



Pine trees leading to the beach at Trestle Bay.

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air in our region. Especially Trestle Bay at Fort Stevens State Park, located roughly 10 miles outside Astoria.

The Trestle Bay Waterfowl Hunting Area, one of 800 acres of hidden gems at Fort Stevens, provides the perfect coastal views year round.

With a short hike to the beach, you can get lost in the views of the South Jetty of the Columbia river, the ominous shadow of Saddle Mountain and the green hues of the Astoria Bridge and Youngs Bay. Trestle

Bay provides open beach, pine forested nooks and beach grass terrain to enjoy hiking through.

While destinations like Coffenbury Lake and the Peter Iredale remain ever popular at Fort Stevens, Trestle Bay provides much seclusion and solace at the South Jetty.

The short walk to the beach is perfect for seasoned or beginner hikers. You can make a circle walking on the beach, which make a “u” shape around the parking lot and provides unique views at each point. Trestle Bay is a wonderful getaway to clear the mind and take in a coastal Oregon day.

Hit your runner's high

ASTORIA — Now is the time to reserve your spot in the Great Columbia Crossing 10K run/walk happening Sunday, Oct. 13. This year's race is on pace to sell out. More than 2,800 participants have already registered, and the event is on pace to reach full capacity. Register at greatcolumbiacrossing.com. The race cost is \$40.

After a successful first-year full closure during the 2018 race, the bridge will be fully closed to vehicles. Runners and walkers trekking from Washington to Oregon across the Astoria-Megler Bridge can focus on their performance without being confined to one lane and without the distraction of passing

cars. The 200-foot incline offers runners and walkers scenic views of the mouth of the river and marine activity below. After crossing the finish line, participants can head into the historic town of Astoria to fuel up with coastal fare and local craft brews as the morning fog starts to lift.

All participants will be timed via electronic chip, and competitive racers will be allowed to start ahead of the walkers and those wishing to take in the scenery.

For more information, visit greatcolumbiacrossing.com, call 503-325-6311, email events@oldoregon.com or visit 111 West Marine Drive, Astoria.

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