones and other marine life.

Get a taste of Newport's history: The Log Cabin Research Library and the Burrows House Museum comprise the **Lincoln County Historical Society**, home to exhibits on lumber, farming and maritime history. It also claims an excellent collection of Siletz Indian baskets and other Native American artifacts. The **Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, part of the Historical Society**, features a working wharf, educational programs, and maritime-related exhibits and art. History buffs will love the Olde Telephone Company, a museum dedicated to antiques and other collectibles.

Pop. 3,560

## TOLEDO

Travel 7 miles (11.3 km) up the Yaquina River from Newport to Toledo, a former lumber town with an active arts community, antique shops and restaurants.

The Port of Toledo's annual **Wooden Boat Show** pays homage to the town's heritage as an inland port and takes place the third weekend in August. Vintage wooden boats are on display. Enjoy toy boat-building activities for kids, as well as food and live music. The **Containerboard Boat Contest** is a madcap dash back and forth across the Yaquina River, with competitors piloting all manner of watercraft made from cardboard.

Railroad buffs shouldn't miss the **Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society**, housed in a 1907 wooden caboose. Learn about local history — the rail line once hauled logs out of the woods and into town — or hop aboard the museum's restored RPO mail car to envision life on the rails as a mail carrier. The **Toledo History Center** has exhibits and photos of early settlement and the town's timber and fishing history.

Kayakers and wildlife watchers flock to the 25-acre (10.1-ha) wetlands at **Port of Toledo Paddle Park**. Sculptures by local artists are on display at **Briseño Park**, or get an insider's look at local artwork during **Artist's Open Studios** over Labor Day weekend.

Looking for yet another reason to detour to Toledo? It's just far enough inland to enjoy warmer temps than the beach and often has blue skies when the Coast is

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shrouded in fog. That means it's a prime spot for a picnic — head to the newly opened **Waterfront Park** for some DIY alfresco dining.

Pop. 2,163

## WALDPORT

Leave the crowds behind at Waldport, which is situated on Alsea Bay and the mouth of the Alsea River. Enjoy crabbing and clamming, as well as some of the area's best chinook salmon runs, along with paddling, hiking and beachcombing.

The most visible landmark in the area is the elegantly arched **Alsea Bay Bridge**, spanning the bay. The **Alsea Bay Historic Interpretive Center** has displays on the many bridges along the Oregon Coast. The **Waldport Heritage Museum** houses artifacts and records related to local history. Sate your sweet tooth at **The Chocolate Frog**, a charming sweet shop with all kinds of delicious goodies, or sink a birdie at the nine-hole **Crestview Golf Club**, within walking distance to a skate park and disc golf course.

At peaceful **Brian Booth State Park**, north of Waldport, take a 3-mile (4.8-km) paddle through the marshes and wetlands of the **Beaver Creek estuary**. The park schedules guided tours (all equipment included) throughout summer. You'll also find beach access and 5 miles (8 km) of hiking trails through upland forest and meadows.

Don't miss **Big Stump Beach**, named for a 14-foot (4.3-m) redwood stump that is believed to be the last trace of a 4,000-year-old forest submerged in 1700 by an earthquake-induced tidal surge. Other popular local beaches include **Seal Rock State Recreation Site**, with fabulous views of offshore rock formations; during the summer, look for rocky-shore interpretive rangers to help you identify critters and guide your tide pooling. **Driftwood Beach** is also a great place to stroll and beachcomb.

Pop. 742

## YACHATS

You can spot visitors here based on how they pronounce the name of this peaceful village, which sounds like *YAW-hots* when you say it correctly. No matter how you say it, come hungry to relish the dining scene, which has an outsize reputation among frequent road-trippers. The good

news is that there are plenty of sandy beaches and hiking trails nearby to help you work off the calories.

Sample craft beers and a flavor-packed menu at **Yachats Brewing**, known for their house-made ferments and smoked meats. The crab cakes were just named No. 1 in Oregon at Ona Restaurant & Lounge, while **Bread & Roses** is known for scrumptious baked goods. The funky, eco-conscious **Green Salmon Coffee and Tea** touts house-roasted and free-trade coffee, as well as author readings and live music. Fresh albacore tuna, lingcod, and king salmon fish and chips or a whole Dungeness crab are on the menu at **Luna Sea Fish House and Village Fishmonger**. During the summer months, a **Sunday Farmers Market** highlights local produce, artisan foods and local artists plying their wares.

Peek into the **Little Log Church and Museum**, built in 1930 from timber hauled down the Yachats River, home to historical artifacts and curiosities.

Scenic spots abound to explore on foot. North of town, **Smelt Sands State Recreation Site** lures hikers to the historic, .75-mile (1.2-km) **804 Trail**, which first served as a footpath for tribal people; it connects to a 7-mile (11.3-km) stretch of beach. To the south, the 2,700-acre (1,092.7-ha) **Cape Perpetua Scenic Area** has 26 miles (41.8 km) of trails in old-growth forest, a year-round visitor center and naturalist-led walks in the summer. Head to **Neptune State Scenic Viewpoint's** Strawberry Hill for tide pooling (check tide tables for safety) and glimpses of colorful anemones, sea stars, hermit crabs, urchins and many other marine critters. Look for seasonal rocky-shore rangers here as tide-pooling guides. The easy but magical .5-mile (.8-km) **Hobbit Trail** descends through gnarled trees, rhododendrons and ferns to the beach; find the trail south of Yachats near milepost 177.

*Pop. 8,800*

## FLORENCE

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a lot of attention lately. TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel website, recently named Florence as one of the nation's 25 Best Family Weekend Getaways With Kids. In April, USA Today's 10Best.com listed Florence as the country's second-best small town for adventure. Florence was the only Oregon destination on either list. It's also been ranked on lists of "coolest places you must experience," "beautiful towns," "favorite coastal getaways" and "top Oregon landmarks" — all for good reason.

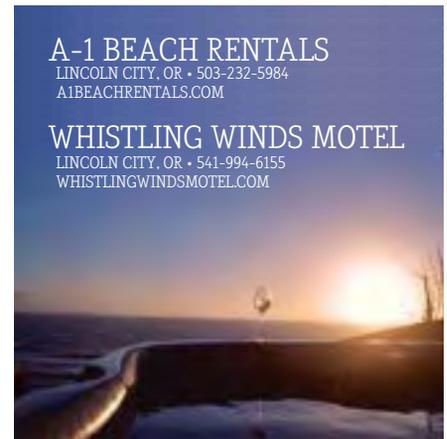
Florence is home to the big dune adventures of the **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area**, the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America, stretching 42 miles (67.6 km) south from town. Explore by ATV, sandrail or dune buggy, by foot, or on a sandboard — think snowboarding, only warmer. Rent a board at **Sand Master Park**, the world's first sandboarding park, where you can take a beginner class or cheer on the pros.

Florence is also known for its easy access to golf, fishing, crabbing, clamming, boating, kiteboarding and surfing. Explore the entire area aboard the bright yellow WWII biplane of **Aero Legends Tours**. Indoor adventure more your style? Take in the allure of the charming **Historic Old Town** on the Siuslaw River waterfront, and fuel up at a cozy coffee house in between cruising for antiques and local art.

**Three Rivers Casino Resort**, the beachfront **Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center**, and a number of lodgings on or near the Siuslaw River in Old Town give visitors a range of overnight choices.

To get a feel for Florence history, start your tour at the 1930s art deco **Siuslaw River Bridge**, a gem on the National Register of Historic Places. Stop at the **Siuslaw River Bridge Interpretive Center**, a network of walkways along the river with educational signage telling of Florence's fascinating past.

Nearby, the **Siuslaw Pioneer Museum** houses artifacts and photos capturing the area's colorful fishing and logging legacy. The museum is also a starting point for a self-guided walking tour past historic buildings and sites throughout Old Town. At the east end of the walkable historic district is a boardwalk and the Port of Siuslaw, where fishing boats, sailboats and a three-masted tall ship replica are moored.



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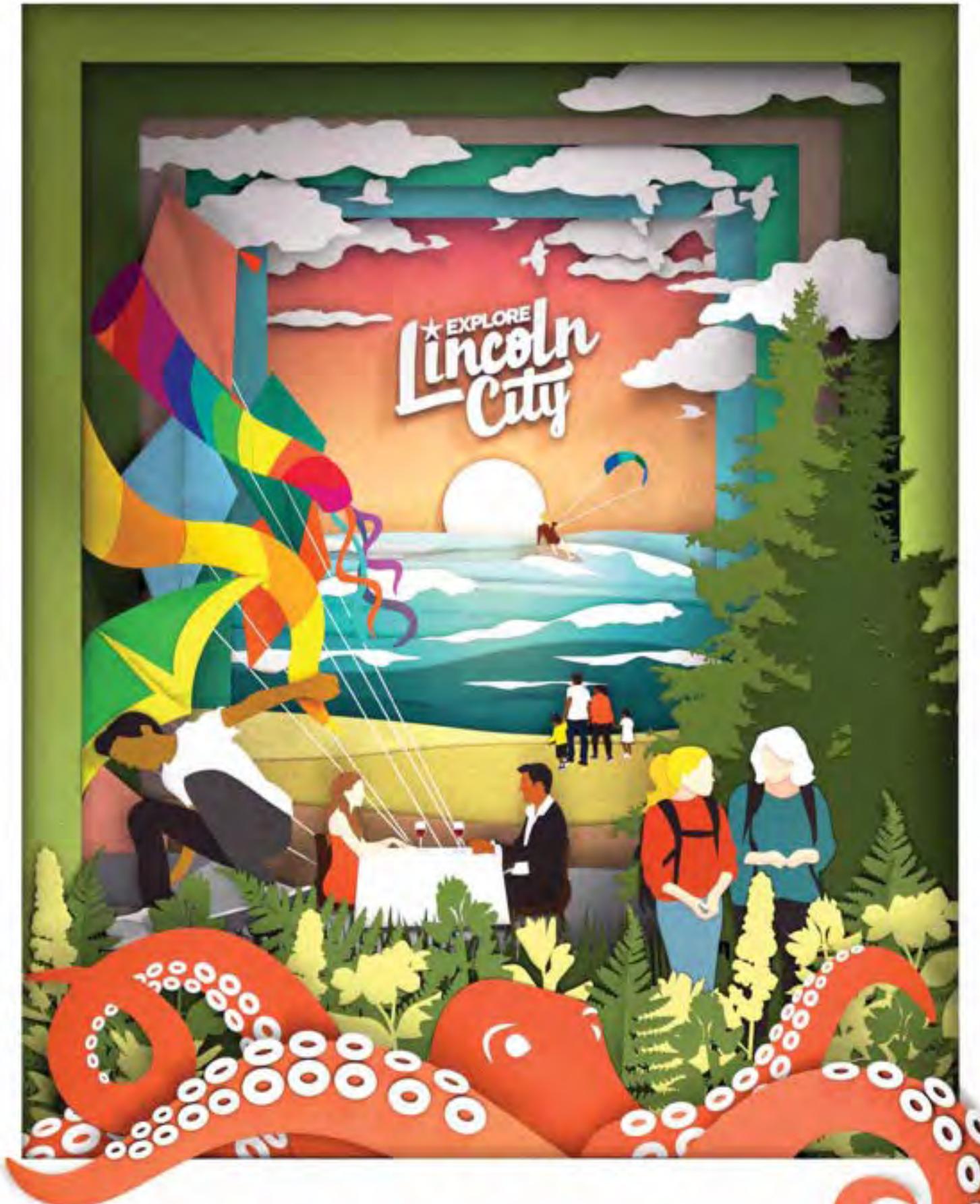
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Just north of town, **Darlingtonia State Natural Site** is dedicated to a single plant species: the rare and carnivorous cobra lily. An elevated boardwalk lifts you above the bog and through this forested slip of a park. A popular roadside attraction for generations is the **Sea Lion Caves**, about 10 miles (16 km) north of town where an elevator delivers you down into North America's largest sea cave and home to the only mainland rookery of Steller sea lions in the lower 48 states.

Just north of Sea Lion Caves is the photogenic **Heceta Head Lighthouse**. An easy stroll up a gravel trail winds from the parking area past the Keeper's House (a popular bed-and-breakfast). Both are open seasonally for tours.

South of town, explore the three-mile (4.8 km) **Siltcoos River Canoe Trail**, a designated paddling trail that winds through the dunes and into a saltwater estuary drawing kayakers, canoers and stand-up paddlers. Rent equipment and launch right from the dock at **Siltcoos River Kayak Rentals**.

Anglers will find excellent salmon and steelhead fishing on the Siuslaw River almost year-round, while spring sees largemouth bass, yellow perch and white crappie biting at **Siltcoos Lake**. In November and December, ocean-run coho salmon spill into both Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes, creating the only wild coho fishery in Oregon.

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Year-round, you can find something happening in Florence. One of the biggest annual events is the **Rhododendron Festival** (third weekend of May). Summer brings **Wings & Wheels** and an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. **Rods 'n Rhodies** and a community-wide garage sale happen every weekend after Labor Day, and **Wine & Chowder Trail** and **Oregon Coast Championship Weiner Dog Races** (October) bring tasty and quirky fall fun. Winter is a festive time in Florence, with a **Holiday Festival** (Thanksgiving weekend), **Winter Music Festival** (third weekend of January) and **FlorenceFest: Wine Art Jazz** (April).

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While the dunes are awe-inspiring, trekking them can be strenuous work. The

challenging **John Dellenback Dunes Trail** (accessed at Eel Creek Campground) is a 5.4-mile (8.7-km) out-and-back hike through a conifer forest and over the dunes to the beach. The self-guided interpretive loop is a less taxing alternative.

**Tahkenitch Creek Trail** passes through a variety of terrain — dunes, temperate rain forest, the beach and even a lake — and offers glimpses of wildlife, from frogs and newts to otters and beavers.

There is a peaceful wind-protected beach at **Half Moon Bay** and a shallow area suitable for swimming.

A pulse-quickenng way to see the dunes is on an ATV. **Umpqua Dunes** offers vehicle rentals, dune access and overnight accommodation. In late July, the annual **DuneFest** features five days of ATV, motocross and drag racing across the dunes.

Patterson Bridge at Gold Beach



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Winchester Bay	.25		.5	1	1.75	2.25	3
Coos Bay	.75	.5		.5	1.25	2	2.5
Bandon	1.25	1	.5		.75	1.5	2
Port Orford	2	1.75	1.25	.75		.75	1.25
Gold Beach	2.5	2.25	2	1.5	.75		.5
Brookings	3.25	3	2.5	2	1.25	.5	

(For statewide travel times, please see p. 80.)



#### DID YOU KNOW?

*There are, in fact, sand dunes in Oregon. Sprawling some 40 miles (64.4 km), the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area is the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America and among the largest in the world. Dunes like these are found nowhere else on the planet. Some tower up to 500 feet (150 m) above sea level. The striking landscapes blend desert-like sands with wind-swept forests, rivers and lakes. You can go hiking, paddling, off-road riding and more. The best place to start your tour is the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Visitor Center in Reedsport, where you'll find interpretive exhibits, maps, guides and helpful tips from U.S. Forest Service staff.*

**Umpqua Discovery Center** has interactive natural-history exhibits, as well as displays on Lower Umpqua tribes and 19th-century Chinese immigrants who worked the canneries. The adjacent boardwalk and observation tower offer views of the **Umpqua River**; during the summer, the free **Riverfront Rhythms** concert series is held on the lawn.

Venture 8 miles (12.9 km) inland to **Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area**, home to a large herd of Roosevelt elk. Morning and dusk are the best times to visit as the elk roam freely on the preserve. A viewing platform has telescopes and interpretive panels; if the elk aren't active when you arrive, look for other wildlife, such as western bluebirds, black-tailed deer, heron, ducks and osprey. Continue inland to **Loon Lake**, a picturesque spot for swimming, fishing, waterskiing and camping. A short trail leads from the beach area through a forest of Douglas fir to a picturesque waterfall.

The **Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championships** take place Father's Day weekend, with carvers competing in a variety of events, from the "quick carve" to "anything goes."

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## WINCHESTER BAY

Sport and commercial fishing keep Winchester Bay bustling seven days a week, and few anglers leave Salmon Harbor empty handed. **River's End Guide Service** are among the outfits offering ocean and river trips, guiding you to the best spots to land sturgeon, striped bass, spring chinook, shad and smallmouth bass. Winchester Bay is one of the most popular crabbing spots on the Coast. For an authentic and truly memorable Oregon experience, rent a crab trap and spend an afternoon crabbing off the docks. You'll find both Dungeness and red rock crab here. Taste sweet, briny oysters at **Umpqua Aquaculture**, where there are also displays on oyster farming; you can watch shuckers at work through a large window.

The third weekend in August, the **Old Time Music Jamboree** draws musicians from across the Northwest to perform in venues around the bay. During Labor Day weekend, the waterfront is the site of the **Art by the Bay festival**, with arts and crafts, music, food, and wine tasting.

The **Umpqua Lighthouse** is nestled in the dunes where the Umpqua River

meets the Pacific. Distinguished by its unique red and white flash, the circa-1894 lighthouse overlooks the river and bay from an elevation of 165 feet (50.3 m). It's a great spot for watching whales or winter storms. Tours are offered year-round. A former Coast Guard building houses the lighthouse visitor center and museum. The adjacent **Lake Marie**, nestled among the dunes, is a nice spot for a swim or a 1-mile (1.6-km) walk around the shore. Across the street from the lighthouse, the **Umpqua River Whale Watching Station** has platforms, binoculars and Whale Watching Spoken Here volunteers during the official Whale Watch Weeks (the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and during the last week in March). South of Winchester, **Tenmile Lake** is one of Oregon's largest lakes and a popular spot for waterskiing, fishing and canoeing. Nearby Lakeside is synonymous for excellent fishing along the 40-plus miles of shoreline. Catch a haul of tasty yellow perch from the docks, take part in a bass tournament or the annual Crawdad Festival. Revel in the festivities at the annual 4th of July fireworks show over the lake and the lively summertime brewfest.

Approx. total pop. 32,662

## NORTH BEND / CHARLESTON / COOS BAY

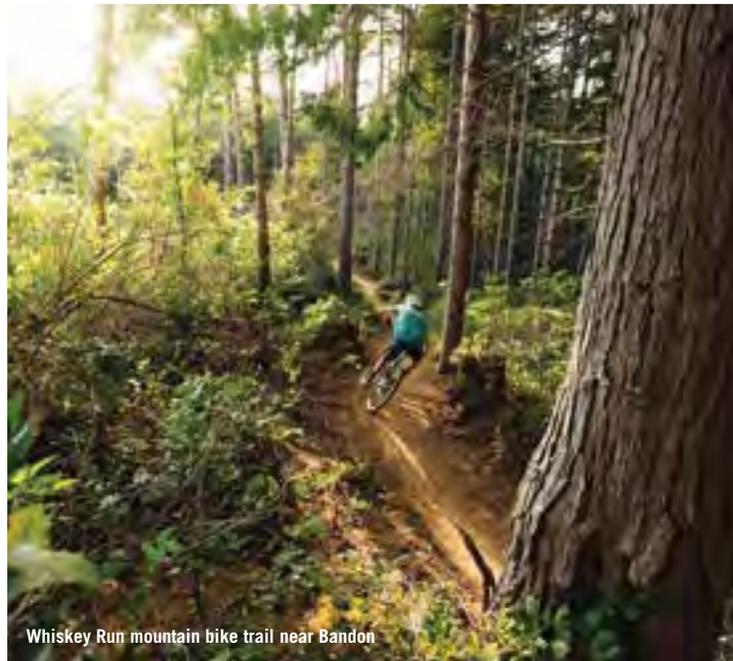
A trio of scenic towns, arts and culture, three state parks, and plenty of outdoor recreation comprise Oregon's "Bay Area," the largest harbor and only international port on the Oregon coast between San Francisco and Seattle.

In Charleston, a segment of the **Oregon Coast Trail** connects the three state parks in the area, making it possible to hike from park to park. **Sunset Bay State Park and Campground** offers tent, RV and yurt camping and is popular with families. The park also has a seasonal rocky-shore interpreter and tide-pool programs. There is a peaceful wind-protected beach at Sunset Bay that is popular with surfers, though the water here can be quite chilly all year.

Storm watchers and green thumbs will enjoy **Shore Acres State Park**, the former estate of pioneer lumberman and ship-builder Louis J. Simpson. Stroll among the trees, shrubs and plants that he gathered from around the world, as well as the formal rose and Japanese gardens.



Crabbing in Port Orford



Whiskey Run mountain bike trail near Bandon



Harbor seals

# WHERE THE LOCALS GO

**Angela Haseltine Pozzi's** family has been coming to Bandon for three generations, so her love for the region is part of her DNA. She founded the nonprofit Washed Ashore in 2010 as a way to educate the public about ocean pollution; the group turns plastics from the shoreline into public art, with the help of Oregon State Parks and scores of other groups and volunteers. They've created 70 works of art (think giant sea turtles and sharks), plus four traveling exhibits that tour the country. Here are Pozzi's favorite spots for escaping to beauty.



Washed Ashore sculpture in Bandon



## COQUILLE POINT

I love the tidepools around the rocks, the caves, the drama of the waves crashing around the rocks. I am in awe of the power of the ocean. I like it when humans are kind of put in their place. Sometimes it can be destructive, but it can be so spectacularly beautiful as well.

## CAPE BLANCO STATE PARK

This farthest western point on the continental United States is really dramatic, with its lighthouse and beautiful beaches on the north and south sides of the point. On the north side, there are different types of seaweed and creatures than normally found in this part of the ocean — I find it fascinating.

## SHORE ACRES STATE PARK

My husband and I were married at the gardens there, overlooking the amazing rock formations. I could be there all day, staring at the waves crashing and the vastness of the ocean. Watching the drama of the ocean reminds me of the sea animals Washed Ashore is trying to protect.

## CAPE ARAGO STATE PARK

This park is full of tidepools, which house sea urchins, chitons, crabs and more, and the Simpson Reef sea lions are reliably gathering and barking all the time. All the trails are beautiful in that area; I also just love walking in the woods. I grew up mushroom hunting and picking Oregon huckleberries along the Coast.

## OLD TOWN BANDON

I love walking along the waterfront and the docks, crabbing and being on the Coquille River. It's a wonderful spot to be.

## PORT OF PORT ORFORD

I love whale watching from the edge of the parking lot at this dock, and going into Griff's on the Dock for a bit of smoked salmon. Less than a mile away, Battle Rock Wayside Park, Hawthorne Gallery and Redfish restaurant offer an amazing experience.

FROM TOP: OCVA; COLTON JACOBS; STEVE DIMOCK; FAR RIGHT: JUSTIN MYERS



TOP 10

## HIKING TRAILS

**TILLAMOOK HEAD TRAIL** (*Seaside*) For a challenging but rewarding trek, the Tillamook Head Trail meanders for 6 miles (9.7 km) one-way, climbing over a densely forested, 1,130-foot-high (344.4-m) headland. Soak up the views of the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse at the observation point before turning back at Indian Beach.

**NEAHKAHNIE MOUNTAIN, OSWALD WEST STATE PARK**

(*Arch Cape*) The steep but beautiful 2.5-mile (4-km) romp to the top of this 1,680-foot mountain (512 m) rewards trekkers with incredible vistas south over the bustling village of Manzanita and down the Coast as far as Tillamook and Cape Meares. (A shorter hike leads to an ocean overlook.)

**CASCADE HEAD NATURE CONSERVANCY TRAIL** (*Lincoln City*)

This preserve near Lincoln City offers hikes on upper and lower trails with great opportunities for viewing wildlife and rare wildflowers. (The upper trailhead is closed Jan. 1 to July 15.)

**YAQUINA HEAD OUTSTANDING NATURAL AREA** (*Newport*)

The network of short, generally level trails at this basalt-lava peninsula just north of Newport includes access to tidal pools and the chance to visit Oregon's tallest lighthouse.

**CAPE PERPETUA** (*Yachats*) Check out the nature exhibits at the small visitor center, and then embark on a 1.5-mile (2.4-km) hike along the Saint Perpetua Trail to a promontory set 820 feet (249.9 m) above this dramatic stretch of Central Oregon coastline.

**TAHKENITCH CREEK TRAIL** (*Reedsport*) Hike out into the Oregon Dunes along this 4.8-mile (7.7-km) moderate trail near Reedsport. The trail follows the creek and crosses the dunes to reach the ocean, so plan for some route finding.

**GOLDEN AND SILVER FALLS STATE NATURAL AREA** (*Coos Bay*)

Just east of Coos Bay, this recreation area includes hikes to both waterfalls through scenic wooded canyons.

**CAPE ARAGO PACK TRAIL** (*Charleston*) Located at the southernmost of three majestic state parks along the Coast west of Coos Bay, this 2.3-mile (3.7-km) wooded trek follows part of an old wagon road through a lovely seaside picnic grove overlooking dramatic sea stacks.

**SAMUEL H. BOARDMAN STATE SCENIC CORRIDOR** (*Gold Beach and Brookings*)

About 27 miles (43.5 km) of the fabled Oregon Coast Trail twist and turn through the centuries-old Sitka spruce forests and pristine beaches that make up this 12-mile-long (19.3-km) linear park, which stretches from Gold Beach south to Brookings.

**OREGON REDWOODS TRAIL** (*Brookings*) This easy 1-mile (1.6-km) trail near Brookings takes you through Oregon's unique section of old-growth redwood forest.



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**Cape Arago State Park** is a headland with sea views, a picnic area and cove trails leading to beaches and tide pools.

The **South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve** is a paddler's paradise, with 4,800 acres (1,942.5 ha) of tidal and freshwater wetlands to explore, along with an interpretive center and hiking trails. **South Coast Tours** leads kayaking and SUP-ing expeditions here and throughout the Bay Area.

Experience the sights and sounds of the sea at the **Charleston Marina Complex**, where you can watch commercial and private fishing boats readying for a day at sea; buy fresh tuna and Dungeness crab off the docks; rent equipment to try your hand at fishing, crabbing and clamming; or take a charter out for the day. The **Charleston Marine Life Center** is an exciting place for discovery. Aquaria highlighting different

coastal ecosystems, a tide pool touch tank, whale and sea lion skeletons, and a variety of specimens reveal the hidden and remarkable diversity of life off Oregon, from the coastline to the deep sea.

In North Bend, **Horsfall Beach** offers miles of open sand and is the southernmost point of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, which is popular for ATV and horseback riding and hiking. Look for the shipwreck of the George L. Olson; the steam schooner struck Coos Bay's north jetty and broke apart in 1944. Just east of Horsfall, the **Bluebill Trail** circles the 60-acre (24.3-ha) Bluebill Lake; stroll the boardwalks to see hummingbirds, frogs, salamanders, fish and fungi.

For the antique lover, downtown North Bend boasts several shops filled with treasures. Stop in at one of the cafes along Sherman Avenue for a fresh take on farm-to-table dining. Live music and theater performances are a favorite with Irish tunes at Liberty Pub. The Little Theatre on the Bay showcases local talent in a variety of productions every year. North Bend also boasts the only commercial airport on the Oregon Coast, the

Southwest Oregon Regional Airport.

And in Coos Bay, the Coast's largest city, arts, history and culture abound. Art lovers will enjoy the **Coos Art Museum**, the only fine art museum on the Coast. Housed in an art deco building, it features rotating exhibitions of contemporary Northwest art and, in the Prefontaine Memorial Gallery, photos and tributes to hometown hero and track legend Steve Prefontaine. The **Egyptian Theatre** is a fabulously restored 1925 building in the Egyptian-revival style, hosting family-friendly films and live music among towering bronze pharaoh statues, hieroglyphics and animal-headed deities.

The annual Oregon Coast Music Festival is the longest running on the Coast, welcoming more than 80 musicians from across the country for a week of classical performances.

The Sawmill & Tribal Trail, which can be accessed at many points in Coos Bay and North Bend, honors paths developed by Coos tribal ancestors, connecting their bayside villages and hunting grounds.

For more information on Coos and Coquille Indian heritage, as well as

Washed Ashore sculpture in Bandon



local history, head to the **Coos History Museum**. The **Oregon Coast Historical Railway Museum** is home to a restored 1922 Baldwin steam locomotive, along with other vintage railroad and logging equipment.

**Choshi Gardens**, in Coos Bay's Mingus Park, honors sister city Choshi, Japan, with pruned specimens and native plants. The outdoor stage hosts Music on the Bay and Shakespeare in the Park every summer.

Detour 25 miles (40.2 km) inland to **Golden and Silver Falls State Natural Area** for a scenic hike through old-growth fir and cedar to 100-foot (30.5-m) waterfalls cascading over the cliffs. Cap your day of exploration with fresh seafood and a pint at 7 Devils Brewing Co. or any of the city's diverse eateries.

Pop. 3,112

## BANDON

Bandon is known as the "Cranberry Capital of the West Coast," a distinction celebrated each September with the three-day **Cranberry Festival**.

Shopping, dining, history, art, culture and outdoor recreation are all on offer in **Old Town**. At **Second Street Gallery**, you'll find Pacific Northwest artists working in a variety of media from ceramics and jewelry to woodworking and painting. **Vines Art Glass** features colorful pieces created by local glass artists. You'll also find public art displays, including one-of-a-kind wood sculptures and the annual **Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show**.

The boardwalk provides views of the **Coquille River Lighthouse**, a fully restored Italianate-style lighthouse built in 1896. During the summer months, you can take a guided tour of the tower.

At the **Harbortown Events Center**, attend a free community workshop at the renowned **Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea**, a unique arts organization that turns plastic found on Pacific beaches into art and brings attention to the marine-debris crisis. Exhibits at the **Bandon Historical Society Museum** explore local maritime and logging history, cranberry farming and methods, and Coquille Indian baskets and other artifacts.

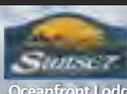
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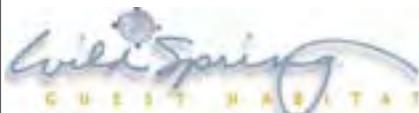
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## DOGGONE GOOD SPOTS

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**THE PET WORKS** (*Astoria*) After a day spent frolicking in the sand, take your pup to this self-service dog wash and pet store in downtown Astoria — shampoo, brushes, towels and dryers provided.

**WARRENTON DOG PARK** (*Warrenton*) Located at Eben H. Caruthers Memorial Park along the Warrenton Waterfront Trail, this fully fenced, yappy playground covers nearly one-half of an acre (0.2 ha) with separate areas for large and small dogs.

**CANNON BEACH** Cottages, hotels and vacation rentals offer plenty of options for travelers with tails. And miles of sandy beaches — which National Geographic named among the world's best — are perfect for digging and stick chasing.

**LINCOLN CITY** Many oceanfront hotels and motels welcome canine travelers. And the Roads End and D River state recreation sites have lots of room for stretching their four legs.

**ROGUE ALES PUBLIC HOUSE** (*Newport*) Stop in for a year-round, pooch-friendly patio and an exclusive canine menu. This brewpub even hosts the annual Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest each May in celebration of the late, beloved Labrador of brewer John Maier.

**JESSIE M. HONEYMAN MEMORIAL STATE PARK** (*Lane County*) The second-largest camping spot in the state offers 2 miles (3.2 km) of dunes for sand sprints and two lakes for dog paddling.

**BANDON** The Dog Style Boutique's raw dog treats, dog-friendly vacation rentals and access to beaches all make Bandon a great spot for Spot.

**WOOF'S DOG BAKERY** (*Gold Beach*) Stop here for healthy, freshly baked doggie treats, which smell so good you might be tempted to try them yourself.

**THUNDER ROCK COVE** (*Brookings*) In the Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor, just north of Brookings, you'll find secluded and almost-secret beaches, such as Thunder Rock Cove, where your dog can scamper in the sand.

**COASTAL YURTS** Up and down the Coast, state parks allow dogs at a number of their coastal-yurt rentals, but get on it — they can sell out fast.

**Beach.** Seasonal tide-pool interpreters are on-site during the summer at **Simpson Reef** and **Coquille Point**.

**Face Rock**, an offshore sea stack resembling a face in silhouette, is one of Bandon's most photographed sights. It's also the namesake of **Face Rock Creamery**, an artisanal cheesemaker. Visitors to the factory can watch cheesemakers at work and nibble samples of Vampire Slayer Garlic Cheddar, Face Rock'n Jack, fromage blanc and cheese curds.

Find liquid refreshment in Old Town Bandon with a tasting at Stillwagon Distillery, which produces more than a dozen types of craft rum — from cranberry and pineapple to walnut and fig. Bandon Brewing serves up wood-fired pizza in a cozy spot just a few blocks away.

For something unexpected, explore **West Coast Game Park Safari**, a wild-animal petting zoo home to more than 450 exotic birds and animals, including a snow leopard, chimps and African lions. Bird-watchers flock to **Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge**, where blue heron, bald eagles and dabbling ducks are among the interesting species to be found.

Bandon's golf courses are world-renowned, attracting visitors from every corner of the globe. **Bandon Dunes Golf Resort** has five authentic links courses, perched on a bluff 100 feet (30.5 m) above the ocean. Expansive views, wind-blown grasses and craggy rocks give players a taste of the kind of course you'd find in Scotland; in fact, Scotsman David McLay Kidd had a hand in its design. **Bandon Crossings golf course**, dubbed a "Favorite Hidden Gem" by the PGA Travel Guide, rambles over streams and into an open coastal forest.

**Floras Lake** in Langlois, with its steady winds, shallow water and sandy bottom, is a hub for windsurfers and kiteboarders. Lessons and rentals are available April through mid-September.

**Wild Rivers Coast Food Trail** runs from Reedsport to Brookings and features 39 stops — farmers markets, farm stands, U-pick and specialty-food and spirit sellers — including **Dragonfly Farm & Nursery** and **Valley Flora** in the small community of Langlois.

Cape Blanco State Park is a great spot for hiking, camping and touring a lighthouse perched on the tip of the westernmost point of the contiguous United States. Rent a fat bike in Port Orford and



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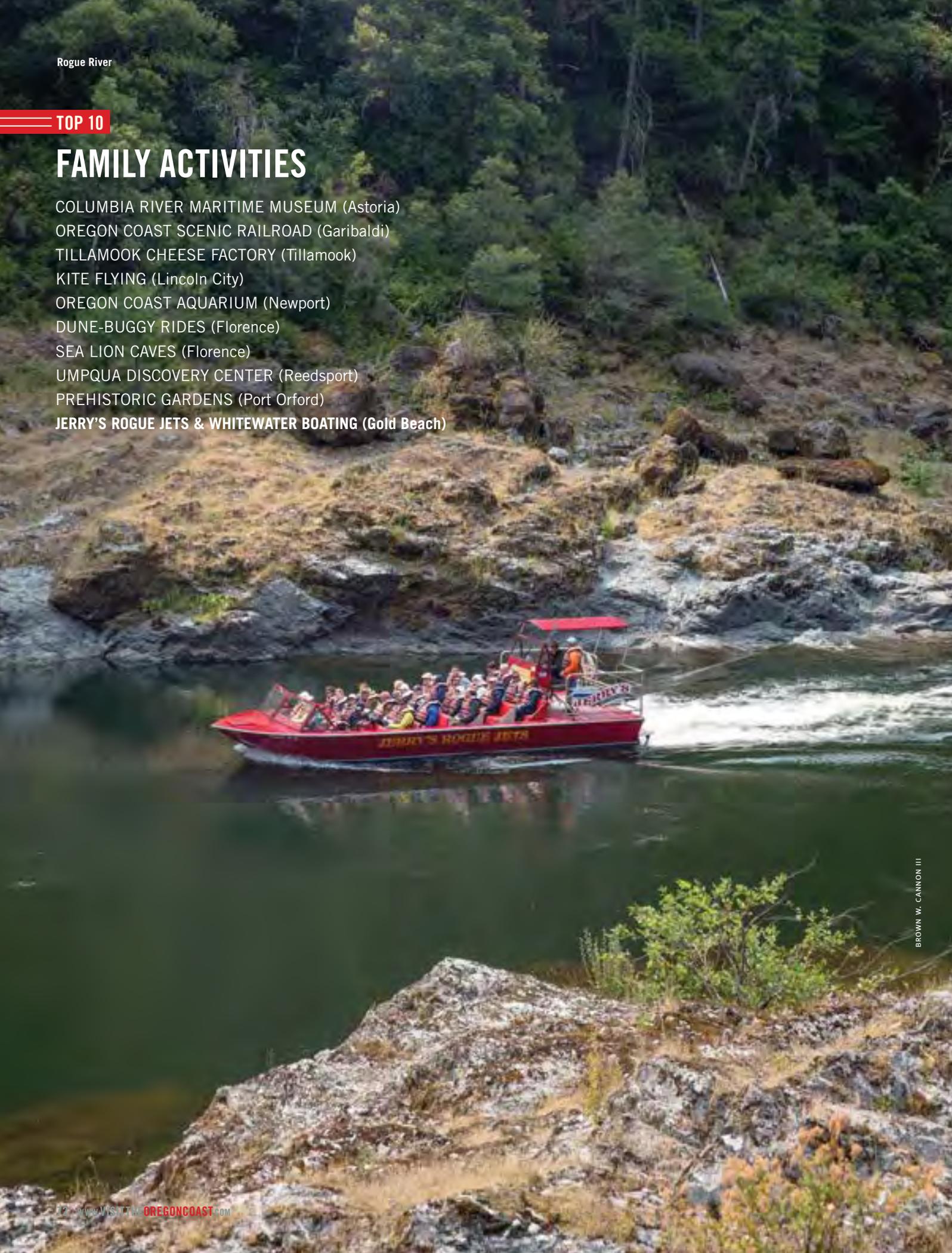
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- KITE FLYING (Lincoln City)
- OREGON COAST AQUARIUM (Newport)
- DUNE-BUGGY RIDES (Florence)
- SEA LION CAVES (Florence)
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## PORT ORFORD

The forest and mountains meet the sea at Port Orford, a wee fishing village and allegedly the oldest town on the Coast. It's as unique for what you'll find here as it is for what you won't: no strip malls, no fast food and surprisingly few crowds — all the more astounding when you consider the unspoiled natural areas open for exploration.

For the best views of Port Orford Bay, head to historic **Battle Rock Park**, where you can also see **Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve**, a protected habitat for fish and other marine life. The **Port Orford trails system** links scenic and important sites around Port Orford, including **Paradise Point State Recreation Site**, with its sandy beach and picture-postcard views, and **Port Orford Heads State Park**, home to a historical Coast Guard lifeboat station that's now a museum (April through October). **Nellie's Cove** (accessible only by

boat), is where the Coast Guard used to launch sea-rescue boats. On a clear day, views here stretch for miles. A paddle trip with South Coast Tours under Orford Heads offers some of the best ocean kayaking in Oregon.

Downtown, a cluster of galleries features work by a relatively large community of artists who have been drawn to Port Orford for its inspiring landscapes.

One of the town's quintessential experiences is watching huge cranes hoist commercial fishing boats in and out of the shallow open-water harbor at the town's dolly dock. You'll only find this spectacle in six places in the world, and it's a sight to behold. In late afternoon, the port springs into action, with vessels unloading their catch of Dungeness crab, black cod, lingcod, rockfish, salmon, sea urchin and more.

**Cape Blanco State Park**, sited at the westernmost point of the contiguous United States, is home to **Cape Blanco Lighthouse**. Built in 1870, it's the oldest working lighthouse in the state and a prime spot for winter storm watching. No matter what the season, massive windswept Sitka spruce give you a sense



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of what happens when powerful wind gusts hit the shore. Tour the lighthouse and nearby **Hughes House** (April through October), a restored Victorian home, to learn about Oregon's first female lighthouse keeper, Mabel Bretherton, who watched over Cape Blanco in 1903.

**Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway** is anchored in Port Orford. The 61-mile (98.2-km) network can be cycled in a day or broken into segments that reveal the charms of Port Orford, as well as lush old-growth canopies along the **Wild and Scenic Elk River**, and views of rugged and rocky coastline.

**Humbug Mountain** is one of the most popular local hikes, offering views of Nesika Beach and passing through a forest of wild rhododendrons and ferns. The Elk and Sixes rivers, two of Oregon's most pristine rivers and important salmon habitats, offer excellent bank or drift-boat fishing.

**Prehistoric Gardens**, halfway between Port Orford and Gold Beach, is one of Oregon's beloved roadside attractions. Envisioned and built in the 1950s by E.V. Nelson, a sculptor and self-taught paleontologist, it's home to an array of kitschy life-size dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals tucked in a temperate rain forest.

Pop. 2,282

## **GOLD BEACH**

Though it was a gold rush that enticed prospectors and settlers during the mid-1880s, today travelers come to Gold Beach for access to the renowned **Wild and Scenic Rogue River**, unspoiled beaches and wilderness trails.

A classic Oregon Coast experience is a whitewater trip up the Rogue with **Jerry's Rogue Jets**. Excursions range from 64 to 104 miles (103 to 167.4 km), with the option of a meal at a rustic lodge. Experienced pilots tell tall tales and river lore as you keep your eyes peeled for black bear, river otters, eagles and the rare mountain lion in this protected wilderness area. These family-friendly trips run May to mid-October, and reservations are a must.

The site of the first salmon cannery in Oregon, Gold Beach remains a year-round hub for anglers. Among the numerous guides is **Rogue Coast Sport Fishing**, leading trips on the Rogue, Elk, Sixes, Chetco and Umpqua rivers in search of salmon and steelhead. **Singing Springs Lodge**, 35 miles upriver along the Rogue, offers guided

fishing, hiking and raft trips as well as a restaurant in the midst of the wilderness. Many anglers also come to Gold Beach to surf-fish for lingcod and rockfish. Rent crabbing equipment at the **Rogue Outdoor Store** and try your luck, or grab a shovel and dig for razor clams in the sands of Bailey or Meyers beaches.

Sate your appetite with fish and chips at **Barnacle Bistro** in Gold Beach. Get your caffeine fix at **Dumire's Bliss Coffee & Ice Cream Shoppe**, located right next to Jerry's Rogue Jets, or sample the award-winning Pistol River Pale at **Arch Rock Brewing Company**. **The Port Hole Cafe** in the harbor has views overlooking the Rogue River and the landmark **Rogue River Bridge**. Featuring a series of graceful arches spanning 1,898 feet (578.5 m), the C.B. McCullough-designed bridge was constructed in 1931 and named a Historical Civil Engineering Landmark in 1982. Learn more about the area at **Gold Beach Books**, where you'll find an outstanding collection of regional titles. The **Curry Historical Society Museum** features cultural- and natural-history exhibits, as well as displays on gold mining, logging and fishing.

**Cape Sebastian State Scenic Corridor**, located about 6 miles (9.7 km) south of Gold Beach, rises 500 feet (152.4 m) above the sea and has jaw-dropping views of the coastline, as well as hiking trails and picnicking areas. Beachcombers will also enjoy trolling the black sands of Gold Beach for agate, jasper, petrified wood and jade. During the **Beach Treasure Hunt**, taking place annually from February to April, look for (and take home) tagged blown-glass floats hidden on the beaches between the Rogue River jetty and just below Kissing Rock.

Families will enjoy walking the wide and easy **Francis Schrader Old Growth Trail**, a 1-mile (1.6-km) loop through a lush, forested area with 22 species of trees, plants and shrubs.

Part of what's known as Oregon's "banana belt," this section of the South Coast is known for its mild climate, even when it's raining elsewhere in the state. What keeps the fog at bay is also what draws wind- and kitesurfers: the breezes. Depending on conditions, you'll likely see colorful sails soaring near **Meyers Creek** and on the **Pistol River**. In June windsurfers from around the world descend for the **Pistol River Wave Bash**, a stop on the



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Pop. 6,440

## **BROOKINGS-HARBOR**

A pleasant climate is one of the many draws on this part of the Coast, where weather patterns drive out the fog and damp to make way for blue skies; it's not uncommon to enjoy a 70-degree day in

January or February.

Foodies enjoy exploring the growing culinary scene. **Chetco Brewing Company** and **Misty Mountain Brewing and Tap Haus** are among the craft brewers making waves on the local beer front. Art lovers can browse the galleries — including **Semi Aquatic**, **Manley Art Center & Gallery** and **Signatures Gallery** — or attend the monthly **Second Saturday Art Walk**. The **Winter Art & Chocolate Festival** takes place in February, and the **Festival of Art** is held in Stout Park each August. During the third weekend of July, the **Southern Oregon Kite Festival** is one of the premier events of its kind in the country.

Take a springtime stroll through **Azalea Park**, when 33 acres (13.4 ha) of native azaleas burst into bloom. Some have been growing here since Lewis and Clark

wintered on the Oregon Coast 200 years ago. An **Azalea Festival and Parade** take place Memorial Day weekend.

The 1857 **Blake House** — the oldest standing building in the Chetco Valley — houses the **Chetco Valley Historical Society Museum** and artifacts of 19th-century Oregon pioneer life. A 99-foot (30.2-m) Monterey cypress, the tallest in the United States, lives on the museum grounds.

**Salmon Run Golf Course** is a demanding 18-hole public course; those who are up to the test are rewarded with beautiful greens, scenic vistas and glimpses of local wildlife.

Disc golf (tossing small discs into baskets along scenic trails, usually on a nine-hole course) is another popular pastime on the Coast. You'll find world-class courses at many parks including McVay Rock State Recreation Site (with an ocean view) and Azalea Park, both in Brookings. There's also a brand-new course at Buffington Park in Gold Beach.

Experience the untouched South Coast scenery at **Chetco Point Park**, with 360-degree views of the Pacific Ocean; **Port of Brookings Harbor**; and **Macklyn Cove**, including views of native seals on the rocky outcroppings, the distant **St. George Reef Lighthouse** and migrating whales. **Harris Beach State Park**, named for a Scottish pioneer who raised sheep and cattle here, features views of giant offshore sea stacks, including the largest island on the Coast; it's a breeding ground to a variety of species, including the tufted puffin. The park also has a seasonal rocky-shore interpreter who offers campground and tide-pool programs.

**Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor**, a narrow park covering 12 miles (19.3 km) of rugged coastline, harbors numerous scenic viewpoints, pocket beaches and offshore sea stacks. Local favorites include **Arch Rock** and **Whales-head**. **Thunder Rock Cove** is a seemingly secret sheltered beach. **Indian Sands Trail** winds through unusual sculpted sandstones and provides views of the coastline and rocky islands.

**Alfred A. Loeb State Park** on the Chetco River offers a peaceful hike through sharply scented myrtlewood forests, along with river access for fishing, kayaking, rafting and swimming. Check out **South Coast Tours** for guided paddling adventures along the Chetco River and in other spots on the South Coast.



Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor

# RESOURCES

## WHAT IS THE OREGON COAST VISITORS ASSOCIATION (OCVA)?

**Mission:** Inspire travel & strengthen collaboration to create & steward a sustainable coastal economy.

**Vision:** A coastal utopia for all.

OCVA is the official Regional Destination Management Organization and promotional entity for the Oregon Coast, as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission, DBA Travel Oregon. Our association is comprised of Chambers of Commerce, Visitor Centers/Bureau, resource management entities and 100+ private tourism businesses along Oregon's 363 miles of coastline. We advocate on behalf of the coastal tourism industry by facilitating industry alignment, coordinating industry management efforts and by engaging in cooperative promotional activities which achieve maximum, measurable benefits for our coastal economy with minimal negative impacts on its quality of life.

## VISIT THE OCVA WEBSITE

For comprehensive information about the 363 miles (584 km) of the Oregon Coast, go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com). We'll give you ideas about what to do and where to stay, plus details about cities and towns on the Coast, as well as inspiring stories from recent visitors.

You can request an additional copy of the Oregon Coast Official Visitor Guide, ask a general question and sign up for our e-newsletter. Visit [Facebook.com/ThePeoplesCoast](https://www.facebook.com/ThePeoplesCoast) and [@ThePeoplesCoast](https://www.instagram.com/ThePeoplesCoast) on Instagram to view recent photos and find out what's happening at the Coast.

## OREGON COAST WILDLIFE

Birding is a popular year-round activity on the Oregon Coast. We have 173 official birding sites and more than 450 different species recorded here. Visit [OregonCoastBirding.com](http://OregonCoastBirding.com) to download free brochures about birding sites on the North Coast, Central Coast and South Coast, as

well as in the California Redwoods, along with a bird checklist. For fishing, clamming and crabbing, visit [MyODFW.com](http://MyODFW.com) for tips, locations, latest regulations and to buy a license.

## PACIFIC COAST SCENIC BYWAY

The Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, which runs the entire 363-mile (584-km) length of the Oregon Coast, is one of only four All-American Roads in the state of Oregon. For detailed maps and information about how to explore the Coast, visit [TravelOregon.com/the-Pacific-Coast-Scenic-Byway](http://TravelOregon.com/the-Pacific-Coast-Scenic-Byway).

## WHERE TO STAY

For a comprehensive list of places to stay along the Coast, organized by city, go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com/accommodations](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com/accommodations).

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRAVEL

With the largest network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the country, Oregon ranks as a national leader in sustainable travel. It's no different here on the Coast, where you can power up with a robust network of high-speed charging stations. To plan your green road trip, visit [PlugShare.com](http://PlugShare.com), the world's largest EV charging network, to access a searchable database of more than 26,000 stations in the U.S. and Canada. There, you can pinpoint the location of fast-charging stations all around the state.



## OCVA MEMBERS

### Attractions

#### **Bandon Crossings Golf Course**

541.347.3232, [www.bandoncrossings.com](http://www.bandoncrossings.com)

#### **BLM Yaquina Head Natural Outstanding Area**

877.444.6777

[www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/yaquina](http://www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/yaquina)

#### **Blue Heron French Cheese Company**

503.842.8530, [www.blueheronoregon.com](http://www.blueheronoregon.com)

#### **Cape Blanco Heritage Society**

541.253.7565

[www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com](http://www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com)

#### **Charleston Marine Life Center**

541.888.2581

[www.charlestonmarinelifecenter.com](http://www.charlestonmarinelifecenter.com)

#### **Chinook Winds Casino Resort**

541.996.5766, [www.chinookwindscasino.com](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com)

#### **Coaster Theatre Playhouse**

503.436.1242, [www.coastertheatre.com](http://www.coastertheatre.com)

#### **Columbia River Maritime Museum**

503.325.2323, [www.crm.org](http://www.crm.org)

#### **Florence Events Center**

541.997.1994

[www.ci.florence.or.us/eventscenter](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/eventscenter)

#### **Garibaldi Charters**

503.322.0007, [www.garibaldicharters.com](http://www.garibaldicharters.com)

#### **Hawthorne Gallery**

541.366.2266, [www.hawthornegallery.com](http://www.hawthornegallery.com)

#### **High Life Adventures**

503.861.9875, [www.highlife-adventures.com](http://www.highlife-adventures.com)

#### **Jerry's Rogue Jets**

800.451.3645, [www.roguejets.com](http://www.roguejets.com)

#### **Kayak Tillamook County**

503.866.4808, [www.kayaktillamook.com](http://www.kayaktillamook.com)

#### **Marine Discovery Tours**

541.265.6200, [www.marinediscovery.com](http://www.marinediscovery.com)

#### **Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park**

541.756.8800, [www.themillcasino.com](http://www.themillcasino.com)

#### **Lance Fisher Fishing**

(Operation Golden Rule LLC)

503.680.6809, [www.lancefisherfishing.com](http://www.lancefisherfishing.com)

#### **Oregon Coast Aquarium**

541.867.3474, [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org)

#### **Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad**

503.842.7972, [www.oregoncoastscenic.org](http://www.oregoncoastscenic.org)

#### **Oregon International Port of Coos Bay /**

#### **Charleston Marina**

541.888.2548, [www.charlestonmarina.com](http://www.charlestonmarina.com)

#### **Sandlake Tsunami ATV Rental, LLC**

503.965.6572

[www.sandlaketsunamiatvrental.com](http://www.sandlaketsunamiatvrental.com)

#### **Sea Lion Caves**

503.547.3111, [www.sealioncaves.com](http://www.sealioncaves.com)

#### **Semi Aquatic Gallery**

[www.semiaquaticgallery.com](http://www.semiaquaticgallery.com)

#### **Sharkey's Charters**

541.260.9110

[www.sharkyscharterfishing.com](http://www.sharkyscharterfishing.com)

#### **South Coast Tours LLC**

541.373.0487, [www.southcoasttours.net](http://www.southcoasttours.net)

#### **Tillamook County Creamery Association/ Tillamook Cheese Factory**

503.815.1300, [www.tillamook.com](http://www.tillamook.com)

#### **Tillamook Forest Center**

503.815.6800, [www.tillamookforestcenter.org](http://www.tillamookforestcenter.org)

#### **Windyface Motorcycle Rental**

503.965.6572, [www.windyface.com](http://www.windyface.com)

#### **Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society**

541.336.5256, [www.yaquinapacificrr.org](http://www.yaquinapacificrr.org)

### Dining

#### **Arch Rock Brewing Company**

541.247.0555, [www.archrockbeer.com](http://www.archrockbeer.com)

#### **Big Wave Cafe**

503.368.WAVE

[www.oregonsbigwavecafe.com](http://www.oregonsbigwavecafe.com)

#### **Public Coast Brewing**

503.436.0285, [www.publiccoastbrewing.com](http://www.publiccoastbrewing.com)

#### **Redfish Restaurant**

541.366.2200, [www.redfishportorford.com](http://www.redfishportorford.com)

### Lodging

#### **An Ocean Paradise Whales Rendezvous**

541.765.3455, [www.whalesrendezvous.com](http://www.whalesrendezvous.com)

#### **Arch Cape Inn & Retreat**

503.436.2800, [www.archcapeinn.com](http://www.archcapeinn.com)

#### **Beachcombers NW**

503.622.1282, [www.beachcombersnw.com](http://www.beachcombersnw.com)

#### **Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn**

541.265.9411, [www.agatebeachinn.com](http://www.agatebeachinn.com)

#### **Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa**

503.325.4996, [www.cannerypierhotel.com](http://www.cannerypierhotel.com)

#### **Cannon Beach Property Management**

503.436.2021, [www.cbpm.com](http://www.cbpm.com)

#### **Cannon Beach Vacation Rentals**

503.436.0940, [www.visitcb.com](http://www.visitcb.com)

#### **Coho Oceanfront Lodge (The)**

541.994.3684, [www.thecoholodge.com](http://www.thecoholodge.com)

#### **Distinctive Beach Lodgings**

503.738.7373

[www.distinctivebeachlodging.com](http://www.distinctivebeachlodging.com)

#### **Driftwood Shores Resort & Conference Center**

541.997.8263, [www.driftwoodshores.com](http://www.driftwoodshores.com)

#### **Fireside Motel**

541.547.4880, [www.firesidemotel.com](http://www.firesidemotel.com)

#### **Hallmark Resort (Newport)**

541.265.2600, [www.hallmarkinns.com](http://www.hallmarkinns.com)

#### **Heceta Head Lighthouse B&B**

866.547.3696, [www.hecetalighthouse.com](http://www.hecetalighthouse.com)

#### **Hotel Elliot**

503.325.2222, [www.hotelelliott.com](http://www.hotelelliott.com)

#### **House on Manzanita Beach**

503.354.4287

[www.vacationrentalsmanzanita.com](http://www.vacationrentalsmanzanita.com)

#### **Inn at Arch Cape (The)**

503.436.2082, [www.innatarchcape.com](http://www.innatarchcape.com)

#### **Inn at Cannon Beach**

503.436.9085, [www.innatcannonbeach.com](http://www.innatcannonbeach.com)

#### **Inn at Cape Kiwanda**

888.965.7001, [www.innatcapekiwanda.com](http://www.innatcapekiwanda.com)

#### **Inn at the Shore**

503.738.3113, [www.innattheshore.com](http://www.innattheshore.com)

#### **Inn at Wecoma**

541.994.2984, [www.innatwecoma.com](http://www.innatwecoma.com)

#### **Land's End at Cannon Beach**

503.436.2264, [www.landsendcb.com](http://www.landsendcb.com)

#### **Looking Glass Inn**

541.996.3996, [www.lookingglass-inn.com](http://www.lookingglass-inn.com)

#### **Loon Lake Lodge & RV Resort**

541.599.2244, [www.loonlakerv.com](http://www.loonlakerv.com)

#### **Meredith Lodging**

541.996.2955, [www.meredithlodging.com](http://www.meredithlodging.com)

#### **Newport Timeshares at Schooner Landing**

877.815.4227

[www.sellmytimesharenow.com/timeshare/Schooner+Landing/resort/](http://www.sellmytimesharenow.com/timeshare/Schooner+Landing/resort/)

#### **North Fork 53**

503.368.5382, [www.northfork53.com](http://www.northfork53.com)

#### **Ocean Lodge (The)**

503.436.2241, [www.theoceanlodge.com](http://www.theoceanlodge.com)

#### **Oregon Beach Vacations**

503.528.7480

[www.oregonbeachvacations.com](http://www.oregonbeachvacations.com)

#### **Overleaf Lodge and Spa**

541.547.4880, [www.overleaflodge.com](http://www.overleaflodge.com)

#### **Pacific Reef Resort**

541.267.6658, [www.pacificreefresort.com](http://www.pacificreefresort.com)

#### **Pelican Shores Inn**

541.994.2134, [www.pelicanshores.com](http://www.pelicanshores.com)

#### **Quality Inn & Suites at Coos Bay**

541.756.3191, [www.coosbayinn.com](http://www.coosbayinn.com)

#### **Salishan Resort**

541.764.3600, [www.salishan.com](http://www.salishan.com)

**Schooner's Cove Inn**503.436.2300, [www.schoonerscove.com](http://www.schoonerscove.com)**Shearwater Inn**541.994.4121, [www.theshearwaterinn.com](http://www.theshearwaterinn.com)**Sheltered Nook on Tillamook Bay**503.805.5526, [www.shelterednook.com](http://www.shelterednook.com)**Stephanie Inn**855.977.2444, [www.stephanie-inn.com](http://www.stephanie-inn.com)**Sunset Surf Motel**503.368.5224, [www.sunsetsurfocan.com](http://www.sunsetsurfocan.com)**Surfsand Resort**503.436.2274, [www.surfsand.com](http://www.surfsand.com)**Surfside Oceanfront Resort**503.355.2312, [www.surfsideocean.com](http://www.surfsideocean.com)**Sweet Home Rentals**800.519.0437, [www.sweethomesrentals.com](http://www.sweethomesrentals.com)**The Seashore Inn On The Beach**503.738.6368, [www.seashoreinnor.com](http://www.seashoreinnor.com)**Vacasa Rentals**503.345.9399, [www.vacasarentals.com](http://www.vacasarentals.com)**Wayside Inn, The (Westover Inns)**503.436.1577, [www.thewayside-inn.com](http://www.thewayside-inn.com)**WildSpring Guest Habitat**866.333.9453, [www.wildspring.com](http://www.wildspring.com)**Windermere On The Beach**

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541.297.2432

[www.oregonsadventurecoast.com](http://www.oregonsadventurecoast.com)**Travel Curry Coast**541.247.3304, [www.travelcurrycoast.com](http://www.travelcurrycoast.com)**Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce**541.765.2889, [www.depobaychamber.org](http://www.depobaychamber.org)**Eugene, Cascades & Coast - Travel Lane County**

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[www.eugene Cascades Coast .org](http://www.eugene Cascades Coast .org)**Florence Area Chamber of Commerce**541.997.3128, [www.florencechamber.com](http://www.florencechamber.com)**Visit Garibaldi**503.322.3327, [www.visitgaribaldi.com](http://www.visitgaribaldi.com)**City of Gold Beach Visitor Center**541.247.7526, [www.visitgoldbeach.com](http://www.visitgoldbeach.com)**Lakeside Chamber of Commerce**

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[www.lakesideoregonchambers.com](http://www.lakesideoregonchambers.com)**Explore Lincoln City**541.996.1274, [www.oregoncoast.org](http://www.oregoncoast.org)**Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau**360.642.2400, [www.funbeach.com](http://www.funbeach.com)**Manzanita Visitor Center**503.812.5510, [www.exploremanzanita.com](http://www.exploremanzanita.com)**Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce**541.265.8801, [www.newportchamber.org](http://www.newportchamber.org)**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department**800.551.6949, [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org)**Pacific City-Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce**888.549.2632, [www.pcnvchamber.org](http://www.pcnvchamber.org)**City of Port Orford**[www.enjoyportorford.com](http://www.enjoyportorford.com)**Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce**541.271.3495, [www.reedsportcc.org](http://www.reedsportcc.org)**City of Rockaway Beach**503.355.2291, [www.visitrockawaybeach.org](http://www.visitrockawaybeach.org)**City of Seaside Visitors Bureau**503.738.3097, [www.seasideor.com](http://www.seasideor.com)**Tillamook Chamber of Commerce**503.842.7525, [www.tillamookchamber.org](http://www.tillamookchamber.org)**Visit Tillamook Coast**503.842.2672, [www.tillamookcoast.com](http://www.tillamookcoast.com)**US Fish & Wildlife Service**

541.867.4550

[www.fws.gov/refuge/oregon\\_islands](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/oregon_islands)**U.S. Forest Service - Siuslaw National Forest**877.444.6777, [www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw](http://www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw)**City of Waldport**[www.waldport.org](http://www.waldport.org)**Waldport Community Chamber of Commerce**541.563.2133, [www.waldport-chamber.com](http://www.waldport-chamber.com)**Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce**541.547.3530, [www.yachats.org](http://www.yachats.org)**BEACH SAFETY**

All Oregon beach locations can be unsafe at times. *Always* exercise caution while exploring the beauty of the Oregon Coast:

- Never turn your back to the ocean as unexpected waves can sweep you out to sea.
- Know the tides and watch for logs.
- Stay on accessible high ground when storm-agitated surf is on the beach.
- Avoid walking on coastal bluffs, which can collapse, causing injury.
- For links to tide tables and more safety tips, go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com/beach-safety](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com/beach-safety).

**WEATHER & TIDES**

For current temperatures in coastal towns and webcams up and down the Coast, go to [VisitTheOregonCoast.com/weather](http://VisitTheOregonCoast.com/weather).

**Average Temperatures**

Spring: 42-56 F

Summer: 52-63 F

Fall: 45-59 F

Winter: 39-51 F

**Average Rainfall**

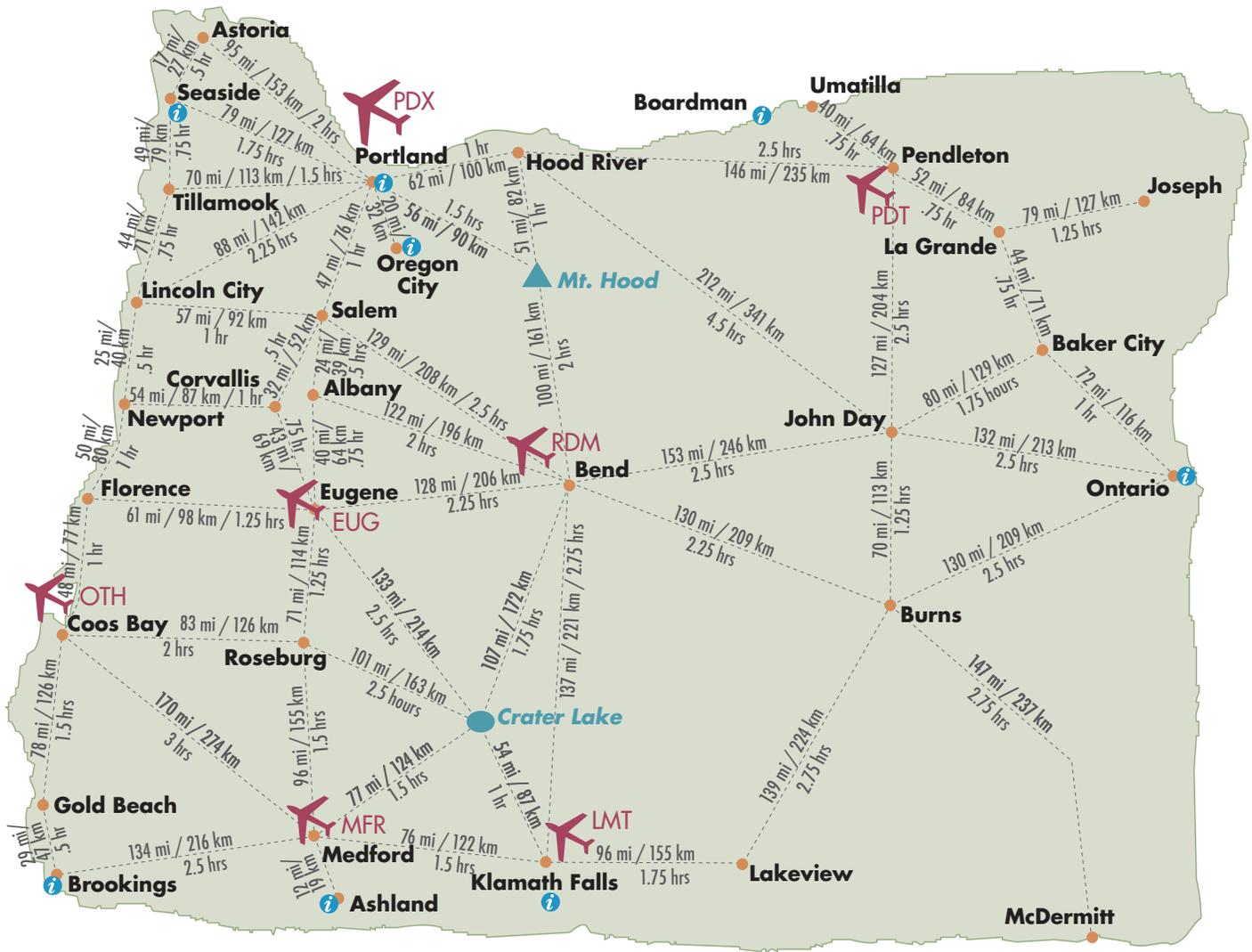
Spring: 15 inches

Summer: 5 inches

Fall: 19 inches

Winter: 28 inches





## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### STATE WELCOME CENTERS

Travel Oregon operates nine staffed Welcome Centers throughout the state, seven days a week mid-May through September. For expert recommendations on things to do or places to see, stop in for a visit.

### ASHLAND

500 Crowson Road, at the Siskiyou Safety Rest Area near milepost 12, northbound

### BOARDMAN

101 Olson Road, off I-84 East or West at Exit 164, in the SAGE Center; 541.481.7243, [visitsage.com](http://visitsage.com)

### BROOKINGS

14433 Hwy. 101 S., ½ mile north of the Oregon/California border and 5 miles south of Brookings at the Crissey Field State Recreation Site; 541.469.4117

### KLAMATH FALLS

11001 Hwy. 97 S. in the Midland Rest Area, 9 miles north of the Oregon/California border and 8 miles south of Klamath Falls; 551.882.7330

### LAKEVIEW

126 N. E St. in downtown Lakeview, 15 miles from the Oregon/California border, in the Lake County Chamber of Commerce; 541.947.6040, 877.947.6040

### ONTARIO

377 I-84 W., in the Ontario Rest Area, (Milepost 377) ¼ mile west of the Oregon/Idaho border, accessible when traveling into Oregon; 541.889.8569

### OREGON CITY

1726 Washington St., off I-205 at Exit 10 at the The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center; 503.657.9336, 800.424.3002

### PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

7000 N.E. Airport Way, off I-205, located in the arrivals level near baggage claim carousel 5; 503.284.4620

### SEASIDE

7 N. Roosevelt (Hwy. 101) and Broadway St. in the Seaside Visitors Bureau; 503.738.3097, 888.306.2326

### ROAD CONDITIONS

For up-to-date information on road and weather conditions on the Oregon Coast, including helpful webcams, visit the Oregon Department of Transportation's TripCheck website ([TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com)).



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