

# Cannon Beach introduces wheelchairs for beach access

CANNON BEACH — The Oregon Coast has long been known for its public beaches, but Cannon Beach is taking accessibility to the next level this October by initiating a program making beach wheelchairs available for visitors with mobility challenges.

The Cannon Beach Police Department will facilitate the free check-out and return process for the wheelchairs on the east side of the Cannon Beach City Hall building. Chairs may be reserved by calling 503-436-2811 or emailing [police@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:police@ci.cannon-beach.or.us).

If needed, guests may also leave their existing wheelchair with the police department while using the beach wheelchair.

This program is a cooperative effort between the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Haystack Rock



The Haystack Rock Awareness Program interpreters

Awareness Program and City of Cannon Beach that was made possible by donations

from several locals interested in accessibility for all to local natural areas.

A goal of the beach wheelchair program is to ensure that all kids can participate in educational opportunities presented by the Haystack Rock Awareness Program.

Pooka Rice, outreach coordinator with HRAP said the area around Haystack Rock where their programs are offered is “a classroom unlike any other, and yet there is a section of our population we see perpetually excluded.” The wheelchair program “will simultaneously address the needs of our aging community as well as the school students who have historically been left out of the experience of participation in field trips to Haystack Rock.”

Fundraising is underway for additional wheelchairs, the interchangeable cushion-

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ing and future self-checkout lockers to be located at the Gower Street and Tolovana Wayside beach access points. Anyone interested in donating may contact the Haystack Rock Awareness Program at 503-436-8060 or the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce at 503-436-2623.

## Learn about America's master park maker

FORT CLATSOP — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park's next “In Their Footsteps” free speaker series event: “America's Master Park Maker: Frederick Law Olmsted,” shared by Laurence Cotton 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15.

These programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center and are free of charge.

This unique program will include a screening of the 60-minute movie, “Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America,” a co-production of WNED-TV, Buffalo/Toronto and Florentine Films/Hott Productions Inc.

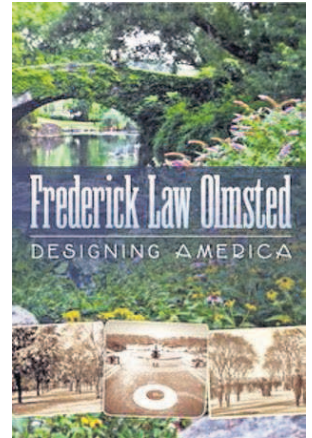
Laurence Cotton spearheaded this 2014 PBS special, and served as principal researcher and consulting producer.

Frederick Law Olmsted, along with his two sons and the Olmsted Bros. landscape architecture firm, designed over 700 public parks across the U.S. and Canada, as well as numerous academic campuses and private estates.

From Central Park to the White House Grounds to Seattle's Volunteer Park, the Olmsted family left a huge imprint across North America, including our National Park System. Here in the Pacific Northwest, John Charles Olmsted master-planned the entire park systems of Portland, Seattle and Spokane, and contributed to the designs of numerous college and university campuses.

### ‘Riverlorian’

Historian Laurence Cot-



ton is a writer, film producer and storyteller who has contributed to the production of many historical and biographical films for regional and national public television. Cotton currently serves as “Riverlorian” — historian/naturalist and guide on board the American Empress stern-wheeler

that plies the Columbia and Snake rivers for history-oriented cruises. He was one of the planners for the regional commemoration of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial and served on the National Council

of Conservation Advisors to the National Bicentennial Council.

“In Their Footsteps” is a monthly Sunday forum sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association and the park.

These programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center and are free of charge.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, or check [outnps.gov/lewi](http://outnps.gov/lewi), or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.



Laurence Cotton

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