



Photo by Clay Eals

Oregon coast offers variety of activities

The Oregon Coast, what has it got to offer? Well, if you have ever been to the coast you already know, but if you haven't what can you expect to find there?

Oregon has the Pacific Ocean as its western boundary and thus has a coast line of several hundred miles and because of this offers a variety of interesting activities.

Do you like salmon?

If you like eating it you can find it kippered, smoked or fresh at innumerable little fish shops along Highway 101. You can eat the smoked or kippered salmon as you drive along the highway or you can stop at some park and bake the fresh. If you like fishing there are numerous charter

services that go out every morning during late spring, summer and early fall which generally come back with a fish or two.

If watching men battle these magnificent fish in small boats intrigues you, you can walk along the jetties at Gold Beach, the mouth of the Rogue River, and watch weekend fishermen try to use up their salmon tags. You could even stop at many of the ports along the coast and watch the commercial fishing boats unload their cargoes at the cannery.

Oregon is noted, at least by Oregonians, for its park system and several of the most beautiful are situated on the coast. There are 31 day-use parks off highway

101 with access to the coast. These parks are for picnickers and beach combing and overnight camping is not permitted.

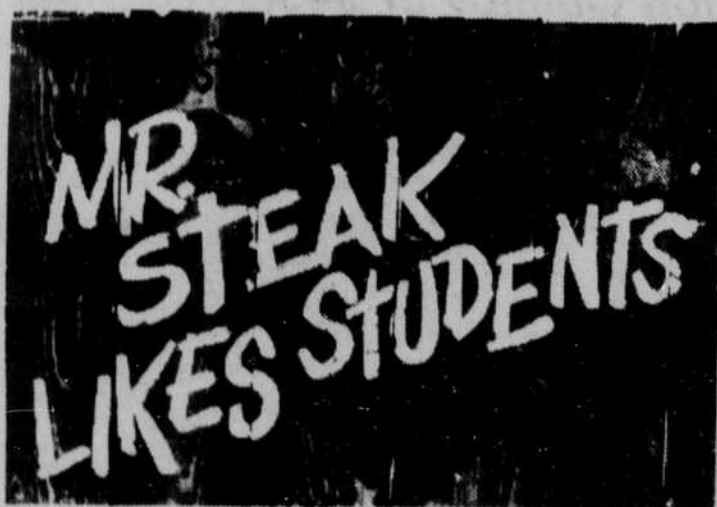
For overnight campers 18 parks are available with combinations of tent, trailer and camper sites. These parks vary greatly in size and facilities. There are the small parks such as Sunset Bay State Park with restroom facilities and a fish cleaning house to the large parks like Honeyman Memorial State Park with showers and laundry facilities.

Last year, 13.7 million people used the day-use facilities in all coast state parks and about 900,000 people used the overnight camping facilities.

State parks offer a variety of beaches, such as the small cove at Sunset Bay. This is an enclosed beach which is fairly shallow and small. It is one area on the Oregon coast where swimming is possible. The fact that it is enclosed means that the usual 50 degree temperature of the Pacific along the Oregon coast doesn't apply here. The water is a little warmer and you don't need a wet suit to swim in the afternoon.

Honeyman Memorial Park is not directly situated on the beach, but is instead inland and contains Cleowox Lake.

It is bounded on the West by the majestic Oregon Dunes and is near the beginning of the Dunes National Recreation Area. It is about three-quarters of a mile across the dunes to the beach and since the last road to the beach



Those carefree vacation days are over and it's back to school again. Books, classes, term papers for many long months to come. But let's look at the bright side: there's that neat new brunette in American History, or that dreamy boy in Trigonometry you're hoping to meet. When you do arrange a date with that certain someone, make it a Mr. Steak date.

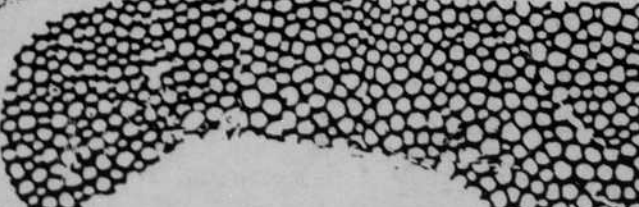
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