

Sand Dunes, History Intrigue Motorloggers on North Beaches

Washington Coast Peninsula Found Ideal for Repose

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The trouble with people down on Washington's North Beach peninsula is that they spend too much time talking about their razor clams. Anyone who visits the place gets to feeling he's obligated to dig some.

Digging clams, particularly those speedy razors, can be work. And my idea of a perfect vacation or week end at the beach is to avoid as much work as possible.

Not that razor clams aren't about the most delicious things you can eat, properly chowdered or fried... almost anyone can get his daily limit of 24, given a minus tide and a little fast sand shoveling... and to top it all they never seem to run out of razors on the peninsula, no matter how many thousands of clam diggers get their quotas.

But all this preoccupation with the razor clams tends to obscure all of the other attractions of the North Beach peninsula, that recreation-rich arm extending north from the mouth of the Columbia river to the entrance of Willapa bay. An Oregon State Motor association-Oregonian motorlog to the peninsula unearthed limitless other opportunities for the lazy vacationer.

For example, driving on the beach. It's a simple enough vacation pleasure, but one that's guaranteed to give you and the family a thrill. To a traffic-haunted driver such as this writer, wheeling the white motorlog Ford down the long, straight stretch of flat sand edging the sea side of the peninsula brought a feeling of abandoned freedom.

If you stay under 35 miles per hour and off the clam beds, you can drive the 28 miles of unobstructed beach from Seaview to the north end of the peninsula as many times as you want.

Some words of warning for the tourist: Drive it at low tide, and don't attempt to go around the peninsula's end to the bay side. Don't stop on the



Lewis and Clark saw Pacific for first time near this weather-beaten church at McGowan, Wash., not far from ferry.

watery sand or your car will sink in. If you get stuck in loose, dry sand, let some air out of your tires to get more traction.

Picnicking on the beach demands very little physical exertion, and the North Beach peninsula offers hundreds of perfect picnic spots. From Long Beach northward a strip of low sand dunes, partially covered with beach grass, separates the beach proper from the summer homes that line it.

Here, in the dune area, you're protected from the bite of the Northwest wind that plagues our beaches during many summer days. The sun gives golden warmth here, and surrounding dunes a screen of privacy.

Over on the bay side at the north end of the peninsula, there are more chances for vacation enjoyment with a minimum of exertion.

Watch for Wilson's oyster cannery, a white building extending over the water just south of the Nahcotta dock. Any time during the day you can walk in and find ex-Portland Bill Stacey, who owns the place, happy to take a few minutes off and show you how his oysters are harvested, opened and prepared for market.

If you're history-minded, and most Northwesters are, the North Beach peninsula is a ripe spot for exploration. Sleepy little Oysterville, population now 140 but at one time not so sleepy, is a photographer's dream. Any camera bug's eye will light up at the venerable



Interest points on North Beach peninsula are located on map.

old homes of the last century, restored in 1954 to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary; the weather-beaten church; the old dock.

There are history and ample photo subjects up and down the peninsula... the Fort Columbia museum, just a few miles from the Megler ferry landing... the old Cape Disappointment lighthouse... the North Head light and near-by remnants of Fort Canby, a short, scenic drive out of Ilwaco.

At Ilwaco, a fishing port, you can watch the fleet of little ocean trawlers come and go, and dangle your legs over the edge of the dock.

land Monday. They plan to see the stage play "DamYankees".

Word was received by Verner Troedson that Arthur Johnson, recently of Ione, has arrived in Malmo, Sweden where he expects to make his home. He reports a very enjoyable trip by air.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mr. and Mrs. Verner Troedson attended the General Motors "Parade of Progress" in Yakima Sunday.

Dolores and Connie Emert spent a few days at the Herman Blett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thorne of Newberg spent the weekend with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorne.

Weekend guests at the W. E. Melena home were his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Melena and daughters, Betty and Lois of Seobey, Mont. Last week guests at the Melena home were his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Melena and children, Billy Jean and Donald, of Pullman, Wash.

Gene Heliker of Lexington visited at the Donald Heliker and the Ernest Heliker homes last week.

Those from here who attended the Warren family reunion in the mountains Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Art Dalzell, Mrs. Wallace Gaarsland and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford and son Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Juday, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kaiser of The Dalles, and Mr. and Mrs. George Karometis and two children of Vancouver, Wash., visited the Ray Barnett, Mr. Juday is an uncle of Mr. Barnett.

MONUMENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kingman returned Sunday from a visit at Chelan, Wenatchee and other Washington towns.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

A group of women of the Women's fellowship group of the Lexington Christian church met at the C. C. Jones home on Tuesday afternoon and spent the time sewing on clothing which had been donated to the McKinley Indian Mission at Toppenish, Washington. Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. O. G. Breeding, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mrs. Bill Nichols, Mrs. George Steagall, and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Misses Charlene Jones and Vanessa Hemery entertained a few of their friends at the airport on Saturday night with a hangar party. At 10:30 Cecil Jones showed slides of the trip that the 7th and 8th grades took to Camp Sherman on the Metolius river. Some of the mothers present were Gloria Dolven, June Cooper, Jerry Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Gar Leyva, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones. Refreshments were served to 32 guests.

Monday Gar Leyva attended a cloud seeding meeting at Moro, where the weather modification bureau was given a renewed contract for this district with Gar Leyva the local attendant in charge. On Wednesday Leyva flew to San Jose, California where his seeding plane was fitted with the necessary radio equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Luhr and daughter Susanne visited the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Ray Johnson from their home in Colville, Washington. Susanne remained for a visit with her grandparents. Mrs. Johnnie Edwards and Mrs.

Ray Papineau visited over the weekend in Ephrata, Washington at the home of a friend, Bonnie Graves.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Northrup and infant daughter Peggy Ann are spending the week in Turner, Oregon where they are attending the Turner church convention. While there they will visit with her mother in Dallas.

Mrs. Amy Sperry of Portland is visiting with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg.

Miss Roseanne Schenck and brother Johnnie are visiting at the Gar Leyva home from their home in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ausmin and children from Wallowa, spent the weekend with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg. Their daughters Christine and Deanne remained here for a visit.

Mrs. Maxine Brown and two children visited with her sister and family Mrs. June Cooper and

an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cornilson from Walla Walla. Ray Papineau and Archie Nichols motored to Wilhemina, on Wednesday after Mrs. Nichols who is visiting there.

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and children, Judy and David, of Coos Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen and children, Susan Jane and Billy, Mrs. Walter Jepsen and children, Anna, John, Frank and Evelyn, Shirley Bales, Harold Holtz, and Kathy Holtz. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaarsland

and son and Mrs. Ronald Tye and children spent Sunday at the W. G. Seehafer home in Bickleton, Wash. They brought John and Elaine Gaarsland back home with them who spent two weeks at the Seehafer home.

H. O. Ely and Sadie Olson were visitors last week at the Elvin Ely home in Boardman.


Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson of San Jose, Calif., were Wednesday night guests at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Verner Troedson. They returned to their home by plane Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Jay Tigard and daughter, Nancy of Portland were guests at the Franklin Lindstrom home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Troedson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs in Arlington Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Victor Rietmann and daughter, Ruby Ann left for Port-



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- 6:00 p. m.—Palmetto Polo Game, Sage Riders vs Benton County Posse
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- 10:30 p. m.—Street Dance