

# GUIDE BOOK

## AROUND FLORAS LAKE

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE  
BEST KEPT SECRETS

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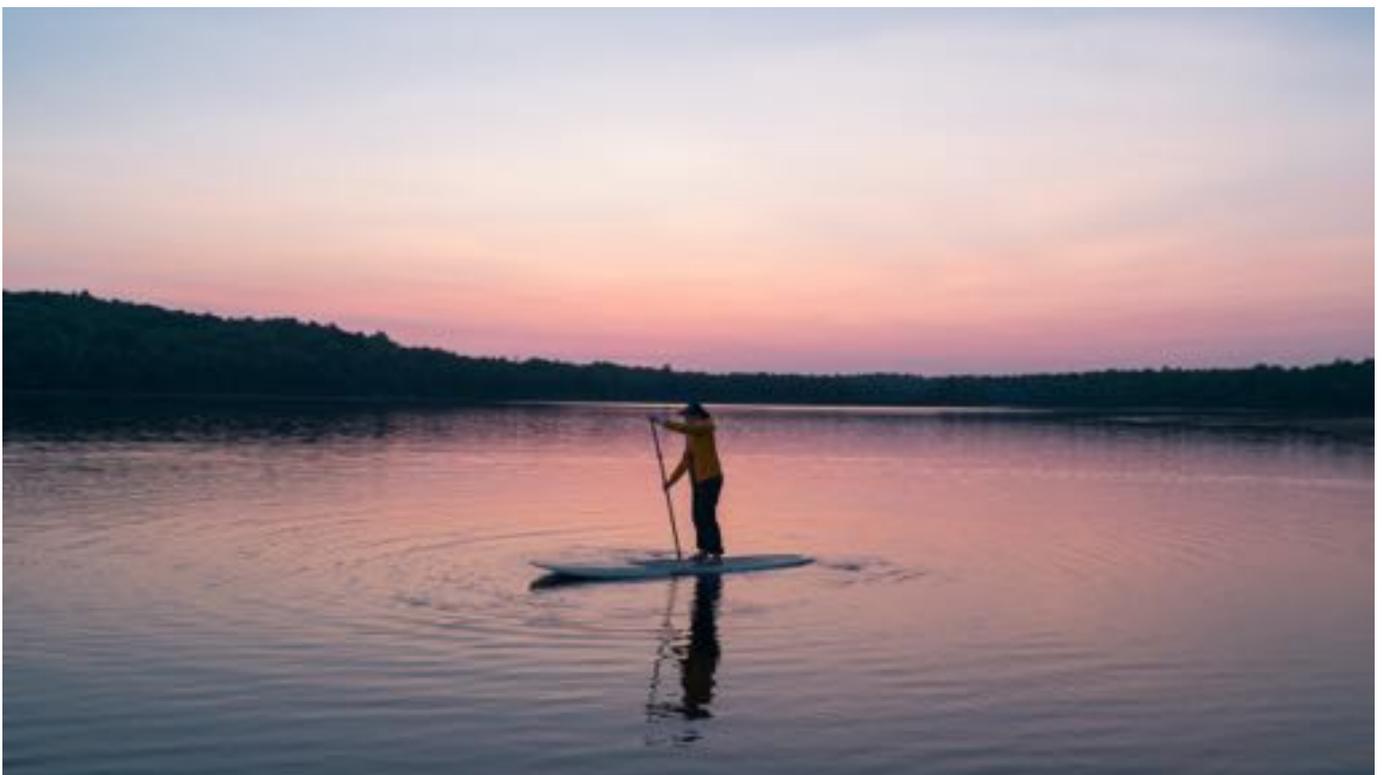
One of Southern Oregon Coast's most popular destinations. The small, charming town offers many sites and activities including scenic beaches, State Parks with many trails and an old town with adorable shops and a variety of dining options.

## 44 DAYTRIPS

Outdoor adventures, many hikes, fun little towns to visit and the most spectacular nature.

## 60 ACTIVITIES NEARBY

More outdoor experiences, including the Jet Boat Tours, the West Coast Game Park, dune buggy tours, horseback riding, golfing and biking.



# SOUTHERN OREGON COAST

## AT A GLANCE

**Oregon South Coast attracts visitors from around the globe due to the beautiful coastal views, hidden beaches and spectacular nature.**

Starting with the giant redwoods in Southern Oregon and stretching North to North Bend where the Oregon Dunes start, this publicly-owned coastline offer the West Coast's premier coastal getaway. As you travel along the coastal Highway, you'll not only discover some of the most spectacular shoreline and best beach access in Oregon, you'll also glimpse towering forests and have the opportunity to experience some of the last remaining wild rivers in America.

The fact that this part of Oregon is a little further drive from Portland in the north or from San Francisco in the south, does not mean it is less appealing. Actually, most visitors revel in the solitude from looking over the ocean when there are less people. At the same time you can find lodging, restaurants, tourist attractions and everything you need for a perfect vacation.

If you would like to book your next vacation at the Floras Lake Getaway, visit [www.FlorasLakeRental.com](http://www.FlorasLakeRental.com) for more information.

A scenic view of a lake with a boat in the foreground and a house on the shore in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

# ACTIVITIES ON THE LAKE

BOATING  
TUBING  
FISHING  
SWIMMING  
KITEBOARDING  
WINDSURFING  
WATERSKIING  
JET SKIING  
KAYAKING  
PADDLEBOARDING  
SUNBATHING

# FLORAS LAKE



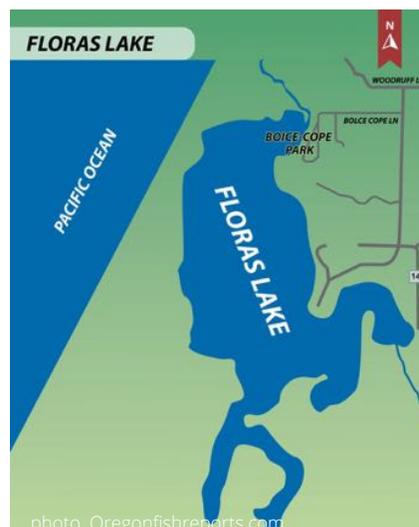
Floras Lake is located on the Southern Oregon Coast about 1 1/2 hours drive from the California Border. The Lake is situated next to the Ocean so visitors have the best of both worlds: many fun things to do on the lake and within minutes of walking on the beach. The expansive coastline that borders Floras Lake has been referred to as "Oregon Loneliest Beach" by Sunset Magazine.

The lake is shallow, which means that it warms quickly in the summer, yet it is located along the coast which means hearty afternoon winds. For this reason, Floras Lake is ideal for windsurfing and kite boarding. But kayaking, jet boats, stand-up paddling, and fishing are also popular on the lake.

The lake is not the only attraction, as it is fed by a river which runs through a natural habitat area. Kayakers have

the opportunity to travel up into the river to view the birds as well as other wildlife.

Nearby trails make hiking in the area easy. A short walk from Boice Park is the beach, which is frequently deserted. Travel south to see the cliffs as they rise up north or take a turn into the woods for the Blacklock Point Trail.



# 12 FUN THINGS TO DO AT THE LAKE



Staying at Floras Lake instead of a beach front vacation home has a few benefits. First of all, its no as windy!!! Second, the beach is so close, you can easily walk to it. And last, there are so many fun things to do, let us look at a few.

## **Swimming**

Swimming is always an enjoyable activity! Since it is not possible to swim in the Pacific Ocean due to high waves and cold water, swimming in the lake is great alternative. The lake is super clean and warm enough to swim in.

## **Boating**

If you have access to a boat and a boating license you are all set! Bring your boat (access at the public boat landing) and tie it up to our own dock. Get out on that water with a couple of friends and some music and have a great time! Locals also go tubing as well as water ski or wakeboard. Be careful to stay clear of the windsurfers and kites.

## **Jet Skiing**

Jet skiing is a wonderful lake activity. If you have a jet ski, you can bring yours. Floras Lake is one of the last lakes that allow jet skiing,

## **Fishing**

Fishing is a great lake activity. Floras lake has Cutthroat, Steelhead, and Rainbow trout, along with Chinook and Coho Salmon, Bass and Bluegill. Anglers may also want to take the short walk from the lake to the ocean to fish for Surf Perch, Rockfish, and Lingcod. Anyone can fish at the lake, kids, adults, even fishing experts! Don't forget to bring your fishing license.

## **Paddle Boarding**

Paddleboarding is such a great water activity to do on the lake. It's great exercise too! The lake water is calmer than being in the ocean so it's the perfect place to try it for the first time. Just stay clear of any of the bigger boats! Bring your own or rent one from us.

## **Kayaking**

Kayaking is yet another perfect lake activity to try. You can even take a kayak out with a couple of fishing poles on the back in hopes of catching a mega bass! Like paddleboarding, you'll find kayaking to be an awesome workout. It's always nice when you can get in a workout and still have fun while doing it.

## **Sunbathing**

If the water is too cold for you, you can still get some sun in the wind protected areas on the property such as our sun decks, garden areas or by laying out by the lake. Just don't forget sunscreen!

## **Windsurfing/Kitebarding**

On the ocean side, Floras Lake has relatively shallow water and consistent but sometimes gusty summer wind. For these reasons, it is the perfect spot for beginner and intermediate kiteboarders and windsurfers.

## **Lakeside games**

If you don't feel like being on the water, then there are many lakeside games you can take part in. Horseshoes, water balloon fights, and bean bag tosses are all great lakeside games.

## **Watch the wildlife**

Search for wildlife like the river otters, beaver, blue heron, osprey or our local bald eagles.

## **Take a walk on the Beach**

You can easily walk to the beach from the house or drive 1/2 mile to Bpice Cope Park. Walk over the bridge crossing Floras Creek and continue on over the sand dune separating the lake from the ocean.

## **Beachcombing**

Looking for stones, petrified wood, agates and shells on the beautiful beach on Floras Lake is a fun experience for everyone.



# KAYAKING AND PADDLE BOARDING

Kayaking and paddle boarding are outdoor activities that can be enjoyed year-round and for all ages. They provide a new perspective on the scenery, rewarding paddlers with up-close views of birds, fish and other wildlife. Whether solo or in a group, kayaking and paddle boarding provide a peaceful and beautiful experience.





When starting off the lake front at the Floras Lake Getaway, you can paddle straight across into the two fingers. The "fingers" are very protected from the wind and you are out in nature with no houses or other people around.

At the end of the finger on the left, you will find an overgrown area with lake plants. They are so thick - you can walk on them. Try it out, it's amazing.



You can also paddle around along the shore towards Boice Cope Park where the new river starts. You will have to pull the kayak out of the lake and carry it around the bridge.

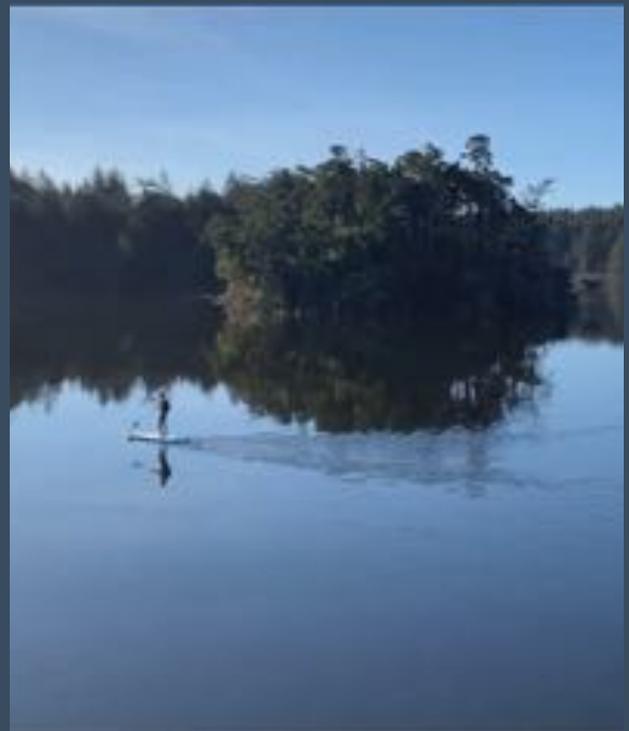
Alternatively, you can paddle closer to the beach. If you decide to leave the kayak at the lake and take a hike on the beach, remember to pull the kayak far enough out of the water so it does not float away.

Be careful, in the summer, there are many kiteboarder and windsurfers out on the larger side of the lake.

# PADDLE BOARDING:

Stand-up-paddleboarding (SUP) is a beloved water sport that's easy to learn and a great way to connect to nature,

Here on Floras Lake, locals go out on their paddle boards all year around. From calm winter mornings to warm summer evenings, as long as there is not too much wind.



It is best to wear a life jacket just in case you fall in the water. However it is not a dangerous sport as long as you don't cross the path of others on the lake.

# NEW RIVER:

Paddling the New River is both beautiful and challenging. Challenging because water equipment needs to be carried over damms. The river can be magical and pristine in its total seclusion.

The river runs parallel to the ocean, separated by a narrow strip of sand. It can be accessed via the outlet at the north end of Floras Lake after carrying it around the bridge. A narrow channel takes you to the confluence of Floras Creek where the New River begins it's 9 mile journey.



The New River was created in 1890 during a big storm when sand blocked the outlet from Floras Lake and forced the water through a new channel, making its way north through a habitat of estuary, forest, meadow, and wetland. The area has a long and colorful history, but today it is a wildlife sanctuary managed by the BLM as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, including protection for the endangered Snowy Plover.

# ABOUT WILDLIFE:



On the shore or on the lake, you will likely see birds and other wildlife of all sorts. Don't be surprised to see bald eagles, blue herons, snowy egrets, ospreys, and turkey vultures as well as river otters and beavers. As always, keep a respectful distance from the wildlife. Binoculars or your camera's zoom lens will help you see the animals well without having to approach them.



# FISHING



## **FISHERMEN WILL FIND A VARIETY OF FISH INCLUDING STEELHEAD TROUT, COHO SALMON, LARGEMOUTH BASS, CUTTHROAT TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT!**

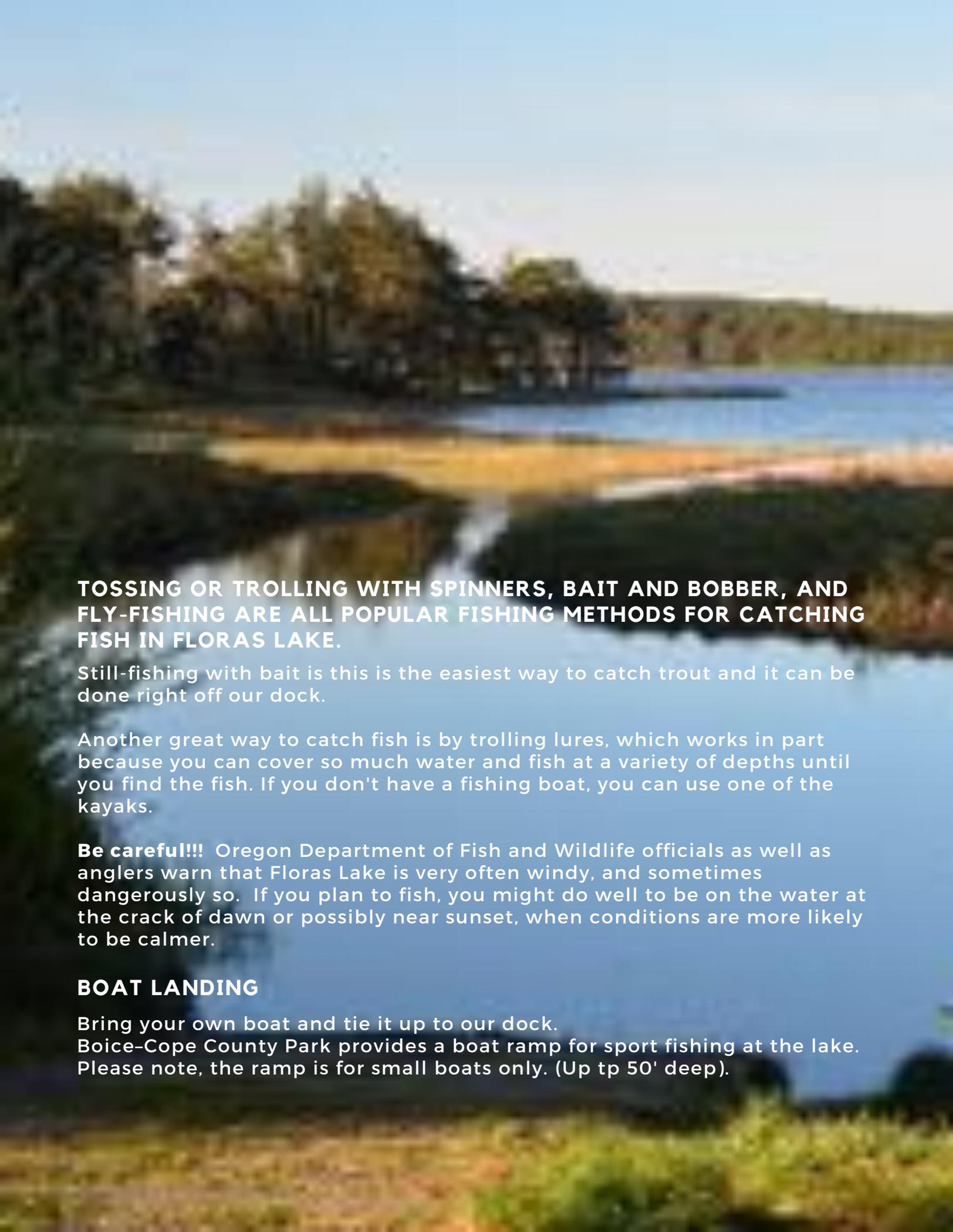
Floras Lake is most often fished for occasional plantings of hatchery trout and also known for sometimes producing good-sized largemouth bass. It is also part of the migratory route for Chinook salmon and other seagoing fish on their way to and from the lake's feeder streams.

Trout are typically planted here around mid-spring (April or May) and can be stocked in very good numbers. Most of these will be pan-sized keepers, but sometimes larger fish also are trucked to the lake.

Floras Lake also is home to a decent population of cutthroat trout, which are native to the region's coastal streams and present in some lakes. They can be included as part of the trout bag limit.

Floras Lake also is home to a fair largemouth bass fishery. At times the lake can produce some top-notch bass in the 5- to 6-pound range, according to anglers who fish this water.





**TOSSING OR TROLLING WITH SPINNERS, BAIT AND BOBBER, AND FLY-FISHING ARE ALL POPULAR FISHING METHODS FOR CATCHING FISH IN FLORAS LAKE.**

Still-fishing with bait is this is the easiest way to catch trout and it can be done right off our dock.

Another great way to catch fish is by trolling lures, which works in part because you can cover so much water and fish at a variety of depths until you find the fish. If you don't have a fishing boat, you can use one of the kayaks.

**Be careful!!!** Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife officials as well as anglers warn that Floras Lake is very often windy, and sometimes dangerously so. If you plan to fish, you might do well to be on the water at the crack of dawn or possibly near sunset, when conditions are more likely to be calmer.

### **BOAT LANDING**

Bring your own boat and tie it up to our dock. Boice-Cope County Park provides a boat ramp for sport fishing at the lake. Please note, the ramp is for small boats only. (Up tp 50' deep).

# WINDSURFING & KITEBOARDING

Windsurfers and kiteboarders have been coming to this sandy-bottom, fresh water lake for years to take advantage of its steady northwest winds that average 15-25 knots mid-day to late afternoon in the summer months through most of October.



### **Where to launch:**

The north end of the lake offers nice sandy beaches with minimal dune grass near the waterline during most of the season. If you are used to a crowded launch, you can change your habits here. There's plenty of room along the north end of the lake so there's no excuse to rig on top of anyone. Please be courteous and willing for a short hike to be a safe distance from others.

If you are a beginner or teaching a beginner, the west side of the lake parallel to the ocean offers shallow waters and is at the end of the kiteboard traffic pattern. An even better option for beginners is to go to the shallow cove on the far west side, midway down the lake. This spot is downwind from both kiteboarders and windsurfers.

### **Lessons:**

Floras Lake is the ideal spot for beginner and intermediate kiteboarders. Windsurfing and kiteboarding lessons are available at all ability levels from April through September.

FLORAS LAKE KITE & WINDSURF  
<https://www.floraslakekiting.com>  
Phone: 541-236-5046

### **Directions:**

Head to Boice Cope Park at 92850 Boice Cope Road, Langlois, OR and park in the Day Use area at the end of Boice Cope Road at the boat ramp Follow the trail on the east side of the lake from the boat ramp area around to the school.



## GETTING TO THE BEACH AT FLORAS LAKE

It is easy to get to the ocean beach for a beautiful walk.

Either walk or drive to the boat landing: leave the house and go NE on Lakeshore Drive which becomes Floras Lake Road. Continue north a short distance and turn LEFT or WEST on Boice Cope Lane. Go the parking area at the end - cross the bridge and take the trail to the beach.





**VOTED BY SUNSET  
MAGAZINE AS  
"OREGON'S  
LONELIEST BEACH"**

Floras Lake Beach is very sandy and it's nearly empty of people, unlike the more northerly sand beaches.

Still, it offers sights not usually seen – sheer, almost chalk-like cliffs, headlands, and an incredible sea arch (natural bridge, really) that make a beach well worth visiting!





Hike south along the beach, which is part of undeveloped Floras Lake State Park. While this is sea-level walking, the soft sand in the wave-sculpted beach can make it tedious.

It's possible to climb from the beach to the top of the cliffs in a few places, but this is not an escape route that you want to be looking for during a storm.

It's six miles round trip to the end of the beach, where cliffs from Blacklock Point meet the ocean. (See description further back).

The best time to visit is on a receding tide, when water makes the beach surface firm. Do not visit this beach during the highest tides or winter storms, when the waves crash into the cliffs.



# BEACH COMBING



## Looking for agates and other stones

Hunting for agates on the beautiful beaches of Oregon is a thrilling activity for both adults and children. The coastal regions around Oregon are some of the best places to find agates in the United States.

Unlike other gemstones stones such as emeralds and rubies, agates often wash up on beaches where beachcombers can find and pick them up. Agates are quartz like materials formed in hollow volcanic rocks that often outlast the rock and are exposed to be picked by rock hunters.

Agates are quite attractive and although they do not have much monetary value they are still very beautiful and lots of fun to collect.





### How to Tell if a Sand Dollar is Alive

#### **Sand Dollars**

Sand dollars are really interesting they look like seashells, but they are a living animal. They are a flattened burrowing sea urchin.

The best time to head out to the beach to find sand dollars is at the early morning low tide. It's possible to find them in the afternoon at low tide but typically you have better luck in the morning.

Before you go searching for sand dollars be sure to know what to look for to tell if it is still alive.

Hold the sand dollar gently in the palm of your hand and watch the spines. If they are moving, it is still alive.

For a simple reference if they are bleached white and smooth they are dead. Living sand dollars have a darker color and a fuzzy texture.



# HIKING FLORAS LAKE TO BLACK LOCK POINT

One of the most unique hikes on the Oregon coast, the hike through the Floras Lake State Natural Area leads past towering bluffs above the beach and interesting seastacks out in the ocean.

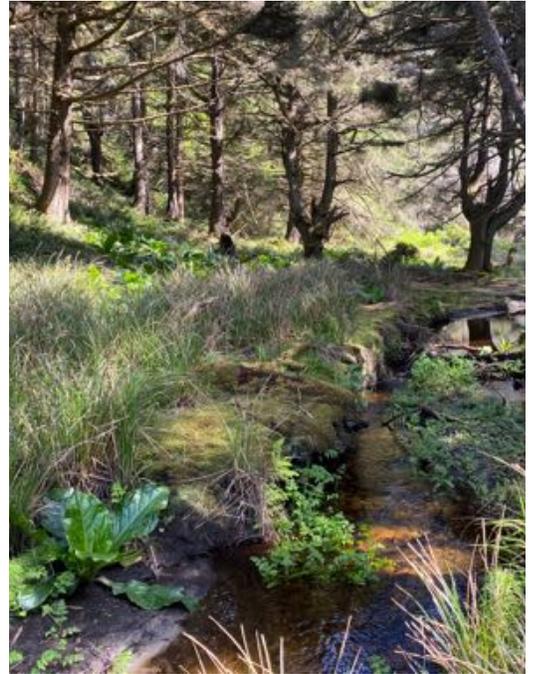
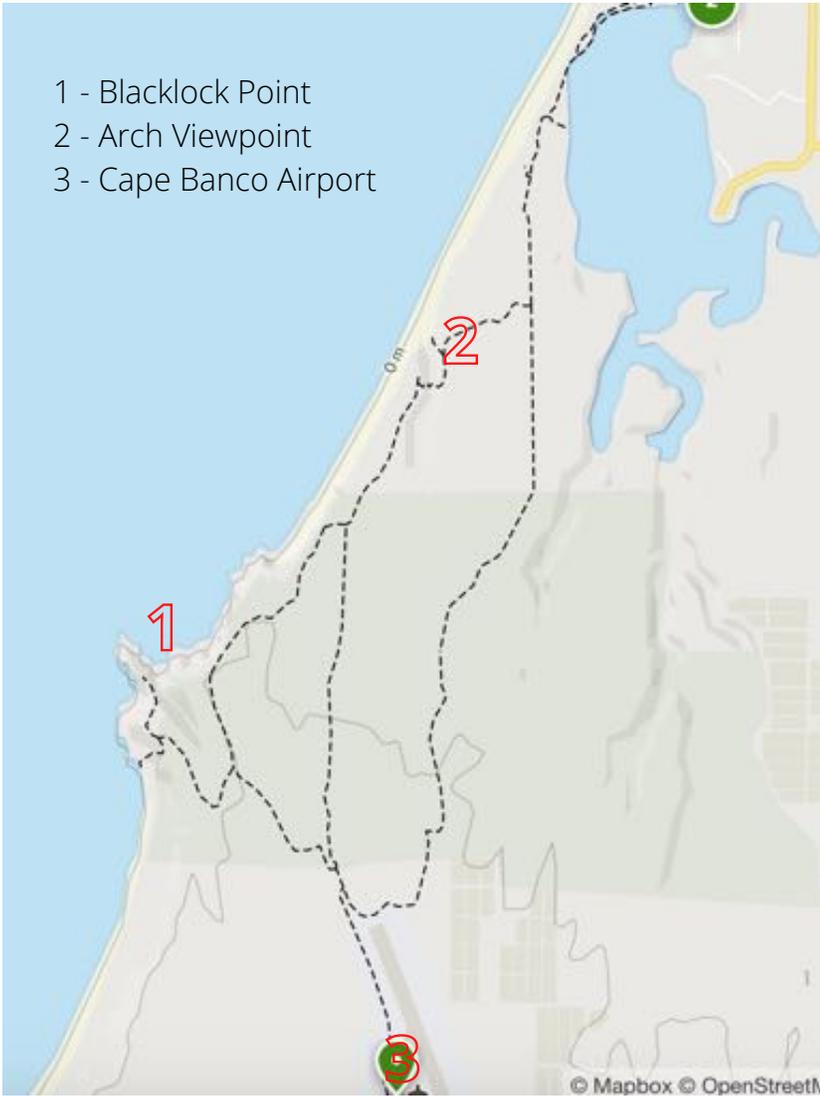
Park at Boice-Cope Park and walk west to the beach, where a 6-mile round-trip hike will take you out to the base of Blacklock Point.

Note that there's a shorter, less scenic route to Blacklock Point using trails that begin at the Cape Blanco Airport.



# DIRECTIONS

- 1 - Blacklock Point
- 2 - Arch Viewpoint
- 3 - Cape Banco Airport



# LANGLOIS

This small town along HWY 101 is about 4 miles from Floras Lake. The people of this town are very special and offer delicious local products.

## Langlois Market

The Langlois Market & Deli has great hotdogs and sandwiches, all kinds of beer, basic staples and a growing fresh local veggie case. Plus, they also feature fantastic local grass fed beef steak, burgers, and jerky. Over 300 micro brews. Home of the World Famous Hot Dog Local: beef, pork, produce, tuna, jam and wine

541.348.2476

## Langlois Mountain Liquor

Mon thru Fri 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5  
Located north entrance of Langlois Market featuring spirits made in Oregon as well as world-wide favorites.

541.348.2476

## The Spoon Sushi

The Spoon Sushi serves authentic traditional Japanese family recipes (sushi, tempura, teriaki, ramen) to the Langlois community and surrounding areas. Some outdoor dining.

48396 US-101. 541-348-1015



## Floras Creek Coffee Co.

Coffee Roastery, Espresso and Tea Bar  
Exceptional coffees roasted, sold, served fresh! Pulling espresso drinks off a La Marzocco Strada.

48384 Hwy 101

Coffee@FlorasCreek.com





## **LOOKING FOR FRESH PRODUCE? HOW ABOUT PICKING YOUR OWN FRUIT? VISIT THESE SPECIALTY FARMS AND MARKETS!**

### **Langlois Hotel Sunday Market**

Local produce, beef, lamb, and more  
Extraordinary crafts / country products  
/ music  
Sun 10 - 2, May thru Sep Sun 10 - 2

### **Valley Flora Farm (seasonal)**

Farmstand and U-pick: Fresh seasonal  
berries, fruit, produce, herbs and  
flowers grown using organic practices.  
Call or visit website for hours.  
541.348.2180  
ValleyFloraFarm.com

### **Port Orford Coop**

Local produce, meat & fish,  
organic bulk grains, beans &  
nuts, healthy groceries.  
812 Oregon St., Port Orford  
(541) 366-2067  
portorfordcoop.com

### **Ocean Harvest**

Albacore Tuna & Dungeness Crab  
Locally caught and packaged, available at  
B&B Farm Supply, Langlois Market and  
online: [TheOceanHarvest.com](http://TheOceanHarvest.com)

### **Wild Woods Gypsy**

Farm stand, raw cow's milk, local  
beef & lamb, pastries and produce,  
artisanal fruit spreads  
92584 Silver Butte Rd., Port Orford  
541.253.6611  
[wildwoodsgypsy.com](http://wildwoodsgypsy.com)

### **WILD RIVERS LAMB LLC**

Grass-fed Lamb  
541.297.3740  
[WildRiversLamb.com](http://WildRiversLamb.com)

# PORT ORFORD

**Port Orford is a small, artistic fishing town with a spectacular view of the ocean. If you really want to get away from the tourists, visit Port Orford, a quiet oceanfront town that still offers plenty to see and do.**

From mountain hiking trails with panoramic views, visits to some of the eight art galleries, or dining at restaurants overlooking the ocean or offering the best fresh seafood.

Visit Battle Rock Historical Park, the site of a famous battle between the Indians and the first whites trying to settle here.  
And don't miss the port of Port Orford—one of six „dolly“ ports in the world.

## GALLERIES

### **Not Just Art**

Come in and explore!  
Kathee Woods, Artist & owner.  
Look for the Open signs  
735 Oregon St  
Corner of Hwy 101 & 8th



### **Hawthorne Gallery**

Paintings, sculptures, jewelry in wood, metal, glass and ceramics.

267 W. Sixth St  
(541) 366-2266

### **Cook Gallery**

Custom Handcrafted Furniture 705  
Oregon Street.

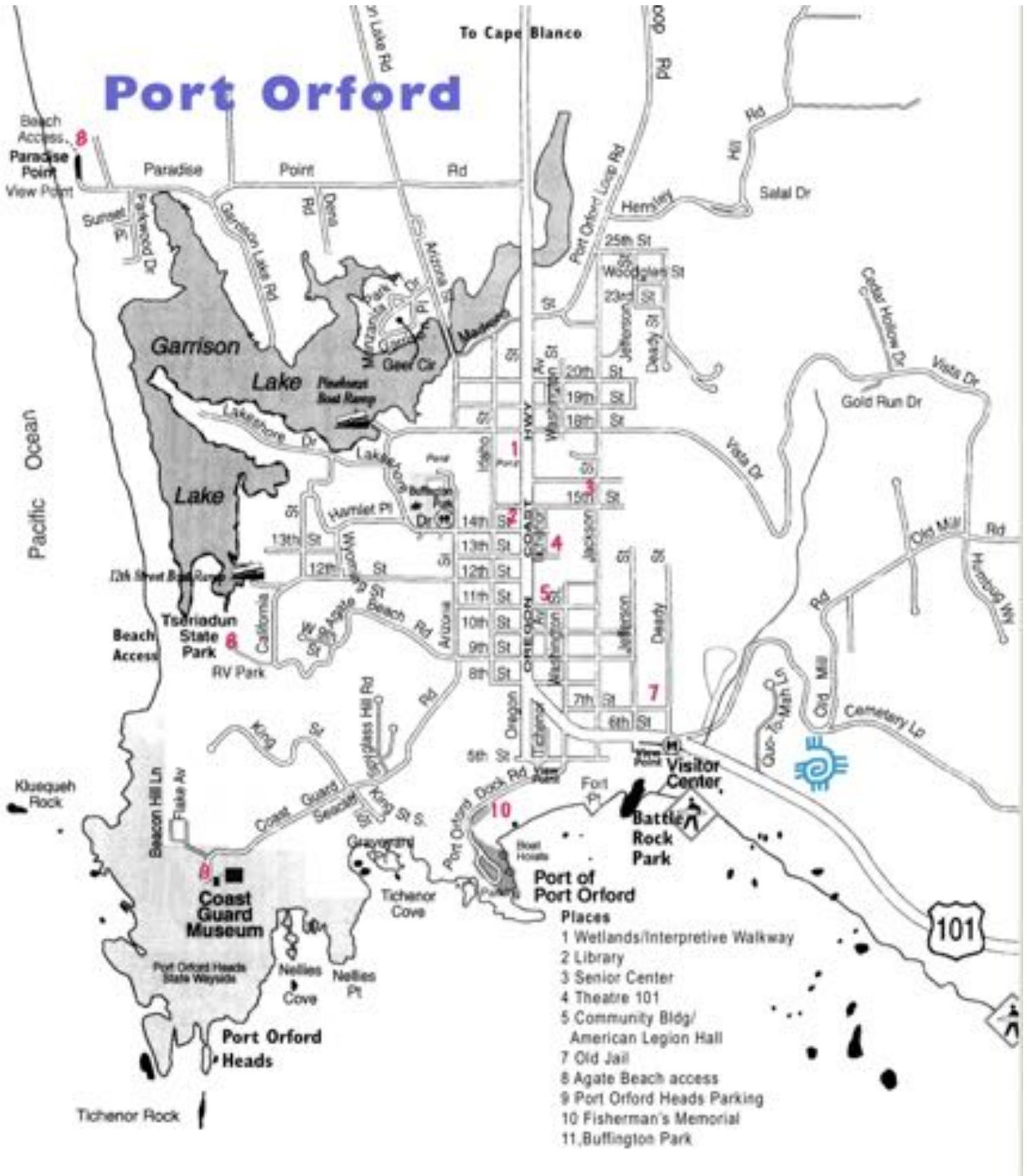
Phone: (541) 332-0045

### **Tree Wizard Gallery**

Woodcarvings by Gary "Wiz" Burns.  
Handmade brooms, forged metal,  
jewelry.

2200 Jackson St  
(541) 761-1997





# SIGHT - SEEING

## Port of Port Orford

The only open-water port for 600 miles . It is fun to watch the working fishing boats get lifted in and out of the water every day. It is also possible to purchase fresh fish at the fish market down on the dock.



# BATTLE ROCK



## Battle Rock Historical Park

Battle Rock Park is named for the historic battle that took place at Battle Rock where the Qua-to-mah Native Americans fought Capt. William Tichenor's men in 1851.

Now, visitors can hike the hill to the top of the Rock and see one of the most spectacular views on the coast. And if they're lucky, they can also see the grey whales that like to hang out in the cove area.

Battle Rock Park features a city-maintained Visitor Center, 24-hr restrooms, water, and interpretive signs that provide information about the park and the area.

Battle Rock Park is within walking distance of restaurants, gift shops, motels, art galleries, an antique store and a bank.





## TAKE A WALK ON THE BEACH

The highway hugs the shoreline south of Port Orford, but it's high above the beach—out of sight and sound for beach walkers on this long stretch of sand. Enjoy an out-and-back walk south of historic Battle Rock.

(5 Miles)



# PORT ORFORD HEADS

The Port Orford Heads State Park comprises a drastically pronounced peninsula jutting out into the Pacific Ocean from the southern Oregon coast, providing breathtaking views both north to the Cape Blanco Lighthouse and south to Humbug Mountain and beyond.

This place is a must see. For only a short hike, you can see some beautiful scenery and then learn about how the Coast Guard protected the coast in wartime back at the main buildings.

Depending on the time of the year, the trails offers spectacular views of commercial fishing boats, gray whales, orcas, California and Steller's sea lions, and many seabirds.

## **Directions:**

To get there take the Pacific Coast Highway to Port Orford and then taking 9th Street west, bearing left on Port Orford Hwy following the signs for the state park until it dead ends in a parking lot. From here you can either follow the loop left or right around the Heads.



## **Garrison Lake & Tseriadun State Park**

Within Port Orford is Garrison Lake, a pretty, medium-sized lake for boating recreation. On the south side of the lake, Tseriadun State Park offers beach access and ocean views extending from Port Orford Heads to Cape Blanco.

This is the best route to access Agate Beach, a great place to look for agates and jasper, especially at low tide after a storm.



Photo: [www.enjoyportorford.com](http://www.enjoyportorford.com)

## **Paradise Point State Park**

A great overlook for whale and storm watching, with a very rough trail down to an uncrowded beach, north of Agate Beach. It has no facilities, but the views are gorgeous, and since it faces west, it's a perfect place to see spectacular sunsets.



# DINING

## Griff's On The Dock

This little shack is on in the Port where all the fishing boats come in. Lots of atmosphere. Some outdoor dining. Take Out. Chowder, fish & chips, seafood, crab.

490 Dock Rd  
(541) 332-8985



Griff's on the Dock

## Crazy Norwegians

The Crazy Norwegian's Fish & Chips  
If you haven't heard of the Crazy Norwegian you've missed out (until now). I'll always be addicted to the flaky fish n' chips that are cooked in a crispy tempura batter (a highly coveted secret recipe) unlike any other and served with homemade tartar sauce. Visitors and food lovers always find themselves returning for more. I recommend specials (featuring local fish) like the rockfish tacos with classic coleslaw, fresh pico de gallo and zesty chipotle sauce. Don't forget a slice of warm marionberry pie (from berries picked in the owner's backyard). Be prepared for a wait as this restaurant is the busiest in town. Come in after 3:00 p.m. but no later than 6:00 p.m. to miss the traffic.

Indoor/outdoor seating, take Out. Fish & chips, shrimp & chips, sandwiches, burgers, main-dish salads, unique clam chowder.

259 6th St (Hwy 101)  
(541) 332-8601

## Golden Harvest Herban Farm

Bake homestyle options - fresh and frozen. A farm-fresh deli and bakery. Great Grab n' Go, Take Out and some outdoor dining.

620 9th St  
(619) 451-1370

## The Nest Cafe

Locally sourced, organic lunch fare including lamb & veggie burgers, soup of the day, call. Curbside/Take Out.

832 Oregon St (Hwy 101)  
(541) 366-2252



### **Redfish**

Redfish is a fine dining restaurant featuring Pacific Northwest flavors, local family farms and seasonal fare with one of the most spectacular views on the Oregon Coast.

Indoor and Outdoor Dining  
517 Jefferson St (Hwy 101)  
(541) 366-2200  
Reservations important.

### **The Salty Dawg**

Bar food and homemade pizza. Dining in and Take Out.  
460 Madrona Ave  
(541) 332-4515

### **Portside Market, Deli & Cafe**

Early morning coffee, snacks, lunch, breakfast burritos, deli sandwiches, cigarettes, beverages, beer, novelty and soft serve ice cream.

831 Oregon St  
(541) 655-0715

### **Tasty Kate's**

Great Take Out, Take & Bake home-style entrees. Sandwiches, soup, pastries. Groceries. Beer and wine.

917 Oregon St (Hwy 101)  
(541) 290-4990



Redfish

# BANDON

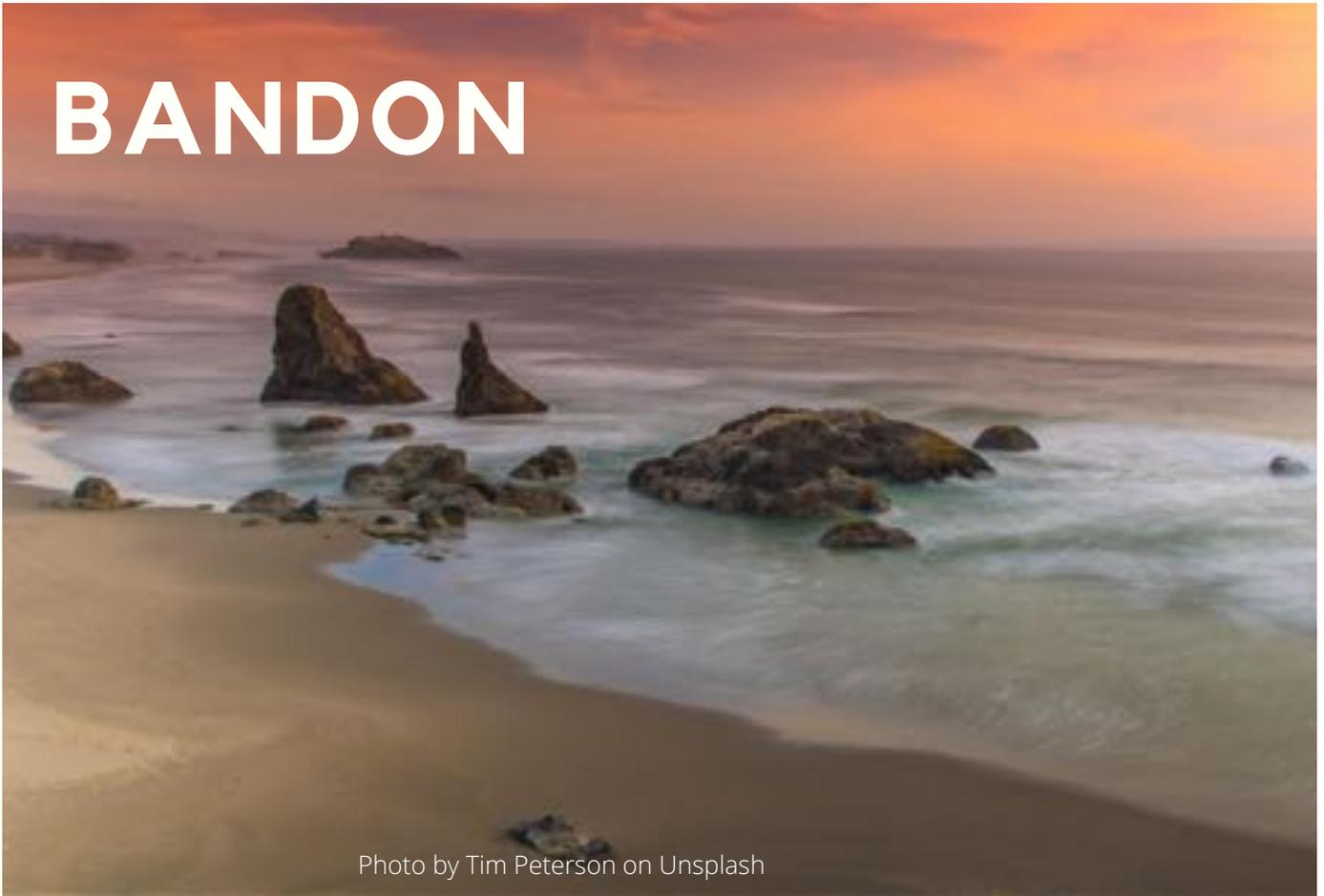


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Bandon-by-the-sea is the most interesting town to visit on the southern Oregon Coast. It is located only 25 minutes north of Langlois / Floras Lake on the coastal HWY 101 where the Coquille River joins the Pacific Ocean.

Bandon is known for the world-class golf courses at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort. But there are many other reasons to visit such as the historic lighthouse, scenic beaches, and unique shops and galleries.

The coastline, river, and forest provide opportunity for outdoor activities of all kinds, from beach combing to hiking to wildlife watching. Bandon is a fun place to visit all year long.



Photo by Tim Peterson on Unsplash

# SIGHT - SEEING

## **Old Town Bandon**

Bandon-by-the-sea is a small, charming coastal town. The shops within the historic old town are worth a visit: Galleries, unique shops, local treasures, handmade candies and fudge, fresh baked breads and much more.



## **Boardwalk**

Walk along the Boardwalk and enjoy the fresh air, have a picnic on one of the many benches or in the sheltered picnic area. Crab from the crabbing dock. Catch a charter boat to go on the ocean or river, or launch your own boat from the boat ramp.





### **Beach Loop Drive**

Running along the coastline south of town, Beach Loop Drive provides access to some extremely photogenic viewpoints: offshore rocks, blue water, white-tipped waves, and broad sand beaches, are truly stunning. Views can be enjoyed while hiking the trail to the beach, where you can explore rocks and tide pools.





Photo by Tim Peterson on Unsplash

One of the most beautiful and scenic places you will ever see is called “Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint”.

Many locals and tourists love to visit this spot as it features so many amazing things for people to see or do.



# BANDON BEACHES



**ACCESS KEY:**

- Stairs
- Street Level
- Groomed Trail
- Rugged Path

**1. SEVEN DEVILS WAYSIDE** ●

Take Seven Devils Road, off Hwy 101, 4.2 miles north of Bandon

**2. WHISKEY RUN BEACH** ●

Take Seven Devils Road, off Hwy 101, west on Whiskey Run Road

**3. BULLARDS BEACH** ● & **COQUILLE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE** ●

Access at Bullards Beach State Park, off Hwy 101, 2.3 miles north of Bandon

**4. SOUTH JETTY BEACH** ●

Take 1st Street SW west from Old Town, continue on Jetty Road SW

**5. FACE ROCK STATE SCENIC VIEWPOINT** ●

Take 11th Street SW west from Hwy 101, south on Beach Loop Road

**6. BANDON STATE NATURAL AREA**

Access points along Beach Loop Road

**6A. STRAWBERRY POINT & TABLE ROCK** ●

Take 11th Street SW west from Hwy 101, north on Beach Loop Road, west on 8th St. SW

**6B. COQUILLE POINT** ●

Take 11th Street SW west from Hwy 101

**6C. CHINA CREEK** ● & **DEVIL'S KITCHEN** ●

Take Seabird Lane SW west from Hwy 101, south on Beach Loop Road





# WASHED ASHORE ART

While walking around old town, you'll probably run into a few art sculptures that are huge in size and look absolutely amazing.

These art sculptures are part of the work that the group "Washed Ashore" does to help the community become a cleaner place to live.

Washed Ashore is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about plastic pollution in the ocean. Many pieces on display in Bandon are part of Washed Ashore's Traveling Exhibit, seen at zoos, aquariums and public gardens throughout the US and Canada.



The gallery is located at 325 2nd Street SE in Old Town Bandon.

Summer season hours are 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

# COQUILLE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE



The Coquille River Lighthouse is a very historic lighthouse that is of huge importance to the area of Bandon. The lighthouse is located in the Bullards Beach State Park area and is one of only 11 lighthouses in the entirety of Oregon.

The Coquille River Lighthouse was built in 1895 and was used to help guide mariners across the dangerous waters. It was active between the years of 1895 until 1939, when the economy of Bandon suddenly collapsed due to the low shipping demands. This made the lighthouse mostly moot.

The lighthouse is staffed from May through October with park volunteers who interpret the history of the area and lead tours to the lantern room, when permitted.

From this point, there are 4.5 miles of open beach to the north to explore.

Aside from that, the area around the lighthouse is also one of the most popular places to visit if you are wanting to see some wildlife. With things like pelicans, cormorants, gulls, and even seals being available for you to see.

# BULLARDS BEACH



## HIKING NORTH OF BANDON

Bullards Beach contains various paved path that begins near the campground registration booth. The path will weave around for just over a mile through the open, grassy fields and lowland forest to the sandy dunes. These paved paths provide one of the best areas for people to go hiking on. Or if you're into biking, you'll be happy to know that there are over 4.5 miles of beach at the end of Bullards Beach Road. Riders will get to ride along the hard-packed sand along the edge of the surf, or just simply enjoy a stroll along the beautiful ocean coast.

Bullards Beach State Park has a trail system aimed at hikers, bikers and horseback riders all, which means while you may have to share the trails, there's at least a more extensive trail system to hike. The longest hike is the

2.3-mile North Loop Trail, which stretches to the northern boundary of the park, but the 1.9-mile Lighthouse Trail to the south is a good bet too.

[https://www.oregonhikers.org/field\\_guide/Bullards\\_Beach\\_Hike](https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Bullards_Beach_Hike)



# DINING

## **The Loft**

BEST brunch around!

Panoramic views of the Bandon boat basin and Coquille River waterfront. The restaurant is located upstairs in the High Dock building on First Street Southeast in Old Town Bandon. (541) 329-0535



## **Wheelhouse & Crows Nest**

Offer some of the best seafood on the Southern Oregon Coast

125 Chicago Ave SE, (541) 347-9331

## **Lord Bennett's Restaurant**

FRESH fish. Great view of Face Rock and Bandon's rock-strewn coastline. Best place to enjoy the Bandon sunset.

1695 Beach Loop Drive, (541) 347-3663

## **Alloro Wine Bar & Restaurant**

Coastal Cuisine & Italian-Inspired with Eclectic Wine Cellar & Full Bar. Fresh local ingredients whenever possible, house-made pastas, seafood, steak and more, house-made desserts.

375 2nd St SE, (541) 347-1850

## **Edgewaters**

Family owned Seafood and Steak House close to the mouth of the Coquille River with amazing ocean, river and lighthouse views. Enjoy the freshest seafood and hand cut steaks or try one of Chef Bob's Pasta Creations.

480 1st St SW

(541) 347-8500

## **Tony's Crab Shack**

Great fresh fish and inexpensive wine and beer. Fish tacos are off the hook good!

155 1st St SE, 541-347-2875

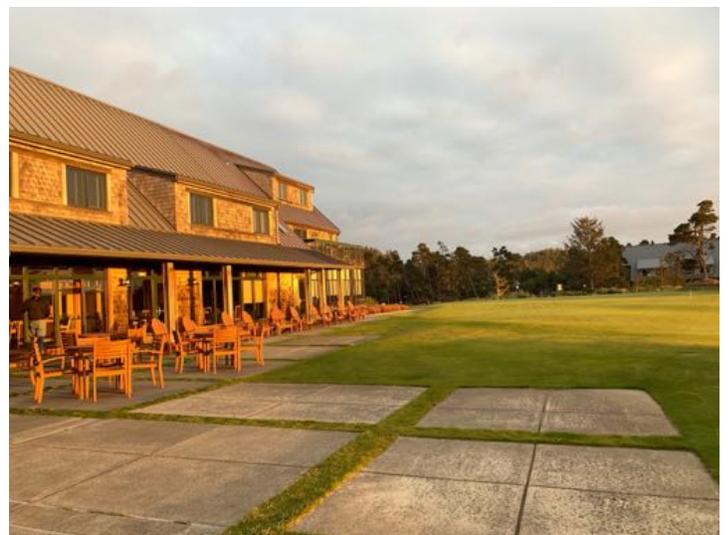
## **Bandon Brewing Company**

Gathering place for all who enjoy some of Oregon's Best Craft Beer & Wood-Stone Pizza.

395 2nd ST SE, (541) 347-3911

## **Restaurants the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort**

577544 Round Lake Road, (541) 347-4380



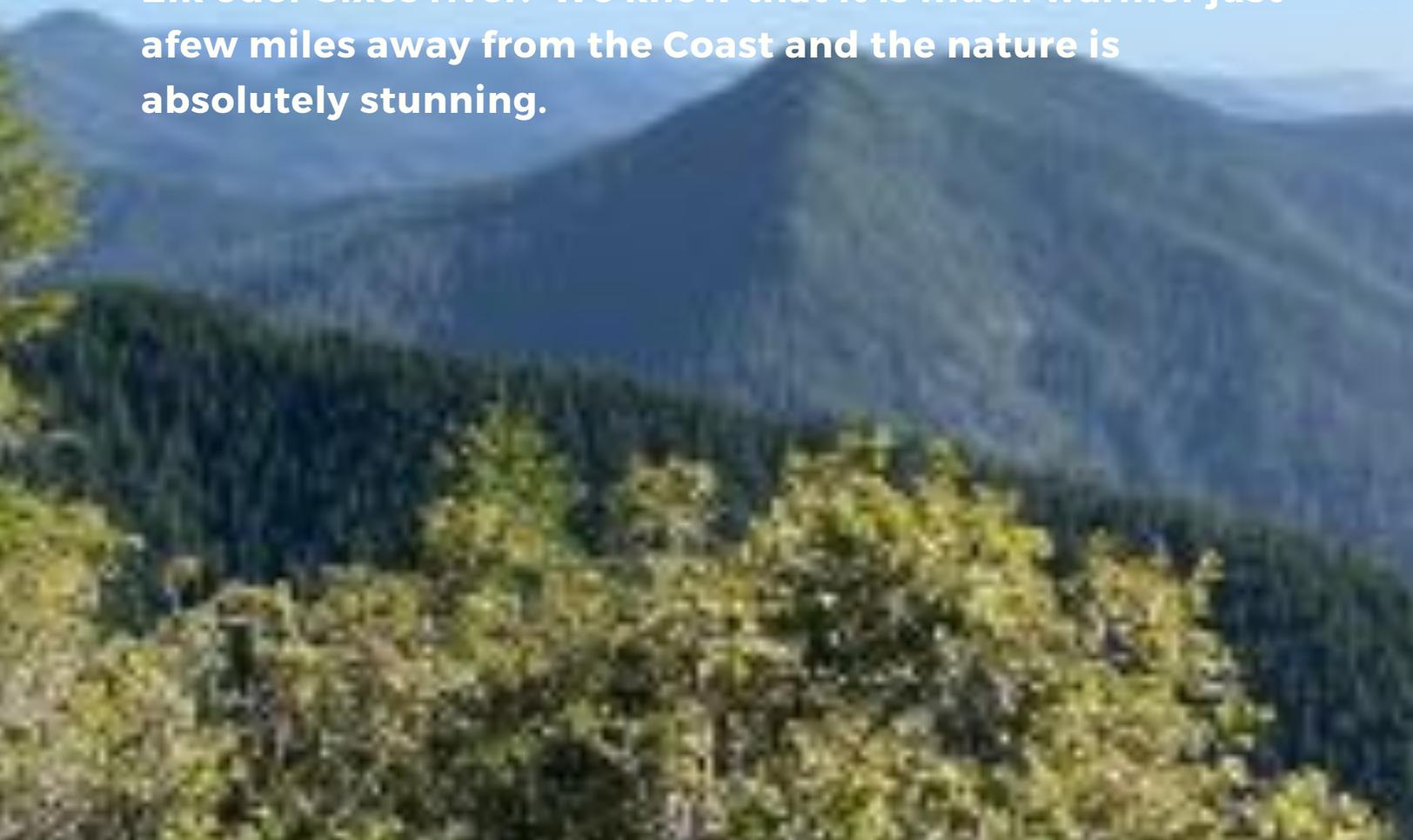
# DAY TRIPS

**For those who want to use Floras Lake as a base to explore more of Oregon's South Coast, there are several great options, though my first choice would be a day trip north to Charleston including Shore Acres.**

**Another favorite day trip is going south into the Redwoods.**

**Shorter trips such as visiting the Cape Blanco State Park, hiking up Mount Humbug or exploring the New River Nature Center are good if you have less time.**

**Locals have their secret places which include going up the Elk oder Sixes river. We know that it is much warmer just a few miles away from the Coast and the nature is absolutely stunning.**



# CAPE BLANCO TRAILS



Trails lead out to the Cape Blanco Lighthouse, viewpoints overlooking the ocean and to fishing spots along the Sixes River, but hikers can also take advantage of the 7-mile horseback trail. Cape Blanco is the westernmost point in the lower 48 states, and a beautiful headland to boot

You can split this hike into two or more segments:

- Cape Blanco South (including the lighthouse): 3.9 miles + 2.1 miles extra out and back along the beach to the Elk River Mouth
- Cape Blanco North (including the lighthouse): 4.2 miles

Park at the Cape Blanco Trailhead rather than at the Cape Blanco Lighthouse if you're intent on doing the south or north loops or both.



Photo by [Marinas.com](http://Marinas.com)

# CAPE BLANCO LIGHTHOUSE

Cape Blanco Lighthouse in Port Orford, Oregon, was built in 1870 on the site originally covered by spruce forest that had to be cleared. It was constructed using locally made bricks, in order to warn ships away from the reefs and to offer a position fix for navigators. This isolated historic lighthouse is the Oregon's oldest continually operating light, the most westerly lighthouse, the light with the highest focal plane above the sea at 256 feet and Oregon's first lighthouse with a woman keeper - Mabel E. Bretherton. Cape Blanco lighthouse is open to visitors, who can climb into the still working lantern room and see the historic lens.

The Hughes House is a charming, meticulously restored Victorian home that provides visitors with a glimpse of the life at the turn of the last century. The 3,000-square-foot, 11-room ranch house was built in 1898 for the Hughes family, who owned more than 2,000 acres and operated a dairy farm on Cape Blanco. The house was constructed of old growth Port Orford Cedar on a terrace on the north side of Cape Blanco, enjoying panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean, the Sixes River and the distant hills. It is now operated by the Cape Blanco Heritage Society as a historic house museum. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places



# HUMBUG MOUNTAIN



Humbug Mountain Trail (9 miles north of Port Orford)

There's no season when the hike up the 1750-foot Humbug Mountain isn't appealing. The view along the trail over the ocean vista spread below is amazing.

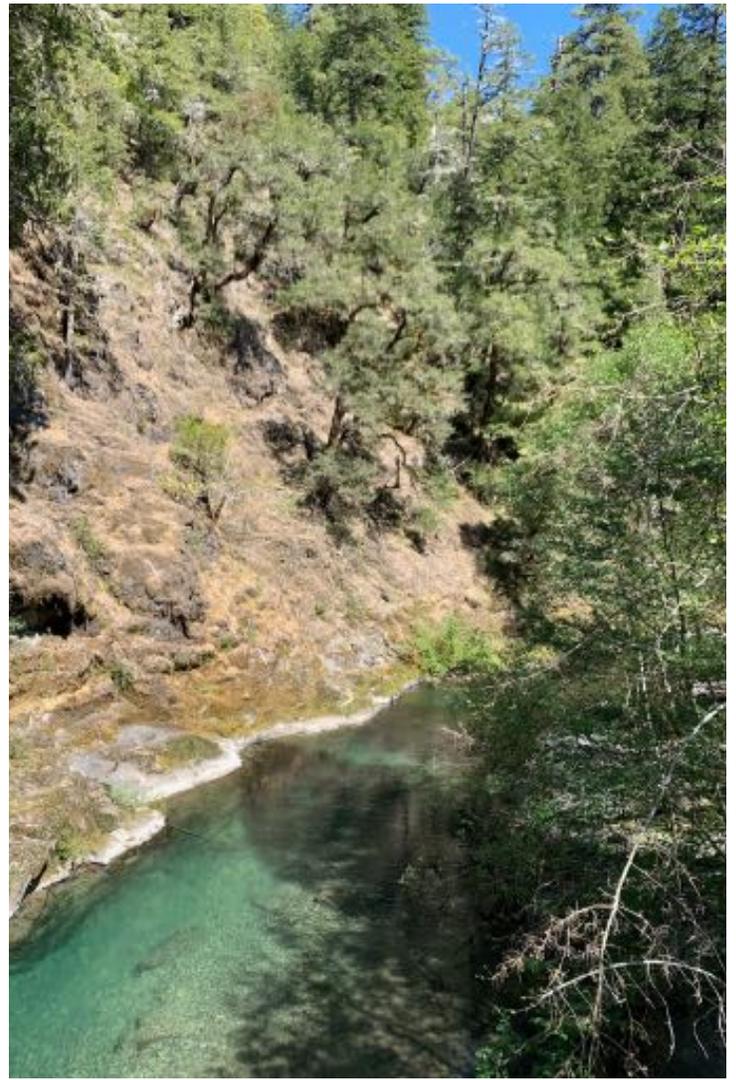


# NEW RIVER NATURE CENTER



The New River ACEC offers excellent walking trails that lead to views of the unusual dune-constricted New River, where you can see migrating waterfowl, and also to a lake with a "blind," where you can watch birds without being seen and under the protection of a roof, which can be nice on a drizzly day. To reach New River ACEC, from Langlois, take Hwy 101 north approximately 4.5 miles, turn left on Croft Lake Lane, and follow the signs.





## Elk & Sixes River

Nearby are with two beautiful rivers: the Elk River and the Sixes, both a few miles south of Langlois.

**Elk River** is known for its water quality, stunning emerald-green color, and scenic wild landscape. The Elk River has picnic areas, spots for swimming, rafting, kayaking, as well as campgrounds maintained by the US Forest Service, and the Elk River Fish Hatchery, about eight miles up Elk Rivers Road.

Above the hatchery, the river is designated as "wild and scenic" and is protected, but there are many swimming spots along the river at the recreation sites and campgrounds.

Besides swimming and rockhounding activities, the Elk River is popular for its wild winter steelhead and fall chinook fishing as well as rafting and kayaking.

The **Sixes River** flows eastward for 33 miles to end at Cape Blanco, one of the most scenic spots on Oregon's coast.

There are two campsites with picnic areas up the river. Dipping your toes in the water or jumping in for a swim in warm weather is a must-do.

# DAY TRIP TO CHARLESTON

Charleston (45 min north) -

This day trip is full of experiences:

With the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve, Shore Acres, a botanical garden, Cape Arago State Parks with the Cape Arago lighthouse, Sunset Bay and Charleston, a great little harbor with lots of shops, good places to eat and charter options for boating and fishing.



# SOUTH SLOUGH



## Visit this beautiful National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Estuaries are places where rivers meet the sea and salt and fresh waters mix. They are among the world's most productive ecosystems, nourishing hundreds of species of fish, shellfish and invertebrates, and provide stopovers where migrating waterfowl can rest and find food. With vast tidal flats, extensive marshes and meandering channels where stormwater can pool, estuaries can reduce the devastating effects of flooding and improve water quality.

This offers some wonderful hiking trails, as well as creeks and marshes to kayak or canoe - guided paddling tours are available.



# CHARLESTON



## **A working waterfront**

Stop on your trip in the quaint fishing village of Charleston - the Charleston Marina abounds with opportunities for crabbing, fishing and clamming; or you can take a more relaxed stroll along the docks, grabbing a bit to eat at the local restaurants, and doing a little shopping.

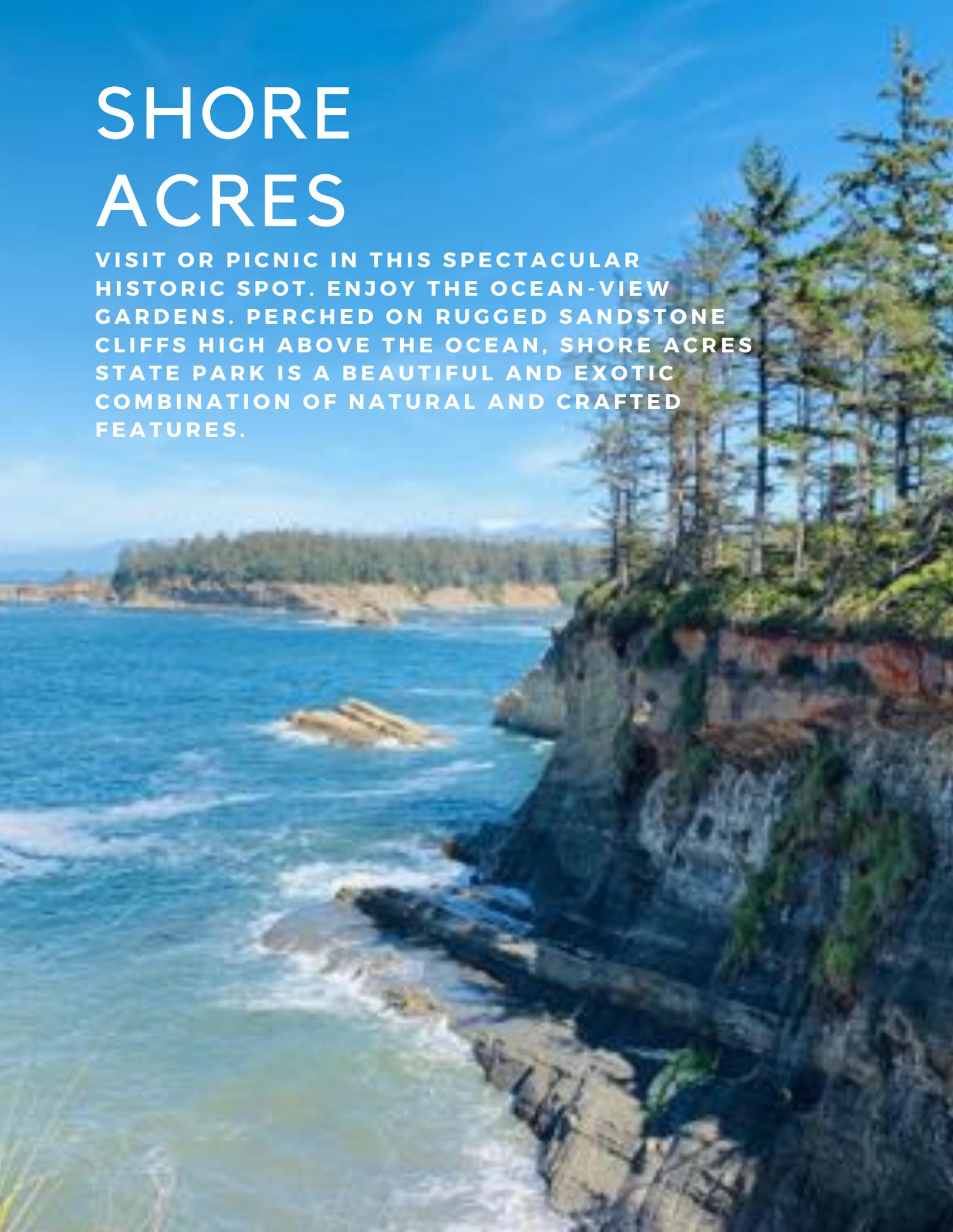
## **Sunset Bay State Park**

Take a swim or rest on this protected sandy beach cove before heading on to Shore Acres just a few miles down the road



# SHORE ACRES

VISIT OR PICNIC IN THIS SPECTACULAR HISTORIC SPOT. ENJOY THE OCEAN-VIEW GARDENS. PERCHED ON RUGGED SANDSTONE CLIFFS HIGH ABOVE THE OCEAN, SHORE ACRES STATE PARK IS A BEAUTIFUL AND EXOTIC COMBINATION OF NATURAL AND CRAFTED FEATURES.

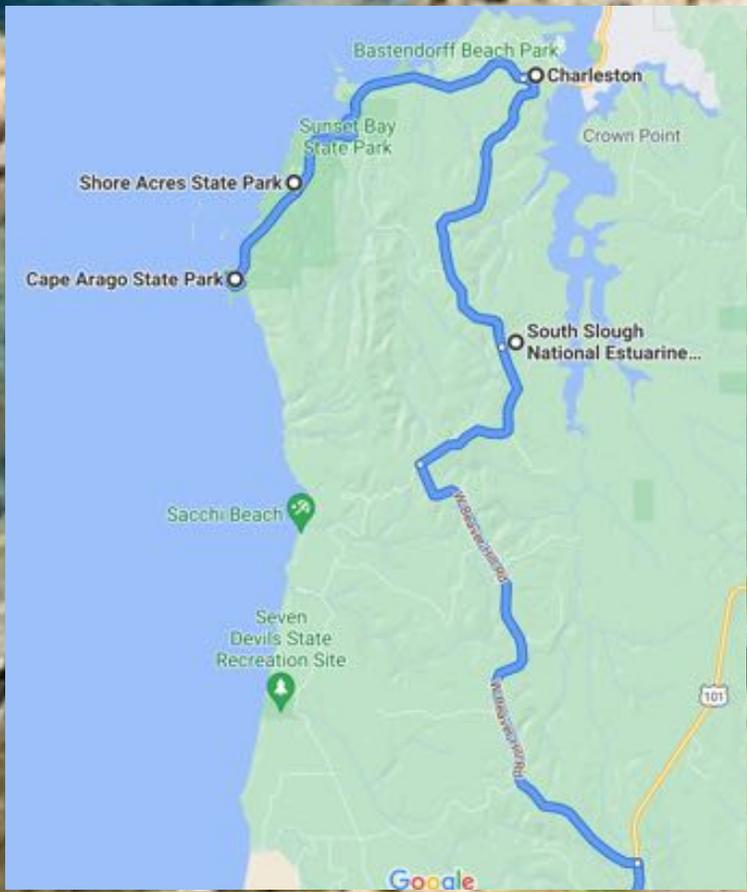


# BOTANICAL GARDEN



Once the grand estate of pioneer timber baron Louis Simpson, Shore Acres features lushly planted gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world. Something is in bloom almost every day of the year. In the landscaped area you'll discover a formal garden, an oriental-style pond and two rose gardens which include an All American Rose Selection display. From Thanksgiving through New Years, the gardens are ablaze with thousands of colored lights and holiday decorations.





# REDWOODS



## **Jedediah State Park - The Redwoods (1 1/2 hours south)**

This 10,000 acre park is filled with predominately old-growth coast redwoods and is a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve. It has the last major free-flowing river in California running through it – the Smith River.

The park has about 20 miles of hiking and nature trails, river access, a visitor center with exhibits and a nature store.

## Suggestion for a day trip:

**1. Visit the daytime area of the Jedediah Smith Camp Ground,** have a picnic and take a swim in the crystal clear water.



## 2. Stroll Stout Grove

This small grove by the side of the Smith River is the most scenic redwood grove in existence. Best seen in the late afternoon, the grove has a remarkable cathedral-like appearance, hushed and serene, with huge straight trees rising through the gloom into brilliantly backlit foliage.

Stout Grove is directly across the Smith River from the Jedediah Smith Campground. You can just walk across the seasonal footbridge to the grove or continue the drive as explained below.



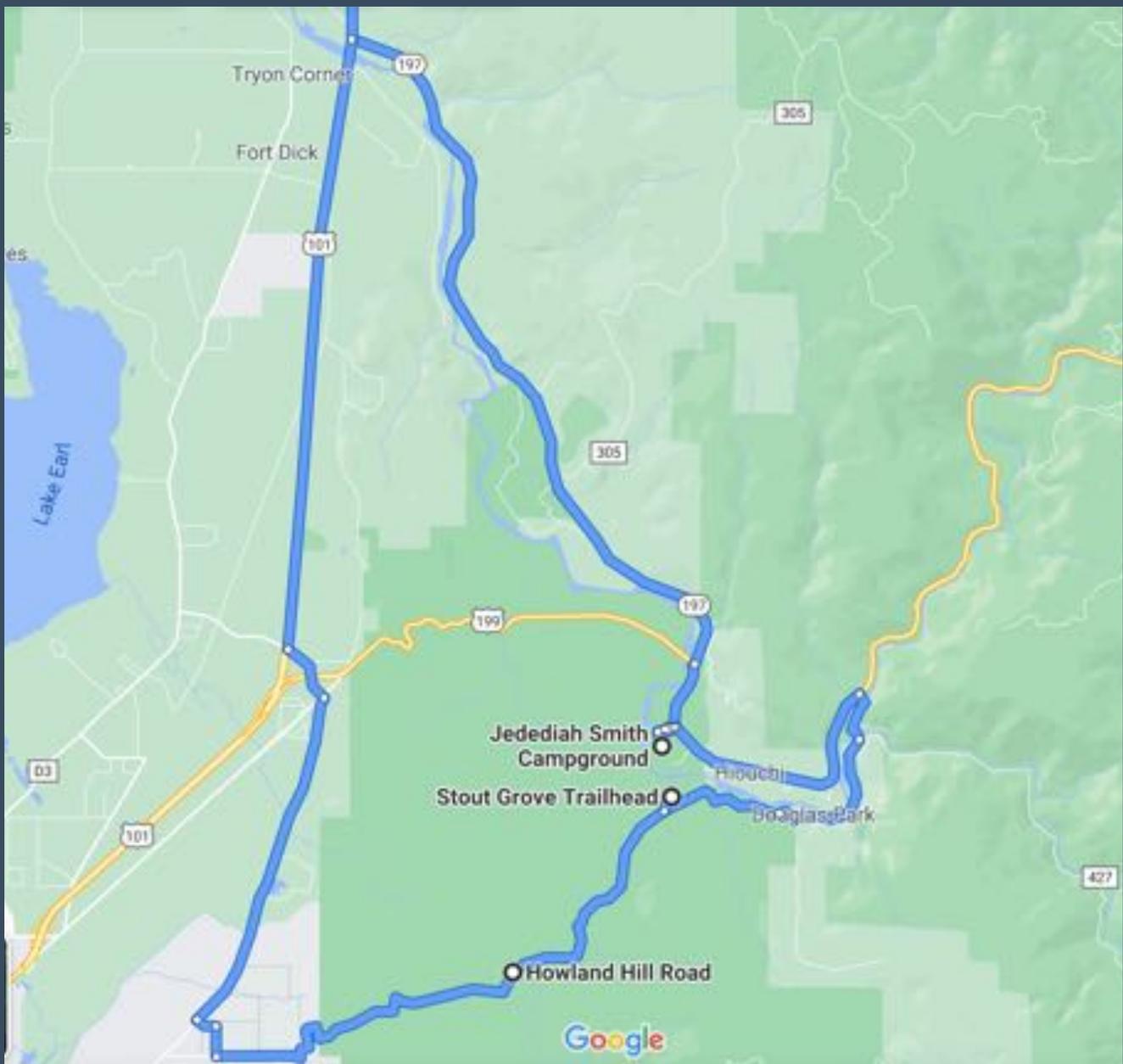
Photo by Caryle Barton on Unsplash

## 3. Drive Howland Hill Road

Howland Hill Road, which passes through the center of the park, is one of the best redwood drives anywhere. (Depending on how recently it's been resurfaced, this narrow, 6-mile-long gravel road may not be good for trailers.)

## Directions:

Take Highway 197 toward Grants Pass. The highway soon enters the park, climbing over a hill with many twists and turns and then passing the Simpson-Reed grove. After crossing a large bridge high over the Smith River, the highway passes the campground (which has a small visitors' center) and then the Hiouchi Information Center. To reach Howland Hill Road, continue for few more miles through the town of Hiouchi and along the Smith River gorge. Just after crossing a bridge over Myrtle Creek, turn right onto South Fork Road, a small road that crosses a high bridge over the Smith River and then soon crosses a second bridge. Turn right at the intersection just after this bridge and continue, over a small covered bridge and through a residential neighborhood, until the road turns to dirt and enters the park.



# ACTIVITIES NEARBY

JETBOAT TOUR  
HORSEBACK RIDING  
WEST COAST GAME PARK

CIRCLES IN THE SAND  
GOLFING  
MOUNTAIN BIKING  
DUNE BUGGY TOURS



# TAKE A JETBOAT TOUR UP ROGUE RIVER

This trip is considered a must-do during any Southern Oregon Coast visit — at least in the months between May and October. The boats run up the Wild and Scenic Rogue River on trips of 64, 80 and 104 round-trip miles, the longer the trip, the wilder the ride—in terms of whitewater and scenery.

Jerrys Rogue Jets Trips

- 29985 Harbor Way
- Gold Beach OR97444
- (541) 247-4571
- <https://www.roguejets.com>





# GO HORSEBACK RIDING

Who doesn't love to go horseback riding?

On the Bandon Beaches, one of the best things you can ever do is to simply go horseback riding.

Bandon Beach Riding Stables  
54629 Beach Loop Road,  
Bandon, Or 97411  
Office: 541-347-3423  
Open 7 days a week, rain or shine! Online booking open from July-September:  
[www.bandonstables.com](http://www.bandonstables.com)



# WEST COAST GAME PARK



**Experience West Coast Game Park, the original walk thru Safari, where visitors meet, pet, film, and walk among hundreds of FREE roaming wildlife.**

Visitors of all ages are amazed, entertained and astonished by the original and innovative way of meeting, mingling, petting and seeing wildlife, offering an unsurpassed adventure in meeting the wild and a one-of-a-kind, lasting, exciting memory in getting to know the wild. Photograph, feed and even pet exotic animals such as big cats and bears.

Throughout the day, safari handlers bring different animals into the gazebo area so that visitors can pet and feed them. Depending on the day, cuddle with a lion cub or have your photo taken with a tiger. Almost all of the animals here have been hand-raised since infancy and are comfortable with humans.

7 miles south of Bandon, OR on U.S. HWY 101  
<https://www.westcoastgameparksafari.com>



## **WALK THE CIRCLES IN THE SAND**

**One of the most interesting and unique things you can ever see here in the city of Bandon, Oregon is something known as the “Circles In the Sand”.**

The intention of Circles in the Sand is to share love, joy and kindness. Team Circles will be creating a sandy path surrounded by intricate designs and artwork for everyone to enjoy a walk on the sand path.

Draw location: Face Rock Viewpoint in Bandon, OR

Scheduled time is when walk will start.

Drawing begins about two hours before.

Path should be walkable for two hours or more.

Arrive at any time and allow about 20 minutes for your walk. Dogs are allowed on leash.

Visit the website for schedule: <https://www.sandypathbandon.com>

The labyrinths are also completely free to visit!

So if you have the time to spare and want to see something truly unique and interesting, then the “Circle In The Sand” attraction is definitely for you.

# PLAY GOLF



## **One of the best things to do is to simply play some golf.**

After all, Bandon is famously known for having some of the best golf courses.

And one such golf course which is the most popular is one known as “Bandon Dunes Golf Resort”.

Golfers who come to this resort will have a field day as there are so many amazing courses for them to choose from. From Bandon Dunes to Pacific Dunes or even Bandon Trails and more, there is no shortages of courses for people to play on.

They even have a 30-acre practice center that allow you to practice your shots just in time for you to play at Bandon Dunes. It also features a one-acre practice putting green and bunker practice area. and a par-3 golf course

## **Bandon Dunes Golf Resort**

„Golf as it was meant to be!“

Pacific Dunes and Bandon Dunes are both rated in the top 100 courses you can play.

2 miles north of Bandon  
[www.bandondunesgolf.com](http://www.bandondunesgolf.com)

## **Bandon Crossings Golf Course**

One of the “must play” courses in Oregon, whether walking or in a cart. Slightly inland, Bandon Crossings is sheltered from direct coastal winds with mild temperatures in the summer, and firm, well-drained play all winter long.

This challenging and beautiful public golf course is half way between Bandon and Langlois on HWY 101  
Phone: (541) 347-3232  
[www.bandoncrossings.com](http://www.bandoncrossings.com)



**Those looking for a new Oregon Coast bike destination are in for a treat.**

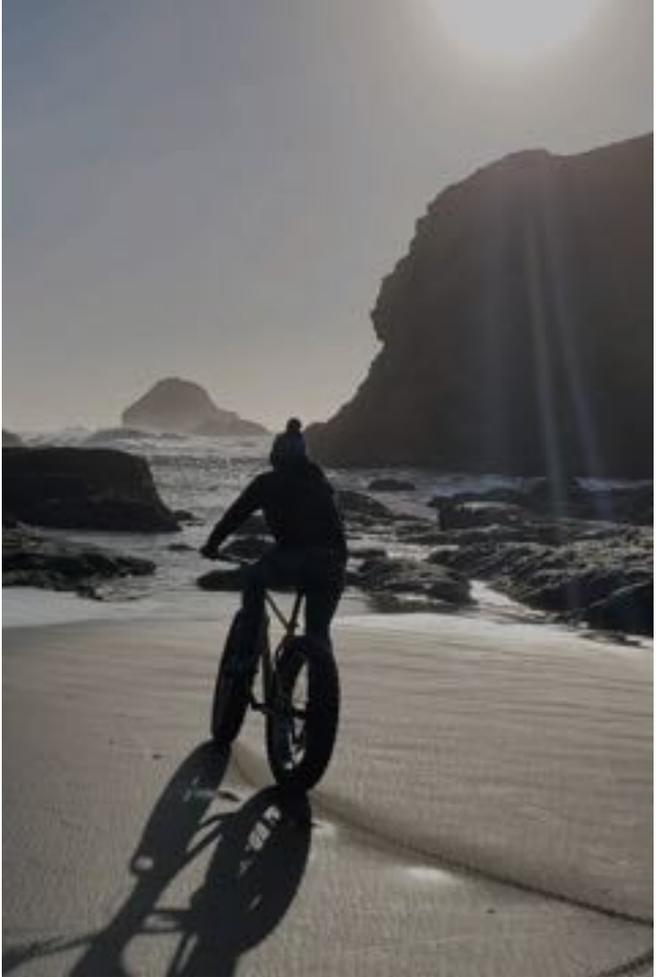
**On the Trail**

Cyclists and hikers get an up-close glimpse of a working Coos County forest at Whiskey Run Mountain Bike Trails. Explore tree stands in various growth stages in a forest that's home to a wide array of plant species. The trails are open all year with miles of single-track, two-way trails designed for beginner to intermediate difficulty. Find descriptions of each trail, including elevations, at MTB Project.

**On the Beach**

Ready to hit the sand? Fat tire bike riders are discovering just how fun it is to cruise the beaches on two wheels. Oregon Coast beach rides mapped by Travel Oregon include a 19 mile Bandon fat bike beach ride. The route is easy to split into segments and rated moderately difficult. Highlights include stunning rock formations and splashy stream crossings.

visit: <https://traveloregon.com/things-to-do/outdoor-recreation/bicycling/fat-biking/>



**BIKE RENTALS**  
South Coast Bicycles - Bandon  
[southcoastbicycles.com](http://southcoastbicycles.com)

# DUNE BUGGY TOUR



View an impressive natural wonder of endless shifting sand, unique tree islands, various wildlife and the spectacular Siuslaw River. Choose an exhilarating dune ride on the Sandrails or a more relaxing tour on the Giant Dune Buggies. Our one hour dune tour also includes traveling down to the Pacific Ocean beach.

Located approx. 1 mile south of Florence on the central Oregon Coast on Hwy 101.





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