

Cannon Beach Fat Bike Festival returns

Three-day event features scenic rides

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Marked as one of the first events to return to the North Coast, the Cannon Beach Fat Bike Festival will commence on April 30 and ride out the weekend. Throughout the three-day event, attendees can expect scenic bike rides around some of the best sights the coast has to offer.

A fat bike is a bicycle with extra wide tires for off-road terrains, such as sand or mud.

“We make sure the tides are in our favor, guide you to the breathtaking waterfall at Hug Point, send you on a scavenger hunt that highlights local art and hidden gems in the community and plan sunset activities with views of Haystack Rock,” said Daniella Crowder, director of the Cannon Beach Fat Bike Festival.

With funding from the Cannon Beach Tourism and Arts Commission, the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce first introduced the event in 2018 to promote local art and culture, and attract tourists. The 2020 festival was canceled because of the coronavirus, making this year’s festival the third.

Festivities will be held according to regional virus guidelines. Event staffers will space out bike ride times so attendees don’t bunch up into bigger groups. Beach activities will be spread over a number of outdoor areas to ensure there is ample room for participants to socially distance themselves.

Festival attendees will kick off day one at the chamber of commerce for a sunset beach ride to Haystack Rock. Participants will receive a passport book which will guide them to explore Cannon Beach and its businesses on their own time.

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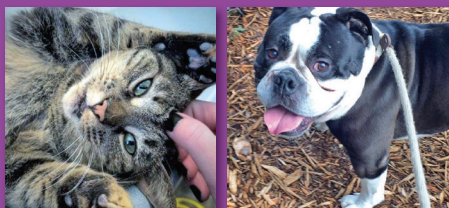
IF YOU GO

Cannon Beach Fat Bike Festival
April 30 to May 2
Free to participate; bikes are not provided
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Participants ride along the beach. Two riders smile during a previous festival. A set of participants’ bikes sit on the beach.

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