

Three days of marine, coastal science in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — The time has come for the annual Sharing the Coast Conference. This extravaganza of information about coastal natural history, taking place Friday through Sunday, March 2 through 4, in Cannon Beach, is a joint project of CoastWatch and the Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME).

This year the Haystack Rock Awareness Program is a local partner. All activities aside from field trips and the Saturday evening party take place at the Cannon Beach Community Hall (207 Spruce St.).

The event kicks off with a speaker 7 p.m. Friday evening. On Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., we'll hear talks and panel discussions on such topics as seabirds and shorebirds, tidepool ecology and sea stars, marine debris, marine mammals, "beached marine critters" found on the shoreline and other topics. A Saturday afterparty, featuring the cutthroat trivia



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Visitors take in the beauty of Haystack Rock.

contest, starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Coast Brewery (264 E. 3rd St.).

On Sunday, an early morning tidepool walk at Haystack Rock is planned (weather permitting). We'll gather back at the Commu-

nity Hall at 10 a.m. for a series of short talks about citizen science, then head back out to the beach for field trips. If the weather is overly inclement, we will have additional talks inside.

Sharing the Coast is a

chance to have fun learning some intriguing new things about the shoreline and socialize with fellow coast-lovers, but the underlying goal is to provide background information that will assist CoastWatch-



A Haystack Rock Awareness Program member (far left) and visitors observe the great sea stack of Cannon Beach.

ers in monitoring their miles, and NAME members in educating others about marine and coastal science.

The cost is \$35 for current members of either organization (includes Saturday lunch and evening appetizers), or \$45 for nonmembers. Those joining either group or updating their memberships when registering can take the discount. Registration will

begin shortly; find out how to sign up at oregonshores.org.

For more information, contact Fawn Custer, CoastWatch volunteer coordinator, at 541-270-0027, fawn@oregonshores.org; or Melissa Keyser, Oregon NAME president (and Haystack Rock Awareness Program coordinator) at 503-436-8060 or keyser@ci.cannon-beach.or.us.

Register for third annual CoastWalk Oregon

Registration opens Thursday, March 1, for the third annual CoastWalk Oregon, a fundraiser for the North Coast Land Conservancy set for Sept. 14 through 16.

This year's theme, "Two Capes, Two Bays, Three Days," refers to the spectacular stretch of coastline participants will hike, from the mouth of Nehalem Bay to the south side of Cape Lookout, the heart of the scenic Three Capes region on the Tillamook Coast. Registration is limited to 90 participants.

CoastWalk Oregon participants spend three days



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Hikers head south toward Arch Cape on Day No. 1 of CoastWalk Oregon 2017.

walking roughly 10 miles a day on the Oregon Coast

Trail. This year's event has new twists. In addition to buses, boats from Garibaldi Marina (weather permitting) and a vintage train from Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad will be among the vehicles shuttling participants at the beginning or end of each day's hike. Every day will start and end in Garibaldi.

Day No. 1 spans the beach from Nehalem Bay to Tillamook Bay. Day No. 2 begins on Bayocean Spit and climbs Cape Meares before ending at the beach near Oceanside. Day No. 3 takes participants down Netarts Spit and over Cape Lookout.

The \$349 registration fee covers wayfinding, trailhead shuttles, snacks and a celebratory lunch at the end of the third day. Lodging and most meals are not included. Most of the registration fee represents a tax-deductible donation to the North Coast Land Conservancy, which is working to create a vast Rainforest Reserve in the mountains adjacent to Oswald West State Park — a private land conservation effort unprecedented in size in western Oregon.

For more details or to register, visit coastwalkoregon.org.

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