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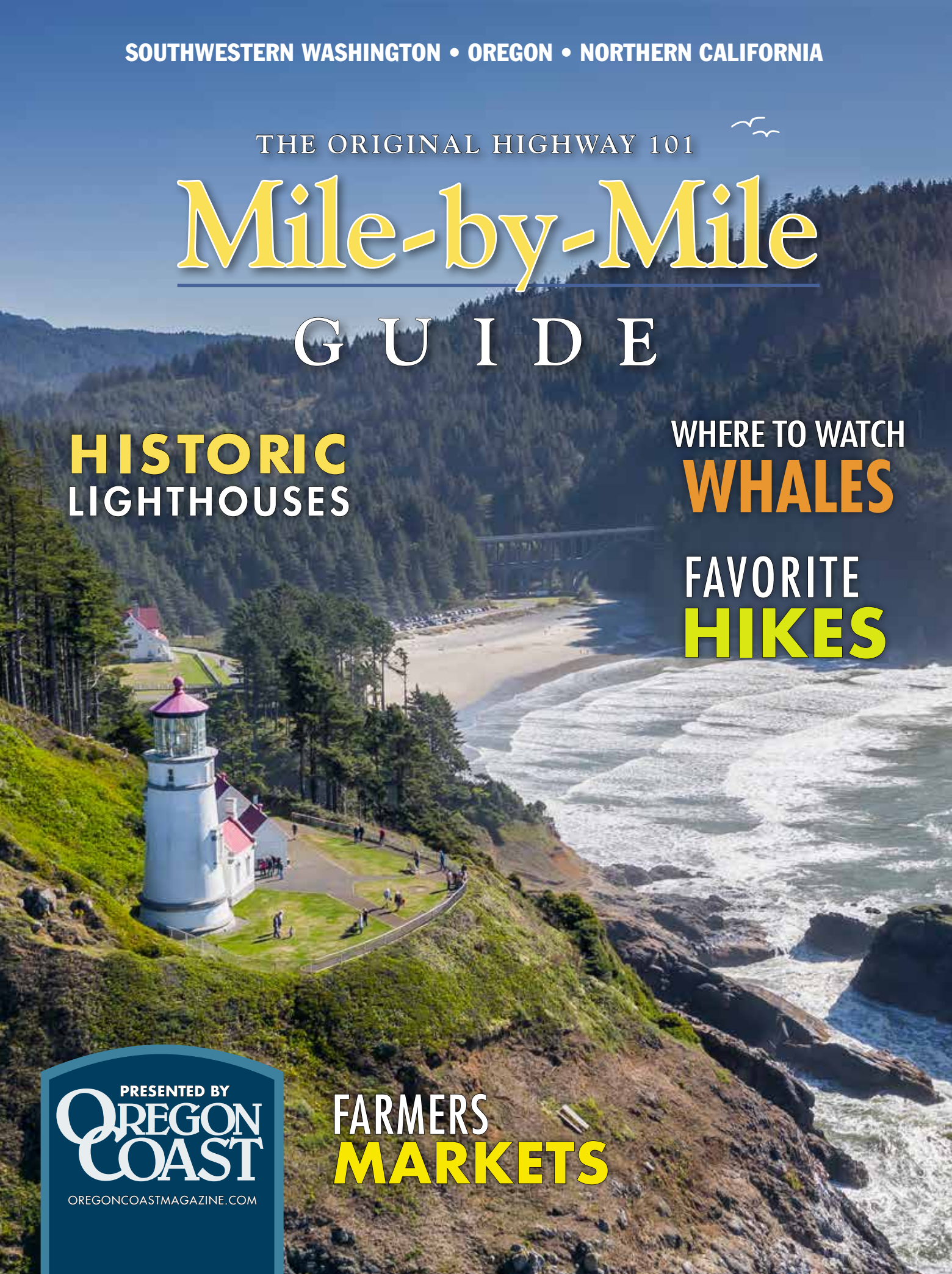
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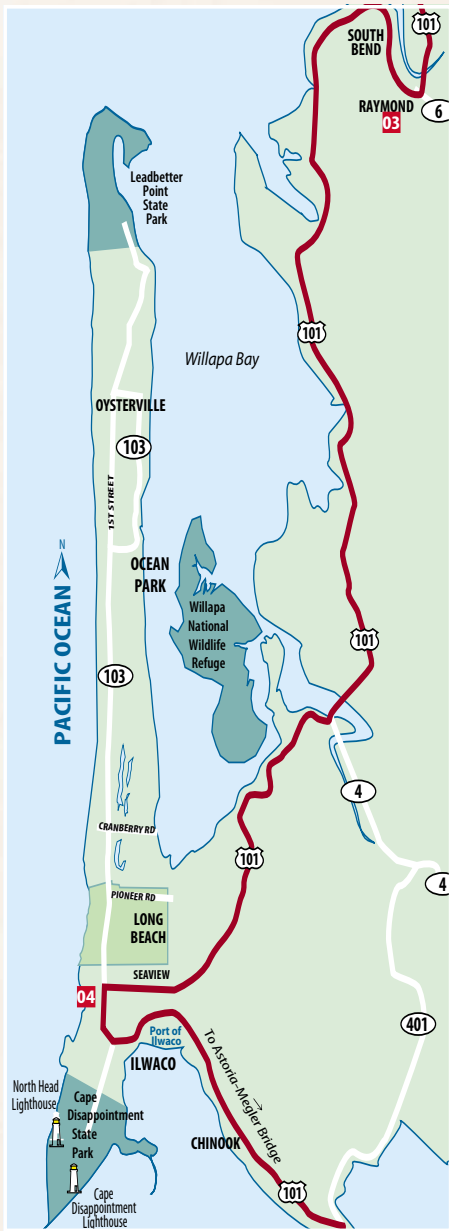


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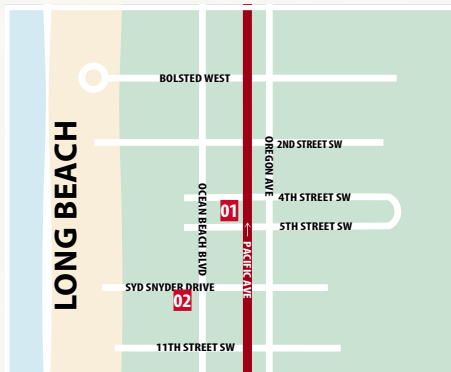
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Fort Columbia constituted the harbor defense of the Columbia River through three wars (the Spanish-American, World War I, and World War II) from 1896 to 1947, when it was declared surplus by the U.S. government. The area was the home of the Chinook Indians and their famed Chief Comcomly, and was explored by Robert Gray and the Lewis and Clark expedition. The park features picnicking, hiking, and observation of the historic fortification, barracks, and officer housing that are still intact.

4.0 - CHINOOK (ZIP 98614)

Five miles southeast of Ilwaco, Chinook was an important fishing center when Pacific County was established in 1851.

4.4 - Sea Resources Hatchery

The first fish hatchery established in the state of Washington is now operated in Chinook by the nonprofit organization Sea Resources.

9.6 - Hwy 101 Alternate

Connection is the Hwy 101 cutoff at Milepost 9.6 east of Ilwaco, rejoining the main Hwy 101 a few miles east of Long Beach. This shortens travel distance by one mile.

11.2 - Port Of Ilwaco

Located on the southwest coast of Washington, the Port of Ilwaco is nestled just inside the Columbia River bar. The 800-slip marina is ideal for both recreational boaters and commercial fishermen. Restaurants, lodging, gift shops, galleries, seafood markets, a coffee shop, bakery, and a bookstore are a few of the local attractions near the waterfront. The Port is the southern terminus of the 8.5-mile-long Discovery Trail.

11.4 - River City Playhouse

Ilwaco's resident community theater troupe, the Peninsula Players, presents a variety of live stage productions throughout the year at the River City Playhouse.

11.5 - Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum

In the center of Ilwaco, this is the place to explore the crossroads of history where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean. Learn about local history from the earliest times when the Chinook Indians travelled to this region to later years when European immigrants made this peninsula home and profited from fishing, logging and tourism.

This is the home of the *Nahcotta*, a Pullman-built narrow gauge car that rolled along the Ilwaco Rail and

HIGHWAY 101 (HEADING NORTH)

0.0 - Astoria-Megler Bridge

2.6 - Station Camp

Part of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Park, Middle Village Station Camp is where the Corps of Discovery spent 10 days. They used the site as a departure point for an overland trek to their first view of the Pacific. A long-established village of the Chinook Indians, it was unoccupied at the time as the Indians had relocated to their winter village. Soon, members of the Corps voted to move across the Columbia River into what is now Oregon.

3.0 - Fort Columbia State Park

Along with forts Canby and Stevens,

Navigation Company's track from Ilwaco to Nahcotta.

Open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Admission free.

11.7 - ILWACO (ZIP 98624)

A small fishing village with Victorian-era houses, inns, restaurants, coffee shops, antique stores, public art, and a museum. A national park, two state parks and lighthouses are nearby.

11.8 - Highway 100 Loop

The short WA Hwy 100, making a loop that starts and ends in Ilwaco, provides access to Cape Disappointment and North Head lighthouses as well as Cape Disappointment State Park, Waikiki Beach, and Benson Beach. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center is located near the Cape Disappointment lighthouse. The Confluence Project, including sculpture by Maya Lin, commemorates the meeting of the Columbia and the Pacific Ocean. A Discover Pass is required at all the state parks.

12.5 - Black Lake

Black Lake, named for its dark waters, is just north of Ilwaco. An easy, dog-friendly hiking trail circles the lake. A kids-only fishing tournament is held each April.

13.1 - Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau

At the corner of highways 101 and 103 in Seaview, the bureau has visitor information at a self-service area outside the center.

24.3 - Willapa Art Trail

Artwork representing salmon and its environment is found along a trail at the headquarters of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, a popular launching spot for kayakers and boaters visiting Long Island.

42.6 - Bay Center

Historic Bay Center supports an active seafood industry, particularly for Willapa Bay oysters. Camping at Bush Pioneer County Park is popular.

54.3 - South Bend

The county seat and self-proclaimed "Oyster Capital of the World," South Bend is notable for its exquisite 1911 Pacific County Courthouse, complete

with art glass dome and murals. Walk along the public dock or seek out espresso shops, restaurants, antique and thrift shops, or a small history museum.

58.1 - Willapa Harbor Golf Club & RV Park

Wildlife is often seen from the course at Willapa Harbor GC. RV spaces are available. Three miles inland from Hwy 101.

59.1 - Northwest Carriage Museum

Contains more than 55 horse-drawn vehicles, numerous artifacts from the 19th century, and interactive exhibits. Open daily 10-4 p.m. (www.nwcarriage-museum.org).

59.4 - RAYMOND (ZIP 98577)

On the eastern shores of Willapa Bay, Raymond is surrounded by waterways, marshlands, and wildlife. The city is well known for its steel sculptures that are scattered throughout the town. It is located on Highway 101, and Highway 105 originates north of town, heading west above Willapa Bay.

LONG BEACH PENINSULA HIGHWAY 103

0.0 - Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau

Located at the corner of highways 101 and 103 in Seaview, the bureau has visitor information at a self-service area outside the center.

0.6 - LONG BEACH (ZIP 98631)

Long Beach is a quintessential beach town with colorful shops, amusements, recreation galore, many lodging and dining options, and numerous festivals. The town provides easy access to a 1/2-mile-long dunes boardwalk, an 8.5-mile paved coastal trail, and miles of beach.

1.0 - World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame

More than 1,500 kites from around the world are on display, including extensive collections of miniature kites and elaborate handmade examples from China, Japan, and Indonesia. Educational programs and workshops are also offered. (www.kitefestival.com)

2.5 - Cranberry Museum

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Cape Disappointment Lighthouse

Cape Disappointment State Park (near Ilwaco, WA)

Year Lit: 1856 **Height:** 53 feet

Light characteristic: Alternate red-white light

Fun facts: The black-striped lighthouse was beset with problems from the beginning, including a tower built too small for its new Fresnel lens, a fog bell that couldn't be heard, and a light that was not visible to ships approaching from the north. The last problem was corrected by building the North Head Lighthouse nearby.

Tours: The trail to the lighthouse is closed due to hazardous conditions. Waikiki Beach, a cove in Cape Disappointment State Park, is a great point for viewing or photographing the lighthouse from afar. (360-642-3078; www.parks.state.wa.us/187/Cape-Disappointment) ■



Cape Disappointment Lighthouse

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North Head Lighthouse



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North Head Lighthouse

Cape Disappointment State Park (near Ilwaco, WA)

Year Lit: 1898 **Height:** 66 feet

Light characteristic: Vega rotating beacon

Fun facts: North Head is one of the windiest places in the US.

The North Head Lighthouse still serves as an aid to navigation for the mouth of the Columbia River. It is easily accessible and the outside can be enjoyed any time. An anniversary celebration is held for the lighthouse every June (this year the lighthouse is 124 years old).

Tours: Check the North Head Facebook page for updates. (360-642-3029; www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheNorthHeadLighthouse) ■

ing cranberry products. Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of cranberry bogs (8 a.m. until dusk) and see the beautiful crimson fields. (www.cranberrymuseum.com)

2.8 - Peninsula Golf Course

A popular course for tourists and ideal for laid-back rounds at the beach. A clubhouse provides food and beverages in addition to taking care of your golf requirements. Adjacent to Hwy 103 one mile north of downtown Long Beach.

11.0 - OCEAN PARK (ZIP 98640)

A few years after it was established as a Methodist church camp in 1883, Ocean Park was transformed into a summer refuge after construction of the Clamshell Railroad. Today, it remains a popular retreat on the Long Beach Peninsula.

11.3 - Ocean Park Area Chamber of Commerce

Obtain visitor information to help you enjoy miles of sandy beaches, historic villages, fresh water estuaries, Willapa Bay, wildlife refuge and shopping.

12.0 - NAHCOTTA (ZIP 98637)

Named after a local Indian chief, this tiny resort community faces Willapa Bay on the inland side of the Long Beach Peninsula. Nahcotta exports the famed Willapa Bay oysters worldwide.

12.5 - Willapa Bay Oyster House Interpretive Center

Stroll through a replica of an oysterman's family residence and discover what it was like to live in a home built on pilings over the water. Learn about the industry that for 145 years has thrived on Washington State's most southwestern bay. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

12.7 - Port of Peninsula Small Boat Basin

The public boat ramp is open daily.

15.8 - OYSTERVILLE (ZIP 98641)

A scenic village listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Oysterville prospered in the 19th cen-

tury, supplying its tasty marine mollusks to San Francisco.

19.0 - Leadbetter Point State Park

Trail hiking, wildlife study, beachcombing, surf fishing, driftwood collection, clamming, and beach access for boat launching. The park is joined on the north side by a unit of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. Discover Pass required.

20.0 - Willapa National Wildlife Refuge-Leadbetter Unit

Encompasses 15,000 acres of marshland, upland forests, pastures, dunes, sand beaches, and tidal estuary. Forested Long Island has a virgin stand of thousand-year-old red cedars and tidal marshes that support deer, bear, elk, coyotes, beavers, smaller animals and birds. More than 200 species of migratory birds have been sighted around the salt marshes and shifting dunes of the Leadbetter Point Unit at the north tip of Long Beach Peninsula. ■

THE ROAD THROUGH PARADISE

Imagine: a 364-mile journey through one of America's great wonderlands, with wind-sculpted coastlines, historic lighthouses and bridges, and world-class recreational activities at nearly every milepost.

All of the exciting possibilities are right here in *The Mile-by-Mile Guide to Highway 101*, which covers the full length of the Oregon Coast, from Milepost Zero (the Astoria-Megler Bridge in the far north) to Milepost 363 (at the California border).

Also included are 20 miles of Washington's southwestern shore and 40 miles of Redwood Coast in California's Del Norte County.

Along the way, you'll discover the oldest town this side of the Rockies, the world's largest sea cave, and the largest expanse of coastal dunes in North America. Fishing towns dot the coast, including Pacific City, where dory boats launch directly into the surf, and Newport and Charleston, home to the coast's largest commercial fleets. Lincoln City boasts the most antique shops, while Depoe Bay is known for its whale-watching adventures. Mid-coast, Florence and Reedsport provide access to the Oregon Dunes. To the south, Gold Beach is home to the renowned Rogue River, and Crescent City is the gateway to the giant redwoods.

Don't forget: Bring your kite, wetsuit, kayak, golf clubs, fishing gear, whale- and bird-watching binoculars, and hiking boots. And don't count out winter; it's a great time to enjoy solitude on the beach, storm-watch, and take photographs that will make your inland friends green with envy.

Enjoy!

STATE PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

SRA/SRS State Recreation Area/Site | **SNA/SNS** State Natural Area/Site
SSW/SSC State Scenic Viewpoint/Corridor | **SHS/SHA** State Heritage Site/Area

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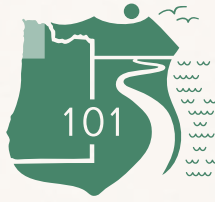
Many state parks and U.S. Forest Service sites along the coast require a recreation pass.

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NORTH COAST



Mile-by-Mile GUIDE

to the OREGON COAST

Between the mighty Columbia River and the idyllic Neskowin Valley lies the North Coast. This land of wonderful beaches and rugged headlands is home to Oregon's newest national park—as well as fascinating towns, some very famous cheese, and a scenic 38-mile alternate route to Hwy 101.

The Lewis and Clark National Historical Park encompasses several attractions scattered within Oregon and Washington along a 40-mile section of the coast from Long Beach, Washington, to Cannon Beach. The park sites offer an intimate view into the experiences of these famous explorers as they reached the end of their journey to the Pacific.

The historic town of Astoria, located along the Columbia River, spreads up and over San Francisco-like hills. The oldest U.S. settlement west of the Rockies, its history dates to 1805. A walking or driving tour is the best way to see the town's historic buildings, many of which are elegantly preserved homes or B&Bs.

Seaside is a classic coastal resort town where you can ride bumper cars or a carousel, or rent bicycles to roam around town or on the beach. Cannon Beach, Oregon's answer to California's Carmel, is filled with picture-perfect, gray-shingled buildings housing art galleries, restaurants, and resorts to pamper you. If that's not enough, 235-foot-tall Haystack Rock is part of the view. With so much to see, let the journey begin...

Starting with Oswald West S.P. begins the Tillamook Coast. For more information on that area of the Coast turn to page 18.



0.0 - Astoria-Megler Bridge

Crossing the Columbia River near its mouth, the spectacular Astoria-Megler Bridge carries traffic between Oregon and Washington. Over four miles long, this bridge is the second-longest continuous three-span, through-truss bridge in the world. Construction began in 1962 and was completed in 1966. It completed Hwy 101 and made it an unbroken link between the Canadian and Mexican borders. The state line is closest to the Washington side. Oregon mileposts begin at the state line, so Hwy 101 is already at milepost three when it reaches land.

3.0 - ASTORIA (ZIP 97103)

The written history of the area dates to 1792, when Robert Gray in his small ship, *Columbia Rediviva*, entered and named the river. Lewis and Clark's expedition of 1804–1806 established the new nation's claim to the Pacific Northwest. Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, offering more points of historical interest than any other place on the Oregon Coast. A great view can be had from the Sixth Street Viewing Platform along the Riverwalk Trail. The visitor information center is on West Marine Drive, about one half-mile east of the Astoria–Megler Bridge.

3.0 - Flavel, Film, & Heritage Museums

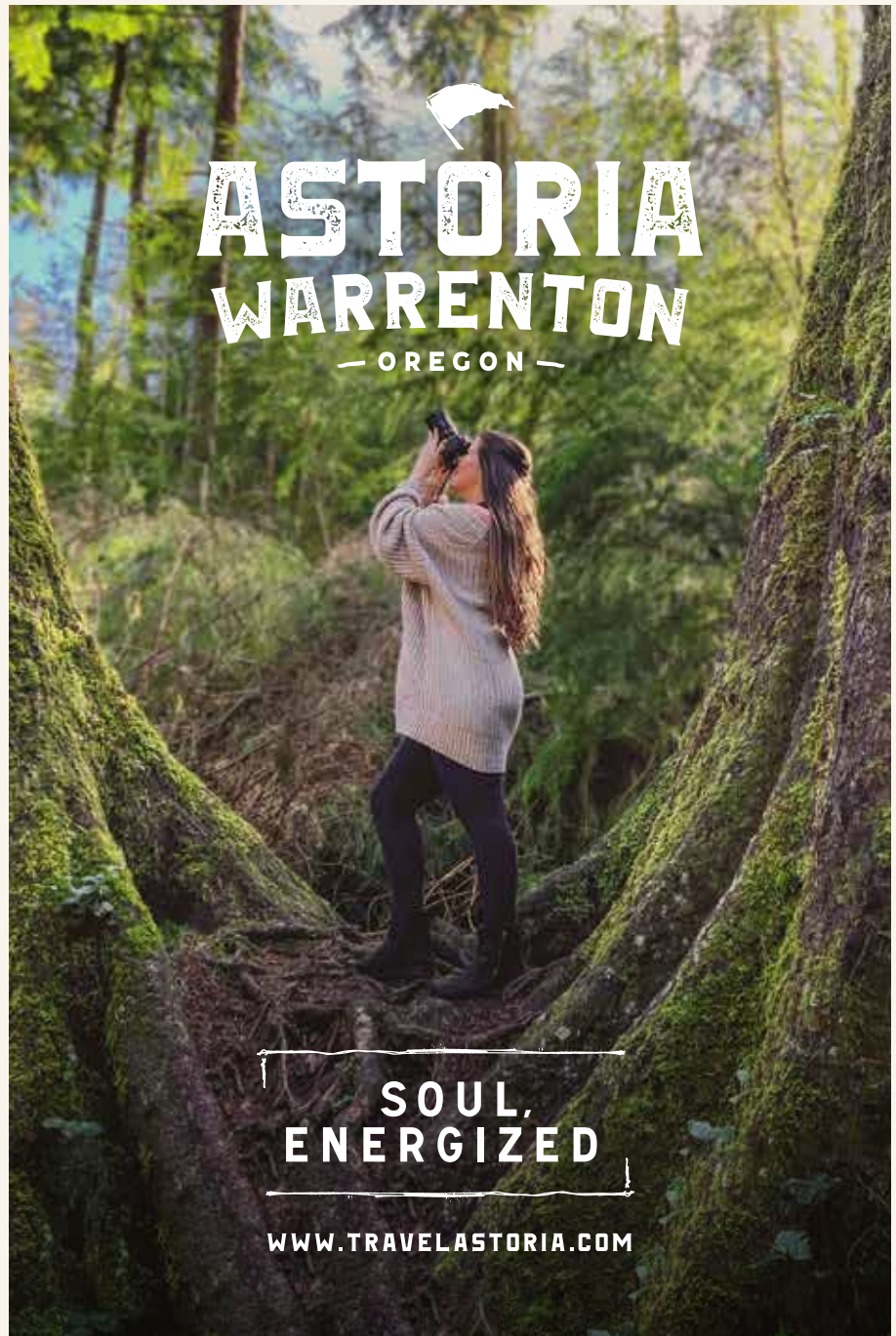
The elegance of the late Victorian period is on full display at the 1885 Queen Anne home of George Flavel, featuring classic architecture, original woodwork, and period furnishings. Self guided tours begin at the Carriage House Visitor Center (located behind the house), which houses additional exhibits and the museum store. Nearby is the Oregon Film Museum and the Heritage Museum. (503-325-2203; cumtux.org)

3.0 - Liberty Theatre

The historic Liberty Theatre is a fine example of a 1920s vaudeville and cinema palace. Restored and upgraded to modern standards, it serves for both entertainment and meetings.

3.0 - Astoria Sunday Market

At Commercial and Twelfth streets, features nearly 200 vendors of fresh,



Port of Astoria with the Astoria-Megler bridge and Cannery Pier Hotel in the background.



locally grown produce, arts and crafts, and live entertainment. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., mid-May to mid-October.

3.0 - Astoria Column

Head east on Marine Drive, turn right on 16th, follow signs and head up Coxcomb Hill. The 125-foot Astoria Column was built in 1926 to commemorate the westward sweep of discovery and migration. This unique structure has 14 murals made in Italian sgraffito technique (etched concrete). Climb the 164 steps to the top for a 360-degree view.

3.0 - Astoria Riverfront Trolley

A restored 1913 trolley runs for 2.6 miles along the Columbia River, as the conductor provides interpretation of the area's history and attractions. (503-325-6311; www.old300.org)

3.0 - Columbia River Maritime Museum

With a dramatic display of a 44-foot Coast Guard motor lifeboat in the midst of a high seas rescue, main gallery with restored vessels and oral histories, a 3-D movie theater, and exhibits on Columbia River bar pilots, early seafaring and exploration, and the U.S. Navy in WWII, this is one of the nation's finest maritime museums. Admission includes a visit aboard the Lightship *Columbia*. (503-325-2323; www.cmmm.org)

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5.0 - Youngs Bay Bridge

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6.5 - Wreck of the Peter Iredale Hike

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4	135.7	Beverly Beach Trail
5	166.9	Cooks Ridge/Gwynn Creek Loop
6	177.3 or 178.3	Heceta Head & Hobbit Trails
7	222.6	John Dellenback Dunes Trail
8	293.5	Blacklock Point Trail
9	305.5	Humbug Mountain Loop
10	351.3	Samuel Boardman State Scenic Corridor

TOP 13		Historic Landmark Lighthouses
	MILEPOST	LOCATION
1-2	WA 12.0	Cape Disappointment and North Head, Ilwaco, WA
3	27.2-31.6	Tillamook Rock
4	65.1	Cape Meares (m.p. 9.5 on Three Capes Route)
5	137.6	Yaquina Head
6	141.9	Yaquina Bay
7	178.3	Heceta Head
8	215.6	Umpqua River
9	235.5	Cape Arago (m.p. 12.3 on Cape Arago Hwy)
10	259.2	Coquille River
11	296.6	Cape Blanco
12	CA 14.0	St. George Reef Lighthouse
13	CA 20.0	Battery Point Lighthouse



Flavel House Museum preserves one of the historic captain's houses near the Columbia River as a reminder of the town's maritime and mercantile origins in the 19th century.

6.5 - WARRENTON/HAMMOND

The small towns of Warrenton (ZIP 97146) and Hammond (ZIP 97121) mark the far northwest edge of the coast, a place known for its historical sites, fishing ports, camping, and zip-line experiences amid the trees. Hammond was originally the site of a Clatsop village called Ne-ahk-stow. At the end of the road is Fort Stevens, the United States' major defense for the mouth of the Columbia from the Civil War until the end of World War II. Old Fort Stevens is part of Fort Stevens State Park. Camping here is popular; reservations should be made.

7.0 - Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop

For a glimpse of life during the Lewis and Clark expedition, travel three miles east on Hwy 105/Warrenton-Astoria

Highway to Fort Clatsop Road and follow signs to Fort Clatsop, one of the major sites in the Lewis and Clark National and State Historical Park. The reproduction of the original fort burned in 2005; a new, more authentic fort was constructed. Admission charged. (503-861-2471; www.nps.gov/Lewi)

7.0 - Fort to Sea Trail

Start at either end: Fort Clatsop Visitor Center (MP 7) or Sunset Beach (MP 11.5). Trail climbs gently from Fort Clatsop through woods, then it's easy going through pastures, highway tunnel, and dunes to beach.

9.9 - Camp Rilea

Camp Rilea was founded in 1927 as Camp Clatsop, then renamed Camp Rilea in 1959. It is a military training camp for police, the National Guard, and others.



The Seaside Turnaround.

11.5 - Sunset Beach State Park

Turn west on Sunset Beach Lane past the private Astoria Golf & Country Club to reach the park. Here is the west trail-head to the Fort-to-Sea Trail connecting the site of Fort Clatsop to the Pacific.

16.9 - Del Rey Beach State Park

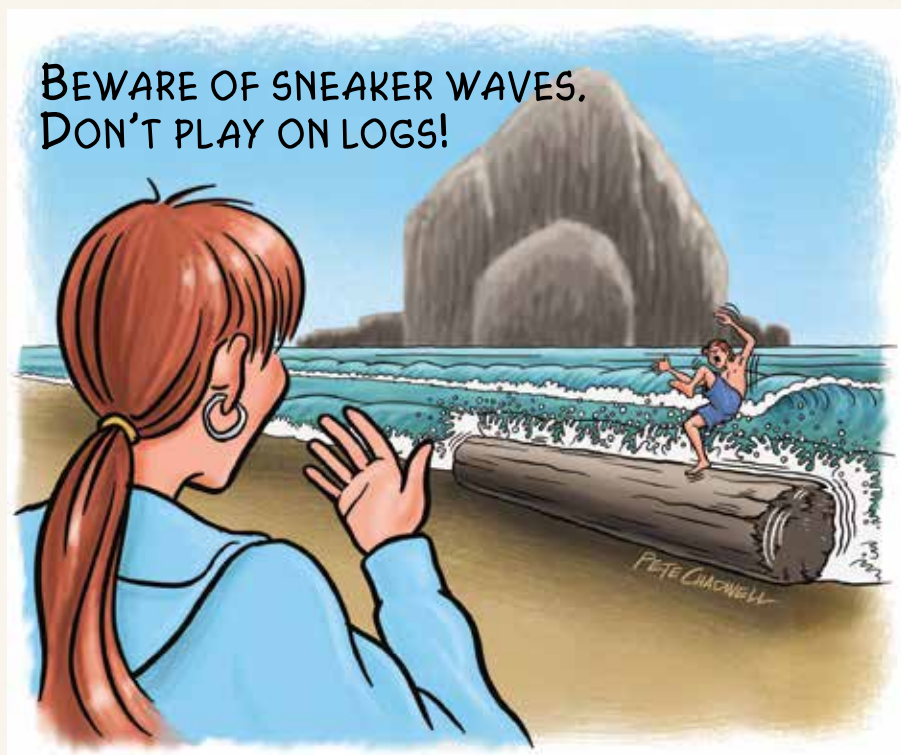
The road leads west to a large parking lot with easy access to a generally uncrowded beach. Vehicles and horses are allowed on this stretch of coastline.

19.2 - GEARHART

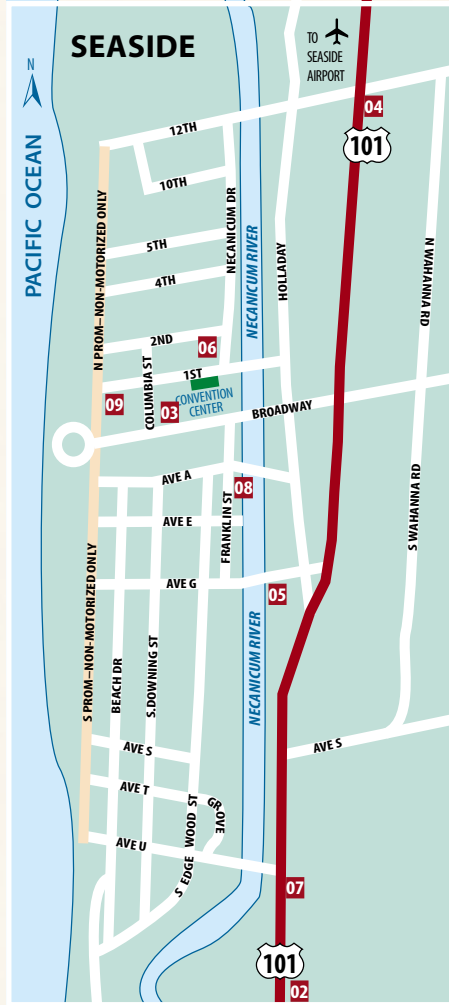
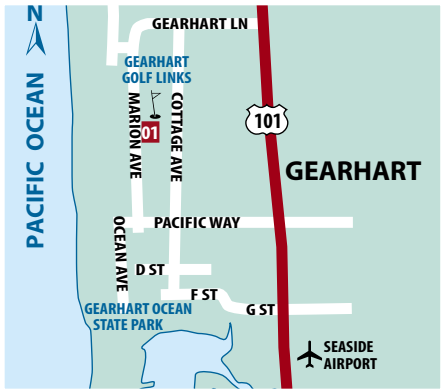
A northern “suburb” of Seaside, Gearhart shares Seaside’s ZIP code, but has its own shops, two golf courses and a pleasant residential neighborhood.

19.2 - Gearhart Necanicum Estuary

Turn west at the light at Pacific Way, left onto Cottage Way, right on F Street, and finally left on Wellington to reach the parking lot at the end. This tidal estuary with active sand dunes is one of the best places to see shorebirds during their migrations in April and September.



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21.3 - The Promenade

Turn west on Broadway to the Promenade, a famous 1.5-mile walk that separates the beach and town and is a great place to watch storms roll in over the ocean. "The Prom" also gives access to those with mobility issues. &

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Sunset at Haystack Rock in Cannon Beach.

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23.0 - Avenue U

East-west streets in Seaside have numbers north of Broadway and letters south. Avenue U is the last letter used. This is as far south as the Prom goes.

25.0 - Junction of Highways 26 and 101

The Sunset Hwy takes you through the Coast Range 75 miles to Portland.

27.2 - Ecola Marker and View of Tillamook Rock

From this viewpoint above Cannon Beach, you can see “Terrible Tilly” 1.2 miles offshore. The lighthouse operated from 1880 until decommissioned in 1957.

28.0 - CANNON BEACH (ZIP 97110)

Named for a cannon that washed up on the beach in 1846, this town has worked hard to preserve its natural beauty. The city doesn't specify materials, but many people use shingle siding, making the buildings compatible with the character and setting of the city. The retail area is an impressive collection of smart shops, all tastefully landscaped and some with tranquil courtyards—no obtrusive big-box stores here.

28.0 - Ecola State Park

The park offers dramatic views of the coastline and Haystack Rock. In 1806, Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition named this area Ecola Creek after the Chinook Indian word for whale, “ekoli.” The 1,300-acre park includes magnificent ocean frontage extending from the northern edge of Cannon Beach to Indian Beach. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, also designated as a segment of the Oregon Coast Trail, extends eight miles from Cannon Beach to Seaside. The park road extends two miles north of Cannon Beach with access to many picnic areas, viewpoints, and two beaches. Day-use fee. Drive from Cannon Beach to parking lot at Ecola Point. Look south for a picturesque shot of Crescent Beach with Cannon Beach and Haystack Rock in the background.

28.0 - Cannon Beach Farmers Market

This market is a colorful mix of



flowers, produce, pasture-raised meat, organic cheeses, and hand-crafted artisan products located midtown at S. Hemlock and E. Gower streets. Open 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays from mid-June to the end of September. (503-436-8044; www.facebook.com/cannonbeachfarmersmarket)

30.5 - Haystack Rock

Haystack Rock, part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge and the unofficial symbol of Cannon Beach, lies just offshore. It is home to many species of nesting birds. Between April and August, tufted puffins abound. Do not disturb either the birds or marine life in tide pools. These marine gardens are protected by the state, but interpretive tours are offered February through October by the Haystack Rock Awareness Program. (www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/hrap)

30.8 - TOLOVANA PARK (ZIP 97145)

Tolovana Park is the southern district of the city of Cannon Beach and has resorts and restaurants. Tolovana Beach

Wayside is a good place to park and walk to Haystack Rock. The main thoroughfare running through Cannon Beach and Tolovana Park is Hemlock Street. A shuttle runs daily (Memorial day through September) from Tolovana Park to Les Shirley Park north of downtown Cannon Beach, and continues to Seaside. The fare is \$1.00.

31.6 - Viewpoint of Cannon Beach

See the beach from Tillamook Head south toward Cape Falcon.

32.4 - Arcadia Beach State Park

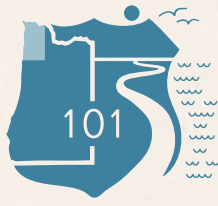
Picnic tables, restroom, and beach access. A trail leads to a beach in a cove.

33.7 - Hug Point State Park

This little wayside just south of Cannon Beach provides easy beach access. Visitors may hike to a waterfall or walk along the original trail carved into the point by stagecoaches. The wayside was named after this trail because it hugs the point. The park includes two caves. Watch for sudden high tides.

37.2 - Clatsop/Tillamook County Line

TILLAMOOK COAST



Mile-by-Mile GUIDE

to the OREGON COAST

Nestled between Cape Falcon on the north and Cascade Head on the south, the Tillamook Coast has something for every explorer. The Tillamook Coast is nature's playground with its long stretches of soft, flat beaches, punctuated with rocky outcroppings where the wave action will leave you in awe. Munson Creek Waterfalls, at 317 feet, is the highest in the Coast Range. The Tillamook Forest Center celebrates the recovery of the Coast Range forest that was devastated by the Tillamook Burn in 1933 and succeeding years. The Tillamook Creamery gets more than a million visitors every year and the Tillamook Air Museum is housed in the largest, freestanding wooden structure in the world.

For fishermen who like the challenge of a bay or ocean, **Garibaldi** is the closest Pacific Ocean port to Portland. Whether salmon, tuna, or rockfish, there's always something in season. **Pacific City** is home to the legendary Dory Fleet fishermen. For lovers of crab, Netarts, Tillamook and Nehalem bays are well supplied with the feisty crustaceans. Tillamook Coast rivers let you drift along, fish from the banks, or wade right in for steelhead and other species. If you're a little more cautious, Lake Lytle in **Rockaway Beach** is stocked with trout and has a deck to fish from.

Kilchis Point marks the largest historic Native American village on the north Oregon Coast, and is also the site of the home of the first pioneer, Joe Champion, who lived in a tree stump in 1851 while he built his cabin. The area is now a beautiful reserve with hiking and interpretive trails, under the care of the Tillamook Pioneer Museum.

The Three Capes Scenic Route, joining capes Kiwanda, Lookout, and Meares, features sand dunes, friendly villages, horse rides, hang gliding, Cape Meares Lighthouse, the Octopus Tree and more.

There are trails for hiking, trails for birding, kayaking, and a unique trail of quilt patterns. (www.TillamookCoast.com)





View of Cape Falcon from Oswald West State Park.

37.2 - Clatsop/Tillamook County Line

38.8 - Cape Falcon Trailhead

The 2.5-mile trail (one way) gains 750 feet in elevation through a majestic old-growth forest. Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, and red cedar tower over the trail like giant sentries.

39.0 - Trail to Short Sand Beach

An easy quarter-mile hike from the parking area to Short Sand Beach, a mecca for surfers. The beach faces Smugglers Cove, which is flanked by two coastal headlands. To the south juts Neahkahnie Mountain, looming 1,600 feet above the beach. Cape Falcon marks the north side. This is the heart of Oswald West State Park. Within its 2,474 acres are rainforests, secluded beaches, and panoramic viewpoints. Oswald West is strictly day use now. Offshore is the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve.

Besides being one of the most beautiful beaches on the Oregon Coast, Short Sand is also one of the safest places to learn to surf—great for beginners but popular with all skill levels.

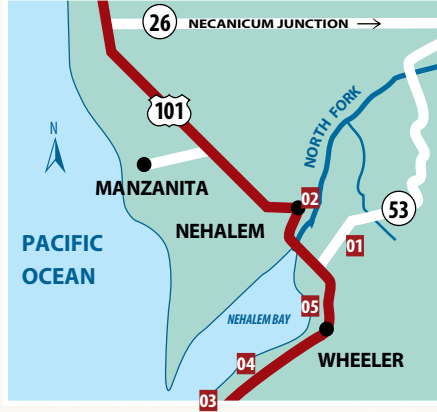
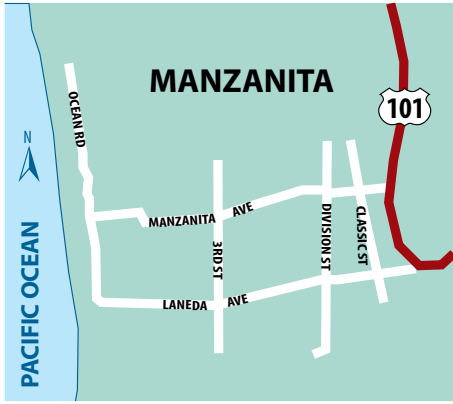
41.0 - Oswald West Viewpoints

Former Oregon Governor Oswald West was instrumental in preserving the coast. A plaque commemorates him at the northernmost viewpoint on the west side of Hwy 101 as it rounds Neahkahnie Mountain.

42.8 - Neahkahnie Beach

Trails lead to the summit from this popular beach at the base of Neahkahnie Mountain. Stories of buried treasure arose more than two centuries ago when, according to legend, a badly crippled, treasure-rich Spanish galleon strayed off course and was wrecked on the beach. Native people

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The docks of Jetty Fishery on Nehalem Bay.

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43.0 - MANZANITA (ZIP 97130)

Manzanita is a small, charming resort community whose name is derived from a Spanish word meaning “little apple.” Manzanita Beach extends seven miles from Neahkahnie Mountain to the jetty at the mouth of Nehalem Bay. Manzanita Golf Course has a nine-hole layout with ocean views on the south side of town.

The Hoffman Center in downtown Manzanita hosts writers and artists at readings, workshops, and exhibits throughout the year. Visitors can have an inexpensive, hands-on pottery experience at the Open Clay Studio for a few hours on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit hoffmanarts.org for details.

43.0 - Manzanita Farmers Market

Features dozens of farm produce and craft vendors, music, wineries, food booths, barbecue, demonstrations at Underhill Plaza, Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m., end of May to October. (503-801-1442; www.manzanitafarmersmarket.com)

43.9 - Nehalem Bay State Park

Beginning three miles west of Hwy 101, the park extends to the tip of the spit enclosing Nehalem Bay and has extensive camping facilities including yurts as well as a horse camp with corrals. Don't have your own horse? Horse rides are offered seasonally. Day-use fee.

44.7 - NEHALEM (ZIP 97131)

Hwy 101 runs through the middle of this community of 275, which borders the Nehalem River. The main street has a variety of shops and restaurants. Spend a night on a houseboat on the river.

46.0 - Nehalem River

Flowing down from the Coast Range in northern Tillamook County, the Nehalem River is crossed by Highway 101 between Nehalem and Wheeler. Tillamook County main-

tains a boat ramp at the east end of the bridge. The boat ramp roughly marks the transition between the estuary and the river itself. The Nehalem Water Trail extends up the Nehalem River, offering kayak experiences that start very easy and become gradually more challenging as you penetrate the Coast Range. In the other direction, the trail includes Nehalem Bay. Tips on where to put in and what to expect can be found in a printed guidebook or at the website, www.tbnep.org.

46.6 - Junction with Hwy 53 and Nehalem Bay Winery

This slow route winds 20 miles from Hwy 101 to Hwy 26. Nehalem Bay Winery is one mile up the road in Mohler. The old Mohler Creamery produced cheese for many years until 1959 when it closed. In 1974, it was converted into one of the first wineries in Oregon. Its first product, blackberry wine, remains popular to this day. The facility now produces many more varieties and is open year round for wine tasting, weddings, receptions, and events.

47.0 - WHEELER (ZIP 97147)

This community of 400 on the southern shore of Nehalem Bay offers shopping, lodging, dining, fishing, and boating. The main street through Wheeler's short downtown district is Highway 101. On the inland side are shops. Wheeler's riverfront offers dining, marina and kayaking services, and lodging, sometimes in combination. Wheeler boomed after rail service to Portland was established in 1911, but its timber economy declined after the Tillamook Burn of 1933.

48.0 - Where The Mileposts Duplicate

For history buffs, the fact that the current Hwy 53 was Hwy 101 before it took the scenic route through Oswald West State Park explains the "Z" mileposts south of Wheeler. Instead of shortening the route, the construction between Manzanita and Arch Cape actually lengthened it. Oregon Department of Transportation



Paddleboarding on the river at Nehalem.

(ODOT) resists changing mileposts, so it added Z to a few of them between Wheeler and the Nehalem River jetty. It's actually about three miles farther between Wheeler and Rockaway Beach than the mileposts suggest.

47.7 - Nehalem Bay Jetties

Two jetties protect the entrance to Nehalem Bay. Between the jetties and Wheeler, there are opportunities at several marinas to launch a boat or kayak to cruise the estuary. Nehalem Bay is popular for crabbing and clamming as well.

48.7 - Manhattan Beach State Park

Sheltered picnic tables and a trail to the beach. Restrooms.

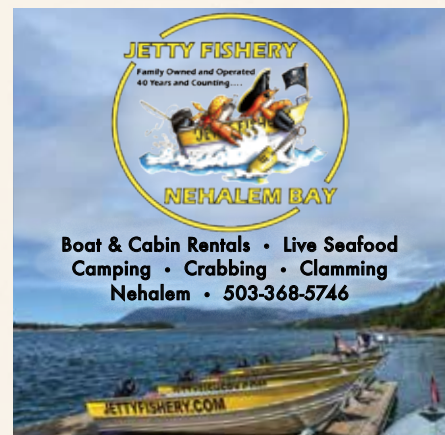
50.0 - Lake Lytle

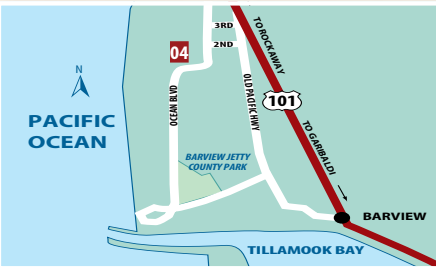
Lake Lytle is stocked with trout for

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graphed even before it was completed. Visitors will find shops, restaurants, public restrooms, and almost 400 motel rooms and vacation rentals. See MP 55.4 for the seasonal Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad. The popular Kite Festival is held annually in the summer.

The International Police Museum offers displays of historic and modern



Rockaway Beach Kite Festival.

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items from around the world, including uniforms, restraints, badges, weapons, and other tools. (503-457-6056; www.internationalpolitemuseum.org)

53.8 - Barview Jetty County Campground

Barview is a small community at the mouth of Tillamook Bay. The park sits on sand that built up on the north side after the federal government built jetties. On stormy days, it's fun to watch the wave action.

In addition to picnic areas, the park is expanding from its existing base of 315 camping sites with still more RV sites and six year-round cabins. The cabins are close to a community center, restroom facilities, and fire pits for outdoor cooking. With the expansion, Barview Jetty County Park will become the largest public campground on the ocean beach in Oregon. All camp sites and cabins are reserved through Tillamook County Parks online reservations system. (reservations.co.tillamook.or.us)

53.9 - Tillamook Bay

Congress has designated Tillamook Bay an "estuary of national significance," one of only 20 in the United States. The watershed covers 597 square miles and includes the cities of Rockaway Beach, Bay City, and Tillamook. The five rivers that flow into the Bay mix with the salty waters of the Pacific to create an environment of wonder, rich with wildlife and opportunities for quiet exploration. Tillamook Bay is part of the Tillamook Water Trail system. Information is available at www.tbnep.org.

54.0 - Three Graces

Watch for wildlife on these three monumental rocks within the bay. Marvel at the tenacity of a small, wind-swept pine tree atop one of the rocks. At low tide, explore the tidepools.

55.0 - GARIBALDI (ZIP 97118)

One of the early settlements in Tillamook County, Garibaldi is named for Giuseppe Garibaldi, the Italian patriot considered the father of his country. This town offers a variety of activities for all ages. Fishermen utilize Garibaldi's busy harbor. The Crab Races are cel-

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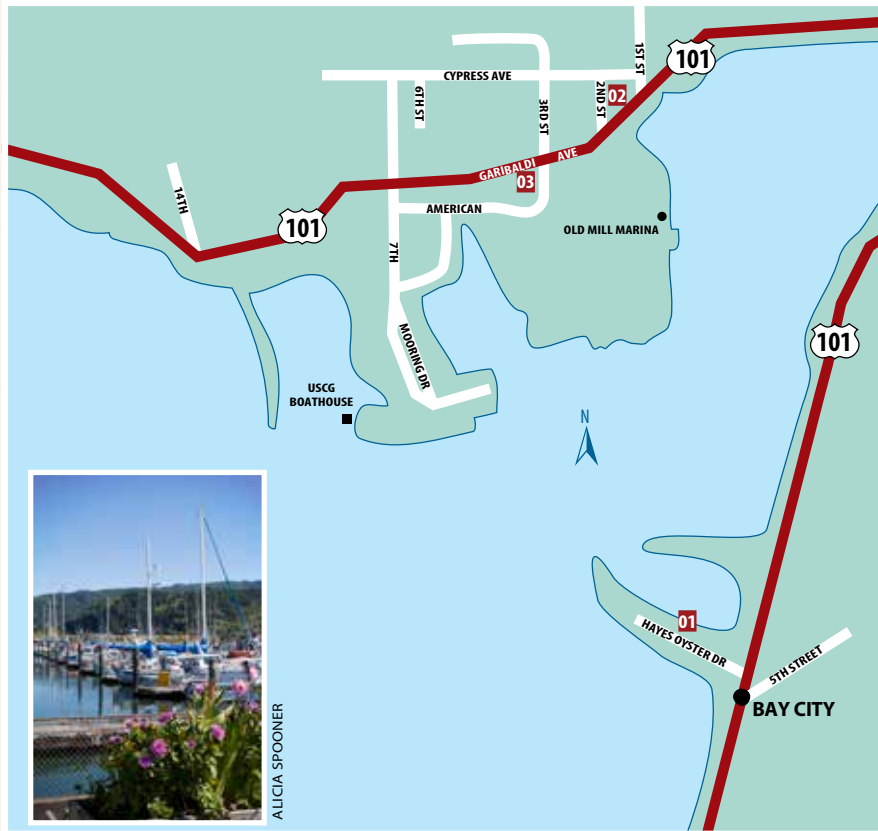
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The Oregon Coast Scenic Railway runs between Garibaldi and Rockaway Beach during the summer. See MP 55.4 for more information.



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55.3 - Tillamook Bay Coast Guard Barracks

Coast Guard Station Tillamook Bay is located approximately two miles from the mouth of Tillamook Bay and is responsible for the coastline from Tillamook Head to Cape Kiwanda and far out to sea. Five boats are stationed here, including three 47-foot motor lifeboats that are the workhorses of the Coast Guard's Heavy Weather Fleet.

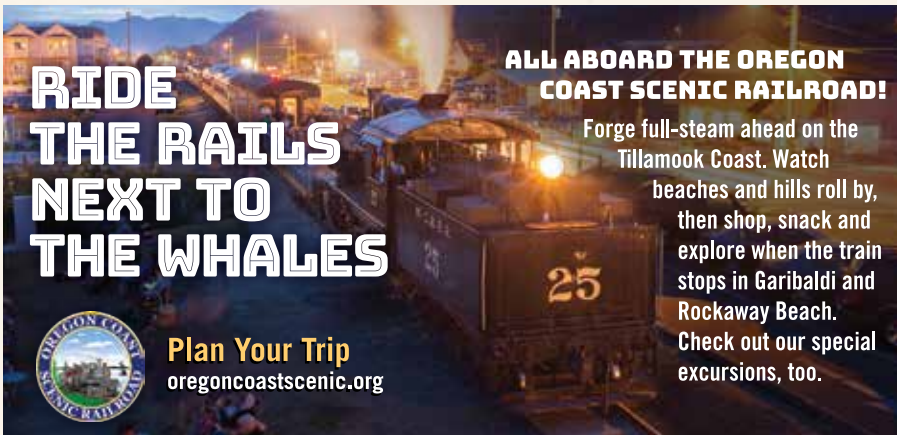
55.4 - The Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad

Step back in time and experience a bit of yesteryear aboard an historic 1910 Heisler Steam Locomotive, and enjoy the beautiful ocean views and native wildlife along Tillamook Bay as you chug along at pulse-quickening speeds of up to 10 miles per hour. The staple offering is an excursion ride between Garibaldi and Rockaway Beach, but there are also romantic dinner trains that travel as far north as Wheeler, in addition to special holiday excursions—including the wildly popular Fireworks Spectacular on July 4th. This year, the Coastal Excursion departs seven days per week from mid-May through September, with weekend service starting in October through November. There's also an antique railroad-equip-



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Clamming in Garibaldi with the Oregon Coast Scenic Railway in the background.



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55.7 - Garibaldi Maritime Museum

The first ships to fly the American flag around Cape Horn were the *Lady Washington* and the *Columbia Rediviva*, under the command of Captain Robert Gray. The Garibaldi Museum celebrates the man who discovered the Columbia River in 1792. It's open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for the statue of Captain Gray on the inland side of the highway.

55.9 - Old Smokestack

The smokestack from a long-vanished mill still towers 195 feet high.

56.9 - Miami River

One of five rivers emptying into Tillamook Bay, the road through the Miami River Valley is an alternative way to reach Nehalem in about the same length of time. The roadway is more winding but traffic is much lighter.

60.8 - BAY CITY (ZIP 97107)

At this community on Tillamook Bay, notice the huge mounds of oyster shells on the waterfront left over from oyster processing. The shells are used by Pacific Seafood Company to grow a new crop of oysters. The Museum of People's Art focuses on Labor, Life, and Landscape in the Pacific Northwest. The Bay City Arts Center, Tillamook's center for the creative arts, offers live, in-person concerts periodically and an artist reception monthly. (www.baycityartscenter.org)

61.0 - Kilchis Point Reserve

Located at the mouth of the Kilchis River on Tillamook Bay in Bay City, Kilchis Point is one of the most significant historical and prehistorical sites on the North Oregon Coast. The first white settler in Tillamook County was Joe Champion, who lived here in the stump of a large spruce while he built his cabin. His ship, *The Morning Star*, a replica of which can be seen in front of the Tillamook Cheese Factory, was built at Kilchis Point.

Two hundred acres is owned and protected by the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, which is developing the middle 70 acres for the education and enjoyment of the public. Approximately two miles of trails allow visitors to explore the area through three interpretive trails that highlight flora and fauna, Native American heritage, and pioneer settlement. For more information, visit the museum's Web site: www.tcpm.org.

Turn off Highway 101 at Warren Street, cross the tracks and go a block to the parking lot and trailhead.

63.0 - Kilchis River

The Kilchis River flows 15 miles through the coast range into Tillamook Bay. It is noted for steelhead fishing and whitewater rafting. Tillamook County Parks has a small campground upriver.

63.9 - Old Oregon Smokehouse

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63.9 - Tillamook Creamery

The most popular tourist destination on the coast has just built a brand new facility to enhance the experience for the more than 1.5 million people who visit every year. The cheese and ice cream remain as delicious as ever, but a new 38,500-square-foot Visitors Center includes a larger café with a new menu that showcases Tillamook Cheese products, an enhanced ice cream counter, a new gift shop, and a more extensive



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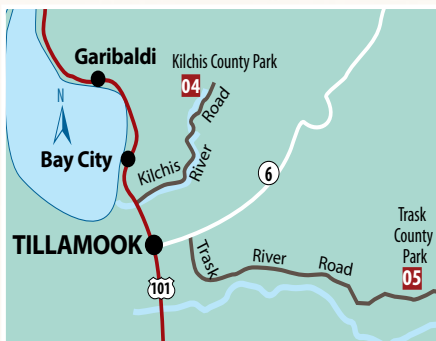
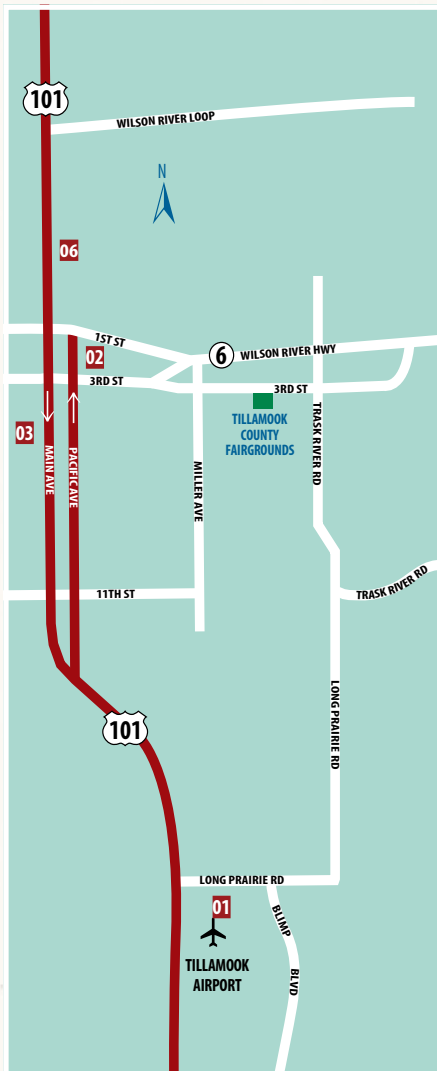



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In 2009, the Latimer Center partnered with several local organizations to launch the Tillamook Quilt Trail. Adopting a strategy that was popular in the eastern United States, the coalition began to place quilt patterns up to 8 feet square in locations around the county. More than 100 have been placed, and touring or geocaching them has become a family-friendly means of enjoying both quilts and Tillamook County. For maps and other information, visit tillamookquilttrail.org.

64.7 - Blue Heron French Cheese Company

Domestic and imported cheeses, including Blue Heron brie and camembert, are available to sample and buy. A wine-tasting room features selections from throughout the state. A small petting farm entertains children of all ages. The former Tillamook train depot has been moved to the site, where it is being renovated. Visit blueheronoregon.com.

64.9 - Hoquarton Interpretive Trail

Tillamook's newest city park includes a 1,000-foot strip of land on the south bank of the Slough. Paved interpretive trail, view docks, benches and interpretive signs.

65.0 - TILLAMOOK (ZIP 97141)

Tillamook sits literally at the crossroads of the Tillamook Coast. Its downtown area has been experiencing a revival of retail activity, with a variety of eclectic shops. The Coliseum Theater, built in 1923, is showing popular films. The popularity of Pelican Pub in Pacific City led the company to open a larger facility, the Pelican Brewery & Tap Room, in downtown Tillamook. The Tillamook Chamber, which was formerly located adjacent to the Tillamook Cheese Factory, has moved downtown. You can find it on Main Avenue between 2nd and 3rd.

65.0 - Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

At Hwy 101 and Second Street, the museum records the county's early days and boasts one of the most extensive natural history collections

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exhibit gallery overlooking the cheese factory. (503-815-1300; Tillamook.com)

64.1 - Wilson River Bridge

This McCullough-designed bridge, built in 1931, is a bowstring arch design.

64.4 - Latimer Quilt and Textile Center

Turn east on Wilson Loop Road and continue a quarter mile. The Latimer Center, housed in a 1900 schoolhouse, is a mecca to quilters throughout the Northwest with its textile museum, non-profit gallery, and classes. For group tours



Tillamook Farmers Market.

in the state. The museum's collection includes 35,000 items plus an additional 10,000 photographs from prehistoric specimens to modern day. Visitors can view exhibits on all three floors of the old Tillamook County Courthouse, plus a British anchor recovered from Tillamook Bay on the grounds outside.

65.0 - Tillamook Farmers Market

The Tillamook Farmers Market is a fixture on Saturdays during the summer, mid-June to late September, with dozens of vendors selling to hundreds of customers who come not only for the fresh food and produce but to hear live music from local talent. It is located just west of the Tillamook County Courthouse at Laurel and 2nd street. (503-842-7525; www.tillamookchamber.org/Tillamook-Farmers-Market)

65.0 - de Garde Brewing

The brewery, de Garde, can safely be called unique. Not only are their beers

unlike anyone else's, they differ from batch to batch. They "embrace imperfection." Using spontaneous fermentation and a collection of barrels previously used for wines and spirits, each batch is something different. With so much done open air, the site was selected for its micro climate. Check www.degardebrewing.com for tasting room hours.

65.1 - Three Capes Route - Northern End

From the middle of Tillamook, Hwy 101 goes north and south, Hwy 6 goes east to Portland, and the Three Capes Scenic Route heads west, which is the western part of the new Trees to Sea Scenic Byway. The Three Capes Route is actually a series of roads with different names, tracking close to the ocean past Cape Kiwanda, Cape Lookout, and Cape Meares, before returning to Hwy 101. Mileages on pages 29-31 represent the mile posts of these roads.

68.1 - Tillamook Naval Air Station Museum

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HIGHWAY 6

Also known as the Wilson River Highway, Highway 6 connects downtown Tillamook to the Sunset Highway near Forest Grove. Highway 6, starting at Banks, is the eastern portion of the Trees to Sea Scenic Byway.

1.5 Tillamook Bay Community College**2.0 Tillamook County Fairgrounds**

The Tillamook County Fair, established in 1891 and held every August, features the famous Pig-n-Ford races and free grandstand entertainment with paid admission to the fair. The fair was selected by *USA Today* as one of the top ten “Blue Ribbon” fairs in the United States. Events are held year-round at the area’s largest meeting facilities. Check www.tillamookfair.com for current activities.

3.0 Richard Obrist Farm Barn

The “Far West” quilt design on Obrist’s barn has been featured in national books on quilts. It is part of the Tillamook Quilt Trail. The pattern can be seen from Highway 6, but to get a better, up-close look switch over to Third Street, which runs parallel a few blocks south.

28.7 Tillamook Forest Center

The Tillamook Forest Center is centrally located in the Tillamook State Forest, where it showcases the legacy of the historic Tillamook Burn and the monumental reforestation effort that followed. The center features a climbable 40-foot tall replica of a forest fire lookout tower and a dramatic 250-foot-long pedestrian suspension bridge across the Wilson River to the Wilson River Trail and nearby Jones Creek Campground. The center is currently closed but the trail is open. ■

against enemy submarines. Completed in 1943, the two hangars that housed them were the largest wooden clear-span structures ever built. One of these was destroyed in a 1992 fire, but Hangar B is now a museum. Reopened under the auspices of the Port of Tillamook Bay, the main focal point is now the historic building itself. Fifteen aircraft, most from the US Navy, are on display along with many World War II items, but visitors may find the experience of being in the enormous building, sheltering an area equal to seven and a half football fields, the most impressive. Behind-the-scenes tours are offered on occasion. (www.tillamookair.com)

69.0 - Hidden Acres Garden Center

In only a few years, Hidden Acres has blossomed from a simple greenhouse to a garden center complex. Besides plants for sale, it has a garden-oriented gift shop and a cafe. Groups welcome. Just past the South Prairie Store.

69.6 - Tillamook River Rest Area**72.9 - Munson Creek Falls**

Munson Creek Falls is the highest on the coast at 319 feet. The parking lot is small with no turnaround for RVs. From the parking lot, an easy quarter-mile trail leads to the base of the falls and a picnic table. During fall and early winter, watch for spawning salmon in the creek.

77.4 - Bear Creek Artichokes

Bear Creek Artichokes began in 1977 as a 20-acre artichoke farm that evolved into a popular farm market that focuses on local and Northwest produce, baked goods and gift items. Take a stroll through the beautiful perennial display gardens and enjoy a wide selection of jams, jellies, fruit butters, and syrups produced in small batches in the farm kitchen.

80.4 - BEAVER (ZIP 97108)

Beaver is at the western end of the Nestucca River National Back Country Byway and the gateway to recreation on the upper Nestucca. Along the byway, the BLM maintains four recreation areas with very small campgrounds.

84.8 - HEBO RANGER DISTRICT (ZIP 97122)

Just east of Hebo on Hwy 22, this is the place to obtain U.S. Forest Service recreation permits and passes.

87.4 - CLOVERDALE (ZIP 97112)

Cloverdale sits in the heart of the south Tillamook County dairy country.

90.4 - Three Capes Route - Southern End**91.8 - Little Nestucca River**

Considered one of the best fishing streams in the state, there’s a boat ramp near the Hwy 101 bridge.

92.1 - Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge

The refuge, overlooking Nestucca Bay and the Little Nestucca River, was established in 1991 and expanded with the purchase of a 100-acre parcel on Cannery Hill that was a Jesuit retreat for many decades. Parking is available and trails provide wildlife viewing opportunities.

94.3 - Oretown Viewpoint

An easy pullout with a great view of the beach toward Neskowin.

97.7 - NESKOWIN (ZIP 97149)

A mostly residential community near the mouth of Neskowin Creek. The arts are represented by an art gallery, the Neskowin Chamber Music Series, and the nearby Sitka Center for the Arts and Ecology at Cascade Head. Neskowin Beach State Wayside faces well-known Proposal Rock. The Neskowin Farmers Market takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Proposals Meadow across from the Wayside, mid-May to October. The Neskowin Marsh Unit of the Nestucca Bay NWR provides significant habitat for a wide variety of species.

99.0 - Scenic Route

Old Hwy 101 passes through the Cascade Head Experimental Forest before rejoining the main road at Otis. As a route to Lincoln City, it is five miles longer and considerably slower than Hwy 101.

101.3 - Cascade Head Road (FS Road 1861)

Road closed due to habitat protection January 1 through July 15.

103.0 - Tillamook/Lincoln County Line



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Shorefishing on Netarts Bay.

0.0 - THREE CAPES ROUTE - NORTHERN END

From the middle of Tillamook, Hwy 101 goes north and south, Hwy 6 goes east to Portland, and the Three Capes Scenic Route heads west. The full route encompasses Cape Meares, Cape Lookout, and Cape Kiwanda before returning to Hwy 101. Mileages noted below begin in Tillamook and continue through Pacific City before returning to Hwy 101. Driving Note: Before trying to make a full loop, see MP 9.

0.5 - Tillamook Regional Medical Center

TRMC was awarded 12 national Excellence in Healthcare Awards from Professional Research Consultants in 2014 and was recognized by the Joint Commission as a 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for Surgical Care and Pneumonia. The hospital offers a full range of services including 24-hour ambulance and emergency services, clinical

outpatient therapy services, home health and hospice, imaging, intensive care, laboratory, medical and surgical services, obstetrics and specialty services such as cardiology, orthopedics, urology, ENT and pulmonology. TRMC operates five rural health clinics spanning 71 miles of the Oregon Coast with urgent care clinics in Lincoln City, Tillamook and Manzanita.

1.8 - Bayocean Road

From Tillamook, turn right for the full loop, or continue left on Hwy 131 for the shortcut to Netarts. Note that the road is closed between Bayocean and Cape Meares.

3.2 - Memaloose Point Boat Launch

Tillamook County maintains this boat launch onto Tillamook Bay.

7.3 - Bayocean

Once a popular resort community between Tillamook Bay and the Pacific, the sand on which Bayocean once rested

eroded away during the first half of the 1900s. No longer populated, there is a Tillamook County Park on the peninsula. Drive one-and-a-half miles to parking lot. Hike the dike to see thousands of shorebirds during spring and fall migration.

9.0 - Closure on Cape Meares Loop

Damage to the roadway has forced Tillamook County to close the section between Cape Meares and Bayocean. The loop road is expected to reopen at the end of 2023.

9.5 - Cape Meares Scenic Viewpoint

Large day-use park with a promontory, Cape Meares Lighthouse, and the Octopus Tree, a most unusual Sitka spruce. The Octopus Tree is now the largest known Sitka spruce in Oregon. Only 38 feet high, Cape Meares Lighthouse is the shortest lighthouse on the Oregon Coast. It is fitted with a large, first-order lens that is not in use.

11.9 - OCEANSIDE (ZIP 97134)

Offshore from Maxwell Point, Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge was the first NWR west of the Mississippi. It is home to the largest breeding colony of tufted puffins along the coast, and more than 100,000 common murre nest here in the spring.

14.0 - NETARTS (ZIP 97143)

Nearly due west of the City of Tillamook, facing the long, shallow Netarts Bay. Netarts Bay is part of the Tillamook River Trail system. It's the smallest of the watersheds, at just 19 square miles with 14 non-navigable streams. The four square miles of the bay are nestled between Cape Meares and Cape Lookout and offer many opportunities for crabbing, clamming, paddling, and beachcombing. Netarts oysters are considered a delicacy.

Jacobsen Salt Company has established a salt works on Netarts Bay that produces hand-harvested, pure seasalt. The works are not open to the public, but you can visit the gift shop or check the Web site, www.jacobsensalt.com, to make online purchases.

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17.5 - Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery

Formerly operated by Oregon State University, it is now entirely run by volunteers through the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). The transition took place after Tillamook Anglers obtained a lease from Oregon State University to renovate the hatchery. They raise 100,000 spring Chinook smolts a year.

19.9 - Cape Lookout State Park

Spread over 2,000 acres, this park has several hiking trails and campsites. One of 13 available yurts and one of six deluxe cabins are pet friendly.

20.9 - Anderson's Viewpoint

A popular launch site for hang gliders and paragliders.

22.0 - Cape Lookout Trail

Hike 2.3 moderately challenging miles from the parking lot to the tip of Cape Lookout, or north to the state park campground. Great views of the ocean and, sometimes, whales. Some trails may be closed. Check with state parks for updates.

26.0 - Sandlake Road

Sandlake Road connects the Three Capes and Highway 101.

27.1 - Sand Lake Recreation Area

Sand Lake is a natural estuary opening on the ocean. It is so flat that you can watch the incoming tide move quickly across dry sand. The U.S. Forest Service operates three places to camp here—East Dunes, West Winds, and Sandbeach. All three are open year-round. The area is a popular sand dune/ATV riding area.

30.0 - Whalen Island

Clay Myers State Natural Area at Whalen Island is bounded by the Sand Creek estuary—critically valuable habitat for salmon. The area is a virtually untouched coastal estuarine ecosystem, with mixed woodlands, grasslands, fresh and saltwater wetlands, and a rare native dune sedgeland.

Tillamook County also has a park and campground here. The 34-site campground is closed from October through April except for a few sites close to the boat ramp. Reservations can be made for the summer months.

30.8 - Sitka Sedge State Natural Area

New state park with views of the ocean, tidal flats, saltwater marshes, and forested wetlands. Includes more than 3 miles of trail through a variety of habitats.

34.1 - Cape Kiwanda

The action of wind and waves on the sandstone that forms the cape has created an interesting headland, beautiful to look at from the beach but dangerous to explore on foot. Tillamook County maintains the parking lot and a wheelchair-accessible deck for ocean viewing. To take the best photos of the waves at Cape Kiwanda, find the small road on the north side of the cape. Walk down to the beach from the parking lot, then south to the cape.

34.2 - PACIFIC CITY (ZIP 97135)

Famous for the dory boats that are launched directly into the surf, celebrated each year with the Dory Days festivities during the third weekend in July. Pacific City also has two rivers for fishing, plus several good restaurants, gift shops, and galleries. The original Pelican Pub, where the first Pelican products were brewed, offers good food and drink with a view of Cape Kiwanda.

35.3 - Bob Straub State Park

This sand spit separating Nestucca Bay from the ocean is a good place to appreciate wildlife. Restrooms, no camping. The park is named for former Oregon governor Robert W. Straub.

35.4 - Nestucca River

The Nestucca, which crosses Highway 101 at Beaver (MP 80.4), is one of the Tillamook Water Trails. Kayakers and other water users will find flat water on the lower stretches and more challenging sections above Beaver. Get the full story at www.tbnep.org. Fishermen are drawn to the river by steelhead and the famous 50-pound Chinook salmon.

38.1 - Three Capes Route - Southern End

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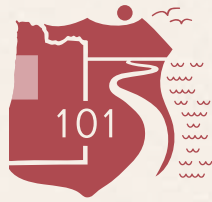
■ Cape Meares Lighthouse

MP 9.5 on the Three Capes Loop | **Year lit:** 1890 | **Height:** 38 feet (shortest lighthouse on the Oregon Coast)

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Between Lincoln City and Florence lies the spectacular Central Coast, blessed with long, sandy beaches, massive headlands, and picturesque lighthouses. This part of the coast boasts numerous lodgings with dramatic ocean views, and its towns, located 10 to 20 miles apart, provide a marvelous selection of places to stay and eat, ranging from economical to elegant.

Visitors flock to **Lincoln City's** Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Lincoln City Outlets, Devils Lake, and Lincoln City Glass Center, as well as to the town's popular beaches. Lincoln City is also a great place to browse antique shops and fly kites.

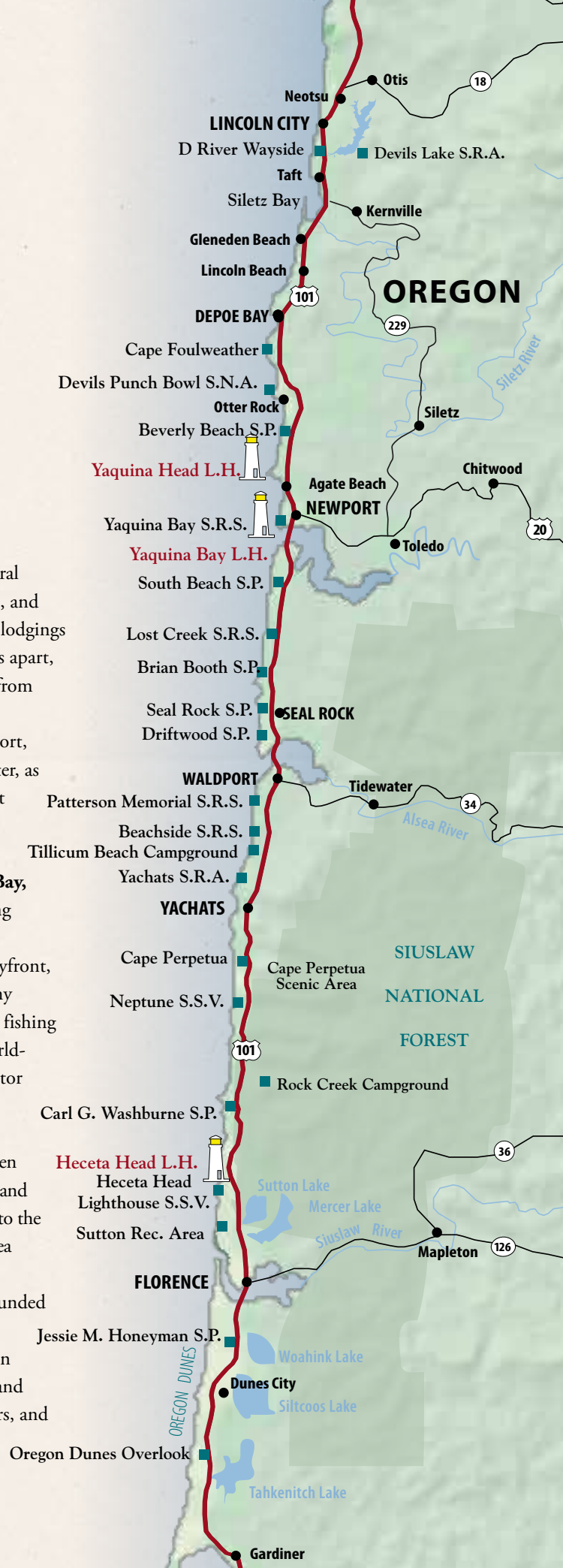
The renowned Salishan Spa & Golf Resort is located south of Lincoln City in **Gleneden Beach**. Down the road is **Depoe Bay**, known for its whale-watching and fishing charters and for having the "world's smallest harbor."

Newport draws visitors to historic Nye Beach and to the Bayfront, where working fishermen mingle with tourists enjoying the many restaurants, shops, and tourist attractions. Many visitors enjoy a fishing or whale-watching charter trip, and not to be missed are the world-class Oregon Coast Aquarium and Hatfield Marine Science Visitor Center. **Toledo**, a few miles inland, has become quite an artist colony and boasts the largest outdoor mural in the Northwest.

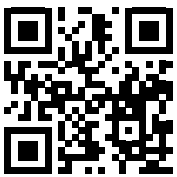
Two villages, **Waldport** and **Yachats**, are favorite getaways—even for coastal folks. The rugged, undeveloped stretch between Yachats and Florence is one of the most scenic drives along the coast and home to the oft-photographed Heceta Head Lighthouse and the ever-popular Sea Lion Caves.

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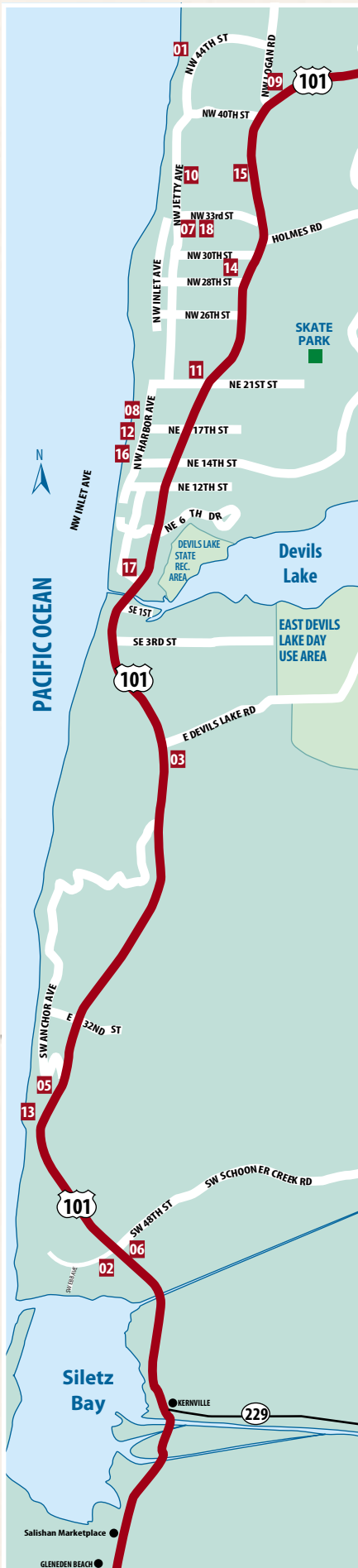


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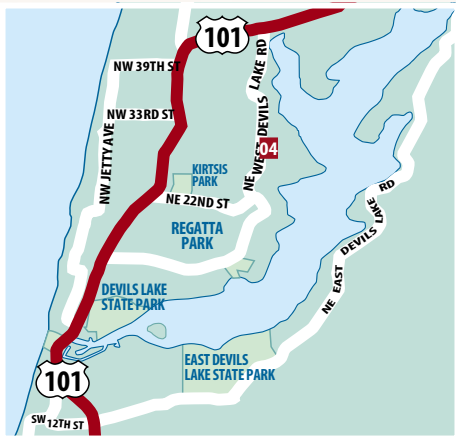
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105.0 - Junction Hwys 18 and 101

Hwy 18 leads over the Coast Range to Oregon's capital, Salem, and other points in the Willamette Valley. As it leaves the coast, Hwy 18 passes through Otis (ZIP 97368), home of the Otis Cafe, famous for down-home food. Salmon River Fish Hatchery is located off North Bank Road.

111.6 - East Devils Lake Road

The road passes along the east side of Devils Lake. At the north end is the small community of Neotsu (ZIP 97364).

111.8 - 45th Parallel

Midway between the equator and the North Pole.

112.0 - Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Formerly Lakeside Golf Course, the 18-hole course also includes a health and fitness center.

112.8 - Roads End State Park

The Roads End district is a fine place for a romantic stroll, featuring tidepools, islands, and a hidden cove in the headland. Offshore is the Cascade

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112.9 - LINCOLN CITY (ZIP 97367)

Incorporated in 1965 from the communities of Oceanlake, Delake, Taft, Cutler City, and Nelscott, Lincoln City offers accommodations from budget to luxury, as well as over seven miles of public beaches and a variety of hiking trails. Visitors enjoy the Connie Hansen Garden on NW 33rd Street and the Chinook Winds Casino Resort on NW 44th Street. Families find the creative playground at Regatta Park, accessible from NE 14th Street, a real treat, and grownups enjoy several highly rated art galleries. Lincoln City has favorable winds for kite flying, and annual summer and fall kite festivals. Other major activities include February's Antique and Collectibles Week and Finders Keepers, where glass floats are placed on the beach year-round for anyone to find and keep.

114.6 - Devils Lake State Park

With downtown Lincoln City mere minutes away, you can glide quietly by canoe or kayak on the lake while you watch for coots, loons, cormorants, bald eagles, and grebes. Features the only Oregon coast campground located in the midst of a city.

114.7 - Lincoln City Farmers and Crafters Market

The market has fresh produce along with new and unusual crafted items, entertainment, and kids activities, all outdoors at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Sundays, May to October. (541-921-0062; www.lincolncityfarmersmarket.org)

114.7 - Lincoln City Cultural Center

The Lincoln City Cultural Center hosts events, concerts, workshops, and classes year-round. The Chessman Gallery features rotating fine art exhibits throughout the year.

115.0 - D River

The 120-foot D River, which connects Devils Lake and the Pacific Ocean, is one of the world's shortest rivers. D River Wayside has parking and beach access.



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117.0 - Nelscott District

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118.0 - Lincoln City Glass Center

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118.1 - Taft District

Siletz Bay and the city dock are popular spots for anglers and crabbers. North Lincoln County Historical museum showcases the rich history of the region.

119.2 - Drift Creek Falls Trail

Take Drift Creek Road east and angle right on South Drift Creek Road.


Then turn left to take Forest Service Road 17 up the hill, following signs 10 miles to the trailhead. This 1.5-mile trail takes visitors along a beautiful forested path to a 240-foot suspension bridge overlooking a 75-foot waterfall.

120.3 - Siletz River

Hwy 229 follows the Siletz River for several miles before continuing south through the town of Siletz and reaching Toledo, 7 miles east of Newport. Siletz is the site of the annual Nesika Illahee Pow Wow in August. At Strome Park, the river almost doubles back on itself; rafters can float downriver about five miles and end up less than a mile from where they started.

122.5 - Gleneden Beach State Park

Seven miles south of Lincoln City, this recreation site features a short, paved trail that winds through shorepine forest to a beach, where visitors see both surfers and seals. A group picnic shelter is provided. The community of **Gleneden Beach** (ZIP 97388) offers dining and lodging.



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125.3 - Fogarty Creek State Park

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126.4 - Boiler Bay State Park

The *J. Marhoffer*, a small freighter, sank here in 1910. Its boiler, still mired in a sandbar, is visible at low tide. Picnic facilities and year-round opportunities for whale watching. One of the best locations on the coast to spot gray whales.

127.2 - DEPOE BAY (ZIP 97341)

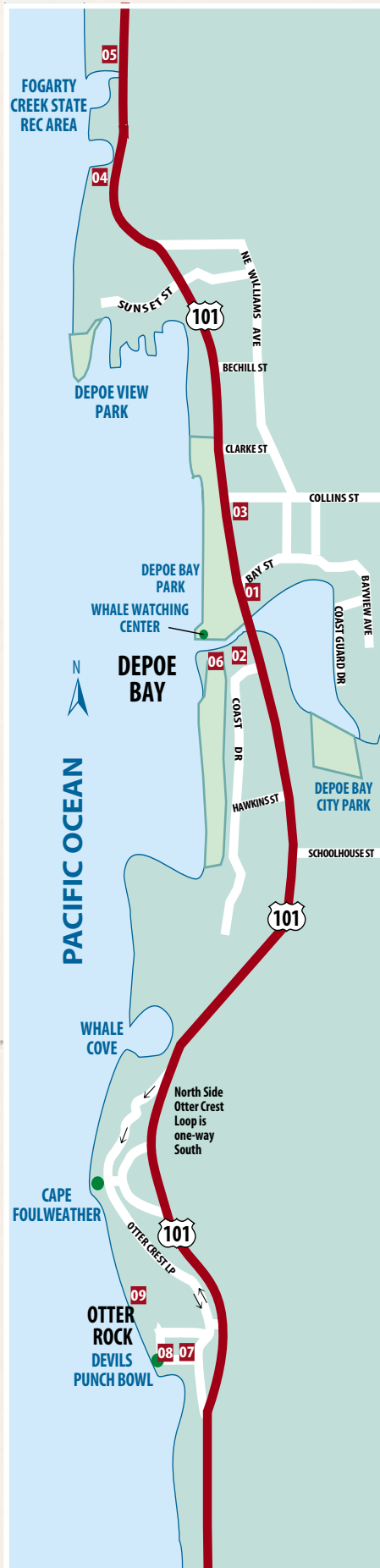
The land that now is Depoe Bay was allotted by the U.S. government in 1894 to a Siletz Indian named Charlie Depot. His last name was derived from his employment at a U.S. army depot. The family later changed the spelling to Depoe, which was used when a post office was established in 1928.

Depoe Bay may have only 1,400 full-time residents, but it knows how to party. April brings the Classic Wooden Boat Show, Crab Feed, and Ducky

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Depoe Bay claims to have the world's smallest navigable harbor. Charter fishing and whale-watching boats can be on the open sea in minutes. View the location where the movie, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was filmed in the harbor between dock 1 and 2. (www.historiccoregonfilmtrail.com) A sea wall runs almost the full length of town and is known for "spouting horn" rock formations that turn crashing waves into plumes of water on stormy days.

127.7 - Whale Watching Center

In summer, dozens of gray whales reside off the Central Coast, with some of

the best viewing from Boiler Bay and here at the Whale Watching Center. (541-765-3304; www.orwhalewatch.org) &

127.8 - Depoe Bay Bridge

This single-span reinforced concrete deck arch bridge is a good example of Conde McCullough's engineering and artistic design. When the bridge was built in 1927, it was skinnier. It was doubled in size on the seaward side in 1940.

There is a pedestrian underpass at the north end so that visitors don't have to cross Highway 101 traffic to reach the whale watching center.

127.9 - Whale, Sea Life and Shark Museum

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129.2 - Whale Cove

As the story goes, this scenic cove was named long ago by a party of pioneer travelers, who found Indians busy at work on the carcass of a dead whale. Recently discovered artifacts and historical research suggest that Sir Francis Drake landed here.

129.8 - Rocky Creek Bridge

Otter Crest Loop was once Hwy 101 itself, but it is now a one-way (southbound) scenic drive with spectacular views between here and Cape Foulweather. About one-tenth of a mile down this road is Rocky Creek Bridge. This McCullough-designed, reinforced-concrete bridge was built in 1927.

131.2 - Cape Foulweather

Panoramic views but no facilities. Captain James Cook named the promontory in 1778 on a day of particularly inclement weather. Winds can reach 100 mph during storms.

132.5 - OTTER ROCK (ZIP 97369)

Located on the south side of Cape Foulweather, Otter Rock is protected from the summer winds, but greets the storms of winter head on. Just a few feet from the small commercial district is Devils Punchbowl, an intriguing basalt formation with fascinating wave action. Offshore is the Otter Rock Marine Reserve.

134.1 - Beverly Beach State Park

This park on Spencer Creek



Devil's Punchbowl in Otter Rock.

has beach access, picnic facilities, nature trails, and overnight camping, including yurts. Hike 1.7 miles along the beach to the Moolack Beach Viewpoint at MP 135.7 for good agate hunting.

137.6 - Yaquina Head Lighthouse

At 93 feet tall, Oregon's tallest lighthouse continues to cast its light with the original lens in place. The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is a fee

area. Just offshore is one of the largest common murre colonies on the coast.

138.5 - Agate Beach State Park

You will find picnic tables and beach access at this day-use only state park. There is also a very good view of Yaquina Head lighthouse. Razor clamming and surfing are very popular here.

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Whale Watching



Whales can be seen along the Oregon Coast throughout the year, but twice a year about 20,000 gray whales make the journey along the coast between the Bering and Chukchi seas off Alaska and their breeding grounds off Baja California, Mexico. The southward migration peaks in late December and early January, while the return trip northward, which mother whales make with babies in tow, is viewed starting in late March.

For more information, contact the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay. (541-765-3304; www.orwhalewatch.org)

A few hundred gray whales stay to feed off the Oregon coast in the summer and into fall. The best spots to watch them are from Seal Rock to Depoe Bay, Port Orford area, and at Point St. George near Crescent City, California.

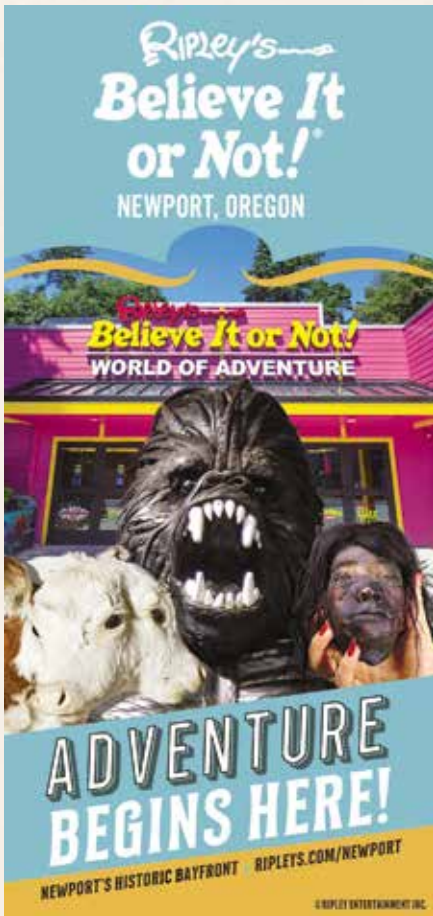
In addition to these sites along the Oregon Coast, the following are excellent places to watch whales:

- Milepost WA 11.8 - The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, Washington.
- Milepost CA 20.0 - Parking lot at the end of 9th street in Crescent City, California.
- Milepost CA 38 - Klamath Overlook—take Requa Road for 2-3 miles.



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141.0 – NEWPORT (ZIP 97365)

Newport has been a vacation hotspot since 1856, and it's still one of the most visited towns on the coast. Attractions include the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Marine Discovery Tours, the Pacific Maritime and Heritage Center, two historic lighthouses, six miles of beach, and amazing neighborhoods to explore such as the Bayfront, historic Nye Beach, and the Deco District.

141.0 - Nye Beach Historic District

A pedestrian-friendly historic community, Nye Beach features dining, unique lodging, shopping, performing and visual arts venues, and easy access to four miles of sandy beach between Yaquina Head and Yaquina Bay lighthouses.

141.0 - Newport Saturday Farmers Market

This market features 70 vendors with an array of seasonal produce, art, fresh flowers, plants, jewelry, photography, hot food, fresh pastries, honey, salsas, coffee, crafts, and live music. Open Saturdays

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141.0 - The Bayfront & Harbor District

Newport started on the Bayfront—a bustling district that includes maritime neighbors like the U.S. Coast Guard and Oregon's largest commercial fishing fleet. You'll also find great seafood restaurants, shopping, lodging, family-fun attractions such as Ripley's Believe It or Not! and Marine Discovery tours, sport fishing and whale watching—and

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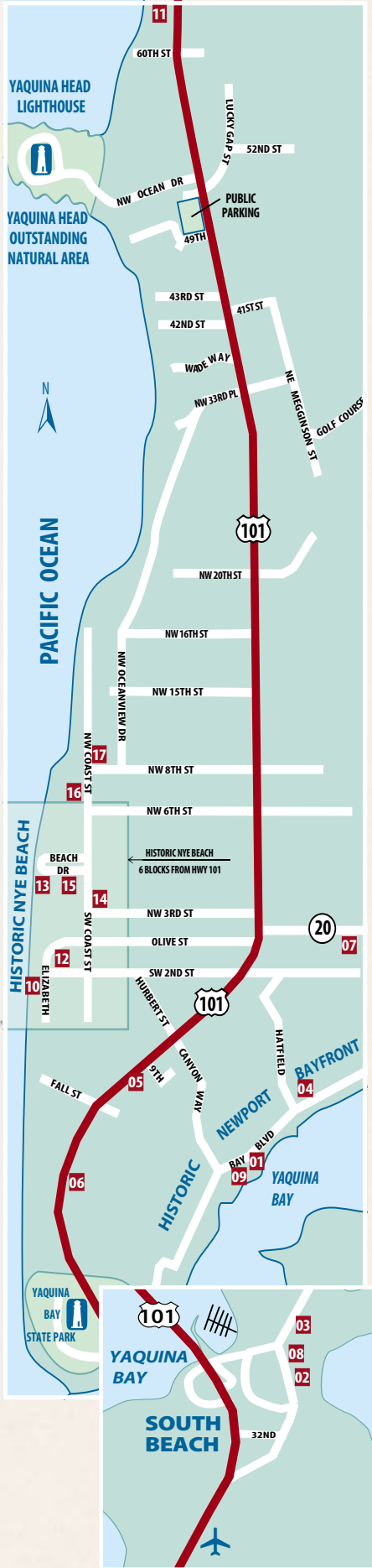
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MP 141.9 | Year lit: 1871 | **Height:** 39.6 feet

Light characteristic: Re-lit in 1996 with a modern optic that shines with a steady white light from dusk to dawn.

Fun Fact: Only existing lighthouse in the state in which the living quarters are housed in the same building as the light.

Tours: Self-guided tours are free; donations accepted. The lighthouse is open noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday during the winter season, and every day from noon to 4 p.m. during the summer. (541-265-4560 or 541-265 5679; www.yaquinalights.org) ■

even a boisterous sea lion colony lounging on the docks. Colorful boat traffic ranges from NOAA's massive research vessels, seen across Yaquina Bay, to sea kayakers cruising the shoreline. The Pacific Maritime & Heritage Center, open Thursday through Sunday, features maritime exhibits and art.

141.5 - Burrows House Museum

The Burrows House, a Queen Anne Victorian built in 1895, was later used as a boarding house and a funeral parlor. Now the museum offers a multitude of exhibits. Entry is free, but donations are appreciated. Closed until Summer 2022.

141.9 - Yaquina Bay Lighthouse

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■ Yaquina Head Lighthouse - M.P. 137.6

MP 137.6 | Year lit: 1873 | **Height:** 93 feet

Light characteristic: Originally solid white (non-rotating). After 1939: 2 seconds on, 2 seconds off, 2 seconds on, 14 seconds off.

Fun Facts: It took more than 370,000 bricks to construct Oregon's tallest lighthouse. The fixed white light was illuminated on the night of August 20, 1873, when Keeper Fayette Crosby lit the 4-wick lamp fueled by lard oil.

Tours: The Yaquina Head grounds and interpretive center are open year round. The lighthouse is open for tours on a regular basis as staffing permits; call for times and details. Children must be at least 42 inches tall to climb the 114 lighthouse stairs. (541-574-3100; www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/yaquina) ■

the Oregon Coast, and the only one with living quarters attached. It was lit only from 1871 until 1874, but in 1996 became a working lighthouse again.

142.0 - Yaquina Bay Bridge

Yaquina Bay Bridge’s dramatic, soaring steel arch makes this one of the most photographed of Conde McCullough’s bridges. At each end of the bridge is a pedestrian plaza with stairways leading to observation areas.

142.2 - Hatfield Marine Science Center

Named for former Oregon governor and U.S. senator Mark O. Hatfield, the center is part of Oregon State University and home to researchers studying the ocean and estuaries. The visitor center was renovated in 2018 and offers interactive exhibits like the Tsunami Wave Challenge and Reality Sandbox, along with a tide pool touch tank, exhibits, and an estuary trail with ideal shorebird viewing ops. Admission is by donation.

142.3 - Oregon Coast Aquarium

This world-class facility, one of the nation’s top-10 aquariums, has indoor and outdoor exhibits. Walking paths lead you to the octopus cave, sea aviary, and viewing pools where otters, seals, and sea lions swim and play. The “Passages of the Deep” exhibit allows visitors to walk through an underwater acrylic tunnel, surrounded on all sides by sharks, bat rays, and other creatures of the deep.

143.4 - South Beach State Park

Open grassy areas make this a sunny place to camp. Picnic tables, a sandy beach, campsites, and yurts are available. An ADA interpretive trail leads to a viewing platform, and there is an equestrian trail that leads to the beach. A playground area, horseshoe pits, and a nine-hole disc golf course are near the campground area. Interpretive programs, guided hikes, and JR Ranger activities are offered every day throughout the summer months.

145.0 - Newport Municipal Airport

147.2 - Lost Creek State Park

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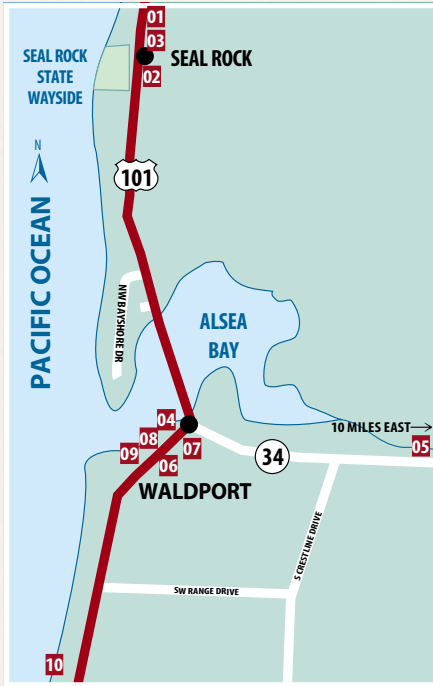
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149.0 - Brian Booth State Park (formerly known as Ona Beach)

On the estuary of Beaver Creek, Brian Booth State Park, also known as Ona Beach, has picnic facilities and is good for birding, swimming, fishing, and boating. A footbridge crosses the creek to the beach—a favorite for agate hunters and beachcombers.

149.0 - Beaver Creek State Natural Area

Paddling, bird watching, and hiking opportunities await you at this new park, just inland from Ona Beach. Portions of the overlook trail are ADA accessible and offer views of the marshland. The upland trail area boasts more than five miles of easy-to-moderate hiking trails. Guided kayak tours on Beaver Creek are offered



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150.7 - SEAL ROCK (ZIP 97376)

An early coastal resort, Seal Rock is now a residential community with visitor facilities along the highway. Chainsaw sculptures, blown art glass, fudge shops, and a bakery make this a great stop.

150.9 - Seal Rock State Park

This area of high-density offshore rocks is so close you can bird from the car with binoculars. Take trails to viewing platforms at either end of the park with beach access from the south platform. From there you can explore the many tide pools. The park has picnic

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153.2 - Driftwood Beach State Park

This eight-acre wayside features picnic facilities, viewpoints, and beach access.

155.5 - Alsea Bay Bridge

The "new" Alsea Bay Bridge was completed in 1991. The old bridge, built in 1936, was the first and only large coastal bridge designed by Conde McCullough to be replaced. The new bridge has a clearance of 70 feet, and pilings that reach more than 100 feet into the bedrock below.

155.9 - Alsea Bay Bridge Interpretive Center

At the south end of the bridge is the Alsea Bay Interpretive Center, offering historic transportation and coastal bridge displays as well as general visitor information. The Waldport Heritage Museum recently moved and is now located within the Bridge Visitor Center.

156.0 - Junction Hwy 34

Take Hwy 34 to get to the newly renovated Port of Alsea, with boat launch, crabbing gear/kayak rentals, and restaurants. Farther east off Hwy 34, the White Wolf Sanctuary offers a peek into the lives of wolves and the Drift Creek Wilderness is accessible to hikers.

156.0 - WALDPOR (ZIP 97394)

Nestled between the ocean and the Siuslaw National Forest, this community of 2,050 is "where the forest meets the sea." Situated on Alsea Bay, fishing, crabbing, and clamming on the free crabbing dock, as well as bridge and nature walks, are very popular.

Ditch the car and visit the Waldport Welcome Center, then enjoy browsing galleries, gift shops, and eateries. The Waldport Wednesday Market takes place at the Waldport Community Center, 265 NW Hemlock (Highway 34) May through September, every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check



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156.2 - Keady Wayside

Day-use area at the south end of downtown Waldport has beach access, a platform for viewing harbor seals and birds, and picnic tables.

156.6 - USFS Waldport Ranger District

Recreation passes for the Siuslaw National Forest are available here.

157.0 - Crestview Golf Club

An informal nine-hole course inland and mostly out of the wind. Nearby is the Red River Disc Golf Course.

157.1 - Governor Patterson State Park

A landscaped seashore park with good trails, a sandy beach, and picnic facilities.

159.3 - Beachside State Park

Small but popular campground with easy beach access from sites.

160.5 - Tillicum Beach Campground

One of the few USFS campgrounds on the ocean.

163.5 - Smelt Sands State Park & 804 Trail

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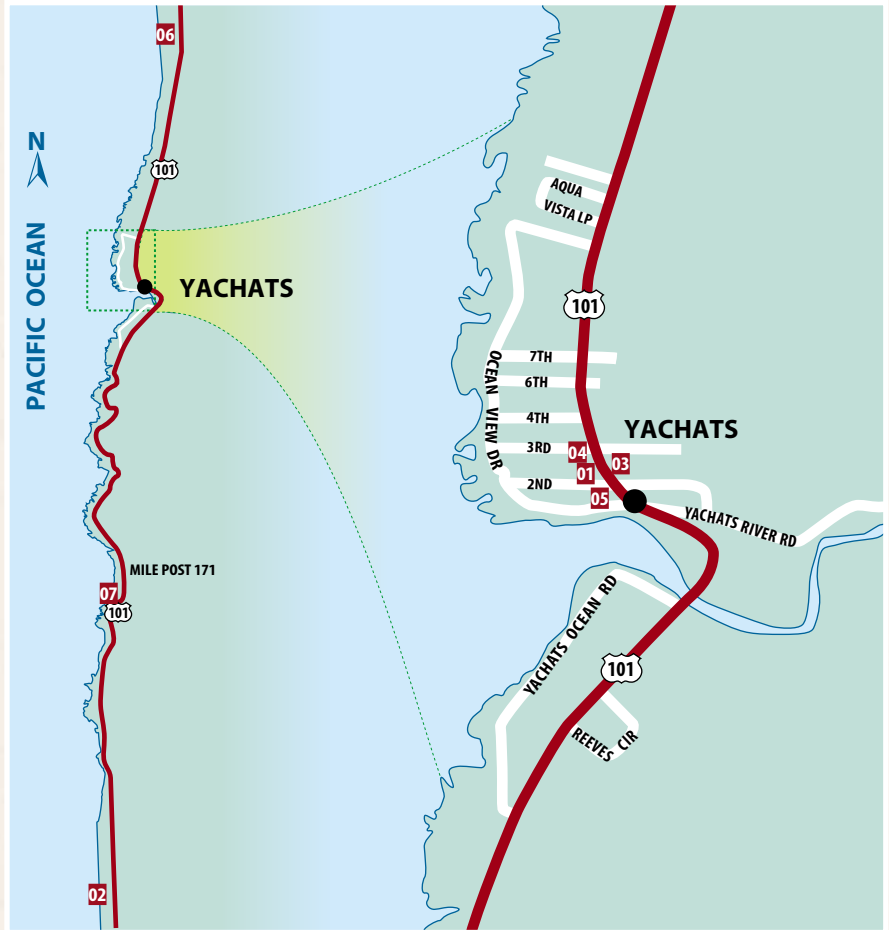
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is an excellent whale watching and photography viewpoint. An old county right-of-way, developed into the Yachats 804 Trail, extends approximately two miles from north of Smelt Sands State Park to Yachats State Park.

164.4 - YACHATS (ZIP 97498)

Known as “The Gem of the Oregon Coast,” Yachats is a village of about 703 people located at the mouth of the Yachats River. Long known as a vacation destination, it draws those who appreciate the area’s unique qualities. The Little Log Church and Museum was built 90 years ago. It is currently undergoing repairs. Check with visitor center for access availability. Residents and visitors alike turn out for low-tech fun at the annual La De Da Parade on July 4th. The Agate Festival in January celebrates the beguiling rock that can be found



Crashing wave on basalt at Yachats.

JERRILYNN WOOLLEY

on beaches along the coast. Folks come from far and near to attend the Original Yachats Arts and Crafts Fair in March, the Village Mushroom Fest in October, and the Celtic Music Celebration in November.

164.4 - Yachats Farmers Market

Right along Hwy 101, the market offers locally grown produce, fresh-cut flowers, plants, great food, art and crafts on Sundays, May through October. (yachatsfarmersmarket.webs.com)

164.4 - City of Yachats Visitor Center

Visitor information in the city's small shopping center.

164.4 - Yachats State Park

This site includes a viewing platform and provides access to tide pools.

164.8 - Yachats River

In the early morning and late afternoon, elk come down to the pastures by the river to feed. There are marked viewing areas on Yachats River Road. Maps to the historic North Fork Covered Bridge are available at the Yachats Visitors Center.

164.9 - Yachats Ocean Road State Park

This one-mile loop south of Yachats highlights one of the most scenic viewpoints on the Oregon Coast.

166.5 - Devils Churn

The basalt that forms the shore here is penetrated by a split in the rock that narrows to a few feet before finally disappearing into the cliff. Parking is provided on two levels with restroom facilities between them. It is usually possible to park an RV here without difficulty. A paved trail leads down from the parking lot.

166.9 - Hike: Cooks Ridge/Gwynn Creek Loop (6.5 miles round-trip, moderate)

Cape Perpetua Scenic Area Visitor Center, upper parking area. Climb 800 feet to Cooks Ridge through old-growth forest and back along Gwynn Creek.

166.9 - Cape Perpetua

This 2,700-acre wonderland in the Siuslaw National Forest has awe-inspiring views, crashing surf, tide pools, old-growth forest, and 26 miles of interconnected looping trails. One trail leads to the Giant

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Spruce. Cape Perpetua Campground is open May through September. The road to the viewpoint winds upwards from the north side of the campground. At 802 feet, you get a spectacular view down the coast. The stone shelter was built in the 1930s by the CCC and served as a lookout for enemy ships and planes during World War II. From the top of Cape Perpetua, hikers can access the Amanda Trail, a nearly 3-mile, one-way trail featuring a brand-new suspension bridge, dedicated to the memory of a Coos native

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woman and hundreds of others who were forcibly marched along the coast in the 1860s. The Visitor Center offers RV parking, exhibits, book/gift shop, and a theater. & Recreation pass required. Offshore is the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve, extending south to Tenmile Creek.

167.6 - Lincoln/Lane County Line

168.5 - Neptune State Scenic Viewpoint

This Oregon State Park is an excellent location to watch for whales, hunt for agates, fish, and explore tidepools. Toilets and picnic tables but no drinking water.

169.1 - Cummins Ridge Trail

Turn inland to reach the trailhead for a 12-mile hiking loop, the only trail through Cummins Creek Wilderness.

169.4 - Strawberry Hill State Park

170.0 - Bob Creek

Parking and picnic tables are located at this wayside. Mussels are abundant on the rocks at low tide, but you need to cross the creek. A license is required to harvest shellfish.

171.5 - Stonefield Beach State Park

Stonefield is a great place for flying kites. Two fenced-off gravesites mark the final resting place of members of the Bray family, who homesteaded the area. Day use only, no restrooms. Ten Mile Creek Bridge is a 1931 bowstring-arch bridge designed by McCullough.

172.5 - Tokatee Klootchman State Park

174.0 - Ocean Beach Day Use

174.3 - Rock Creek Campground

A small USFS campground is located along Rock Creek, a quarter-mile inland from the ocean.

175.4 - Muriel O. Ponsler State Scenic Viewpoint

176.0 - Carl G. Washburne State Park

Named in honor of a 1930s highway commissioner who donated the bulk of the 1,100-acre park. Picnic tables near the beach and restrooms are west of Hwy 101; the campground is to the east.

177.3 - Hobbit Trail

Park east of highway for Hobbit Trail, so named because its path to the beach seems like a tunnel. Connection to Heceta Head Lighthouse trail to the south and the beach.

178.3 - Heceta Head Lighthouse

Twelve miles north of Florence on the west side of the 1,000-foot high Heceta Head, this lighthouse sends out the strongest beam of light on the Coast. The beach has a restroom and picnic tables. Day-use fee. A trail from the beach leads to Heceta House, the historic lighthouse keeper's quarters, now a bed and breakfast.

178.4 - Cape Creek Bridge

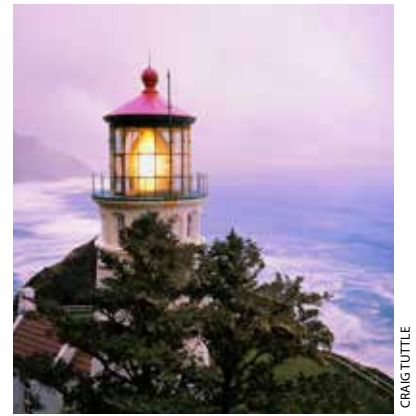
The bridge abuts the Cape Creek Tunnel and is best viewed from Devil's Elbow Beach.

179.0 - Heceta Lighthouse Viewpoint

If you've seen a calendar with a photo of Heceta Head Lighthouse, chances are this is where the picture was taken.

179.3 - Sea Lion Caves

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Tours: Staff-guided tours of the outside and ground floor of the lighthouse available from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the summer and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the winter, weather and staff permitting. Interpretive signs tell the story of the lighthouse and those who walk up the lighthouse trail can get a good view of the lens. (541-547-3416; heceta.h.lighthouse@oregon.gov) ■

rock ledges just outside the cave. Ample parking. Gift shop and restrooms are wheelchair accessible, but the caves are not. Admission is charged.

182.5 - C&M Stables

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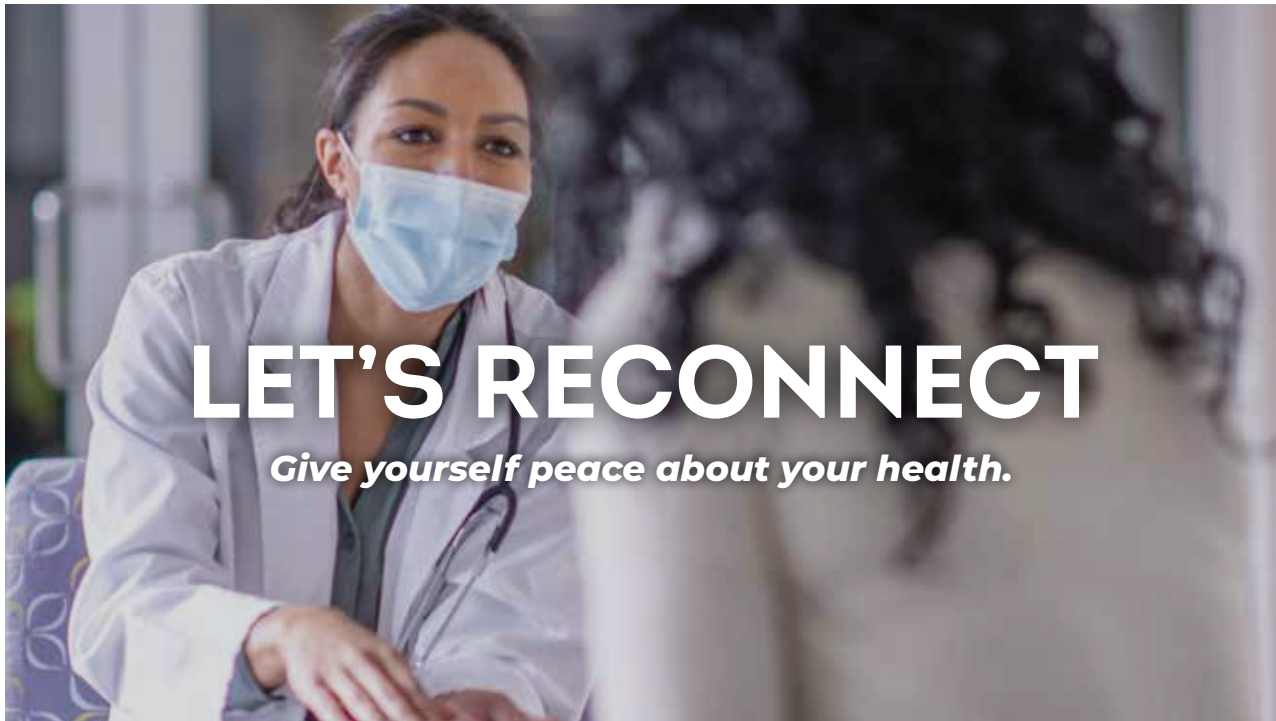
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183.6 - Alder Dune Campground

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185.2 - Darlingtonia State Natural Site

Only moments from the highway, at this secluded wayside you'll find a short, wheelchair-accessible boardwalk trail to a bog where carnivorous plants grow. &

185.4 - Sutton Creek Recreation Area

Wheelchair-accessible Holman Vista provides a great view of the estuary. & At MP 184.7, there is a boat launch for Sutton Lake. Recreation pass required.

188.8 - Siuslaw River North Jetty

The sand that has built up on the north side of the Siuslaw River jetty is popular for beach fires and kite flying. Harbor Vista County Park and Heceta Beach RV Park both offer camping.

189.5 - Airport / Oregon Coast Military Museum

Located next to the Florence Airport,

the museum houses military memorabilia from various wartime periods, displays, and a gift shop.

190.0 - FLORENCE (ZIP 97439)

Florence—surrounded by lakes, a river, dunes, uncrowded beaches, and the ocean—is known as Oregon's Coastal Playground for good reason. The Oregon Dunes south of the river are a favorite for off-road vehicle users, sandboarders, hikers, and birders. The towering dunes are a giant sandbox for the entire family with guided excursions and dune buggy rentals available. North of town are beautiful vistas and guided horseback riding on the beach or coastal mountains. For golfers, two 18-hole courses offer plenty of challenges. Two commercial districts, Hwy 101 and Historic Old Town, cater to travelers—but Old Town's waterfront charm comes from being right on the Siuslaw River. Dozens of shops and galleries, restaurants, historic buildings, lodging, and a marina delight visitors.

190.0 - Junction Hwys 101 and 126

Fourteen miles inland is Mapleton

(ZIP 97453), where warmer temperatures and less wind prevail in summer. Plan a sidetrip to Sweet Creek Falls.

190.5 - Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

Step back in time at the historic 1905 schoolhouse at 278 Maple Street to see displays featuring the history of First Peoples, settlers, loggers, and fishermen. Open hours noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. (541-997-7884; www.SiuslawPioneerMuseum.com)

190.6 - Old Town Florence

The riverfront district of Florence has lodging, restaurants, shops, and galleries. The Port of Siuslaw maintains a campground and a marina for commercial and pleasure craft, along with a boardwalk and a seasonal Farmers Market along the river.

190.9 - Siuslaw River Bridge

The Siuslaw River Bridge was one of five major bridges built in 1936, and replaced ferry service across the river. The 140-foot, double-leaf bascule drawspan is noted for its decorative touches. The river, which is navigable about 14 miles inland to Mapleton, is popular with sport fishermen and crabbers.

191.7 - Siuslaw River South Jetty

South Jetty Road heads west from Hwy 101 into the dunes. Just before the foredunes, the road turns north. Several

parking areas provide easy access to the beach. Surfers and windsurfers often use this as a staging area, and out near the jetty people catch crab off the pier in season. A recreation pass is required.

193.4 - Jessie Honeyman Memorial State Park

This 522-acre park has a year-round campground with lakes Woahink on the east side of the highway and Cleawox to the west. ATV access to the dunes from the campground allowed October 1 through April 30. Day-use facilities on Cleawox Lake (fee area) include picnic and swimming areas. Woahink Lake has a boat ramp, swimming and picnic facilities.

196.5 - Tye Campground

Part of the Oregon Dunes NRA, Tye Campground offers sites for tents, trailers, or RVs up to 30 feet, with picnic tables, fire grills, potable water, and flush toilets. A little farther along is tiny Westlake (ZIP 97493), with a boat ramp to Siltcoos Lake.

196.9 - Siltcoos River

A three- to four-mile canoe trail starts in Siltcoos Lake and moves along Siltcoos River through forest, dunes, and salt marsh to an estuary and the ocean. Kayak rentals available.



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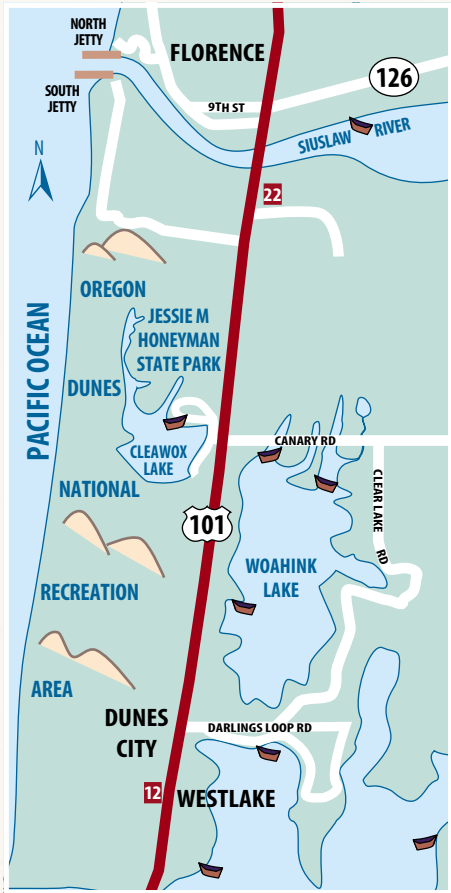
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198.4 - Lane/Douglas County Line

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After passing by the towering sand dunes of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and the coastal cities of Oregon's Adventure Coast, the South Coast shows its wilder side. See the coast of yesteryear, where large areas between towns are nearly unchanged by human habitation and the ocean view is unobstructed.

After leaving Florence, the dunes are the dominant feature to the west of the highway, with several access points. On the east side are some of the best bass-fishing lakes in the state. Halfway to Coos Bay, the dunes are breached by the Umpqua River, along which lie the towns of the Lower Umpqua: the largest, **Reedsport**; the oldest, **Gardiner**; and the fishing village of **Winchester Bay**.

Once you cross Coos Bay, the dunes are left behind and you enter Oregon's Adventure Coast, the largest population center on the coast. **North Bend** seamlessly joins the city of **Coos Bay**. Together, they support medical facilities, a municipal airport, an indoor shopping mall, a community college with a culinary institute, two casinos, and many cultural venues. **Charleston**, home to the Charleston Marine Life Center, is a picturesque working fishing village and is a great spot for a seafood dinner.

South of Coos Bay is popular **Bandon by the Sea**, with its great shops and restaurants in Old Town, world-class golf courses, and scenic offshore rocks. Let's not forget that Bandon is also the Cranberry Capital of Oregon, so look for bogs along the highway.

Now the wild coast begins. The towns, located about 27 miles apart, have little development between them. Historic **Port Orford** has fabulous ocean vistas, **Gold Beach** is the outlet for the famous Rogue River, and **Brookings** is known for its native azaleas and the coast's warmest temperatures. The fishing around here is some of the best on the coast. Look for myrtlewood shops for great souvenirs. Local artisans have turned this unique tree, native only to the South Coast, into beautiful salad bowls, clocks, and even golf putters.

With such a variety of landscapes, let the journey continue...





Winchester Bay at dusk.

■ Umpqua River Lighthouse

MP 215.6 (near Winchester Bay) | **Year lit:** 1894 | **Height:** 65 feet

Light characteristic: Red flash, followed by two white flashes during a 15-second interval.

Fun Fact: Only lighthouse on the Oregon Coast that emits a red and white light.

The Umpqua River Lighthouse is nearly identical architecturally to the one at Heceta Head, and both lights were illuminated in 1894, but the Umpqua lens is quite different from Heceta's. Tours begin at the old Coast Guard quarters (currently a museum), then go into the lighthouse workroom. While on a tour, find out how lens-makers turned the glass red.

Tours: Open daily except major holidays. Admission to the museum and a lighthouse tour is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 5 to 17, and free for children under age 5. (541-271-4631; umpquavalleymuseums.org) ■



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198.7 - Carter Lake Campground

Carter Lake is an Oregon Dunes NRA Campground, sheltered from the onshore winds. The lake water is warm enough for swimming. A portion of the Taylor Dunes trail is wheelchair accessible. &

199.1 - East Carter Boat Ramp

200.8 - Oregon Dunes Day Use Area

It's a short walk to a viewing area where you can see the ocean and miles of dunes. & Recreation pass required.

202.5 - Tahkenitch Lake

The only remaining large undeveloped lake on the Oregon Coast covers 1,674 acres. There are three main arms and many smaller ones, all part of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

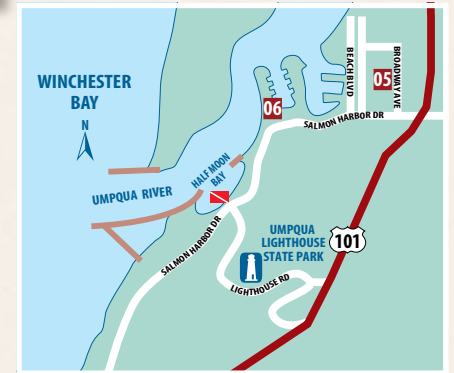
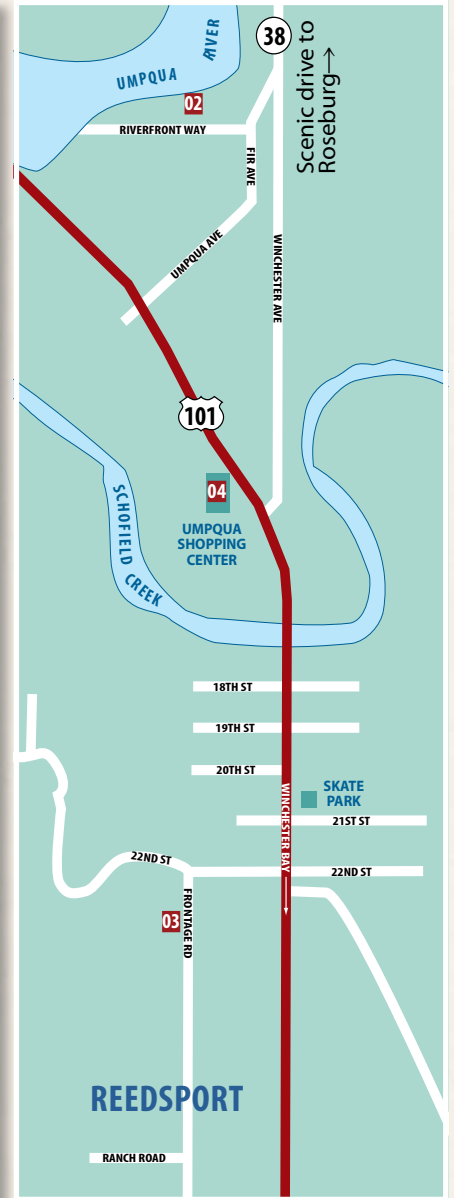
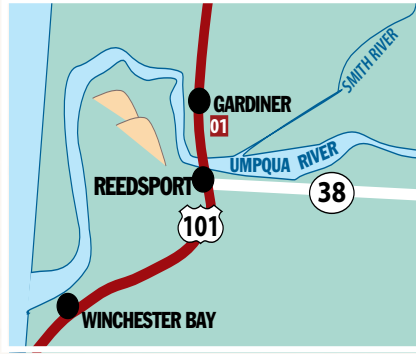
203.6 - Tahkenitch Campground

Open year-round, this campground is on the west (dunes) side of Hwy 101. Reservations are accepted. A three-mile trail leads to Threemile Lake.

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209.4 - GARDINER (ZIP 97441)

This community on the estuary of the Umpqua River was named after a Boston merchant whose ship wrecked near here in 1850. A walking tour encompasses historic houses, a pioneer cemetery, and the little Episcopal Church overlooking the city. The Tsunami Gallery has a bronze foundry. Douglas County maintains a boat ramp on the river with adjacent parking. On the north edge of town, Port Hole Center is both a bookstore and a community center where local authors sometimes read their works.

211.2 - REEDSPORT (ZIP 97467)

The principal city in western Douglas County. On the south edge of town, along Frontage Road, is the Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce, and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Visitor Center is to the north near the bridge. Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area, three-and-a-half miles east on Hwy 38, boasts an interpretive center, more than 100 Roosevelt elk, and other wildlife.

211.2 - Umpqua River Bridge

The Umpqua River is second in size to the Willamette, and is navigable by fairly large vessels as far upstream as

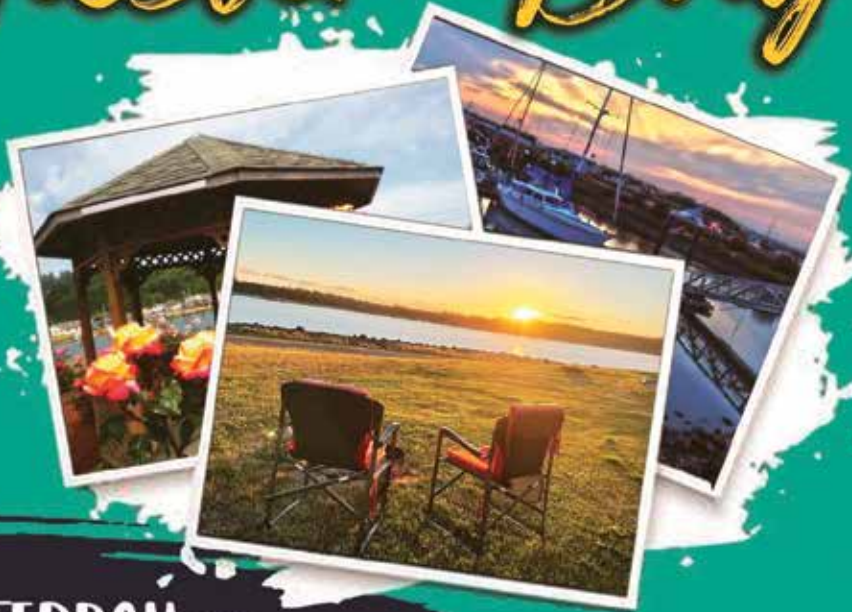
Scottsburg. The Umpqua River Bridge is the state's largest swing-span bridge and was designed by McCullough.

211.4 - Umpqua River Scenic Byway

The Umpqua River Scenic Byway goes east from the junction of highways 101 and 38, inland to Elkton,

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then along Hwy 138 to Sutherlin and Oakland.

211.5 - Umpqua Discovery Center

Experience interactive learning at the Umpqua Discovery Center. Take Hwy 38 and follow the signs. Visit a 1900s tidewater town, then enjoy a hike on the natural history indoor trail with life-sized murals and state-of-the-art interactive exhibits. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the Umpqua River through the 35-foot periscope.

212.6 - Forest Hills Golf Course

Nestled in a beautiful, wind-protected valley in Reedsport, Forest Hills Golf Course is known for its great greens, well-maintained driving range, and large practice putting green.

215.5 - WINCHESTER BAY (ZIP 97467)

This small fishing village, home to Salmon Harbor, is near the mouth of the Umpqua River with commercial and recreational fishing charters, an

RV resort, ATV riding, and the tallest dunes on the Oregon Coast. The marina has 100+ self-contained RV sites and moorage for 500 boats. The harbor is surrounded by shops, restaurants, art galleries, and lodging. The Winchester Bay RV Resort offers 170+ full hookup sites, a Marina Activity Center, putting green, waterfront bike and walking paths.

Windy Cove County Campgrounds (A and B) are located across from Salmon Harbor with ATV access to the Oregon Dunes NRA. Douglas County Parks offers sites across from the Dunes Staging Area for easy OHV access.

215.6 - Umpqua Lighthouse Loop

Turn off Hwy 101 onto Salmon Harbor Blvd. and follow it along the shoreline. Just past the Marina is the historic Coast Guard dock that originally housed the Coast Guard Rescue boat. The dock is now used for crabbing, fishing, and sightseeing.

A left turn on Lighthouse Road

takes you up the hill to the Umpqua River Lighthouse Museum and the Umpqua River Lighthouse. The whale watch viewing platform adjacent to the lighthouse offers fantastic views of the Umpqua River Jetty, migrating whales, and surrounding dunes. Built with plans identical to Heceta Head's, the Umpqua River Lighthouse is still operational. The Umpqua River Lighthouse Museum offers tours of the lighthouse.

Down the road, Umpqua Lighthouse State Park offers day use facilities, campsites and yurts, one of which is pet-friendly. Lake Marie beckons with a small sandy beach for swimming and an easy 1 mile hiking trail around the lake. The loop rejoins Hwy 101 at milepost 217.

217.2 - Winchester Bay Wayfinder Point

A good place to see the mouth of the Umpqua and the lighthouse.

220.5 - Douglas/Coos County Line

221.5 - William M. Tugman State Park

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222.0 - LAKESIDE (ZIP 97449)

Lakeside is the gateway to beautiful Tenmile Lakes. The town extends from the highway to the lakes and is an ideal location for recreation, relaxation, and retirement. Services available in town include a lodge, cottages, RV parks, marinas, restaurants, and a market. Wulfy Beach county park has palm trees, volleyball nets, fire pits, and swimming area.

Lakeside was a resort town favored by Hollywood stars in the 1930s. Tenmile Lake County Park features a picnic area, swimming/wading area, boat ramps, and RV sites.

222.7 - Airport Way

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222.6 - John Dellenback Dunes Trail

From the parking area that's just off Hwy 101, walk across Eel Creek, through an interpretive loop. You will then climb some of Oregon's highest sand dunes and pass a forest island before reaching the beach. The six-mile round-trip is a moderate to strenuous hike.

226.5 - Saunders Lake & County Park

A small lake on the edge of the dunes, with a boat ramp and day-use picnic area at (no kidding) Senator Jack Ripper County Park.

227.5 - Riley Ranch Park

This county park west of Hauser offers campsites with water and electricity plus a couple of cabins. Call 541-396-7755 for reservations.

232.7 - Horsfall Dunes, Beach Access

Horsfall Road passes four Oregon Dunes NRA campgrounds and a picnic area. Horsfall Campground has sand access to a popular OHV area. Sandtracks Picnic Area is a quiet setting for family gatherings. Bluebill is a traditional campground near Bluebill Lake. Each site at Wild Mare Horse Camp has at least two corrals. Horsfall Beach Campground is designed for off-road enthusiasts.

234.0 - Conde McCullough Memorial Bridge

Designed by its namesake, this was the longest bridge along the coast when it was built in 1936. This steel cantilever truss bridge is 5,305 feet long and rises high over the water for easy boat-traffic clearance.

235.0 - NORTH BEND (ZIP 97459)

Arrive in the more than century-old city of North Bend after crossing the historic McCullough Bridge, the city's official symbol. Downtown North Bend has book, antique, and novelty shops as well as art galleries and restaurants.

235.2 - Simpson Park

Simpson Park, a North Bend city park named for the city's founder, is home to the North Bend Visitor Center and the Merci Box Car, a gift from France after World War II.

235.5 - North Bend Boardwalk

At the foot of Virginia Avenue is the North Bend Boardwalk on Coos Bay. Featuring planters and seating, it's a good place to watch oceangoing ships pass by.

235.5 - Cape Arago Highway

From the north, turn off Hwy 101 at Virginia Avenue in North Bend and follow the signs to Ocean Beaches and Charleston. From the south, turn left at the Ocean Beaches sign in downtown Coos Bay and follow Ocean Blvd. The two routes meet in the Empire District. Cape Arago Highway runs along the bay, past

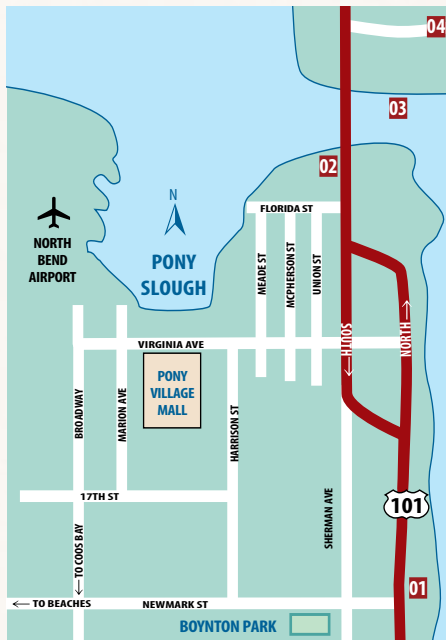


The town of Lakeside with the National Dunes Recreation Area in the background.

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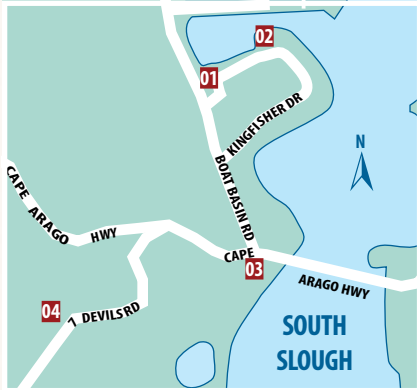
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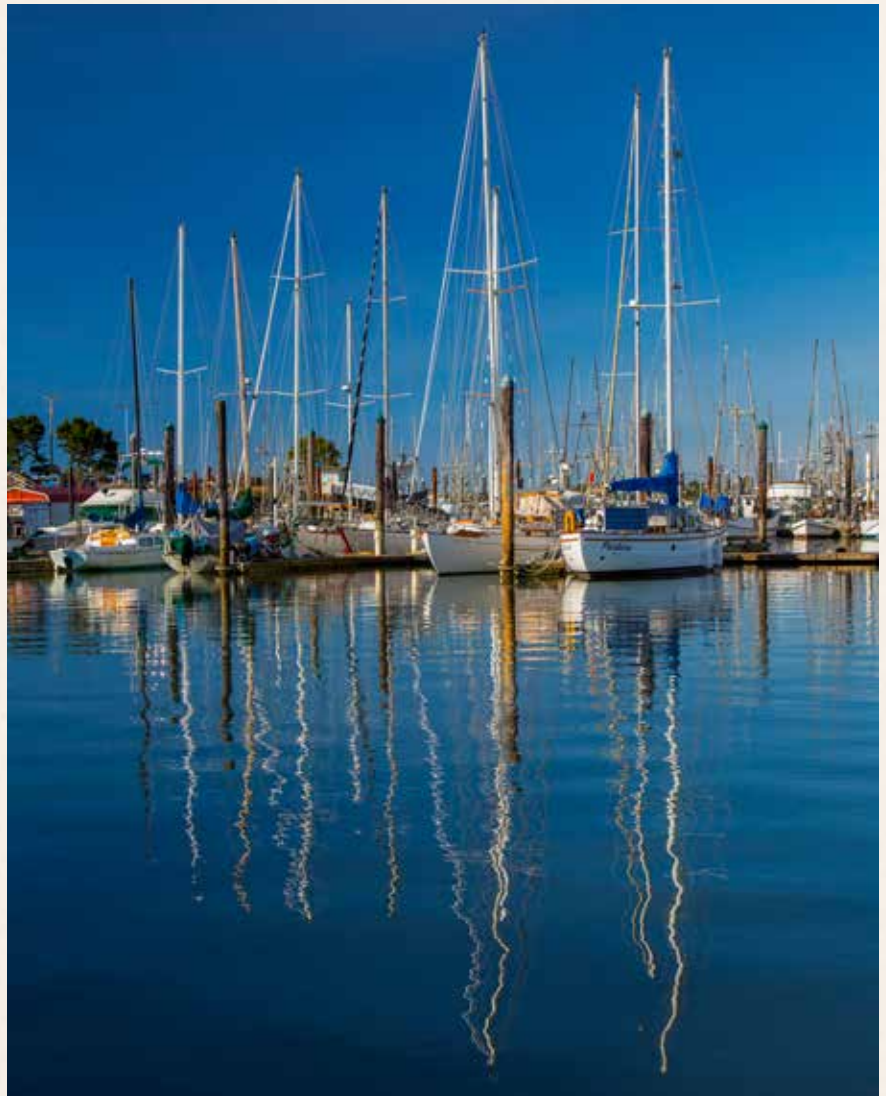
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2.2 - Southwestern Oregon Community College



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In addition to serving the area's higher education needs, there are lots of offerings for non-students, including plays, concerts, and lectures at the Hales Center for the Performing Arts.

2.4 - John Topits Park & Empire Lake

Walking trails, benches, fishing, a sandy beach, non-motorized boats, and three lakes make this a popular recreation park.

2.6 - Empire District

The earliest non-native settlement in Coos County, Empire was the original county seat. The area offers good crabbing and clamming, and has a public boat ramp.

8.5 - CHARLESTON (ZIP 97420)

Southwest of Coos Bay on Cape Arago Highway is this quaint fishing village, known for its safe harbor, charter

boat services, clamming, crabbing, great restaurants, shops, and whale watching. The Charleston Information Center is open May through September. Follow Boat Basin Road and turn right on Kingfisher Drive to the Charleston Marina and RV Park, where visitors can take a walk on the docks, try a local eatery or buy fresh seafood from the boats, and park the RV.

8.5 - Charleston Marine Life Center

University of Oregon's public education center has aquariums filled with touch tanks, local marine life, displays, whale skeletons, a whale discovery station, and views of the harbor where fishing boats unload their catch. Located at the end of Boat Basin Rd. (www.charlestonmarinelifecenter.com)

8.7 - Junction with Seven Devils Road

Seven Devils Road is part of the

Charleston-to-Bandon tour route and leads to **South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve** with its interpretive center and trails. The road eventually returns to Hwy 101 north of Bandon.

10.4 - Bastendorff Beach County Park

The campground of this 89-acre, year-round park includes a couple of cabins and a group campsite, plus day-use facilities with picnic areas and great views of the ocean. Easy access to two miles of beach. Watch fishing boats cross the bar into the ocean. Call Coos County Parks (541-396-7755) for picnicking and shelter reservations.

10.4 - Bastendorff Bog Trail

From the campground at Sunset Bay, follow the campground road to the hiker-biker camp in Loop B: here a foot-bridge crosses a wetland and leads to a trail ascending the steep hillside on stair steps before leveling off and leading to Cape Arago Highway. Cross the highway and follow it north to a wide spot for parking and more hiking options at Yoakam Point. An unsigned trail leads west; immediately bear left and continue west to a stunning bluff-top view of Lighthouse Beach. A right turn leads to another unsigned, rough, and steep trail down to Bastendorff Beach.

11.6 - Sunset Bay State Park

A popular camping and day-use park on a sheltered bay, it's the first of a trio of well-known state parks along the highway to Cape Arago, and the only one with camping facilities.

11.9 - Sunset Bay Golf Course

This 12-hole, par-47 course wanders up a scenic valley. Dual tees create an 18-hole playing experience. Adjacent to Sunset Bay State Park.

12.3 - Cape Arago Lighthouse

The current lighthouse, the newest on the Oregon Coast in terms of service, replaced two earlier structures that succumbed to the effects of weather and erosion. The lighthouse is no longer operated and the site has been returned to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

The lighthouse is not open to the

Cape Arago Lighthouse

MP 12.3 on Cape Arago

Highway | Year lit: 1934 |

Height: 44 feet

Light characteristic: No longer in operation: The Coast Guard removed the lens from the tower in 1993.

Fun Fact: The current lighthouse is the third to be built on the island. The previous two, built in 1866 and 1909, quickly deteriorated due to harsh conditions.

The lighthouse is inaccessible and not open to the public, but can be viewed from shore. The original fourth-order Fresnel lens, used from 1909 to 1993, is on display at the Coos History Museum. The property and lighthouse were turned over to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians in 2013.

Tours: None, but it is visible from a pullout and the trail between Sunset Bay State Park and Shore Acres State Park, and from Bastendorff Beach County Park (MP 10.4 on Cape Arago Hwy). ■



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public, but good views are available from a turnoff before Shore Acres.

12.8 - Shore Acres State Park

Louis Simpson, an early timber baron and developer of the city of North Bend, built his estate on this site. The original mansion is gone, but botanical gardens and a caretaker's cottage remain. View some of the most spectacular winter storms and wave action on the Oregon Coast along with excellent whale watching. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, the park comes alive with more than 325,000 LED holiday lights. Popular hiking trails lead north and south from the park. Day-use fee.

13.9 - Simpson Reef and Shell Island

Part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge and the largest haul-out on the Oregon Coast for marine mammals such as sea lions and seals. Bring binoculars.

14.4 - Cape Arago State Park

The offshore rocks seen from the north trail are part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Picnic tables and excellent whale watching. South trail takes hikers down to tide pools. The road dead ends here. To take the south loop toward Bandon, backtrack to just before Charleston and take Seven Devils Road.

14.4 - Sunset Bay to Cape Arago Trail

Trail can be accessed from several points along Cape Arago Highway, starting at the south end of Sunset Bay State Park or at Cape Arago State Park. The nearly 4-mile long trail skirts the shoreline along the bluffs, passing by wildlife watching areas (including Simpson Reef/Shell Island, with opportunities to spot sea lions and seals), forests, the gardens at Shore Acres State Park, and secluded coves.

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236.5 - COOS BAY (ZIP 97420)

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Towboat exhibit, Coos Bay Boardwalk.

located just west of Hwy 101, is a favorite with walkers with its meandering pathways, small lake, playgrounds, disc golf, and the tranquil Choshi Japanese gardens. A 30-mile drive east of Coos Bay, on Glenn Creek Rd, Golden and

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236.6 - Coos Bay Village

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236.6 - Coos History Museum

The museum is located along the waterfront with exhibits focused on the history of the south coast, several themed exhibits that change throughout the year and a variety of educational programs. The museum offers free admission every "Second Saturday" of the month and a First Tuesdays Talk Lecture Series during the year. Free admission for active military. (www.cooshistory.org)

237.0 - Marshfield Sun Printing Museum

The Marshfield Sun was published in this building until 1944. (541-267-4027; www.marshfieldsunprintingmuseum.org)

237.7 - Coos Bay Farmers Market

Located on Central Avenue at Hwy 101, May through October, and includes more than 80 vendors every week who provide fresh food from local farmers and businesses including fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade jams, jellies and candy, and handmade arts and crafts. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to

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8	141.0	Newport Saturday Market: Mar 26 to Dec 17
9	156.0	Waldport Wednesday Market: May 4 to Sept 28
10	164.4	Yachats Sunday Market: May 8 to Oct 16
11	190.6	Florence Tuesday Market: May 10 to Oct 11
12	211.4	Reedsport Friday Market: June 3 thru Oct
13	237.7	Coos Bay Wednesday Market: May 4 to Oct 26
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16	328.0	Gold Beach Saturday Market: July 2 to Oct 29
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237.7 - Coos Art Museum

Turn west on Central and left on 3rd to see the third oldest art museum in Oregon. Housed in a former 1930s post office, you'll find original works of art as well as the Prefontaine Memorial Gallery, including shoes and medals of the former world-class runner. CAM is



Bandon Needles at Sunset

also the start of a series of Prefontaine plaques placed throughout Coos Bay. (www.coosart.org)

237.7 - Coos Bay Boardwalk

Stroll or bike on the waterfront boardwalk where visitors can check out interpretive displays and views of the bay.

237.7 - Coos Bay Visitor Information Center

Located at 50 Central Avenue, a great jumping off point to explore downtown Coos Bay and all the Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston area has to offer. (541-269-0215; www.oregonsadventurecoast.com)

237.8 - Egyptian Theatre

Historic theater hosts movies and events in a truly unique setting. Home of the only functioning Wurlitzer organ on the coast.

238.5 - Oregon Coast Historical Railway Museum

Explore a massive steam engine, caboose, and vintage railroad equipment. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wed. and Sat.

239.0 - Millicoma Marsh Trail

Turn east 1.1 miles on Coos River Road, left on D street, right on 4th Avenue. Look for binoculars signs. A hotspot for birding.

244.2 - Junction with Hwy 42 to Coquille, Myrtle Point, I-5**258.2 - Bandon Dunes Golf Resort**

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259.2 - Coquille River Lighthouse

Access is through Bullards Beach State Park; follow signs. The lighthouse is staffed mid-May through September.

259.2 - Bullards Beach State Park

A 1,289-acre year-round park with campgrounds, sand dunes, forests, and 4 miles of beach with access to the north jetty and Coquille River Lighthouse. ♿

259.7 - Coquille River

Navigable by large vessels as far as the town of Coquille, the Coquille River

provides excellent tidewater fishing.

259.8 - Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

Just south of the Coquille River bridge, turn west on Riverside Drive and look for the turnout. One of the best birding areas along the Pacific Coast; every low tide brings in hundreds of shorebirds, which attract raptors—especially peregrines.

261.5 - Highway 42S

At this point, the mileposts make a 12-mile jump. The longer, original Hwy 101, which ran through Coquille, is now highways 42 and 42S. For those driving south, this is milepost 273.4.

273.9 - Face Rock Creamery

Visitors can sample cheese, watch cheese being made, and enjoy ice cream at indoor and outdoor seating. Public washrooms.

274.0 - BANDON (ZIP 97411)

Bandon was rebuilt after a devastating 1936 fire destroyed the entire business district and most of the residences. A brick chimney on the site of the old bakery stands as a memorial just off Hwy 101. Today the Old Town district is a center for art galleries, shops, a brewery, a distillery, a chocolate boutique, and great dining places. More great dining is along Beach Loop Drive. The chamber office and visitor information center are at the entrance to Old Town in the little blue building. Other outdoor amenities include hiking trails, fat tire bike rentals, horseback riding on the beach, and a kayak/paddleboard launch site. Bandon is known as the Cranberry Capital of Oregon, and holds the annual Cranberry Festival in September. The Sprague Theatre is the venue for live theater productions.

274.0 -Bandon Historical Museum

Displays on shipbuilding, shipwrecks, disastrous fires, and cranberry farming. Kids can take the History Detective challenge.

274.0 - Washed Ashore

Nationally recognized community art project that raises awareness of marine debris. You can help build massive sculptures in the open workshop.

Coquille River Lighthouse

MP 259.2 (near Bandon)

Year lit: 1896 **Height:** 40 feet

Light characteristic: No longer operable.

Fun Fact: The lighthouse served as a command center and refuge for people during the Bandon fire of 1936.

The short and stout Coquille River Lighthouse is situated adjacent to river and ocean in Bullards Beach State Park.

Tours: The inside of the lighthouse is not open, but the outside can be enjoyed anytime. ■

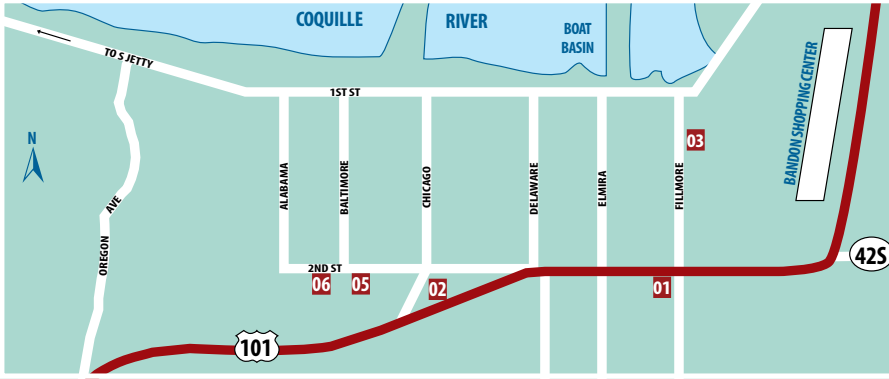


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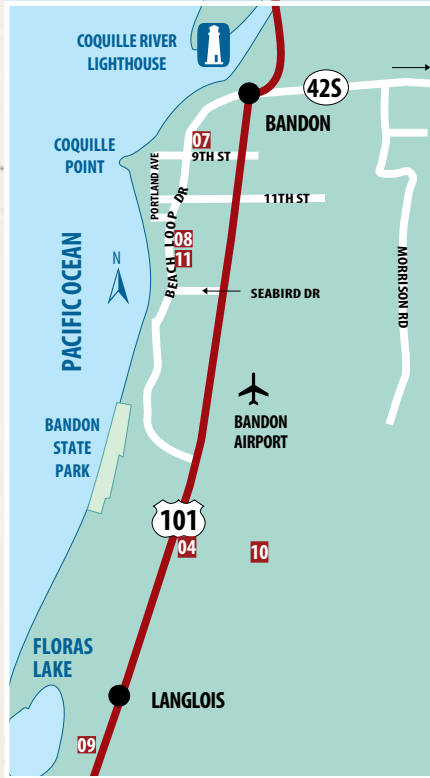
Sunrise at Face Rock in Bandon.



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274.0 - Old Town Marketplace Farmers Market

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276.0 - Face Rock State Park

Visitors to this day-use state park, about a mile west of Hwy 101 on Beach Loop Drive, can see the face on Face Rock, enjoy rocky intertidal areas, stroll the paved trail on a bluff above the beach, or walk ephemeral sand labyrinths made by Circles in the Sand (www.sandypathbandon.com).

276.8 - Bandon State Park

Set along Bandon's Beach Loop Road, Bandon State Natural Area offers several locations with beach access, as well as picnicking and wildlife watching.

277.5 - Bradley Lake

A public boat launch is maintained at the south corner and the lake is regularly stocked with rainbow trout.

279.5 - Bandon Crossings Golf Course

Acclaimed 18-hole course offers firm fairways amid the dunes.

282.9 - Cranberry Bogs

Several bogs are visible from Hwy 101 south of Bandon.

283.0 - New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern

Nature center, trails, and lots of wild-life watching opportunities.

285.8 - Coos/Curry County Line

287.8 - LANGLOIS (ZIP 97450)

A small agricultural community and a popular stop for cyclists. The area stretching to the south is sometimes called "Little New Zealand" thanks to the thousands of sheep that forage on the hills and river valleys.

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288.9 - Floras Lake and Boice Park

293.5 - Blacklock Point Trail

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295.7 - Sixes River

The Sixes River rises in northern Curry County's Coast Range mountains and flows almost due west.

296.6 - Cape Blanco Lighthouse

Open year-round, Cape Blanco State Park is at Oregon's westernmost point. The lighthouse is open for tours April through October, and the historic Hughes House, an 1898 Victorian home, is open May through September.

297.8 - Elk River

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upstream. The boat launch allows swimming; interpretive signs explain hatchery operations.

300.0 - PORT ORFORD (ZIP 97465)

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ties, along with ocean kayaking and bike rentals offered by local tour companies. Established in 1851, it's the oldest platted townsite on the Coast and the northern gateway to America's Wild Rivers Coast. The dock is the only open-water port on the Oregon Coast and one of six "dolly" ports in the world where recreational and commercial fishing boats are hoisted into



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MP 296.6 (near Port Orford)

Year lit: 1870 | **Height:** 59 feet

Light characteristic: Flashes white every 20 seconds.

Fun Fact: Oldest standing lighthouse on the Oregon Coast.

The lighthouse tower is not open as it is in need of repairs, but the lower workroom can be toured.

A separate building, which used to be a garage, now houses the ticket office and a gift shop, with lighthouse and ocean-related gifts for sale.

Tours: Daily guided tours of the workroom are (except on Tuesdays) available April through October from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tours are \$2 per adult and free for those age 15 and under. (541-332-2207; www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com) ■



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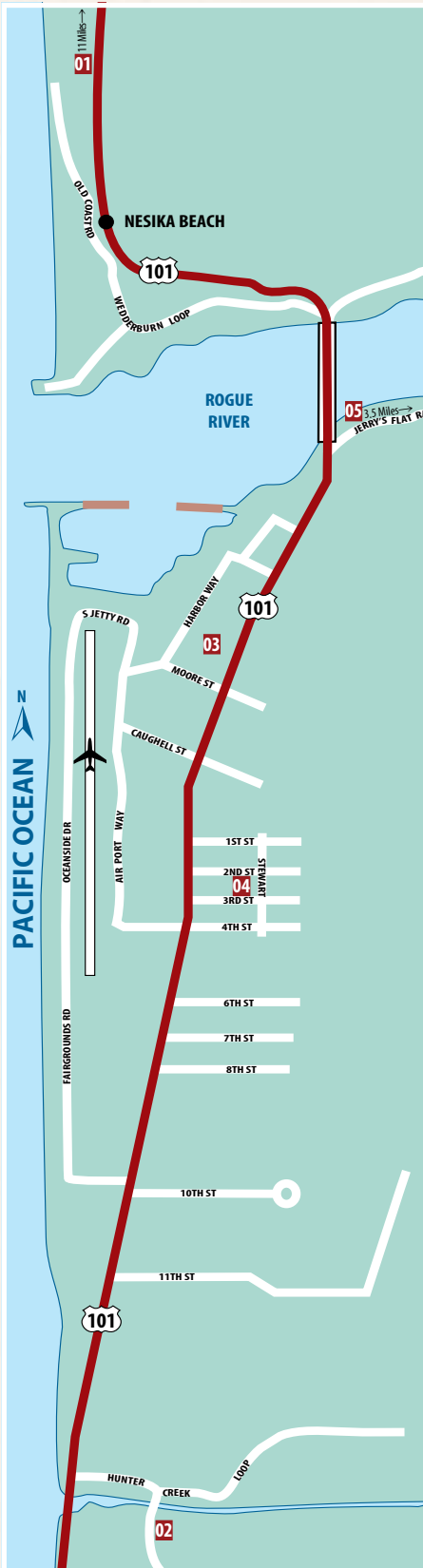
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300.5 - Garrison Lake

A medium-sized lake popular with boaters. Ocean beach access is provided by Paradise Point and Tseriadun state parks at the lake's north and south ends.

300.7 - Wetland Interpretive Walkway

The boardwalk has several viewing platforms.

301.1 - Battle Rock Park

Site of a fierce battle between Indians and explorers. Features a paved upper level walkway, benches, public restrooms, a fabulous view and is the starting

point for the Wild Rivers Coast Scenic Bikeway. The beach at Battle Rock Park, with its spectacular seawalls, is one of the most picturesque spots on the coast. The terrain is fairly level, so beach walking is easy on the hard-packed black sands. A visitor center provides information for travelers.

302.4 - Viewpoints • Marine Reserve

Between here and MP 306 are impressive vistas of the ocean, offshore rocks, and Port Orford. Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve extends offshore from Rocky Point to Coal Point.

305.5 - Humbug Mountain State Park

Once known as Sugarloaf Mountain, this mountain's name was changed to Tichenor's Humbug as the result of a mistake made by an 1851 exploring party sent out of Port Orford by Captain Tichenor. This 1,842-acre park includes the mountain, campground, and ocean frontage. A scenic but strenuous three-mile trail winds its way out of Brush Creek Canyon to the summit of Humbug Mountain. The trail begins at camp loop "B." or at the parking lot across Hwy 101.

310.5 - Arizona Beach

A stretch of sand sheltered by two rocky headlands. A day-use park provides beach access. A good stop for families.

313.1 - Prehistoric Gardens

Celebrating 66 plus years, this privately operated park features life-sized replicas of dinosaurs seen in a dense, peaceful rainforest. Be sure and visit the gift shop.

317.0 - OPHIR (ZIP 97464)

Ophir is a residential area on the east side of Hwy 101.

322.4 - Geisel Monument State Park

Stop for a picnic at this small heritage site, seven miles north of Gold Beach on Hwy 101. The monument commemorates the Geisel family, who perished during the Rogue Indian War of 1856.

327.3 - Rogue River

Famous for its fishing, the Rogue River has a Wild and Scenic section extending from Lobster Creek, about 10 miles upriver, almost to Grants Pass.



L.L. Patterson Memorial Bridge.

Jet boats travel upstream and rafts head downstream.

327.3 - I.L. Patterson Memorial Bridge

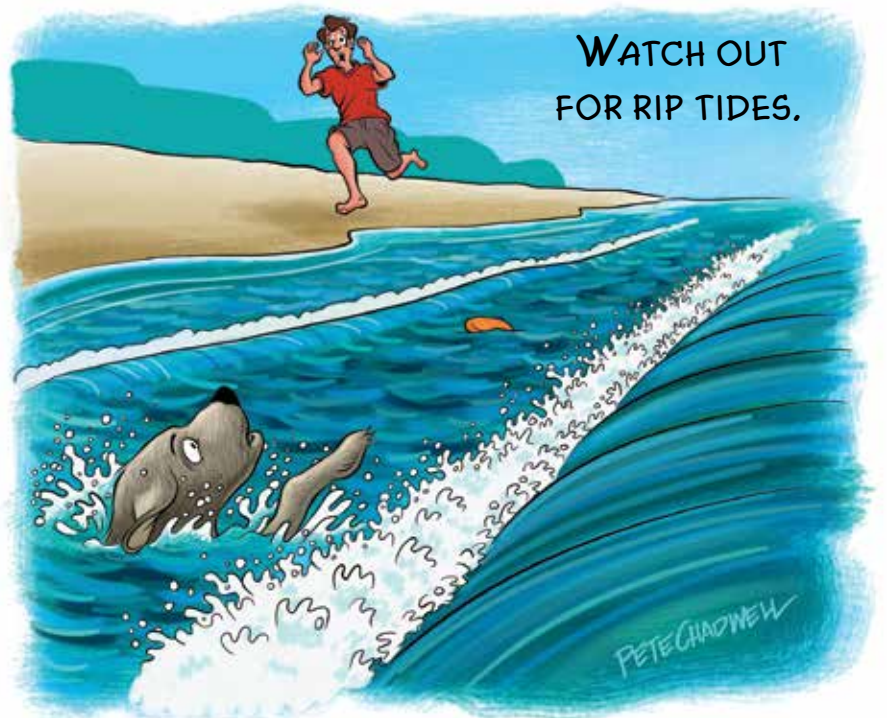
I.L. Patterson Memorial Bridge was the first in the country to be built with prestressed concrete in 1931. With its seven arches of reinforced concrete, this McCullough design is very beautiful at night, outlined with blue fiberoptic lights.

328.0 - GOLD BEACH (ZIP 97444)

Named for the gold that was found near here in the mid-1800s, Gold Beach sits where the Rogue River meets the sea. Year-round fishing, jet boat trips, and other outdoor activities for the entire family make this a vacation paradise. It is also the county seat and site of the fairgrounds, where events are held year-round. From February through April, glass floats are hidden on local beaches for visitors to find and keep. The Rogue River Museum is at the jet boat dock near the southern end of the bridge. Upriver about 10 miles are the Schrader Old Growth Trail and Myrtle Tree Trail, home of Oregon's largest myrtlewood tree. The Gold Beach Farmers Market takes place on Saturdays



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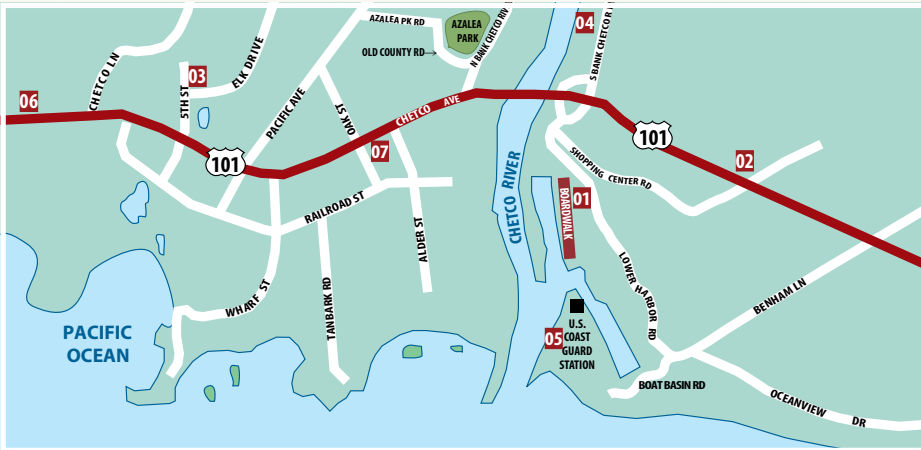


Riptides can't be seen, and if you venture into the water, you or your dog might get caught in one. If you do get caught, swim parallel to the shore until you escape the current. Do not go in after your dog if it gets caught in a rip tide. To help you enjoy the beach in safety, Oregon State Parks has put in signs for high risk areas. Please obey the posted signs when you visit the beach.

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328.2 - Port of Gold Beach

The home port of Jerry's Rogue Jets. Visitors can experience the Rogue with jet boat rides of varying lengths.

330.8 - Hunter Creek Beach Access

334.8 - Cape Sebastian State Park

Visitors to this state scenic corridor (named in honor of Saint Sebastian in 1603) will find a parking area with vistas at more than 200 feet above sea level. The offshore rocks to the south represent a great photo opportunity. A mile-and-a-half walking trail leads to the cape.

337.0 - Myers Beach

Easy access to a long stretch of beach and interesting rock formations.

339.0 - Pistol River State Park

A favorite spot with ocean windsurfers, who gather here for some of the best conditions on the south coast. The park has a day-use picnic area but no other facilities. A bit north on Hwy 101, keep your eyes peeled for the historical marker commemorating the Battle of Pistol River, fought during the Rogue River Indian War.

343.0 - Samuel Boardman State Park

A long, narrow park consisting of about 12 miles of rugged coastline and pocket beaches. The principal viewpoint waysides, some with picnic tables, include Arch Rock Point (at milepost 344.6), Thunder Rock Cove (346.0), Natural Bridges Cove (346.1), North Island Trail (347.5), Indian Sands Trail (348.5), Whaleshead Trail, (349.3) House Rock (351.3), Cape Ferrelo (351.9), Lone Ranch (352.6), and Rainbow Rock (353.8). The sheltered beach at Thunder Rock Cove is one of the coast's best. The stretch of Oregon Coast Trail that runs through Curry County begins at Cape Ferrelo and ends at Humbug Mountain State Park.

347.9 - Thomas Creek Bridge

The highest bridge in Oregon, built in 1961, crosses 345 feet above creek bottom. To appreciate the structure's magnitude, pull into the parking area at the bridge's south end. Follow a short trail west for the best look at the gigantic geo-



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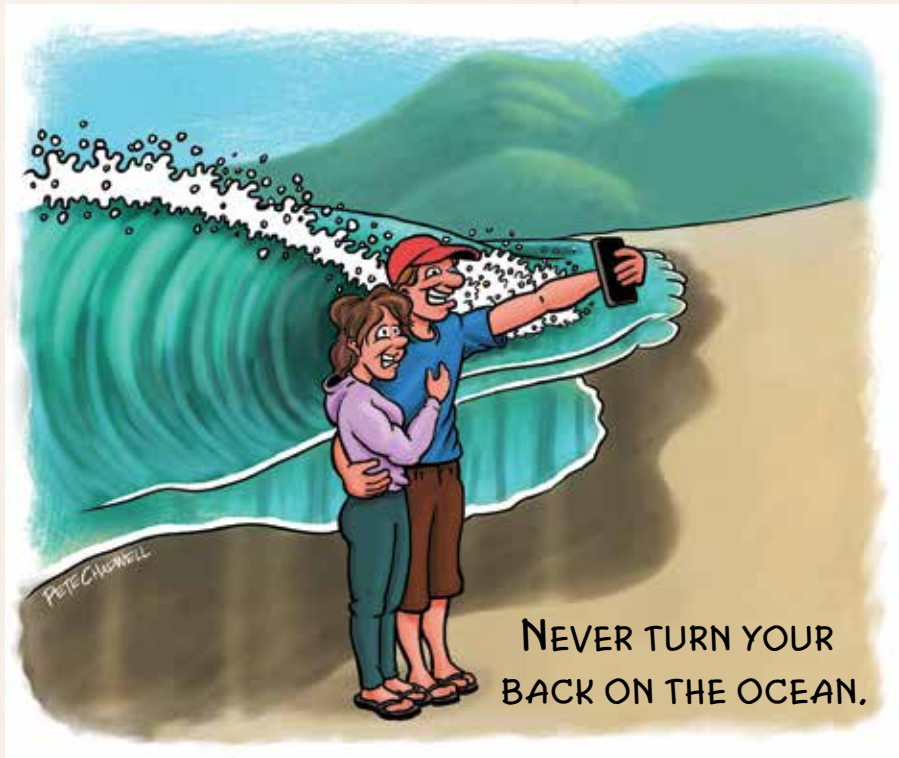
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351.3 - House Rock Viewpoint

Pull into the parking lot for a scenic view of the Curry County Coast. A moderately strenuous hike, five miles round-trip, takes you north to the beach at Whalehead Cove and back.

355.6 - Harris Beach State Park

Named for Scottish pioneer George Harris, who raised sheep and cattle in these parts. Just offshore is the largest island along the Oregon Coast, Bird Island, where breeding takes place for a variety of birds, including tufted puffins. A full range of camping is available: RV spaces, tent sites, hiker/biker and yurts.

357.0 - BROOKINGS-HARBOR (ZIP 97415)

Brookings-Harbor, on America's Wild Rivers Coast, basks in weather patterns that foster some of the warmest temperatures on the coast. Considered the gateway to the Oregon Coast and Chetco River recreation, Brookings is known for commercial flower growing and tourism. The city celebrates its

annual Azalea Festival every Memorial Day weekend.

357.0 - Central Building & Chetco Point

The Oregon and California Lumber Company (O&C) ran Brookings as a company town in the early part of the 20th century. The Central Building, constructed in 1915 by O&C, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains a small museum and the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce. & Farther west on Wharf Street is Chetco Point, a small park with incredible views of the ocean, ADA accessible picnic tables, a walking path, and a dog park.

358.0 - Chetco River

The Chetco is a fairly short coastal river, rising in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness area of the Siskiyou National Forest and flowing into the Pacific at Brookings. The North Bank Road goes up the Chetco River to Azalea Park, considered the crown jewel of Brookings' area parks. It's the venue for American Music Festival concerts in the summer and Nature's Coastal Holiday Light Show in December.

Eight miles farther upriver is the tranquil Alfred A. Loeb State Park with camping amid a myrtlewood grove and access to the nearby Redwood Nature Trail. On the south side, South Bank Road leads inland to Salmon Run Golf Course. The challenging, 18-hole course offers spectacular views from elevated tees and greens.

358.1 - Port of Brookings-Harbor Marina

The marina at the Port of Brookings-Harbor has two basins, accommodating recreational and commercial boaters. Together, the port maintains more than 670 slips and two transient docks. Some slips have electricity available.

The marina features a newly constructed moorage and docking system, a state-of-the-art fueling facility, complete launch services, a full-service boat yard, and trailer parking. You will also find a variety of restaurants, hotels and camping facilities.

Located at the far south end of the Port parking lot, the newly completed **Chetco Indian Memorial** sits atop the site of an ancestral Chetco village. The memorial preserves the legacy of the Chetco Indian people with a plank house, interpretive signage, a bronze statue, and examples of important native vegetation. (chetcoindianmemorial.com)

359.9 - Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market

Features local farmers, artisans, baked goods, eggs, meat, services, music and hot food at 15786 Hwy 101 on Wednesdays and Saturdays year-round, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also open on Fridays in the summer from 3 to 7 p.m. (541-661-3860; facebook.com/brookingsharborfarmersmarket)

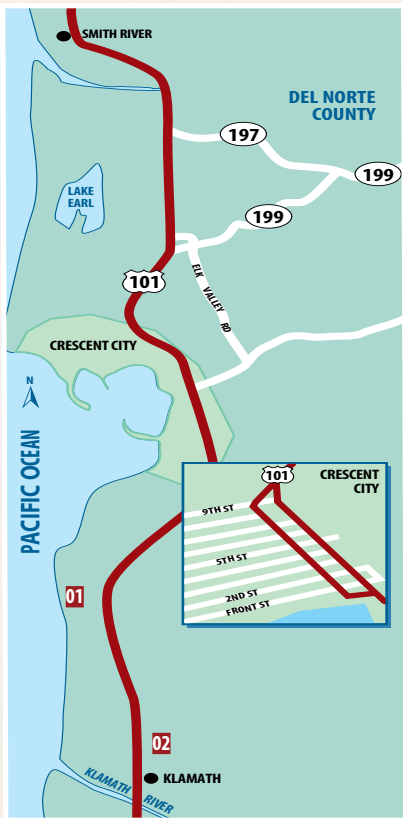
360.7 - Chetco Valley Museum

The museum is home to the state's largest Monterey cypress, which was planted in the 1850s. (541-469-6651)

363.0 - Crissey Field State Park

Visitor assistance from the Oregon Welcome Center at the southern end of the Oregon Coast Trail. Ample parking, easy beach access and a trail to the Winchuck River estuary.

363.0 - California State Line



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From the historic town of Smith River, with its miles of lily fields, to the Klamath area with its majestic redwoods, Del Norte County has only one sizable town: Crescent City, located on a tongue of land that juts into the ocean.

The town is the gateway to the Smith River National Recreation Area, famous for its redwoods and its miles of scenic

riders. Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, along Hwy 199, and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, along Hwy 101 between Crescent City and the Klamath area, also create awesome scenic corridors.

While driving along the Del Norte coast, you can't miss the incomparable Trees of Mystery that has been attracting sightseers since the 1940s.

0.0 - California State Line

0.5 - Pelican State Beach

1.9 - Kamph Memorial Park

Situated on a bluff overlooking the ocean; tent-only camping.

3.6 - Mouth of the Smith River

6.5 - Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery

7.0 - SMITH RIVER (ZIP 95567)

9.2 - North Bank Road

Turn east on Hwy 197 to follow Smith River to Ruby VanDeventer County Park. At 3-1/2 miles is the 18-hole Del Norte Golf Course, and after about seven miles, the road connects with Hwy 199. Turn west to travel a scenic loop through Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park back to Hwy 101.

9.4 - Lake Earl Drive

Turn west for access to Kellogg Beach for hiking and horse trails, the town of Fort Dick, Lake Earl Wildlife Area, and Tolowa Dunes State Park, home of two large coastal lagoons.

16.0 - Florence Keller Park

A quiet setting in the redwoods, only a few miles from town, tent and RV campsites (up to 32 feet), and walking trails. (707-464-7230)

16.2 - Junction Hwy 199

Scenic Hwy 199 travels through Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Smith River National Rec Area, the recently opened Grove of the Titans trail, and the communities of Hiouchi and Gasquet.

20.0 - CRESCENT CITY (ZIP 95531)

Located next to the Northern portion of Redwoods National and State Parks and the Redwoods World Heritage Site.



Trail in Redwoods State Park.

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■ Battery Point Lighthouse

Near downtown Crescent City, California

Year lit: 1856

Height: 45 feet

Fun fact: Battery Point, lit for the first time in 1856, is located on a small island just off the foot of A Street, but is accessible from shore at low tide. Tours include a climb into the light tower and there is a museum onsite that preserves the lighthouse keeper's quarters and maritime artifacts. (707-464-3089; www.facebook.com/BatteryPointLighthouse) ■

■ St. George Reef Lighthouse

Off the coast near Crescent City, California

Year lit: 1892 **Height:** 89 feet

Fun fact: The St. George Reef is the peak of a submerged volcanic mountain six miles off the northern extreme coast of California.

The St. George Reef Lighthouse, lit in 1892, was the most expensive lighthouse built in the U.S. at the time. It sits on a rock 300 feet in diameter a few miles offshore and was built atop a 50-foot tall base made of concrete and granite to keep it above the waves. The lighthouse can be viewed from shore at Point St. George. ■



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The visitor center at the Redwood National and State Parks headquarters is worth a stop. The nearby Smith River Scenic Byway provides a glimpse into one of the largest Wild and Scenic River Systems in the U.S.

St. George's Reef Lighthouse lies 6 miles offshore. A scenic drive extends along the oceanfront into the city. Pebble Beach Lookout, at the end of 9th street, is a great spot to see the St. George Lighthouse and watch whales during migration. The namesake Crescent Beach extends in a broad crescent to the south.

A tsunami struck Crescent City after the great Alaska earthquake of 1964 and destroyed the business district. Evidence of it can still be seen.

Visit the Historical Society Museum on H street. The museum houses artifacts from Del Norte's Native American tribes (Tolowa and Yurok), pioneer artifacts, the Fresnel lens from the St. George Reef Lighthouse, and artifacts from the 1865 *Brother Jonathan* shipwreck. Or visit the Marine Mammal Center, one of three rescue and rehabilitation centers in California. Del Norte County-Crescent City Chamber of Commerce visitor center is near the park headquarters on Front Street.

20.0 - Battery Point Lighthouse

The Battery Point Lighthouse and Museum are on an island. At low tide you can walk to the island without getting wet. Follow Front Street west to A Street, then left. Open on days when tide permits access. (707-464-3089; facebook.com/BatteryPointLighthouse)

21.0 - Ocean World

See underwater marine life and sea lion performances. (707-464-4900)

21.6 - Crescent City Harbor

Access is by Citizen Dock Road and Anchor Way.

23.0 - Enderts Beach Road

Access to tidepools, coastal views, whale watching, picnicking and spectacular views.

24.0–35.0 - Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park

Redwoods edge the highway with turnouts to groves and trails.

25.0 - Mill Creek Watershed Day Use Area

Hiking, picnicking, and horseback riding trails.

25.4 - Vista Point

This is a must-stop turnout on Hwy 101 with a view north to Crescent City and beaches south of town.

27.0 - Mill Creek Campground

A quiet beautiful campground set in the Redwoods. May thru September.

30.5 - Damnation Creek Trail

Notice: part of the trail is closed. You can hike the first portion, but access to the beach is closed.

31.0 - Last Chance Grade Project

The Last Chance Grade Project is a collaborative effort to study alternatives for a permanent solution to instability and roadway failure on a 3-mile segment of US Highway 101 in Del Norte County, extending between Wilson Creek to 9 miles south of Crescent City.

34.0 - False Klamath Cove/Wilson Creek

A protected beach and picnic area at the mouth of Wilson Creek.



34.5 - Lagoon Creek

Picnic, fish in the lagoon, or hike Yurok Loop trail to a panoramic view. &

34.8 - Trees of Mystery

Chainsaw art statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox mark the entrance. Hike the forest trail, ride the Sky Trail gondola, and visit the End of the Trail Museum. The newest attraction is the Redwood Canopy Trail, with eight aerial suspension bridges and ten viewing platforms situated at a mid canopy level through the redwoods. (800-638-3389; treesofmystery.net)

38.0 - Turnoff to Klamath Overlook

Turn on Requa Road and head uphill to a vista point overlooking the



mouth of the river and panorama.

40.0 - KLAMATH (ZIP 95548)

40.2 - Turnoff to Tour Thru Tree

Take Terwer Valley exit 769 to Hwy 169 and follow signs. Most cars and pickups can drive through the huge living redwood tree. (707-482-5971)

40.2 - Junction Hwy 169 to Klamath Glen

40.8 - Coastal Drive/W Klamath Beach Road

Turn here for a scenic loop along the south bank of the Klamath River and up to Flint Ridge for views from High Bluff with picnic area. & Return by Alder Camp Road. Not advisable for trailers or motor homes.

44.8 - Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway

Ten-mile scenic drive passes through Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, which has hiking trails, Big Tree Wayside, and Elk Meadow day-use and campground. Permits are required for Fern Canyon from May 1-Sept 30, available at www.nps.gov/redw.

45.0 - Del Norte County Line ■



Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox at Trees of Mystery.

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