

Local public transit options increase

Coastal Connector starts service to Lincoln City from Grand Ronde

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Grand Ronde residents now have a public transit option to get to the Oregon coast.

The Coastal Connector daily bus service started March 3 between Lincoln City and Grand Ronde.

Fares between Lincoln City and Grand Ronde are \$3 one-way and free for Grand Ronde and Siletz

Tribal members who show their Tribal identification. The full weekend fare between Lincoln City and Salem is \$6. Reduced fares are offered to young children, teenagers and those 60 and older or disabled.

The express bus stops in Grand Ronde at the Tribal Community Center and at the east entrance of Spirit Mountain Casino.

Tillamook County Transportation District is the operator of the Coastal Connector, which is funded by an Intercity Transit grant. Matching monies come from the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes.

Grand Ronde used state transit funds for its match.

The Coastal Connector also connects to the West Valley Route 22 run by the Yamhill County Transit Area for those wanting to continue on to Willamina, Sheridan and McMinnville, and to Cherriots, which runs between Spirit Mountain Casino and Salem on weekdays.

On weekends, the Coastal Connector will continue on to Salem.

For those who go west, there are connections linking coastal communities north to Tillamook, Cannon Beach and Astoria and south to Depot Bay, Newport and Yachats.

On weekdays, the Coastal Connector will stop at the Grand Ronde Community Center at 8:09 a.m. and 2:09 and 5:09 p.m. heading eastbound and at 8:41 a.m. and 2:41 and 5:41 p.m. heading to Lincoln City.

On weekends, the Salem-bound stops will occur at 8:34 a.m. and 1:04 and 6:54 p.m. and the Lincoln City-bound stops will be at 10:26 a.m. and 2:56 and 8:46 p.m.

Long-term parking is available at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City, on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus near the Community Center, on the east side of Spirit Mountain Casino and at the Salem railroad station.

Tribal Graphic Designer George Valdez created the salmon logo for the Coastal Connector. A more detailed and colorful Grand Ronde bus wrap, also created by Valdez, will be installed by next month and decorate one side of the bus.

For more information, call 503-815-8283 or visit www.tillamook-bus.com.

	Lincoln City	Otis	Rose Lodge	Grand Ronde CC	Spirit Mountain	Salem
Lincoln City	Grid	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
Otis	\$1.50	Grid	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
Rose Lodge	\$1.50	\$1.50	Grid	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$6.00
Grand Ronde CC	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$1.50	Grid	\$1.50	\$3.00
Spirit Mountain	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	Grid	\$3.00
Salem	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	Grid



bus schedule & passenger guide



Be Driven

The Coastal Connector links: Lincoln City/Chinook Winds Casino and Rose Lodge to Grand Ronde on a daily basis. At Spirit Mountain Casino on weekdays you can transfer to Cherriots 2X route to Salem. On weekends Coastal Connector continues on to Salem. Connections in Salem can get you to Greyhound, Amtrak and other travel options.



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At Spirit Mountain Casino Monday through Saturday you can transfer to Yamhill County Transit Area's West Valley Route 22 to Willamina, Sheridan and McMinnville. From there connections can be made to MAX in Hillsboro. Connections to Newberg, Sherwood, Tri-Met and WES in Tigard.

From Lincoln City there are connections through the North by Northwest Connector linking coastal communities north to Tillamook, Cannon Beach, Astoria and south to Depoe Bay, Newport, Yachats.

timetables

Weekdays (Monday thru Friday)

To Spirit Mountain			
Chinook Winds (Lincoln City)	Rose Lodge	Grand Ronde (Community Center)	Spirit Mountain
7:35 AM	7:48 AM	8:09 AM	8:15 AM
1:35 PM	1:48 PM	2:09 PM	2:15 PM
4:35 PM	4:48 PM	5:09 PM	5:15 PM

To Chinook Winds			
Spirit Mountain	Grand Ronde (Community Center)	Rose Lodge	Chinook Winds (Lincoln City)
8:35 AM	8:41 AM	9:02 AM	9:15 AM
2:35 PM	2:41 PM	3:02 PM	3:15 PM
5:35 PM	5:41 PM	6:02 PM	6:15 PM

Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)

To Salem				
Chinook Winds (Lincoln City)	Rose Lodge	Grand Ronde (Community Center)	Spirit Mountain	Greyhound (Salem)
8:00 AM	8:13 AM	8:34 AM	8:40 AM	9:20 AM
12:30 PM	12:43 PM	1:04 PM	1:10 PM	1:50 PM
6:20 PM	6:33 PM	6:54 PM	7:00 PM	7:40 PM

To Lincoln City				
Greyhound (Salem)	Spirit Mountain	Grand Ronde (Community Center)	Rose Lodge	Chinook Winds (Lincoln City)
9:40 AM	10:20 AM	10:26 AM	10:47 AM	11:00 AM
2:10 PM	2:50 PM	2:56 PM	3:17 PM	3:30 PM
8:00 PM	8:40 PM	8:46 PM	9:07 PM	9:20 PM

Accessibility: All buses meet ADA requirements. Front seats are designated for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities may request the driver to assist them to get on and off the bus.

1. Find the stop where you ride the bus.
2. Read top to bottom to find scheduled departure times at the listed stops.
3. Read from left to right to find how long it takes to travel between stops.

parking

Long term parking at the following locations:

- Chinook Winds (near bus stop)
- Grand Ronde campus near community center
- Spirit Mountain east side of casino
- Salem Railroad Station (if spaces are available)

bike racks

Buses are equipped with a 2-place bike rack. Signal the driver that you will be loading a bike then follow the 3 step process illustrated on the rack at the front of the bus. For safety, drivers may refuse any bike that cannot be loaded properly. Loading is solely the rider's responsibility.