

CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT

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The perfect local park to explore by trail or shore

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With 8 miles of trails that lead through forests and ocean vistas, plus beautiful spots for camping, Cape Disappointment State Park is anything but a disappointment. Get immersed in the park's countless activities and centuries

of history. This park has something for visitors of all ages to enjoy.

The 2,023 acre state park, located on Washington's Long Beach Peninsula, overlooks the mouth of the Columbia River. Here, visitors will find lighthouses, freshwater lakes, saltwater marshes and over 8 miles of trails, almost all of which are paved and bike-friendly.

Cape Disappointment State Park

Admission to this Washington state park requires a \$10 day use fee or annual Discover Pass, which can be purchased at various parks and businesses around the state for \$30.

There is also a \$5 entrance fee for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

The park is open year-round from 6:30 a.m. until dusk.

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Looking toward the Long Beach Peninsula from the Bells View Overlook Trail at Cape Disappointment State Park.

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