

Vacation And Recreation Offered In Curry County

Visitors Have Choice of Ocean Beaches Or Scenic Mountain Trails

The Chetco and Winchuck valleys are points of entry to thousands of miles of well-kept trails extending northward, toward and into Canada, and southward, toward Mexico, traversing unlimited areas where outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy vistas to answer the fairest of dreams. One needs but a scant few miles travel on good roads to reach trail beginnings leading off to an hour's, day's, or week's time for hikes, never excessively far from civilization and still within fields of the sign of human habitation.

To those who wish for possibly less arduous outings this vicinity is rich in all that goes with ocean shore; beaches as clean and as fresh as any; anywhere, and rocks and moors and bounding streams not surpassed elsewhere. Some, where rocky pool will yield to the careful observer an entire new world of sea plant and vegetable life. A mound of marl will, quite possibly, reward a careful search with some treasure left by the Indians of long ago and there is never-ending mystery in the myriad of fragments to be found in the drift along the shoreline.

There is a highly imperative precaution that should be relentlessly observed in this area and that is constant vigil for one's own safety. Our ocean front and our extra rugged back country are occasionally attractive traps into which the under-cautions may fall in an unguarded moment. Some of us will recall, very vividly, a lad who fell from the rocks, near town, down into a churning slea-cleft, during a storm, and it took hardy men an hour and a half just to reach his badly-battered body. Hospitalized many months, he is now crippled for life. Again, a high school girl, out for a stroll along the ocean's bluff on a summer day, suddenly felt the ground yield under her, with a large chunk of soil and brush, landed, sprained and cut, a hundred feet below. In the back country, a young prospector, all alone, ventured to cross a harm-

less-looking slide. A week later he dragged his broken body over miles of rough country, a horrible sight! Packed more miles on a stretcher, he eventually recovered so he might be able to do light work the remainder of his life. Wise ones advise: *Never go alone and never take chances!*

However, for even the downright city dweller there are countless safe and sane opportunities for enjoying our wild out-doors and literally millions have returned from their venture to their homes with immediate plans for a return trip, including their own neighbors, next time.

Up the Winchuck river there's a good market road several miles to a forest service maintained camp set in a thick, cool growth of fir which borders the rushing mountain stream where fishing and swimming may be most fully enjoyed. Or drive up the Chetco, through some of the most inspiring coastal terrain, to another campsite nineteen miles back, at the Upper Bridge, and a few more miles beyond where one may park their car and hike to the fishing on the upper Chetco, on Nook creek, or Boulder Creek — and, well, go try them yourself!

Up the coast, to Pistol River store, turn right and drive back, mile upon mile of the most gorgeous out-doors man has ever been privileged to explore. There are three forest service lookout places along this route: sharp Pyramid Rock, with big patches of rare, carnivorous Darlingtonia plants bordering; to Wildhorse, beneath which is spread all the grandeur of the lower Rogue River; or on to Alpine Camp, a rare symphony of forest glory with towering trees and ice cold spring—one of the most accessible and beautiful of picnic areas in this county. Just beyond the camp stretch Snow Camp meadows at the foot of the 4100-foot mountain of the same name, the highest in the area, and beneath which spreads a vista bordered by Mt. MacLaughlin, Bolan Peak, and almost to Shasta itself, together with untold miles of surf bordered Pacific coastline off to the westward.

For the hiker, there are hundreds of miles of excellent trails leading, seemingly everywhere.

For instance, up the Winchuck, past the campsite and on up the Bear Creek road: watch for the "Red Mountain Trail" sign. You may park there in a little meadow. That trail, leading on up Packsaddle Lookout, (a nice little easy hike of five miles) and from thence—well, to the Olympics, or the Sierra Nevadas—or straight east to Kerby or Grants Pass. And along its tributary trails—all safe and easy graded—one has open a myriad of vistas and mysteries and pleasures as long-lasting as human appreciation will endure. It is a highly productive field for the naturalist, regardless of which branch of the science he pursues. It is the habitat of that rare dwarf rhododendron which is protected by very rigid federal control; of the fir mouse, which never ventures from the conifers in which he has his entire being; of the rare weeping spruce; of geological items sufficient to hold that sort of an enthusiast for days!

Another pleasant day's outing:

drive up the south bank of the Chetco to the Tamba ranch, five miles; and hike over the easy trail to the summit of Mt. Emily, which stands 2800 feet above the Chetco and Winchuck valleys. A couple of hours hike and you'll have a good view of that country which we call "home."

A little nudge here might be of help: if you're going to any forest service lookout where a guard may be on duty; he'll surely appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing him something fresh to read or eat. He's a highly-trained specialist who may go for months at a time without seeing anyone, without reading material and not any too keen over his current diet..

Should the vacationist plan a trip into the real back country he should remember that if he meets with serious accident, a sure way to get help during fire season is to start a smoke smudge. Your friends, the lookouts, will spot the smoke almost before you get the idea and its is their job to investigate. Right now, but be sure you absolutely need help and be sure your smudge does not spread and burn you out.

Before venturing into the back country, even for a day's trip, find out if camp-fire permits are then required where you propose to go. One must be had even for a fire to warm coffee. Be sure you obey the permit's simple rules—*fire is a treacherous and horrible destroyer!*

In summer, one may camp anywhere without a tent. Nights will be much warmer on an elevation than down in a creek-bed. No animals will molest you excepting, maybe, mice. No forest service employee goes about armed. rattlesnakes may be met with in some very small areas, but very rarely. Every experienced hiker devotes much attention to his feet and footwear. Trails wear down shoes and feet. You can't get lost if you stay on well-marked trails but, if you do, go down hill and you'll come out some place. A compass may help if you remember it has been pointing north since the days of Marco Polo.

In closing, recreation isn't at all restricted to the aforementioned places. To some folks it means Thanksgiving day beach dinners or an occasional Christmas or New Years eve did in the Pacific from some really hot, clean beach, or even just the pleasure of living where one will not have to overwork three or so months of the year to keep alive the remainder of the time.

With The Churches

Baptist Community

REV. CHARLES E. DUNHAM, PASTOR
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Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
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Morning Worship at 11 a. m.
Subject: "Church Music." Anthem: "One Hundredth Psalm," by Simper, sung by the choir. A Solo, "A Visitor," by Bond, will be sung by Eugene Moore.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

First Sunday of month at 12 noon.

All other Sundays at 8 a. m.
Rev. Daniel Kelly, Pastor.

Christian Science Society

Services Sunday at 11 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Curry County Mission of the Episcopal Church

Port Orford: St. Christopher's chapel. Church school and worship at 10:30 a. m.

Gold Beach: St. Matthew's

chapel. Church school at 10 a. m. and morning worship at 11 a. m.

Brookings: St. Timothy chapel. The first Sunday of the month at 8 a. m.; the third Sunday at 3:30 p. m unless otherwise announced.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Jenkins: Priest-in-charge (residence, Port Orford). The Rev. Luther Oliver Ison, deacon (residence, Gold Beach).

Latter Day Saints

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. at Harbor school house. George Baxter, president; Ira Brown, first counselor and Parley Willard, second counselor.

Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m. Church services at 11:15 a. m. Young peoples meeting at 4:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Text for the week:

Smith River Methodist

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mrs. Grace VanZee, supt.

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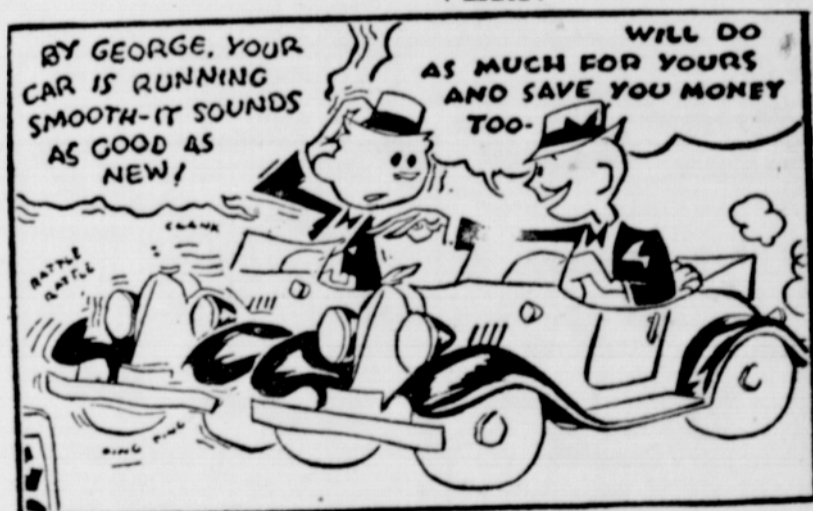
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