

Oregon Film Trail debuts in Astoria, to feature films shot throughout state

Yet another reason for visitors to come to Clatsop County: The Historic Oregon Film Trail, which is set to debut Jan. 10.

A dedication is planned that day at Alameda Park in Astoria.

The film trail is designed to showcase iconic movie set locations throughout the state.

Signs marking the scenic spots in Astoria will feature facts and anecdotes from "The Goonies," "Kindergarten Cop" and "Short Circuit" — all of them shot in and around Astoria.

One sign has been positioned at the East End Mooring Basin near the Astoria Riverfront Trail to give an alternative view of the "Goonies House" in an effort to eliminate trespassing on the hill of the private residence.

Goonies fans can't resist a photo opportunity. While the sign signifies a location for that viewpoint, the sign shares information about nearby Astor Elementary School, which was featured in "Kindergarten Cop."

The lesser-known Alameda Park offers a great vantage point for the Astoria-Megler Bridge and it is the topic of the "Short Circuit" sign located there.

The sign for "The Goonies" is provided by the Oregon Film Museum and speaks to it and the Flavel House's roles in the film.

"Historical markers are typically about famous people and events," said Tim Williams, executive director of the Oregon Governor's Office of Film & Television. "Movies filmed here are also an important part of Oregon's history and culture, so ours offer a twist on that convention."

The new signs provide an interesting insight into this



Courtesy Astoria-Warrenton Chamber

A sign providing the history of the movie "Short Circuit" stands in Alameda Park overlooking the Astoria-Meglar Bridge.

history to passers-by and will help those seeking out film locations and stories.

"Placed at photo-worthy locations, we hope the signs will encourage fans to learn more and share about our state's film destinations," Williams said.

Oregon Film, in partnership with the OregonMade Creative Foundation, created the Historic Oregon Film Trail featuring signage at strategic points around the state.

New markers will be rolled out one location at a time to

reinforce the correlation between the

Film and TV industry, economic development and tourism.

Development of a Digital Trail Map is under way.

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Film Office developed the initial concept and identified the Astoria movie locations in partnership with the Oregon Film Museum.

Oregon Coast Visitors Association provided additional funding for the signs.

"I liked the personal approach I received from Ocean View and I'm relieved to think everything will be in order when the time comes."

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The state is offering a brand new Oregon license plate design, thanks to Keep Oregon Green, the U.S. Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The plate will feature the iconic image of Smokey Bear set against a forested backdrop and the words "Keep Oregon Green," as a reminder of the need to protect Oregon's scenic landscapes from careless human-caused wildfires.

The plate design and voucher sale coincides with a year-long, nationwide celebration of Smokey Bear's 75th Anniversary in 2019.

Keep Oregon Green also will partner with other fire-fighting and emergency-re-

sponse organizations to help spread the message.

In 2018, the number of human-caused fires represented 79 percent of all ignitions. The leading culprits are illegal burning, driving poorly maintained vehicles that spark fires, and failing to extinguish campfires properly. Other fire causes include power lines, mowing dry grass, fireworks and smoking.

To purchase a \$40 voucher and contribute to Keep Oregon Green's fire prevention message, visit drivewithsmokey.com. The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles will begin producing the plates when 3,000 vouchers have been sold.

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