

Be a citizen scientist during spring whale watching season



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ABOVE: Mother and daughter Lisa Clark and Malasia Clark, traveling from Alabama, survey the ocean for migrating whales. **BELOW:** Chapman Point in Cannon Beach is a popular place to spot migrating whales in the spring.

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Spring migration headed for the North Coast

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Adult gray whales swim one of the longest mammalian marathons each year. As adults, these whales can grow up to 50 feet long and weigh in at more than 40 tons. Starting later this month, whale watchers will gather hoping to catch a glimpse as these whales make their way through migration corridors from Mexico to the Arctic. Around 25,000 gray whales will swim past the Oregon Coast from late March until June.

Making the journey

Whales migrate for two primary reasons:

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