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can be experienced on a minimal budget. To start, the beaches in Seaside are easily accessible and worth a visit. While it's a fairly common activity, walking along the Seaside Promenade is always a worthwhile experience, as you can easily enjoy nature's beauty, while also seeing a unique variety of tourists and locals who come to visit.

If you'd rather have a quieter experience, consider heading south to enjoy Tillamook Head, which links to the aptly-named Sunset Beach. Painted Rock Beach is another worthwhile spot to visit and features dozens of hand-painted rocks that are placed for visitors to enjoy. Up north, consider checking out Oogie Island or the Necanicum Estuary Natural History Park, both of which make for nice, short walks.

If you'd rather explore town on wheels, boat or board, there are equipment rentals at Wheel Fun Rentals, Cleanline Surf, Seaside Surf Shop and Northwest e-Bike. If you're more of a golfer, head south to Seaside Golf Course.

As you'll likely notice, there are historical relics scattered around Seaside. One worth visiting is the Lewis and Clark Salt Cairn Historic Monument, a small monument located off Lewis and Clark Way. The monument is easy to miss but offers some historical background on how important salt was to the Discovery Corps during their travels around the area.

Other points of interest include The Sailor's Grave Monument (located in south Seaside near the golf course) and the End of the Trail Lewis and Clark Monument (located in the center of the roundabout near the Seaside Promenade).

And if you're in the mood to play tour-



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See Page 10 **Visitors walk along the beach in Seaside.**

## Afternoon activity: Pedal or paddle around town

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For an afternoon of exploring the best and most historical parts of Seaside, hop out of the car and onto a bike or paddle boat. Wheel Fun Rentals offers several unique methods of travel, from their traditional surrey bicycles to mopeds, electric bikes and swan boats on the river.

Explore Seaside as a family or group on a surrey and bike together down the main streets to visit the Seaside Museum, the historical Lewis and Clark Salt Works and the Seaside Aquarium. Rent individual bikes or tandem bikes to cruise down the Seaside Promenade along the beach.

Of the many bike routes available, one of the most popular is to travel north through Seaside to Necanicum Estuary Natural History Park. Here you'll find where the river that flows through downtown Seaside meets the ocean. The park teaches visitors about the natural history of the area and allows visitors to engage in the

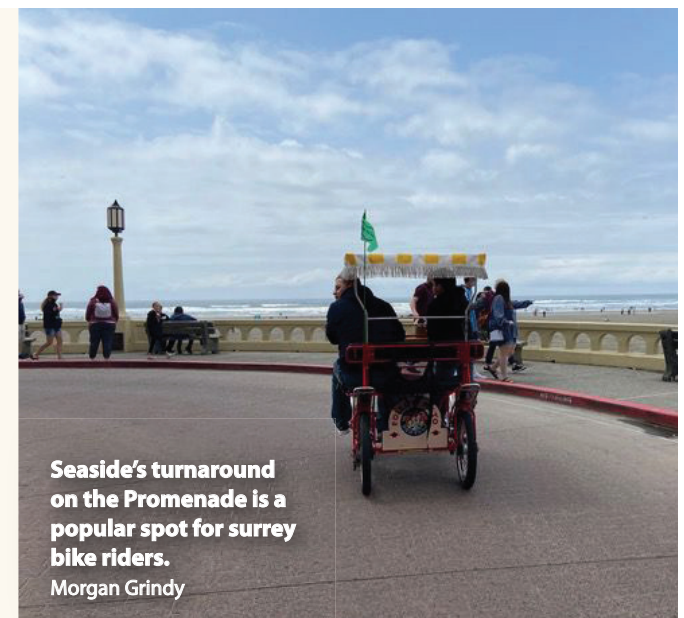
environment.

If you're looking for a longer adventure, rent an electric bike, moped or electric car. These vehicles are the best way to explore places you normally wouldn't go. Any of the three motorized vehicles will take you down to the Seaside Cove, a local surf beach and up Sunset Boulevard to Tillamook Head.

Tillamook Head Trail will lead you into the forest of Ecola State Park, where you'll find challenging but rewarding hiking trails and vast ocean views. For daring hikers, the trail can take you all the way to Cannon Beach.

For those who want to stay near the water, head to Quatat Park on the edge of Necanicum River. Rent a paddle boat, kayak, paddle board or swan boat to explore the waterways that cross Seaside. Admire the seabirds and wildlife or bask in the sun as you float through town.

Whether it's by land or sea, Wheel Fun Rentals offers many ways to see the historical and natural attractions of Seaside.



**Seaside's turnaround on the Promenade is a popular spot for surrey bike riders.**

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