

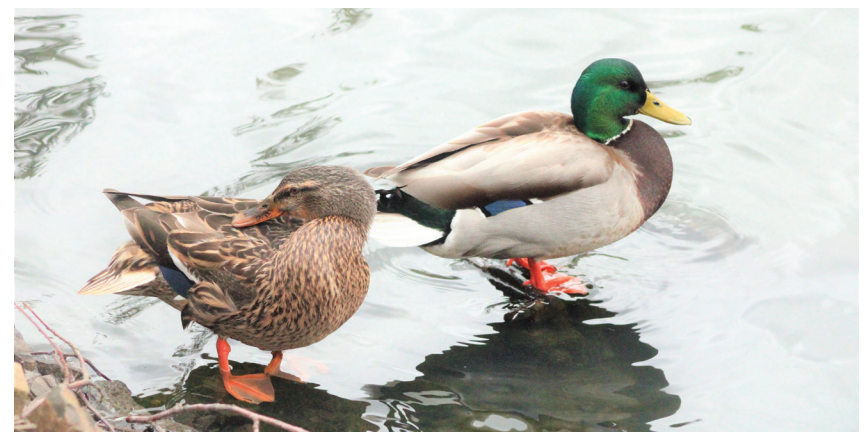
# Exploring a peaceful nature trail in Cannon Beach

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Cannon Beach is a bustling beach town featuring unique restaurants and shops, and an amazing beach.

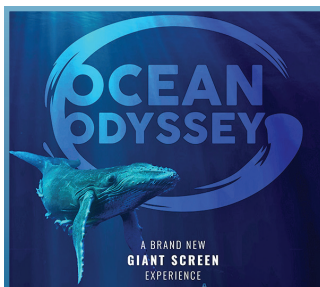
If you're looking for a little peace and quiet from all the activity, it can be found along the Cannon Beach Nature Trail. Just off of Spruce and Second streets, tucked at the end of the public parking area near the Cannon Beach Visitor Center and the city's skate park, are two parts of the trail: a short, paved trail along Ecola Creek, and a longer, well-maintained gravel trail for bird-watching, walking or jogging. The larger

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**TOP:** The trail beside Ecola Creek. **ABOVE, FROM LEFT:** Jen Jih enjoys visiting the trail. A red winged blackbird sings along the trail. A couple of mallard ducks sit by a side of the pond.



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