

**OREGON OFFERS BEACH SCENES SUCH AS THESE**



**North Coast Rich in History and Scenery**

Oregon's northern coast is rich in history as well as in scenic beauty.

Oldest community in Oregon is Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia river, founded in 1811 by an expedition sent out by John Jacob Astor. During the War of 1812 it fell to the British, whose flag flew over the fort, whose name was changed to Fort George, for a time.

Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805 at the present site of Seaside, which is the western end of the famous Old Oregon Trail highway.

The Oregon Coast Highway gives the traveler a marvelous view of the coast, with its beaches and parks. Excellent facilities for travelers are to be found in this section of Oregon.

It is against the law to honk an automobile horn in Rome, Italy, except in case of emergency.

He can catch as many as good luck cares to give him. When he brings his catch back to such ports as Depoe Bay, a custom cannery will prepare them in one-half and one-pound cans in just a few hours. He can arrange to ship the fish, too, to hometown friends to prove he is an accomplished ocean fisherman.

**Oregon Offers Chance to Catch Fish in the Surf**

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No fishing license! No closed season! No limits!

These are things for surf fishermen who play along Oregon's 400 miles of shoreline south from the Columbia river to the California state line.

Fishing in the sea is simplicity, itself, to say nothing of relaxation surrounded by the finest scenery in the world. Great cliffs rise abruptly from foaming depths as breaking waves play at their rocky bases. Long fingers of white fringed waters explore smooth, sandy beaches and roll back again into the deeps.

Somewhere in the breakers and behind them, most anywhere in the briney flood are the fish.

And to catch them?

Even the most inexperienced anglers need to know only a few fundamentals and possess a minimum of gear, so the old time surf fishermen tell the Oregon state highway commission travel information department.

To begin with, the individual angler should know the comings and goings of tides and to take advantage of low tide. He ought to have such equipment as a sharp, stout stick or an old-time tire iron. When rocks are exposed by low tide, the angler will find much of them covered by mussels, which are pried loose by the pointed sticks or tire iron. Meat of the mussels can be used for bait, but better yet are the kelp worms which live in between the closely packed mollusks.

The worms are several inches in length, wearing a stubby fringe on each side, also serving as means of locomotion. They are not in the least attractive to the worm hunter, but are a toothsome delicacy for the fish. Also popular as bait are the small sand crabs found by digging along and into beach sands. These little creatures are about the size of a quarter, with an abundant supply always available.

Then for fishing locations, the angler should have no trouble at all, other than deciding whether he wishes to find himself a perch on a rock or to wade into the surf and there throw his bait out into the water.

If he decides on a rock, he must remember to watch the incoming tide lest it maroon him from the mainland or even wash him over into the foam when breakers roll in with increasing power.

If the angler does not have a long salmon rod, casting or a bamboo surf rod, he can usually rent one at any of the numerous seashore resorts and communities along the coast. Most surf fishermen use a reel with approximately 50 yards, more or less, of about 40-pound test salmon line.

They tie a double loop of string, about eight inches long, to the end of the line, attaching an eight-ounce sinker to the end, especially if the surf tends to be heavy. The sinker can be lighter or heavier, according to the surf at hand, the sinker keeping the hook from washing back into shore.

Smooth sands of Ocean Lake meet the surf for a long distance along the northern Oregon coast to provide outstanding beaches which attract visitors from many places. The girl in the foreground is viewing the long panorama from her vantage among coastal flowers. (Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)

It is also explained that a string is used for attaching the sinker, as the string would break rather than the line in the event the sinker becomes snagged in rocks.

About four feet up the line above the weight, the angler attaches a No. 6 snell hook. It is now ready for the bait, which usually consists of kelp worms or sand crabs. These lures bring in perch, sea trout, flounder, kelp fish or rock cod. The angler is conscious of the pull of the surf, but

when a fish strikes, he soon knows he "has one on."

The angler may wish to combine deep sea fishing with surf efforts. All he has to do is to contact troller boats located at a number of places along the coast. A complete tackle outfit is furnished and he can relax in ease sitting in a boat chair as he plays out his line in sea sections where salmon are apt to be found; usually three to five miles from shore. If he goes on out to 25 miles, hard fighting tuna will rise to his lure.

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