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This giant beach chair sits off U.S. Highway 101 by the visitors bureau in Seaside.



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A teenager rides a hoverboard on the beach in Seaside. Behind, a family plays on a swing set.

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ist for a day, consider checking out some of downtown's attractions, like the Seaside Aquarium and Captain Kid Amusement Park. Keep in mind to check ahead of time whether an attraction is still open, since many have been closed during the pandemic.

Where to eat

If you're hungry in Seaside, you're in luck. Regardless of if you're looking for a full meal, a drink or a snack, there are an abundance of options available in Seaside.

Like many of the North Coast's towns, Seaside is a fantastic place to get a locally-made meal. The town is home to a handful of eateries that are recognized by the North Coast Food Trail, a resource guide that promotes sustainable dining and tourism. Seaside's current food trail options include the Osprey Cafe, Maggie's on the Prom, SISU Brewing (brewed downtown inside the Times Theatre & Public House), Sea Star Gelato, Dough Dough Bakery, Seaside Brewing Co. and the weekly Seaside Farmers Market. All the locations are worth a visit.

If you're in the mood for breakfast, there are many coffee shops and stands along U.S. Highway 101. If you have time to stay downtown for a couple hours, consider grabbing breakfast to-go downtown from Bagels by the Sea, Seaside Coffee Roasters or Dundee's Donuts. Then, bring your breakfast for a walk along the beach.

If you're ready for lunch or dinner, there's an abundance of places to get fresh seafood, like Finn's Fish House or Norma's Seafood and Steak. If you'd rather have Mexican or Thai food, consider trying Thai Me Up, Taqueria Pelayos, Yellow Curry Cozy Thai, New Garden Asian Cuisine, Guadalajara Taco Shop or one of the other available restaurants.

And not to be forgotten, drinks and dessert. There are plenty of places to pick up something sweet, especially when walking in downtown Seaside. Ice cream, elephant ears, shaved ice and candy are all easily accessible. The same goes for getting a drink: many places are located downtown but some are on the outskirts of town. If you're looking for a dive bar or sports bar, there are a handful that are currently open to visitors. Consider visiting the Bridge Tender, which is reportedly haunted, or End of the Trail Public House, which has deep Seaside ties.

Where to stay

If you choose to stay in one of Seaside's many hotels or inns, expect to pay upwards of \$125 per night. Most places you can stay in are located along the beach, while some are situated downtown. There are also airbnb locations available to rent in the same areas and for similar prices.

If you'd rather have more of a camping-like experience, there are a couple RV lots toward the east end of town, Thousand Trails Seaside RV Campground and Seaside RV Resort.



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A path toward the beach, off Avenue U in Seaside.

Evening activity: Take a walk on the beach

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End your day of Seaside adventures with a walk on the beach as the sun sets. Many spots on the beach offer a great view of the sunset. The turnaround along the Seaside Promenade is a popular spot for visitors to sit and admire the beach. Benches along the roundabout offer a place to sit.

Because the Seaside beach is long and wide, you can get away from the business of downtown by walking along the coastline. Begin your walk on the north end of the beach where the promenade begins, around 12th Street.

Walk along the beach going south, to pass by all of the restaurants, aquarium, turnaround and many beachgoers heading in for the day or heading out for a campfire. If you keep going, you'll make it to the the Cove, where the beach ends.

The Cove offers a place to sit because of the many large rocks scattered along the end of the beach. Watch surfers ride their last waves of the night as the sun sets below the Pacific Ocean. To the left of you, a beach of large rocks hides washed-up shells and coral.

A peaceful end of the day can be enjoyed at this secluded part of the beach. The shallow shore and gentle waves are perfect for walking along the water without risking getting majorly splashed. The cove is also a great spot for kids.

If you are looking to enjoy the sunset but it's too cold for a long walk, the cove has parking, although it is limited. If you're able to find a spot you'll comfortably watch the day end at the end of the beach.

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