

Coast Weekend Road Trip *Seaside*

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The Seaside Promenade has survived through decades of history. The iconic trail, which turns 100 years old next August, has endured historical moments like World War II, a 1964 tsunami and the coronavirus pandemic, as well as countless volleyball tournaments and festivals.

However, Seaside's history and allure aren't limited to the Prom. Since being established in 1899, the coastal town has acted as a destination for both locals and tourists alike, with historical spots to visit, miles of beaches and a variety of eateries.

Between late 1805 and mid 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's Corps of Discovery traversed around the North Coast, visiting sites such as Tillamook Head, Ecola State Park and Fort Clatsop. At the time, about 200 members of the Clatsop Tribe lived on land that is now Seaside. The tribe shared hunting tips, plus foods like salmon and berries with the corps.

The tribe's living members make up

the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes of Oregon, a joint group of Clatsop and Nehalem tribe members.

Visiting Seaside

When visiting Seaside this summer, you'll be sure to find that the usually hustling and bustling town is still busy. But unlike usual, visitors are expected to wear masks while inside buildings and are encouraged to keep face coverings on while outdoors in areas like downtown, where it can be difficult to keep six feet away from others.

Many restaurants and businesses have reopened to visitors. Before visiting a restaurant, consider calling ahead to make a reservation or order food for take-out. Also, keep in mind that business hours may vary and seating may be limited, leading to longer wait times than usual.

What to do

Many of Seaside's popular activities

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Part of a mural outside Ace Hardware in downtown Seaside.

Morning activity: Surfing

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If you're looking to surf near Seaside, you've found yourself near some of Oregon's most popular and safest surf spots. Surfers of all experience levels are welcome at the North Coast's Short Sand Beach in Oswald State Park and Indian Beach at Ecola State Park. Some are even able to find some waves at the Cove in Seaside.

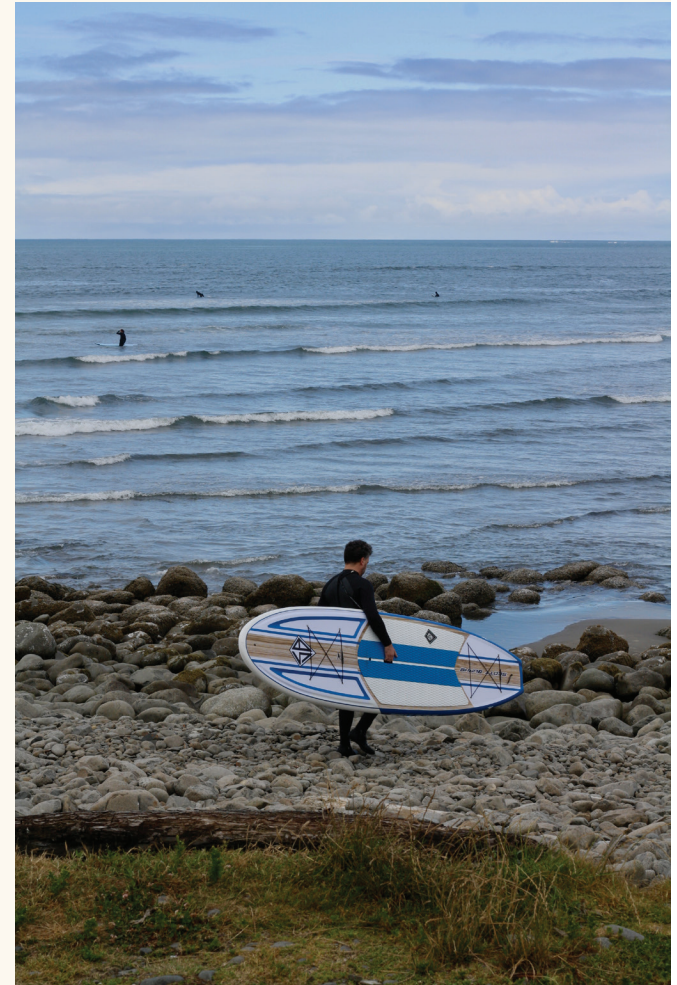
The best places to surf are the safest, especially for beginners. Both Short Sand and Indian Beach are protected by headlands, keeping surfers away from harsh winds and rough water. You will find the softest breaking waves at Short Sand. Be prepared to carry your surfboard with you through a short forest trail. The beach is accessible by hiking Short Sand Beach trail.

Once you know where you're headed, pick up a wetsuit, surfboard and other accessories at Cleanline Surf Shop in Seaside. Depending on the weather, you may need to add booties, gloves and a hood to your suit. Day rentals are available. It's important your wetsuit and surfboard are the correct sizes for the most comfortable surfing experience.

If you're an experienced surfer, head to the water. If you're inexperienced or are looking to improve your surfing skills, consider taking a class, like one of Cleanline Surf's one-on-one or small group lessons. The well-known instructors, Tony Cardner and Lexie Hallahan, both have over 30 years of experience surfing and teach all skill levels.

Surfing instructor Hallahan offers a unique Oregon surfing experience with her Northwest Women's Surf Camps. Day camps and group lessons are best for short trips to the coast but with more time to plan ahead, "Week Retreats" or "Girlfriend Getaways" are also available. The camps provide a supportive environment with surfing instruction.

No matter which route you take to surf the North Coast, it's most important to have a plan and be aware of water conditions. The best experience will come from preparation and consulting with professionals.



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A surfer carries a surfboard over rocks to a beach at Seaside Cove.