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# THE OUTDOORS

## RECREATION OPTIONS ON THE PENINSULA

### BICYCLING

The Peninsula has many trails for bicycling enthusiasts, including Long Beach's wonderful paved trail through the ocean dunes, stretching north and south of the boardwalk. Some other options include Cape Disappointment and North Head roads, Sandridge Road to Ocean Park, the quiet back streets of Oysterville and Nahcotta, and Parpala Road in the Naselle area.

### TENNIS

Free outdoor tennis courts of various descriptions can be found all along the Peninsula. Long Beach's Culbertson Park has a court (and outdoor basketball courts). See signs on the courts for rules.

Lighthouse Resort Tennis Club, 12417 Pacific Highway, north of Long Beach, offers both memberships and use by fee. It is a state-of-the-art facility that houses two regulation blue-green U.S. Open courts. For more information call 360-642-3622, email manager@lighthouseresort.net

### SWIMMING

Peninsula beaches are considered unsafe for swimming. No matter how calm or inviting the water looks or how strong a swimmer one may be, drownings sometimes occur. Severe undercurrents and riptides can pull — and have pulled — even the most experienced swimmers out past their limits.

Swimming opportunities on the Peninsula are limited to private or public pools. The Dunes, a professional indoor pool, is located just south of Ocean Park on the west side of Highway 103 at the Dunes Bible Camp. For more information and hours, call the camp at 360-665-5542. Eagle's Nest in Ilwaco, 360-642-8351, is another option.

### RUNNING

The hard-packed sand of its beach and its bountiful back roads make the Peninsula a great place for the jogger and runner. Ilwaco High School also has an eight-lane, all-weather track which is usually available for use during daylight hours. Discovery Trail from Long Beach to Ilwaco offers incredible views to go with your cardio workout.

### SOFTBALL

Softball fields are at Ilwaco City Park, Culbertson Park in Long Beach, Long Beach School, Chinook School and across the street from the Ocean Park School.

### GOLF in LONG BEACH

Peninsula Golf Course, open to the public, is located one mile north of the stoplight in Long Beach. A putting green, clubhouse and a fantastic restaurant are added amenities for golfers. The dining room is open to everyone.

Peninsula Golf Course is a nine-hole par-33 course that is 2,057 yards in length with three par-3 holes and six par-4 holes. The cozy course can be played in less than two hours and provides excellent conditions year around. The course is rated 60 for men and 64 for women and the slope rating is 90 for men and 100 for women.

Peninsula Golf Course is located at 9604 Pacific Highway in Long Beach. Call 360-642-2828.

### GOLF in SURFSIDE

Three miles north of the stoplight in Ocean Park is Surfside Golf Course. The course is 3,206 yards in length and is a nine-hole course that plays as a par 36. There are two par-3 holes, five par-4s, and two par-5 holes on the course. Surfside features three tees for men and two tees for women in an effort to accommodate golfers of any skill level.

The course is rated 69 for men and 73 for women and has a slope of 122 for men and 125 for the ladies. A putting green, driving range, and clubhouse all add to the golfer's enjoyment.

Tee times can be scheduled by calling 360-665-4148. Surfside Golf Course is located at 31508 J Place, Ocean Park. The course is open year around.

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