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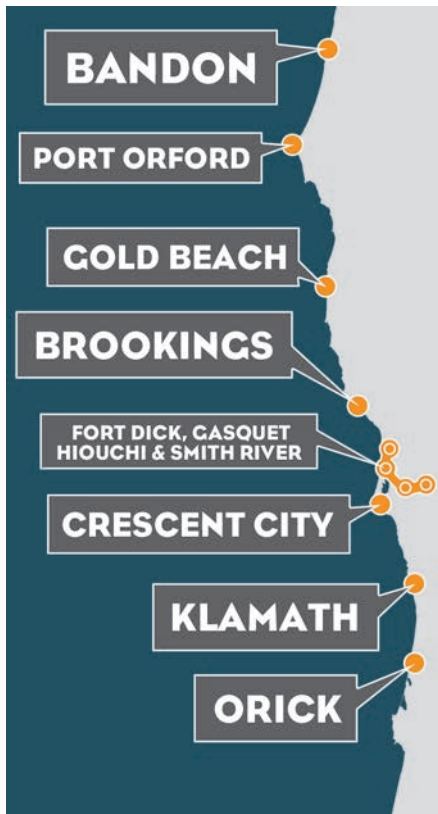
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With its lofty trees, the tallest on the planet, rugged coastline and crystalline rivers, it's easy to get lost in the beauty of the Wild Rivers Coast of southern Oregon and northern California. Under the eaves of a redwood forest or in a kayak on one of the many streams in the area, visitors come to the area every year to experience what it has to offer.

But for those who aren't sure what to expect when they get here, the Go Wild Rivers Coast recreation guide

can be a compass to local attractions, hidden gems as well as amenities like lodging and dining.

In using this guide, where should you begin? While the table of contents on Page 2 is the most logical place, here are some other useful sections in this guidebook to orient yourself and plan your travels:

WHEN: Depending on when you're here, you may want to begin by checking the Calendar of Events on pages 67-73.

WHAT: Perhaps you already have a short list of things you'd like to see and do: the table of contents will guide you to specific articles with more information about topics such as beaches, camping, the redwoods, roadside attractions, golf courses, casinos and more.

TOWNS: Once you've got your bearings, find in-depth articles on each town on the Wild Rivers Coast, offering an overview of its main attractions and some of its less obvious



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treasures.

Articles are arranged from north to south, so if you're coming from lower California, you may want to read the book back to forward. Articles about each town also contain a list of page numbers for "WHAT" articles with more specific information about relevant nearby activities and attractions.

GALLERIES: Are you an art aficionado? Find the Coastal Gallery Tour on pages 32-33 which has summaries of art galleries you can visit on the Wild Rivers Coast.

TASTING: If you're a wine or beer connoisseur, the Coastal Tasting Tour on page 31 will point you in the right direction.

WORSHIP: Want to go to church? Find a directory of houses of worship and service times on page 74.

TIDES: When visiting beaches, it's always important to know what the tides are. High tides may leave little room for you to explore the beach, and for your safety some steeper beaches should be avoided during high tide.

Conversely, if exploring tide pools, hunting for agates or clamming interests you, it's helpful to know when tides are low. You can find tide tables on pages 34-36.

STAY, DINE AND SHOP: Looking for places to spend the night, get a good meal or go shopping?

Many pages adjacent to articles about each town have collections of advertisements pointing you to great choices for these activities.

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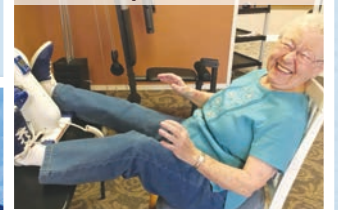
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Welcome to the Wild Rivers Coast, the hidden-away home of some of the most beautiful natural settings in the world.

Visitor centers throughout the region can be helpful for tourists looking for the area's attractions or needing a place to stay, and for local residents eager to take a hike and learn alongside a naturalist.

The dual purposes are appropriate, according to Debbie Savage.

"I just encourage people to explore what's in your own backyard that people travel from around the world to see," said Savage, acting chief of interpretation for Redwood National and State Parks.

Bandon

❖ **Bandon Visitor Center**
300 SE Second St., Bandon
(541) 347-9616 or info@bandon.com
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Bandon Visitor Center is located in Bandon's historic Old Town.

Port Orford

❖ **Port Orford Visitor Center**
520 Jefferson Street, Port Orford
(541) 332-4106
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; Starting in October, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

The Port Orford Visitor Center overlooks beautiful and historic Battle Rock Park. It provides a scenic place to stretch your legs and pick up information about the area.

Gold Beach

❖ **The Gold Beach Visitor Center**
94080 Shirley Lane, Gold Beach
(800) 525-2334
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7 days a week
Website: www.visitgoldbeach.com

Brookings

❖ **Oregon Welcome Center**
14433 U.S. 101 South, Brookings-Harbor (just north of the California border) (541) 469-4117
Summer hours (May 15 to Nov. 1): 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week

Winter hours (starting in November): 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday - Monday

The Oregon Welcome Center is just the place to welcome weary travelers to the Beaver State. The 4,500-square-foot center offers not only printed guides and maps to help visitors explore Oregon, it also is in the middle of a 40-acre state park.

The building offers spectacular views of the Pacific, and the park includes trails leading down to the beach and to the mouth of the Winchuck River.

The center includes restrooms that are open from daylight to dusk, picnic areas and RV parking.

❖ **Brookings Harbor Chamber of Commerce**
703 Chetco Avenue/U.S. 101, Ste C, Brookings, in the historic Central Building
(541) 469-3181
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce Oregon Visitor Center offers maps, brochures and travel information for local and regional attractions, businesses, hotels and parks.

❖ **Brookings Harbor Visitor & Tour Center**

16358 Lower Harbor Rd.,
Port of Brookings Harbor.
541-813-2300
Hours: 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center offers free maps, tidebooks, park guides and bookings for local fishing, kayaking and photography tours. Rentals are available for crab pots, ocean and river kayaks, and bicycles. A gift shop features locally-made artwork.

❖ **Brookings Visitor Center**

898 Elk Drive, Brookings (City Hall)
(541) 469-1103
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The display includes brochures and maps of local hotels, fishing guides, state parks and various places of interest in Brookings and north and south of town. The city was recently designated as “Bike Friendly” and bicyclists are encouraged to refill water, take a break and get information about bicycling in the area.
www.brookings.or.us

Gasquet

❖ **Gasquet Ranger Station**

10600 U.S. 199, Gasquet
(707) 457-3131
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

This Smith River National Recreation Area visitor center provides information about the surrounding region’s campgrounds, trails, roads and river accesses. Permits, including for campfires, are sold here. The center also provides maps, videos, exhibits, books and souvenirs about the recreation area.

Hiouchi

❖ **Hiouchi Information Center**

U.S. 199 at Hiouchi
(707) 458-3294
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. winter; 9 a.m.



Visitors enjoy a ranger-led interpretive program at Stout Grove of Hwy 199, Redwoods National and State Parks. NPS Photo.

to 5 p.m. summer

This Redwood National and State Parks facility has books for sale and an auditorium that shows an introductory film about redwood forests. It’s located on U.S. Highway 199 across from the entrance to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park campground.

Crescent City

❖ **Crescent City Information Center, Redwood National and State Parks**

1111 2nd St., Crescent City
(707) 465-7335
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. spring to fall; winter hours to be announced; closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

This facility serves as the main information center in Del Norte County for Redwood National and State Parks. The center provides maps, orientation information for parks and details about ranger-led programs. The center also hosts a small shop that sells books and souvenirs.

❖ **Crescent City/Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center**

1001 Front St., Crescent City
(707) 464-3174
Hours: Summer: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week; Winter (after Labor Day): 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

This center offers maps, travel information, tourism magazines, a small selection of merchandise and information on local attractions. It also provides literature about RV parks, hotels and restaurants.

❖ **Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park Visitor Center**

U.S. 199 at Hiouchi
(707) 458-3496
Hours: From May 31-Sept. 30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week

A small visitor center near the campground amphitheater where evening campfire programs take place.

Orick

❖ **Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitor Center**

(707) 488-2039
Hours: Summer: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily; Winter: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

This small visitor center features coast redwood forest, wildlife and history exhibits as well as Redwood National and State Parks junior ranger activity newspapers.

❖ **Kuchel Visitor Center**

U.S. 101 adjacent to beach, Orick
(707) 465-7765
Hours: Spring to fall: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily; Winter: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily; closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

The other main informational center for Redwood National and State Parks is located west of Orick. This facility includes an array of exhibits, maps and parks information as well as a



Opportunities for great fishing on the Wild Rivers Coast are as varied as the rivers. Before fishing, it is mandatory to possess a fishing license and tags (punch cards) for either Oregon or California.

Ocean fishing — California

Sport fishermen without a slip in Crescent City Harbor can get into the water from Citizens Dock and can head out to sea in search of whatever is in season from there.

Bottom fishing for rockfish and lingcod is generally one of the most reliable fisheries in Northern California, where black snappers in particular are always plentiful. The bottom fishing season in California generally runs from about May until the end of the year.

As bottom fishing opens every spring, the ocean salmon and pacific halibut seasons are quick to follow, usually starting in early May. Usually both salmon and Pacific halibut seasons remain open through September, but in recent years regulators

have elected to add in periodic closures (and a full closure for ocean salmon fishing in 2017) to help ease the fishing pressure on both species of fish.

Check with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for current information on both fishing seasons.

Additionally, several other species of ocean fish are open year round, including California halibut, sharks (except for white sharks), surfperch, sturgeon and tuna (although tuna are generally only in the area for a few weeks in the fall).

Crabbing is also open year round in California but the most popularly targeted species of crab, Dungeness crab, are only open to recreational crabbers from early November until late in the summer.

For information about current and upcoming fishing seasons visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Regulations/Fishing-Map/Northern

Ocean fishing — Oregon

There is always something in season for ocean anglers out of Oregon, with bottom fishing open all year long. Anglers out of Brookings Harbor can target rockfish and lingcod all year long and the fishing is generally pretty productive.

In 2017, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a rare closure of bottom fishing statewide due to the quota for several species being caught much quicker than expected, but the OFDW has since revised the daily catch limits with the hope of once again allowing year-round bottom fishing.

Pacific halibut seasons generally run from about May until November, but can

be closed at any time during that season if the area's yearly quota is met.

The ocean salmon season (closed for all of 2017) usually starts sometime in May and runs into the fall.

Ocean seasons for Pacific halibut are usually set in March, while the ocean salmon season is announced sometime in April.

For more information about Oregon's ocean fishing seasons and regulations, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/saltwater.asp

River fishing —

Coquille River

Crabbing for Dungeness can be phenomenal in the Coquille bay at Bandon from the local crab dock in Old Town and near the Bullards State Beach boat ramp. Crabbers use crab pots, crab rings and Pineapple Butterfly

Traps.

Chinook salmon start migrating upriver in robust numbers on the first full-moon cycle toward the end of August. This is an upriver trolling fishery. Anglers launch from Bullards State Beach at low tide and start trolling upriver using a Fish Flash and a cut-plug herring. The Rocky Point Boat Ramp is another popular boat launch facility to put in and take out.

A wild coho river fishery has also grown in popularity in recent years, starting in September. Be sure to check the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for current bag limits.

Fantastic rockfish, lingcod, halibut, tuna and salmon fishing can also be found outside the Port of Bandon, with the primary charter boat operation being Prowler Charters, located in Old Town Bandon.

Crab gear, bait, tackle and excellent seafood dishes are provided at Tony's Crab Shack in Old Town Bandon.

Elk and Sixes Rivers

At the northern end of Curry County are two gems of the Pacific Northwest in the land that time forgot. The Elk and Sixes are sister streams that flow so close together, it would be hard not to mention one without the other.

The Elk River empties into the ocean south of Cape Blanco, while the Sixes River flows into the Pacific just a few miles north of Cape Blanco. Both are relatively short, but don't let their size fool you. Both rivers are known for having some of the latest runs of salmon on the Oregon Coast.

Generally speaking, the first salmon enter the river mouths in September and will progress upriver depending on the amount of rainfall.

Steelhead enter both systems around Thanksgiving and the runs peak around February.

The main float in the Elk is to put in at the Elk River Hatchery and take out at the RV park or float all the way down to Ironhead.

The main drift on the Sixes is to put in at Edson Creek and take out at either Mid-Drift, the Grange, or drift all the way downriver to the Hughes House. But if the winds are blowing downriver, do not drift below Highway 101. Instead, take out at the Grange. To check Elk River water conditions, call (541) 332-0405.

Lower Rogue River

There is something to fish for in the Lower Rogue River almost 12 months out of the year, from Foster Bar down to the mouth.

The first spring Chinook begin entering the mouth in late February and the run gradually builds, peaking into April and May.

The Rogue is famous for its large fall chinook, caught from July to October.

The traditional method used here is trolling a Rogue Bait Rig or a comparable spinnerbait rig, using an anchovy on the back two hooks. Coho salmon are frequently caught in the lower bay in September and October.

Boat launches are available at the county ramp, Jot's Resort and at Lex's Landing.

The winter steelhead run is quite prolific, as well. They enter the Rogue around Thanksgiving, depending on the water level.

Chetco River

Perhaps best known for its trophy chinook from 50 to 60 pounds, and for both wild and hatchery winter steelhead exceeding 20 pounds, the Chetco is also known for having the safest bar on the Oregon Coast.

In September, anglers in the estuary below the Highway 101 bridge begin trolling spinnerbait rigs and plug-cut herring for

salmon averaging 28 pounds.

The salmon run starts petering out around mid-November, when winter steelhead begin dominating the river. By December a handful of anglers have usually landed several steelhead over 20 pounds. The run peaks in late February, but good numbers can be caught through March.

The wild and scenic section of the Chetco, above Ice Box, will leave you breathless. The best floats are from the South Fork down to Miller Bar, from Miller Bar down to Loeb State Park, or from Loeb State Park down to Social Security Bar.

Winchuck River

Fishing for salmon and steelhead is seasonal. Check ODFW regulations for updates. www.dfw.state.or.us

Smith River

Barbless hooks are mandatory when fishing the Smith. If the Chetco River gets blown out at about 10,000 cfs and has a chocolate-brown appearance, California's Smith River has an emerald green appearance and is plunkable the same day.

The Smith and Chetco rivers are similar in many ways. Both kick out trophy salmon and steelhead, and both empty into Pelican Bay. Salmon fishing usually picks up around September in spots like The Sand Hole, Cattle Crossing, The Piling Hole and at the mouth of Rowdy Creek.

Bobbers and sand shrimp/cocktails can be deadly. Early in the season, fish the north bank off of the Mouth of the Smith River Road, off Highway 101. Here, it is best to fish the outgoing tide and through low slack, where the river makes a slot.

Klamath River

Barbless hooks are also mandatory on the Klamath River. The Klamath starts fishing well around May for spring Chinook heading for the Trinity River. There is little bank access, so please don't launch here unless you have a sled with a full tank of gas.

From the Roy Rook launch off of Terwer Road, start heading upriver until you find an inside bend. Anchor up above the bend, and set out a spinner running from a spreader bar so it settles in the bend.

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The Coquille River Lighthouse

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GO BANDON

Discover the northernmost city along the Wild Rivers Coast, named “the coolest small city” by Budget Travel a few years ago. It’s easy to see why.

Bandon offers an array of possibilities, from plain air spots where artists can capture scenic moments along the docks to the interactive nonprofit Washed Ashore! where visitors learn about recycling and plastic pollution in the ocean.

The nearby Coquille River Lighthouse takes visitors back to the seafaring days of old.

Don't miss these highlights:

Bandon Cranberry Festival

The longest-running festival on the Oregon Coast continues the weekend of Sept. 8-10 in Bandon, featuring entertainment for the entire family.

Events will happen in Old Town, the Port of Bandon waterfront, Sprague Community Theater, Bandon City Park and Bandon High School.

Highlights of the 71st annual festival include a parade, festival market and street dance. Cranberry cooks will compete for a culinary crown during the “Queen of the Kitchen” food fair, while hungry festival goers dive into the Cranberry Eating Contest to win prizes.

Local and regional farmers and artisans will be featured at Cranberry City and the Festival Market. Live music, from rock ‘n’ roll to classic country, will be played all three days.

For more information visit <http://bandon.com/cranberry-festival>.

Cranberry Sweets and More

You’ll get bogged down in this unique store where the fruits of the local cranberry harvest — more than 100 growers grow the fruit on 1,600 acres — are dipped in smooth chocolate, baked in decadent bars, or otherwise prepared in caramels, cookies, jellies and fudge. Free samples are available!

The flagship store is a must-see for visitors and locals seeking gift baskets of lotion, jam and other goodies. The delicious taffies and brittle toffees could well lure them there.

The store is located in Old Town Bandon, 280 First St.

Coquille River Lighthouse

Cross the bridge north of Bandon, make a left into Bullards State Park and drive along the north bank of the Coquille River to reach this historic lighthouse.

The five-year project to build “The Light” ended in 1895; the octagonal brick and stucco building now houses the maps and equipment that were

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❖ **Bandon South Jetty Park** —

A favorite among locals, this park is located at the mouth of the Coquille River and provides easy beach access and allows visitors to enjoy whale watching, kite flying, beachcombing and other recreational activities. There are restrooms and abundant parking available for visitors.

❖ **Bandon Historical Society Museum** — *This museum, located in Bandon at 270 Fillmore St. and Highway 101, is housed in the second building to be constructed after the 1936 fire destroyed the city. Until 1970, this building was Bandon’s city hall. It features extensive displays that date back to the earliest pioneers and includes the Big Bandon fire of 1936.*

Call 541-347-2164.

❖ **Sage Place** — *A studio for creative arts and art education, located at the corner of 11th Street and Elmira in Bandon. Visitors are encouraged to take a variety of art classes including stained glass, beading, photography, mosaic, bead making, carving, and painting. The drop-in glass fusing studio is perfect for beginners and young artists, open from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Call 541-329-0303.*

needed to run the facility back in the day. Docents there are so intimately involved with the lighthouse, it’s as if they had operated the light itself 100 years ago. Call 541-347-9475.

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Situated between Port Orford and Bandon on the beautiful Oregon Coast Highway, Langlois (pronounced “Langless” by the locals) fits the bill of laid back fun.

Known as the “Wild Rivers Coast Windsurfing Capitol,” people flock to nearby Boice-Cope County Park, a small county park on Floras Lake featuring water sports and a campground.

The Langlois Market

Centrally located at 48444 Highway

101, this full service market is the meeting place for tourists, farmers and ranchers who need to stock up. Make sure to stop in to enjoy the market’s famous, delicious hot dogs and “top secret mustard! Hours are: Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 541-348-2476.

U-Pick Blueberries

This fantastic “U-Pick” location is a blueberry lovers dream come true! The family-owned farm, located at 46760 Highway 101 (mile marker 291), practices organic farming methods since the 1950s. For the past 10 years, the Jensens have gone nearly exclusively U-pick, allowing customers to come out and fill a four-pound bucket with as many blueberries as possible for \$10.

Call the Jensens about picking season dates, admission, hours of operation at 541-348-2473, or e-mail them at jensenblueberrieslanglois@gmail.com.

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❖ **New River Area (birdwatching)** — Birdwatchers grab your binoculars, picnic lunch and enjoy watching a variety of shore birds and waterfowl amidst the ranch lands and wetlands of New River and Floras Lake. Species include Aleutian cackling geese and snowy plovers.

To reach the Bureau of Land Management’s New River Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC),

take Highway 101 north from Langlois approximately 4.5 miles, and left on Croft Lake Lane. Follow the signs.

❖ **The Spoon** — Continuing the long tradition of home-cooked, hearty breakfasts, the owners of The Spoon are proud to serve fresh, local ingredients from Langlois farmers and ranches. Located at 48396 U.S. 101, the restaurant also offers sumptuous lunches and dinners

that feature grass-fed beef, a juicy French dip with sweet potato fries and organic salads.

Hours are 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Indonesian night is from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month; Taco Tuesday is from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; burger night is 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday is burger night from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Closed Sundays.

Call (541) 348-1015.



You could easily spend a day or two in the quaint communities of Port Orford and nearby Langlois during your trip along the Wild Rivers Coast.

Nestled along Highway 101 about an hour north of the California border, Port Orford and Langlois offer a wealth of experiences for the outdoorsman, artisan, traveler and treasure-seeker.

Port of Port Orford

Picture a port without a harbor. The Port of Port Orford is one of only six “dolly docks” in the world, where vessels are lifted out of the water by two enormous cranes and then housed on custom made dollies. You would be hard pressed to find another place on earth where you can get such an up-close look at a fleet of fishing

boats currently in use. Check out the boats in drydock, then stop in to Grif’s on the Dock, the local dock museum, gift shop and eatery. Directions: If you are coming from the south follow Highway 101 north, turn left on Washington Street and follow it down to the dock.

Redfish Restaurant

Diners can view historic Battle Rock and coastline from this renowned oceanfront gourmet restaurant on Highway 101. The restaurant has won national acclaim from Tripadvisor and Wine Spectator and serves up vegetarian, seafood, meat and poultry dishes. When

ever possible Redfish buys local produce and fresh fish directly from Port Orford. Visit their extensive wine gallery and check out Hawthorne Museum of contemporary art next door!

Reservations are recommended. Call 541-366-2200.

Battle Rock Park

Step into history at Battle Rock Park, home of the historic Battle Rock, where Captain William Tichenor and his men used the prominent sea stack to stave off waves of native combatants to eventually settle Port Orford. Directions: Approaching from the south on Highway 101, it’s on your left as soon as you get into town.

HIDDEN GEM

❖ **Old City Jailhouse** - Lock up a legend with a visit to the old city jail. Built in 1936, it is a monument to Port Orford’s past and has become a popular landmark. After its condemnation in 1965, nature has given the building an artistic touch, covering it with vines and vegetation. Directions: Driving north on Highway 101, turn right on Jefferson Street then left on 7th Street. The jailhouse will be on your left side.

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Macdonald, and Bandon Trails are all consistently rated among the best courses in the nation by top golf publications.

Another unique experience in every way, the Bandon Preserve is a 13-hole, par-3 course that delivers a level of enjoyment matched only by the spectacular views. Opened in 2012, Bandon Preserve begins high atop a sand dune and rolls down toward the beach. The Pacific Ocean provides the backdrop to every hole. All net proceeds go directly to the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, an organization that supports conservation, community and economy on

the southern Oregon Coast. The Punchbowl, a 2.5-acre putting green used to set up a 18-hole putting course was added in 2014, providing another exciting opportunity to challenge your golf skills.

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort's courses offer stunning, yet challenging coastal holes, steep and intimidating bunkers, and expansive greens set along the gorgeous southern Oregon coastline. Each course offers something different than the other, though all are spectacular in their own right.

Bandon Dunes' courses were designed with the history of golf in mind, as their layout and structure harken back to world-famous courses in golf's birthplace, the British Isles. Keeping with that mindset, the courses are walking courses with a caddie service available (call in advance for a reservation). As a crown-jewel of golf courses worldwide, a Bandon Dunes golf getaway should be on every golf fanatic's bucket list. Bring your soft-spike cleats and passion for the sport because this is "Golf as it was meant to be played."

For more information and fees, visit www.bandondunes-golf.com

COURSE INFO

18 holes, par 72.

❖ **LENGTH:** Black tees – 6,732 yds. Green tees – 6,221 yds. Gold tees – 5,716 yds. Orange tees – 5,072 yds. Blue tees – 3,945 yds.

❖ **RATING/SLOPE:** Black tees – 76.3/141. Green tees – 71.4/133. Gold tees – 69.5/133. Orange tees – 66.6/126. Blue tees – 61.5/101.

Bandon Crossings Golf Course

Since its opening, Bandon Crossings Golf Course has been recognized as a challenging course that offers beautiful vistas and plays firm and fast, year round.

Located 5 miles south of Bandon, this 18-hole, par 72 course was named one of the country's Top Ten New Courses in 2007 by Golf Magazine.

It roams through wetlands, over streams and into open coastal forests.

Bandon Crossings offers a complete practice facility, friendly staff and excellent golf instructors. A "Get Golf Ready" program is available for beginners of all ages. They also offer a "Long Driver Winner" annual pass for golfers living farther than 65 miles away. Curry and Coos county residents can join the "Crossings Club" at no charge.

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COURSE INFO

18 holes, par 72

❖ **LENGTH:** Black tees – 6,855 yds. Blue – 6,270 yds. White – 5,780 yds. Red – 5,030 yds.

Gold – 4,186 yds.

❖ **RATING/SLOPE:** Black tees – 74.0/139. Blue – 71.1/127. White – 69.0/122. Red – Men 65.7-117, Women 72.7/130. Gold – Men 62.3/107, Women 66.1/113.

❖ **GREEN FEES:** Spring (April-May) – standard 18, \$64; standard 9, \$38. Summer (June-Oct.) – standard 18, \$84; standard 9, \$50.

❖ **LOCATION:** 87530 Dew Valley Lane, Bandon, Ore. 97411

❖ **PHONE:** (541) 347-3232

❖ **WEBSITE:** bandoncrossings.com

Cedar Bend Golf Course

Cedar Bend is unique among coastal courses because it not only offers great golf on a tidy 9-hole course, it has 11 RV campsites, so it is easy to stay-and-play.

Twice around the layout plays to 6,288 yards from the back tees and 5,231 from the front. Dual tees are available for 18-hole play.

The nicely manicured course, owned by its club members, crosses Cedar Creek several times. It features fairly wide, flat fairways, an anomaly for most coastal valley courses.

The course hosts several popular seasonal tournaments. Among them are The Crab String Scramble, the Stampede Tournament, and the Popeye and Olive Oil Tournament, a man and woman blind-draw event. Call for event dates and information.

A driving range, putting green, pro shop and snack bar are among the amenities.

The course is located in Cedar Valley, until recently known as Squaw Valley, between Highway 101 and North Bank Rogue River Road.

COURSE INFO

9 holes, dual tees, par 72

❖ **LENGTH:** Tournament tees – 6,288 yds. Men's tees – 5,892 yds. Women's tees – 5,231 yds.

❖ **RATING/SLOPE:** TOURNAMENT TEES – 69.9/127. MEN'S – 68.1/121. WOMEN'S – 68.6/118

❖ **GREEN FEES:** 9 holes, \$20; 18 holes, \$28; junior rate (under 15) 9 holes \$5, 18 holes \$7; student (ages 15–21), 9 holes \$15, 18 holes \$20. Twilight golfing after 3:30 p.m., Monday to Wednesday \$15.

❖ **LOCATION:** 34391 Squaw Valley Road; Gold Beach, Ore. 97444

❖ **PHONE:** (541) 247-6911

❖ **WEBSITE:** www.cedarbendgolf.com

Salmon Run

Salmon Run, an 18-hole championship golf course nestled in the forest 3.5 miles up the Chetco River in Brookings is in the center of Oregon's "banana belt," where the Mediterranean weather is mild year-round.

Val and Gary Early of Early Management Team are pleased to share their 182-acre facility with the world.

"We love the wilderness that surrounds it," Val Early said. "You feel like you're on an outing on a private course. We love that the wait time might just be to wait for deer to clear the green."

Wildlife often sit in the gallery and salmon and steelhead can be seen when they swim up Jack Creek to spawn.

Salmon Run offers a course

for every skill level in a setting that you will never forget.

There is a pro shop with a PGA teaching staff and driving range, all of which are open to the public. There are four sets of tees stretching from 5,433 yards to more than 6,400 yards. And tournaments abound in the summer months.

"There are lush fairways and greens with a challenging layout that helps hone the accuracy game instead of relying on the long ball each time," Val said. "Challenges vary from hole to hole. It's a course where the rewards are great if targets are hit!"

COURSE INFO

❖ **LENGTH:** Professional tees – 6,093 yds. Tournament – 5,744 yds. Club – 5,205 yds. Resort – 4,129 yds.

❖ **RATING/SLOPE:** Ranges from 76.2/151 on professional tees to 61.8/103 on resort tees.

❖ **GREEN FEES:** 9 holes, \$35; 18 holes, \$44. Member guests with shared carts \$39. Member guests walking, \$25. Senior special (after 1 p.m.) 9 holes, \$25; 18 holes, \$35; Twilight (after 3 p.m.): 9 or 18 holes walking, \$15; 9 holes with cart, \$28; 18 holes with cart, \$33; (after 5 p.m.): 9 or 18 holes with cart, \$20. Rates subject to change.

❖ **CART FEES:** \$30 for one or two golfers for 18 holes, \$20 for

one or two golfers for 9 holes

❖ **LOCATION:** 99040 South Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings, Oregon

❖ **PHONE:** 541-469-4888

❖ **WEBSITE:** www.salmonrungolf.com

CALIFORNIA

Kings Valley Golf Course

Situated at the junction of Highways 101 and 199, Kings Valley Golf Course is a conveniently-located course that gives golfers a challenging short-game exercise.

The course features eight par-3s and one 4-shotter routed over a relatively flat terrain. Coastal pines and alders make hitting some greens difficult. The course features a driving range, putting green, bar and snack bar.

COURSE INFO

9 holes, par 28 front, 28 back

❖ **LENGTH:** Men's tees – 1,259 yds.

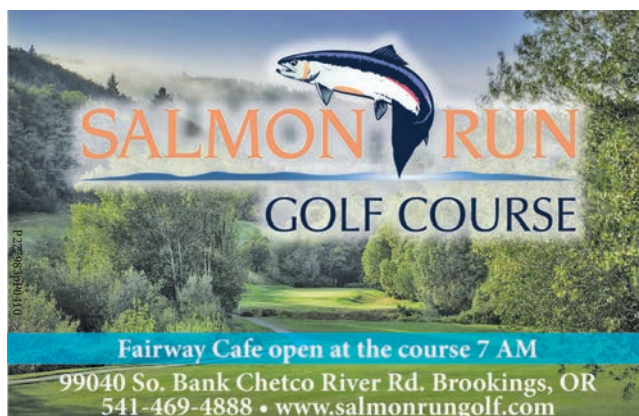
Women's tees – 1,197 yds.

❖ **RATING/SLOPE:** Men's and women's – 55/79.

❖ **GREEN FEES:** 9 holes, \$12; 18 holes \$19.

❖ **LOCATION:** 3030 Lesina Rd., Crescent City, Calif. 95531

❖ **PHONE:** (707) 464-2886





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- Golf Cedar Bend
- Golf Salmon Run



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Isaac Lee Patterson Bridge walk

Park at the Port of Gold Beach near the historic Mary D. Hume shipwreck and follow the paved path that skirts the edge of the Rogue River and offers breathtaking views of the river and the bay, and a unique perspective of the majestic Patterson Memorial Bridge, built in 1932.

Visitors will spy mud swallow nests on the

underneath side of the bridge and catch a glimpse of sea lions basking in the sun, gulls diving for dinner, and proud fishermen holding up their catch of giant salmon.

Agness

Motorists can take a right on Jerry's Flat Road at the Isaac Lee Patterson Bridge and head 35 wandering miles up river to the small rural town of Agness located near the confluence of two Wild and Scenic rivers—the Lower Rogue and the Illinois.

Stop by the historic Cougar Lane Lodge and Store where tasty barbecue and blackberry cobbler await visitors.

Take several trails down to

the Rogue River for a swim or to watch kayakers and jetboats zoom by.

The Agness-Illahe Museum, 34470 Agness-Illahe Road, open from May through September, offers petroglyphs and Native American artifacts, and information and displays about the history of

the Civilian Conservation Corps, fishing, mining and settlement. Call: 541-247-2014.

Buffington Memorial Park

Play hide-and-seek and enjoy a barbecue. The popular park at 94255 Caughell St. is a perfect place to escape the chilly breeze and enjoy amenities such as covered and open picnic facilities, tennis courts, walking paths and a "Kid Castle" play structure.

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In the 1940s and '50s, the original Rogue River boat tours traveled only 32 miles upriver to the town of Agness. A lunch break at one of the Agness lodges was routine; then the boat traveled downstream back to Gold Beach. In the mid-1960s the advent of Hydro-Jets enabled boatmen to test their nerves in the

20-mile wild section, which is filled with boiling white water rapids.

Jerry's Rogue Jets has been in operation since 1958 and Rogue Mail Boats has been in operation since the 1930s. The two companies joined forces in 2010 and now offer three river tours: the original 64-mile scenic tour to Agness and the more action-filled 80- and 104-mile white-water tours. The 104-mile trip takes the river traveler to the rugged, boulder-filled Blossom Bar rapid, the end of the power-boat-navigable portion of the river.

All excursions return to the small hamlet of Agness for the daily lunch and dinner stop and rest breaks. Three lodges — Cougar

Lane, Singing Springs and Lucas Lodge offer a variety of meal service options.

The Rogue River canyon abounds in a variety of native wildlife. All river tours are hosted and narrated by veteran river pilots who spot wildlife and will maneuver the boat for prime photo opportunities. Hydro-Jet technology allows the fully loaded vessels to skim the shallow riffles effortlessly.

Jerry's Rogue Jets and Mail Boats operate between May 1 and Oct. 14 and their office and 60,000-square-foot asphalt customer parking lot is located along Highway 101 at the north end of Gold Beach at 29985 Harbor Way at the Port of

Gold Beach. Also featured on their property is a free Rogue River museum, open year-round, which captures the rich history of the Rogue canyon.

For information, call (800) 451-3645 or visit <http://www.roguejets.com>.

Klamath Jet Boat Tours

During the 45-mile, two-hour round-trip excursion along the Klamath River, an experienced captain and narrator describes the river's rich history, local Native American culture, and thriving wildlife. See if you can spot a bear, blacktail deer, elk, soaring osprey, eagles, hawks, otters, mink and many other varieties of wildlife by looking carefully along the riverbanks.

From May 1 to Sept. 30, tours run daily from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$47 for adults,

\$42 for seniors and military, \$37 for teens, \$27 for children 4 to 11, children under 4 years old are free. Registration is available by phone at (800) 887-JETS or www.jetboattours.com. It also offers shuttles upriver to the Rivers West Lodge.

The journey begins at the Klamath estuary called "Rekwoi," the Indian name for where the fresh water meets the Pacific Ocean.

Captains will provide a fully narrated river trip with plenty of stops to photograph spectacular vistas and wildlife. Bears are often seen feeding along the banks of the river on berries, fish and grubs. Ospreys return in April to their nesting area of the Klamath River from as far south as Brazil.

Klamath mornings and evenings are typically cool or overcast near the coast, so dress warmly in layers. As you travel upriver, be prepared to shed some clothing as the day heats up; hats and sunglasses are recommended.

Information provided by www.jetboattours.com.

Blue Creek Guide Service

Blue Creek Guide Service does cultural jet boat tours in addition to fly fishing for salmon and steelhead on the Klamath River. Pergish Carlson will take people about 25 miles upriver to Coon Creek. Along the trip, people can see eagles, bear, deer and turtles.

Blue Creek Guide Service's guided fishing trips are \$225 per person for a minimum of two trips and \$300 per person for a single trip. Its scenic and bio-cultural tours are \$100 per person and its diving trips to view salmon and steelhead are \$150 per person.

To book a trip for sightseeing or fishing, you can go to the website at yurokfishingguides.com or call (707) 482-0579 or (707) 951-1284 or e-mail yurokcarlson@yahoo.com.



The advertisement features a collage of images. At the top left is a black bear standing on a rocky bank. In the center is the logo for "JERRY'S ROGUE JETS" with "MAIL BOAT HYDRO-JETS" and "GOLD BEACH, OREGON". To the right is a smaller image of a jet boat on a river. The main image shows a large red jet boat filled with people on a river with rapids. At the bottom left is the website "Roguejets.com" and at the bottom right is the phone number "1-800-451-3645". A vertical photo credit "81 02263dR" is on the right edge.

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GO BBQ

Story by Linda Pinkham

The tantalizing scent of barbecue smoke wafts through the streets of Gold Beach early in the morning. Who's barbecuing at this hour?

The smoker and grill in the parking lot at Wild Oaks Grill, 29545 Ellensburg Ave., is packed with tri-tips, ribs, pastrami, chicken, hamburgers, beef briskets and pork at 7 a.m. Even the mac and cheese, not to mention the backyard chili with beans, go into the smoker.

Robin Dunn said he originally began cooking tri-tips in his food cart on a street corner in Humboldt County, California. That's where he perfected his recipe.

After 13 years, he decided to open a brick-and-mortar store in Port Orford, "which did okay," he said. "It had great reviews, but Port Orford was just too small of a town for us."

Then, Leonard and Diane Phillips came along.

"They appreciated what I do," Dunn said. "They traveled for a little bit and tried barbecue in other places and came back and said, 'We have to find a better place for you.'"

So they created a partnership and opened mid-April in Gold Beach.

"Grilling and smoking are two different styles of barbecue," Dunn said. Santa Maria barbecue style originated in the central California coastal town of Santa Maria, which is where Dunn lived early on. Santa Maria style always utilizes an open-fire grill.

Smoked meats are a Texas-style barbecue technique, which the restaurant also serves.

The other two styles of barbecue, which are NOT found at Wild Oaks Grill, are Carolina style, which uses a vinegar sauce on pork; and Kansas City barbecue, which is neither grilled nor smoked, but rather smothered in

barbecue sauce.

"Tri-tips are part of the sirloin," Phillips said, starting to flavor a large tub of tri-tips with their special blend of seasonings. "And what a tri-tip is, and how it became famous, is a triangular piece on the end. It wasn't used a lot and it was usually ground into hamburger.

"The people around Santa Maria were mostly Hispanic and didn't have a lot of options," he said. "They started using it and roasting it whole. It's actually developed into a barbecue style."

Wild Oaks leaves the "fat cap" on the top of tri-tip while it is being grilled, to keep the meat moist and give it flavor. The meat is trimmed before it's served.

The barbecue grill in the parking lot was "custom built to handle 100 tri-tips at a time," said Dunn. He expanded from tri-tips to other meats because he wanted to enter competitions. So he learned how to cook ribs, briskets, chicken and pork. Dunn compares his pastrami to Katz's Delicatessen in New York.

For Dunn and Phillips, it's all about the meat. "We don't put sauce on anything," Dunn said. They provide sauces on their customers' tables "but we always recommend that customers try their meat first."

At the grill, Dunn showed off a motorized grate, which can be raised or lowered to regulate the temperature for the grilled meats over the live fire. "The smoke goes up and gets trapped in the chambers, where it rolls over the food," Phillips said. "We have

two chambers, with the chickens, ribs and everything in there."

Meantime, "We have a couple of different things we do here. We have our POW chair and the Missing Man table, where we pay deference to our POWs," Phillips said, as he showed a table with a sign saying "Reserved."

Phillips also pointed out their world map on the wall, which has different monies displayed with their locations. "We are world famous because we've got people from all over the world who have traveled through here," Dunn said with a grin. "To a person, they love our food."

For that matter, the duo won first place in this year's Curry County Parade. "We hooked the barbecue to the back of the van and towed it down the parade route while we were smoking"

After the barbecue is loaded, the two men sit outside the restaurant. "It has to be watched when it's going," said Diane Phillips. "It will catch on fire; you have to keep an eye on it."

Their menu focuses on the meats as plates and sandwiches, which come in generous helpings. The offerings include six styles of fries, from sea salt to habanero-garlic parm cheese, chili cheese and garlic.

The dessert menu includes candied bacon cheesecake — made with their bacon.

Wild Oaks Grill, 29545 Ellensburg Ave. in Gold Beach, is open 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon-8 p.m. on Sunday, 541-425-5460.

Story by Linda Pinkham

The tantalizing smell of fresh-baked bread wafts through the neighborhood early in the morning at 94213 Unit B, Second Street in Gold Beach.



Leavened Bakery, specializing in naturally leavened sourdough breads, has been baking at its wholesale location since June 2019. In October, the bakery opened a retail window at their location where customers can buy directly from the baker herself, Meriah Timm.

The bakery is too small to host an indoor service counter, but a welcoming window with a bright teal-colored awning welcomes visitors to a window and counter where they can select and pay for their baked goods, along with a cup of Nectar of Life organic coffee to go. The bakery window is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Timm reminds people that they are in a residential neighborhood.

Timm says she has the capacity to make up to 80 loaves per day by herself, plus a variety of pastries like her Kouign-Amann (pronounced “queen a-mahn”) pastries, sourdough bagels and sourdough donuts. She predicts she will be baking 20 to 30 loaves a day to meet demand, plus other treats.

“Breads and pastries are our backbone,” Timm said. “But I will have some dessert things like lemon bars and chocolate torts. I want to be able to do everything, but I can’t

do everything all at once. I’m excited to see what we get and what people buy who are our regulars.”

Her most popular breads to date have been Floyd’s French Batard, Polenta Rosemary and Honey Whole Wheat—a Brookings favorite. But you can expect to find Dark Chocolate Orange Cranberry and Pumpkin loaves made with local ingredients this fall. The pumpkin loaves are shaped like pumpkins with a cinnamon stick for a stem. Although she has discontinued distribution through her other retail outlets, the breads will still be distributed through Otterbee’s Market, with ordering online for home deliveries, so the breads will still be available in Brookings and Smith River.

The breads and pastries use naturally occurring, local Oregon grown and captured yeasts, without adding any commercial yeast, to rise the bread. The process isn’t quick, and takes 24 hours from start to finish. The day starts with making a “leaven” from the mother starter to make a batch of very young starter to begin the rising process. The mother starter is fed daily to replenish it after taking 80% of it for baking each day.

“It’s just been fed, so it’s really active,” she

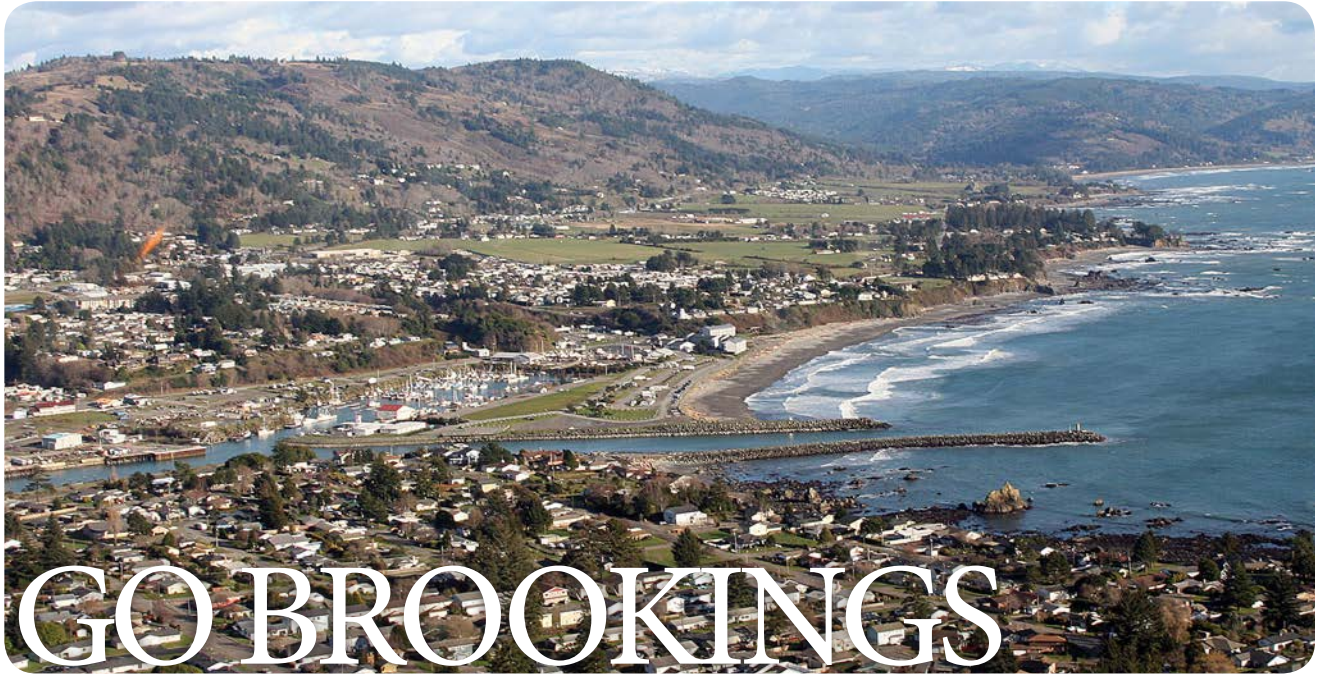
said. The leaven has just flour, water and salt—no sugar is added. The leaven rises for six hours. Following the leaven process, the next processes of mixing the dough, turning it and shaping loaves takes seven hours, plus three hours to proof. The dough goes into the walk-in refrigerator overnight, and then is baked off the following morning.

Even though the bread is called sourdough, she starts with a young yeast with the leaven process, so it actually is much sweeter than commercially produced sourdough, which has had a separate sour-tasting dough added to the batch to make it taste sour.

The breads and pastries are baked off in a multi-deck pizza oven for about an hour. She spends every morning baking for two to three hours.

Timm grew up in Gold Beach, then went to college for almost three years, including one year in Colorado and two years at Oregon Coast Culinary Institute (OCCI) in Coos Bay. After OCCI, she had an internship in the Cannon Beach area where she learned how to do naturally leavened breads. After her husband Conner Timm finished his schooling in Portland, the couple moved to Gold Beach to open their bakery.

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Chetco Point Park

It's tucked behind a sewage plant, but don't let that deter you — Chetco Point Park has one of the most scenic views within Brookings city limits.

A 20-minute walk from city hall, the park's main path winds down the side of a steep hill, where explorers can choose from different options. Those who go to the beach can wander among the tide pools filled with sea anemones and hermit crabs. Adventurous visitors can head up a short wooded trail that will take them across a

bridge and onto a bluff that juts out over the ocean, offering a unique look at the rocky coastline.

Harris Beach

A favorite for tourists and locals, Harris Beach has something to do for everyone.

Beachcomb or explore the unique rock formations dotting the sand or hike the short, beautiful trails surrounding the park — including the steep Harris Butte, which overlooks the entire beach. The park also has ample space for both tent and RV camping, as well as picnic space for daytime visitors.

Port of Brookings Harbor

It's hard to pick one just attraction here — but you

can make a day out of exploring them all. At the south end of the harbor, Sporthaven Beach has ample space for RV camping and is a popular surfing destination. You can stand on the jetty and watch both fishing and sport boats enter and leave the harbor, or take a leisurely stroll on the boardwalk. It's also a good place to view many different kinds of wildlife — whales, seals and sea lions, pelicans and osprey, to name a few. The port has a variety of restaurants and bars, and plenty of hotels for overnight visitors. Visit www.portofbrookingsharbor.com for more details.

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❖ **Ellensburg Theater Company.** Enjoy community theater at the Rogue Playhouse at the corner of Mary and Moore streets in downtown Gold Beach. The theater company hosts four to six shows per year, directed, acted and performed by local actors. Call 541-247-4382.



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Prior to heading for the beach to visit tidal life, check the tide tables. When possible, it's best to arrive an hour prior to low tide, as the water is still going out. Once the tide begins to come back in, it seems to return quickly. Be cautious of waves. You don't want to be stranded on a rock. The waters off of this coast are not only cold, but there are areas with strong undercurrents. Care too, should be taken with your footing when traversing across the rocks. Many are slippery with seaweed.

The tidepools' environment is delicate. Remember, you're visiting another living society's home. If you lift up a rock to look underneath, return it to its original spot — that minimizes the effect you will have on the tidepool's life.

To find a good spot to explore, search for the rocky areas — there are many in the Wild Rivers Coast.

SOUTHERN OREGON COAST

BANDON STATE NATURAL AREA: Located along Bandon's Beach Loop Road, there are several locations with beach access, picnicking, horseback riding and unsurpassed views. Parking is ample at all locations.

FACE ROCK SCENIC VIEWPOINT: There is an American Indian legend about this spot. Some say they hear a maiden's voice on the wind, and standing on the cliff overlooking the ocean you can easily pick out the face on Face Rock. There is a well-kept trail to the beach, and several rocky intertidal areas to explore at low tide.

BULLARDS BEACH: This large park, located just two miles north of Bandon features a campground

nestled among shore pines and protected from the strong ocean breezes. Take a walk or bike ride on the mostly paved pathways to the beach that weaves through the open, grassy fields and lowland forest across a plain to the sandy dunes. All along the path are views of the Coquille River. Across the river is Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, sporting a variety of wildlife. The historic Coquille River Lighthouse is nearby.

ROCKY POINT (two miles south of Port Orford): Rocky Point features good access to tidepools and a clamming area. Be aware of potential red tides when harvesting clams and always check the local rules and regulations.

HUBBARD CREEK (one mile south of Port Orford): This is a popular spot for surfers who are often seen in their wetsuits in the surf.

BATTLE ROCK (location of the Port Orford Visitors' Center): Battle Rock features a wayfinder with plenty of parking and easy trails to the beach. There is also some picnicking available in

this day use area as well as restrooms.

PORT OF PORT ORFORD: The fishermen's memorial and a small, protected beach is offered here, framed by the port docks and Point Orford.

PARADISE POINT (on the north side of Port Orford): Another part of Oregon's State Parks system, Paradise Point has a nice beach for walking.

CAPE BLANCO STATE PARK (6 miles north of Port Orford): beach access, RV and tent camping spots, cabin rentals and even an equestrian camp are located here, in addition to the lighthouse and historic Hughes House.

HUMBUG MOUNTAIN STATE PARK (south of Port Orford): Beach access through a trail which traverses under Highway 101. Camping spots, day use area and trail to the top of Humbug Mountain.

OPHIR REST AREA (8 miles north of Gold Beach): Beach access, picnicking, restrooms.

FLORAS LAKE (located north



Port Orford, OR. Photo credit: Roman Eugeniusz, 2015

of Port Orford): This area features a trail which begins at Floras Lake and continues until an expanse of ocean beach is accessible. A county park is located at the area for those wishing to camp.

OLD COAST ROAD (5 miles north of Gold Beach): There are several areas for beach access along this stretch of one-lane road. They include Otter Point, with trails to the beach and a phenomenal view from Otter Point itself, several segments of the Coast Trail and a trail to Bailey Beach.

BEACH ROAD (in Gold Beach, west of the airport): The beach road area offers multiple areas to access the beach and highlights the Port of Gold Beach Memorial.

NORTH AND SOUTH JETTIES OF THE ROGUE RIVER: Both of these areas have beach access with surfers trying their luck near the south jetty. Driftwood is abundant here.

SOUTH BEACH PARK (south end of Gold Beach): A small city park with handicapped beach access, this area also features plenty of parking, swings and barbecues, picnic tables and a sand volleyball court.

PISTOL RIVER STATE PARK (at the mouth of Pistol River): Access to the beach, plenty of parking and a view of Crook Point.

MYERS CREEK BEACH (7 miles south of Gold Beach): Part of the Oregon State Parks system and one of the most photographed beaches in the world, Myers Creek features prominent sea stacks, tidepools, several turnouts for parking, windsurfing and access through several trails to the beach.

SAMUEL H. BOARDMAN STATE PARK: Just north of Brookings, this 11-mile stretch of coastline offers stunning views and developed park areas. The area includes sections of the Oregon Coast Trail, with smaller trails leading down to isolated, pristine beaches.

HARRIS BEACH STATE PARK: Offers good parking, picnic tables and restrooms, a shower to wash sand off shoes and feet, and long stretches of scenic beaches. A well-marked park entrance at the north end of Brookings provides vehicle access to the beach.

CHETCO POINT: Is an unlikely location behind the

city wastewater treatment plant, but offers some of the most interesting, accessible and little-used exploring areas. Good trails lead from a parking area to a quiet beach or to windswept bluffs above the ocean. To get there, take Wharf Street off Railroad Avenue.

SPORTHAVEN BEACH: At the Port of Brookings-Harbor is a favorite of local residents. It's a good place to watch


boat activity at the Chetco River bar, or to check ocean conditions. The beach also fronts a busy RV park during summer months, and many area visitors enjoy walking the beach there. Local surfers also favor ocean waves in the area of the south jetty. To get there from Brookings, turn right at the south end of the B.A. (Dot) Martin Bridge across the Chetco River. Follow Lower Harbor Road about a mile to the beach.


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Story by Linda Pinkham

You've seen those bikes with the big balloon-looking knobby tires. Why would someone ride a bike like that? Here's why ...

Meet the fat-tire bike. Before making their way to Oregon and the coast, the bikes were very popular in Colorado. They even have a beer label named for them.

The fat bikes originally were developed in Alaska a number of years ago for riding in the snow on the Iditarod routes. Which is what makes them perfect for riding in the sand - as on California and Oregon beaches - according to Erin Kessler, owner of Pineapple Express Adventure Rides in Port Orford.

"I like getting off the road," Kessler said. "We've got great beaches. We live in a place where we can just access the beach, and we've got all these public lands and everything."

We caught up with Kessler at Live Culture Coast on Oct. 25 to find out more about the bikes - including trying one out. The bikes look big and clunky, but they're not necessarily more difficult to pedal, Kessler reassured.

"It takes a bit to get going, but they float over the sand," Kessler said. "It's like a snowshoe, and floats over the surface. You can have less air pressure with the bigger platform of a tire, creating a wider surface."

The gearing is pretty easy, making them also good for mountain trail rides, towing trailers and taking longer excursions, she said.

"They're really stable," she said. "They are very good for older riders, who may not have perfect balance, and you ride upright like a mountain bike." The upright posture is more comfortable for most riders compared to the street bikes that predated mountain bikes, which are also

upright.

The fat bikes turned out to ride exactly as Kessler had said: easy to pedal but hard to get started, especially with the slightly inclined slope of the parking lot where she was set up.

The ride was surprisingly smooth, though, especially considering the knobby tires and stiff frame, even when going over speed bumps set up in the parking lot.

The bikes Kessler brought to her event last week are from Fatback Bikes of Alaska. They were one of the first fat bikes on the market, she said.

The company offers several models; Kessler carries the Fatback Rhino FLT, which is a stiff, lightweight bike with an aluminum alloy frame. (For those irritated by acronyms, FLT stands for Fast Light Technology.)

The tires are 26-inches tall by 4.8-inches wide, and can run with as little as 3 pounds of pressure, although Kessler keeps her rental bikes at around 8 psi.

The wider tires provide more traction, allowing the bikes to handle snow, mud, sand, rocks and roots. The frames are wider, especially built to accommodate the wider wheel size.

The fat bikes in Kessler's rental fleet come with a variety of gearing configurations, ranging from 1 x 10 to 1 x 11 and 1 x 12. The 1x configuration eliminates having multiple gears on the front hub, so there's no front-gear shifting and less maintenance.

Sand is not a friend to bicycle

gears, however. "I spend a lot of time maintaining these bicycles," she said.

"They get new chains every season. I'm constantly lubing everything and getting sand out of the nooks and crannies. I try to keep them in good working order for each rental. It's very time consuming."

Kessler, who started her company in 2017, offers guided tours and bike rentals with both mountain and fat-tire bikes. She has tours for all levels of experience, with rides from Bandon down to Gold Beach. Customers can also arrange rental bike drop-offs and shuttle services.

She sells new Fatback-brand bikes at \$2,000, but also sells rental bikes at the end of the season for \$900. Not all fat bikes sell for as much as the Fatbacks, which are considered a pro model.

At Live Culture Coast, Sophie Traub and Eliot Feenstra of Toronto, Canada heard about the opportunity and decided to take a beach ride from the Port of Gold Beach to Kissing Rock, just south of town. Neither of them had ever ridden a fat-tire bike.

"I'm so excited," Traub said. Feenstra was also looking forward to the ride. "I've stayed before at Ireland's Rustic Lodges, but haven't done much in Gold Beach," he said.

After finding the right size - four sizes are available - the pair waved and took off on their adventure.

Pineapple Express Adventure Rides is at 832 U.S. Highway 101, Port Orford.



Tucked into a bed inside an RV, hidden inside a tent or curled up beneath the stars, the Wild Rivers Coast has many camping options.

Some people enjoy sleeping in a nice comfortable bed in a hotel room with air conditioning and an ocean view. Others enjoy sleeping in a tent out under the stars, with only the occasional owl hoot to keep them company. For those rugged types, the Wild Rivers Coast offers numerous public campgrounds to choose from.

OREGON

Oregon is filled with clean, beautiful state parks. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy these spots. The parks offer breathtaking views of beaches and forests. Many of them also offer camping facilities. Reservations may be made at any of the state parks listed by calling (800) 452-5687 or at oregonstateparks.org.

Bullards Beach State Park

Three miles north of Bandon on the other side of the Coquille River.

The campground is nestled among shore pines and protected from the strong ocean breezes. The historic Coquille River Lighthouse is located in the park. It's staffed from mid-May through the end of September with park volunteers who interpret the history of the area. The park has 4.5 miles of open beach to explore, including mountain bike-friendly hard-packed sand along the edge of the surf.

There are 82 campsites with water and electrical hookups and another 100 sites with full hookups. There are also 13 yurts and a horse camp with eight

primitive sites.

Rates: \$26 electrical sites, \$29 full hook-ups, \$5 hiker-biker per person, \$19 horse facilities, \$41 yurts, \$51 pet-friendly yurts.

Boice-Cope Campground

(Curry County Parks) is a county-owned park occupying a manicured lawn near Floras Lake 4 miles southwest of Langlois. Narrow sand dunes separate the camp from the Pacific Ocean, which attracts sailboarders, kiteboarders, anglers and migrating birds.

The campground has 22 RV sites and 13 sites for tent camping. All sites have fire rings, stand-up barbecues and picnic tables. ADA compliant restrooms, showers, an R.V. dump-site, potable water and firewood are available in the center of the park. Free wi-fi is available.

Rates are as follows and are subject to change:

Peak season rates (April 1 to Sept. 30): R.V. sites with electric and water services \$22 day / \$132 week; RV sites (non-electric) \$18 day / \$108 week, tent sites \$15 day / \$90 week

Reservations are accepted for electrical RV sites only. Call the camp host at 541-373-1555 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to make reservations.

Cape Blanco State Park

Set on the westernmost point in Oregon and is accessed by exiting U.S. 101 4 miles north of Port Orford onto Cape Blanco Road. The campground

offers picturesque ocean views and tours of the Cape Blanco Lighthouse and historic Hughes House.

The pet-friendly park offers several miles of hiking and horseback riding trails.

Cabins, water and electrical hook-ups, a horse camp and fire rings are just a few of the amenities available at the park.

Rates: \$22 electrical sites, \$5 hiker-biker per person, \$17 horse facilities, \$71 (plus \$3 per person) group tent, \$41 rustic cabins, \$51 pet-friendly cabin.

Humbug Mountain State Park is in a lush, narrow canyon just south of Port Orford on U.S. 101. It features a fast-running trout stream and a trail under the highway to a long sandy beach that offers beachcombing and surf fishing. Hikers may find a 5.5-mile hiking trail that leads to the summit of the mountain. A section of the Oregon Coast Trail winds through the park.

The park features more than 55 tent campsites, 40 sites with full utility hookups, and a hiker/biker area. The park has a full wheelchair access site, firewood station, hot showers, dump station and host.

Rates: \$17 tent sites, \$5 hiker-biker per person, \$22 electrical sites.

Harris Beach State Park

Located just north of Brookings on U.S. 101. The park offers day and overnight facilities. It has full hookup spaces, electrical sites, tent sites and yurts. Cable TV hook-ups may be available at selected tent sites. Beach access is available from the campsites.

The park offers wildlife viewing opportunities and beach scenery.

Because of the popularity of the park, reservations must be made as early as possible.

Rates: \$20 tent sites, \$28 electrical



Florence Keller Park.

sites, \$30 full hookups, \$5 hiker-biker per person, \$43 yurts, \$53 pet-friendly yurts.

Beachfront R.V. Park

Located at the Port of Brookings Harbor, this is one of the few RV parks that enable you to park right on the beach and enjoy the scenery and unique activities that the Southern Oregon Coast has to offer: sportfishing, hiking, surfing and whale-watching are abundant at the park and surrounding areas.

Amenities include a full hook-up that includes internet and cable television. Partial hook-up includes water and electric. There is a two-week stay limit; three-day booking for event weekends. Contact management for details.

Rates: pull through, full hook-up, ocean view \$51 day / \$306 week; back in, full hook-up \$44 day / \$264 week; partial hook-up \$36 day / \$216 week; dry camping \$32 day / \$192 week; tent sites \$27 day / \$162 week.

Make reservations at www.beachfrontvrvpark.com or call 541-469-5867.

Loeb State Park

Located east of Brookings, approximately 6.5 miles up the North Bank Chetco River Road, Loeb offers a variety of activities including

camping, swimming in the Chetco River and picnicking. The park is nestled in a myrtlewood grove and borders the Siskiyou National Forest. Hikers may find plenty of trails to enjoy including the Riverview Nature Trail.

The park features overnight tent camping as well as three log cabins. The cabins are furnished with lights, heat, and beds with mattresses. Flush toilets, electrical hookups, fire rings and picnic tables are also available, as is handicap access.

Rates: \$22 electrical sites, \$50 pet-friendly deluxe yurts, \$40 rustic cabins.

CALIFORNIA

Smith River corridor

Many campgrounds popular among locals are located in the mountains along the Smith River east of Crescent City, where daytime summer temperatures, frequently in the 80s and 90s, are much warmer than those near the coast, and the pristine waters in the river make for great swimming and kayaking.

Patrick Creek Campground is the farthest east, located across from Patrick Creek Lodge on U.S. 199.

Reservations can be made in advance for one of this campground's 13 sites. There is a \$14 per night fee, and the campground features flush toilets, drinking water and views of the Smith River.

Patrick Creek Campground also has a few wheelchair accessible sites, as well as barrier free fishing. The site is open from May 19 through Sept. 16. Make reservations at Recreation.gov.

Grassy Flat is accessed from U.S. 199 5 miles east of Gasquet and features vault restrooms and grills. Water is not available. There are 19 sites costing \$10 a night, and the campground is open from May 19 through Sept. 16. Reservations at Recreation.gov.

Panther Flat is located 2.5 miles east of Gasquet on U.S. 199. It is one of the most modern campgrounds in the area and has some of the largest parking aprons. Some sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Campsites are equipped with tables and campfire rings with grills. Accessible flush toilets, coin-operated hot showers and drinking water are provided. It's just steps from the Smith River, offering a refreshing swim on hot summer days.

There are 39 sites, some of which are wheelchair accessible. Sites cost \$15-\$30 a night. The

campground is open year-round. Reservations at Recreation.gov.

Big Flat is more secluded than the other campgrounds and is bordered by picturesque Hurdygurdy Creek.

To get there, turn off U.S. 199 a mile east of Hiouchi onto South Fork Road and follow the road 14 miles to the campsite. Along the way there are several swimming holes with toilets that make excellent day trips while staying at Big Flat.

The site features vault restrooms and drinking water. There are 27 sites costing \$8 a night (\$5 for an extra vehicle). All sites are first come, first served.

Del Norte County-owned

There are three county-owned parks with amenities for travelers. Campsites are offered on a first come first serve basis and cost \$15.

Florence Keller Park: Fifty campsites nestled in a redwood forest. Sites are \$15 a night. The park has access to a number of walking trails. The park is 3 miles north of Crescent City off Elk Valley Crossroad.

Ruby Van Deventer Park is located on the Smith River and has space for 18 campsites. Giant redwoods tower over the park, which is only yards from the river. The park is located on State



New Camping Cabins at Jedediah Smith Campground in Del Norte County.

Route 197 (North Bank Road) between U.S. 199 and U.S. 101.

Clifford Kamph Memorial Park: Rests on a bluff overlooking the ocean just two miles south of the Oregon border. The park has 9 tent campsites; one site is on the beach.

Redwood Parks

There are also several campgrounds located in Redwood National and State Parks. Campsites are \$35 and cabins \$85. Reservations for paid sites can be made through reserveamerica.com.

Jedediah Smith Campground is located in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park on U.S. 199 just west of the town of Hiouchi.

The campground is

situated among towering redwoods on the banks of the Smith River. The campground offers swimming access on the Smith River as well as seasonal campfire programs. In the summer there is a footbridge over the river to access more hiking trails in old-growth redwood groves, including the nearby Stout Grove Trail.

There are 86 tent or RV sites, although there are no RV hookups. Hiker/biker sites are also available. Four cabins were added in 2016. The cabins feature an ADA-accessible deck, bunks and a single electrical outlet.

Mill Creek Campground is located 7 miles south of Crescent City off U.S. 101 in Del Norte Coast Redwoods

State Park.

There are 129 sites available, 22 tent-only, situated in a redwood forest, and the campground features restrooms, showers, bear-proof lockers and fire pits.

Campground programs and guided walks are also offered.

Elk Prairie Campground is located a few miles north of Orick in a redwood forest within Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. The campground is just off Newton B. Drury Parkway (accessible from U.S. 101). This campsite is a great choice for hikers — trails through some of the largest redwoods in the world abound in this area; some have trailheads at the campsite, others are short trips away up Drury

Parkway.

There are 69 sites, including four cabins and 21 for tents only.

The campground features restrooms, showers, ADA-compliant toilets and campsites and a visitor center.

Gold Bluffs Beach Campground is on a beach northeast of Orick in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, accessed by exiting U.S. 101 onto Davison Road 2.5 miles north of Orick and following an unpaved road for 6 miles. No trailers are allowed due to the rough condition of the road.

The campground has 24 tent-only sites. There are restrooms, showers, ADA-compliant toilets and campsites, fire rings and a campfire center.

Coastal Tasting Tour

Chetco Brewing Company - Brookings, OR

Chetco Brewing Company has received the honor of being chosen as one of the 100 Best "Fan-Favorite" Destinations in Oregon list for 2020.

Owners Michael Frederick and Alex Carr-Frederick will attend the awards luncheon on Monday, Dec. 16 in Portland, where they are expected to learn where their business ranks numerically in the list of 100 businesses and destinations on the 2020 list.

The top 100 Fan Favorites is determined by Oregon Business magazine by scouring over 80,000 online reviews then tallying the scores. Online reviews are analyzed and then ranked by the number of 4- and 5-star reviews compared to the number of overall views. This is the 4th "Annual 100 Best Fan-Favorite Destinations" list.

Chetco Brewing Company began brewing in Brookings in 2013. From a brewing set up in the garage on the Chetco River to the present-day 10,000-square-foot brew space and tap room, the company offers 15 craft beers on tap, food trucks, live music, games, an event space, and a variety of special events.

"We are proud to do anything we can to help highlight Brookings in any way we can," Chetco Brewing spokesperson Cindy Sellers said. "This award is based on customer reviews, so it means a lot to our entire team. Our customers are why we do what we do."

Arch Rock Brewing Co. - Gold Beach, OR

Looking around Arch Rock Brewing's cozy, four-barstool tasting room at, 28779 Hunter Creek Loop in Gold Beach, you notice the awards lining the walls. Since opening in January 2013, Arch Rock has landed 10 medals, half of them gold, and a championship in the category of Very Small Brewing Company.

Summertime, the tasting room crowd - sometimes numbering nearly a dozen people - spills into the taproom. Soon, a new tasting room just up the street will ease the overflow seen during even the worst of weather days.

For now, the brewery operates in Larry and Marjie Brennan's former cabinet shop south of Gold Beach. A new tasting room is planned just up the street.

Larry Brennan decided during a late-2000s decline in the construction industry that he needed a different occupation. At the time, there weren't many breweries here on the coast. He placed an ad in ProBrewer magazine to find a professional brewmaster and hired James Smith.

Smith and wife Kristen arrived in 2012 from Victor, Idaho - the summer before Arch Rock opened - and began helping the Brennans convert their former cabinet shop into a 15-barrel brewhouse.

"It's been a challenge, but fun," said James Smith. "I did all the plumbing and tank installation, everything except the electrical."

The Gold Beach brewery offers three beers on a regular basis, and rotates a fourth beer on a single-batch basis - called a Brewer's Select series - whenever tank space allows. "That's when I get to play around as the brewer," Smith said.



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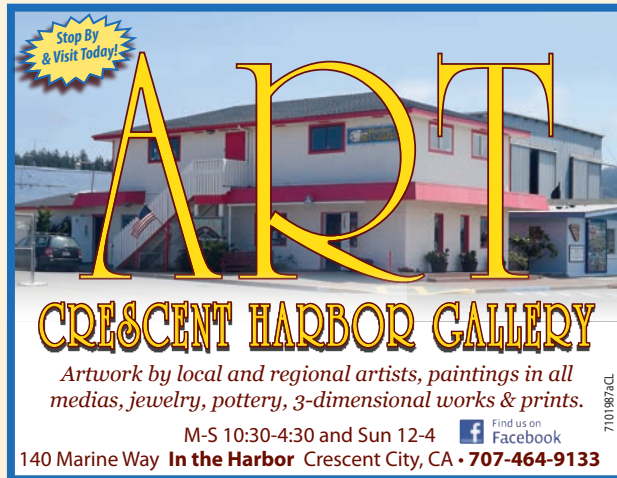
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Their work can be seen in the numerous galleries along the rocky coast, whether it's internationally known craftsmen or a local watercolorist who's been plying their trade in a cabin tucked in the woods by a river in their home studio.

Many of the galleries also offer locally-baked food and coffee, or are tucked into bookstores and framing shops, where it is not uncommon for the artists themselves to be working in a corner or talking about the day at a workbench.

Many in Brookings showcase their work in the Second Saturday Art Walk, a wildly popular event held throughout most of the year (We have to give these innovative folks time to recharge and create more wonders!)

Writers, custom painters, woodworkers and more — they're a small snippet, and yet such an integral part of the communities of the Wild Rivers Coast, and to view it all,

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GO PREHISTORIC

Story by Linda Pinkham

Dinosaurs lurk in an old-growth rain forest with 350-year-old trees, lush ferns and foliage plants. Kids, trailed by parents taking photos, excitedly follow a hand-drawn map from 40 years ago through the park that contains 23 life-size, prehistoric reptiles tucked amidst and sometimes towering above the abundant growth of native plants.

Both plants and dinosaurs have a long history at this place located halfway between Gold Beach and Port Orford on U.S. Highway 101.

Prehistoric Gardens, after 65 years in business, is still a famous roadside attraction that is now owned and managed by Kiki McGrath. The site is a labor of love of McGrath's family since opening in 1955. Her grandfather, Ernie Nelson, at the age of 47, and his wife Kari sold his accounting business and their Eugene home in the early 1950s to purchase the original 77 acres, according to the documentary "Strange Inheritance: Dino Park."

Nelson dreamed of creating a roadside attraction filled with dinosaurs.

"When you have an absolute passion for something, you think other people feel the same way you do," said his daughter Bennie Worthington in the documentary.

The gamble paid off as the U.S. highway system was developed, travel by auto became popular, and roadside attractions were prolific and popular. McGrath says during the summer season, visitors still number 200 a day.

The life-size dinosaurs are constructed with steel frames with metal lathe that is molded over the frame, then they are plastered with cement and painted. The first sculpture Nelson made, and the largest, is a Brachiosaurus that is 46 feet tall and 86 feet long. It took him 4 years to build it and required constructing a scaffold to do the work.

"The Brachiosaurus was his pride and joy," said McGrath, pointing to a framed photo of him standing beneath the creature between its front legs.

An interpretive sign informs guests that the largest dinosaur's live weight was estimated to be 85 tons, and he was

a plant-eater from the Cretaceous period — about 125 million years ago. The park signage provides fun facts about each of the sculptures, as well as all the indigenous plants. A spring-fed creek meanders through the grounds, with an accessible path that winds past each vignette.

Nelson engineered the sculptures based on his drawings of skeletal remains and fossils found and placed in natural history museums.

"He always drew," Worthington said in the documentary. "He came out of the womb with a pen."

Over 30 years, Nelson constructed 23 dinosaurs.

While the sculptures are scientifically correct, the paint colors were designed to be fanciful, attractive and photogenic as a tourist attraction.

"People would ask him 'How did you know what colors they were?' and he said,



‘Well no one knows. It’s the artist behind the paintbrush.’ Birds are very colorful, lizards are very colorful, but we don’t know,” McGrath said.

With an average rainfall of between 6 and 10 feet per year, ferns grow to gigantic size and even the common skunk cabbage develops huge tropical leaves. Known as a temperate zone rainforest, this primeval garden developed because of its location; nestled in a valley pocket and therefore protected from the fierce winter storms that sweep the Pacific.

The landscaping requires a lot of upkeep.

“You don’t have to water anything but we do have to cut things back when it starts growing,” she said. “Some of the skunk cabbage leaves get to be about 7 feet tall.”

The dinosaurs also have upkeep. During a wind storm over the winter, one of the giant trees fell in the park on two of the sculptures. They are in the process of being repaired.

A small gift shop on the property has souvenirs for dinosaur lovers of all ages, from plush toys and coloring books for kids to fossils, agates, apparel and more

for “kids” of all ages.

Over the years, family members have helped operate the park. McGrath’s mother worked in the gift shop for a long time, and her uncle helped with building some of the park’s features. McGrath has worked at the park for 40 years.

“It’s a lot of work,” she said. Her grandparents have been gone for 21 years.

According to “Strange Inheritance,” Nelson passed away in 1999 at the age of 91. His wife Kari died soon afterward. The property was left to McGrath, her mother and her uncle. The property was listed for sale, but Kiki decided she didn’t want to sell the park. The acreage was split up, with 33 acres containing the park going to Kiki. The other 44 acres sold for \$1.6 million.

“I’d like to keep the legacy going,” McGrath said. She is confident that her daughter and son would keep it going after she retires.

The park is open daily in winter (except during extreme weather) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 6 p.m. in summer. To learn more, visit www.prehistoricgardens.com.





GO SURFING / RAFTING

Despite the growing popularity of surfing and kayaking worldwide, the Southern Oregon and Northern California coastal shores and rivers remain relatively undiscovered by thrill-seekers.

Those who do take to the chilly water will experience an adrenaline rush like no other, not to mention up close and personal contact with the area's natural beauty and array of wildlife.

In fall/winter, the coast is pummeled by powerful storms and giant waves ideal for the more experienced surfer; meanwhile the higher flow in the rivers provide excellent rapids for kayaking.

Surfing

There are many surf spots along Curry County's coastline. Some are easy to get to, such as Sporthaven Beach at the Port of Brookings Harbor and the mouth of the Rogue River in Gold Beach. Others involve a lengthy hike or scramble down a hillside.

South Beach in Del Norte County is widely regarded as the best all-around beach to surf. The flat beach just south of Crescent City is located off of Highway 101, providing a convenient

place to park while riding the waves. The long, sandy beach is a fit for surfers of all abilities, including beginners.

Farther north along the California coast, more experienced surfers can try Pebble Beach or Point St. George, which can be rocky and rougher than South Beach.

There are several beach breaks located just north and south of the Oregon/California border, and several more located between Brookings and Gold Beach.

Kayaking and rafting

As the name implies, the Wild Rivers Coast boasts some of the most pristine and undeveloped rivers in the country, if not the world. The crystalline and jade waters of the Smith River are a holy grail for whitewater rafters and kayakers during the higher flow season from October through May, offering beginner-friendly class I-II and class III runs, Class IV wilderness canyons, expert Class V gorges and everything in between. Drift

boats, rafts and kayaks are great craft for floating world-class scenic sections of the Smith that bring boaters under ancient redwoods at any time of year.

Whether you're an outdoors enthusiast just in need of some rental gear or a family of beginners wanting a guided river trip experience, Redwood Rides Adventure Outfitters has you covered for your epic outdoor adventure on California's Wild Rivers Coast. Explore the crystal clear waters of the Smith River, bike through the ancient redwood forest, or paddle an ocean kayak past wild sea lions and a historic lighthouse on Crescent City's scenic coastline.

"We often hear that our Redwoods by River boat tour is the overall highlight of our guests' vacations, which usually cover a substantial chunk of the West Coast from Seattle to San Francisco," said Adam Spencer, co-owner/operator of Redwood Rides.

The Redwoods by River trips are beginner- and family-friendly scenic paddles on the main stem Smith River, where rafters and kayakers

float beneath the towering old-growth redwoods of Jedediah Smith State Park, part of Redwood National Park. The tour includes a short hike into the old-growth redwood groves, a stunning transition from the sunny river corridor to the lush rainforest. This river run has class I - II rapids, mild enough for beginners and families, adding more excitement to paddling by the tallest living things on Earth. The Redwoods by River trip is perfect for everyone ages 3 and up, giving you a small taste of whitewater while enjoying incredible redwood views — an unmatched opportunity.

If you're looking for more thrills, Redwood Rides also offers class II-III rafting and kayaking on the Middle and South Fork Smith. Boating trips on the Smith are available year-round, since the coastal temperatures stay much warmer than inland areas in the winter time. When the weather is cooler, Redwood Rides offers drysuits to keep you warm and dry.

The outfitter's most adventurous trip is on the North Fork Smith,

which has been called the best one-day wilderness rafting trip in the country.

Also available are guided bike tours and bike rentals with shuttle service. Enjoy a beginner to intermediate-level, 9-mile ride on Last Chance Coastal Trail, surrounded by jaw-dropping ancient redwoods and cliff-side ocean views, or an easier ride on Howland Hill Road, a 19th century stagecoach route, traversing the magical redwoods of Mill Creek. For downhill mountain biking, you can be shuttled to the top of a few different single-track options, while riders wanting a good climb and descent can see the unique forest diversity of Little Bald Hills Trail.

The dramatic coastline of Crescent City is perfect for ocean kayak tours. Enjoy paddling near the giant sea birds, seals and sea lions of Castle Rock National Wildlife Refuge or explore the scenic headlands surrounding historic Battery Point Lighthouse, built in 1856.



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Story by David Hayes

Under new ownership and a new general manager, big plans are cooking for the Historic Hiouchi Cafe. The historic building at 2095 U.S. Highway 199 in Hiouchi has served many roles since it was built in the 1940s. First as a gas station with a combination garage, grocery and bait store inside.

Later, when the gas pumps were removed and stalls built out back, it became a bar that grew into a favorite honky-tonk for loggers, fisherman and locals. The building has long since dispatched its reputation for serious drinking and nightly fistfights and is now more renowned for its 16-inch pancakes, eggs Benedict and stuffed pork chops.

“There’s a real drive here to make the community our guests every day. We have our tourist season, which is wonderful, and appreciated, but our locals are our bread and butter, all year long,” said Ginneen Thompson, head server at the cafe for the past 14 years.

Thompson said that 100% of the history recounted on the cafe’s menu is true. That was just the amount that would fit.

“At one time an airplane wrecked right in front on the highway. There was a brothel next door. It had a piano bar here. Just a lot of activity in the area,” Thompson said.

After decades as the go-to diner for residents from Brookings to Crescent City, the Hiouchi Cafe was ready for a facelift. Out-of-towners Jim Murcock, from Santa Barbara, and Johanna Hill, from San Diego, purchased the restaurant four years ago with a vision to take the historic cafe into the future.

They brought on Kevin Findlay

as general manager last summer to help them get the cafe to meet their vision.

“It had too much lipstick and not enough paint,” Findlay said. “So they did a wonderful job getting this redone, up to code. They also bought the motel and mobile-home park. So they’ve done a lot for the community.”

Findlay grew up in Crescent City, graduating from Del Norte High School in 2004 and Le Cordon Blue Culinary Arts Institute in Portland, Ore., in 2005. He had been running restaurants in Las Vegas for 15 years when the opportunity to return to his home town arose.

“My sister was having kids, I’m



Uncle Kevin, and Uncle Kevin is missing them growing up,” Findlay said. “I’d gained enough experience and wanted to bring that back here. My plan, anyway, was to come back and open something up in town. Might as well do it with somebody else’s cash flow.”

Since his return last July, Findlay has overseen upgrades in the walls, paint, booths and seating. He plans on taking out a whole wall before April and extending the front counter and wrapping it into the new space.

“The plan is to match it with the level of food and service going on in this place, to make it a diamond in the rough where people wouldn’t

know what’s going on inside just by looking from the outside,” Findlay said.

“It really has come a long way,” Thompson added. “The same quality of food, we just added a little bit of spice. Kevin’s brought forth a lot of energy and menu ideas. But we still keep the basics — biscuits and gravy and stuffed pork chops.”

Findlay describes the Hiouchi Cafe’s menu as comfort food with seasonal specials.

“We always have local ingredients. We use Rumiano’s cheese, I go once a week. I go to Taylor Sausage once a week and the Blueberry Hills Farm,” he said.

The menu has attracted faithful,

local diners for decades. Susan Owen, from Crescent City, said she tries to eat at the cafe at least once a week. Her go-to meal?

“The eggs Benedict. It genuinely is the best,” Owen said. “I’ve lived here going back 30 years. I knew the previous owners. They’ve always had great people working here.”

And with a “historic” in its name, there are still those who find their way to the Hiouchi Cafe for the first time.

Humboldt State University students, Delaney Kelly, Jackie Moran, Destiny Rivera and Nayma Khan, recently on their first trip with the National Resource Club for a Smith River Alliance



Restoration project, stopped in for a hearty breakfast. Rivera had the 16-inch pancake, stuffed with fresh blueberries, literally as big as a manhole cover.

“The blueberries are perfect. For the amount of pancake you get, it’s the biggest I’ve ever eaten. It’s wonderful,” Rivera said.

Thompson said the Redwoods, and tales of Bigfoot, bring the tourists. To keep them up to date, she also likes to inform guests about all the movies that were made around the Hiouchi Region thanks to a map by the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission. The cafe just received an award from the Humboldt film commission for Film Friendly Restaurant of the Year.

“Sometimes we want you to believe Bigfoot is in the area,” Thompson said. “Plus Kevin just put this in (pointing to a tourism video playing on loop on a TV screen above the doorway), showing the car show, raft races, fishing,



crabbing and kayaking. Soon we’ll be doing something with the golf course.”

Findlay plans to bring back evening dinners on Friday and Saturday nights, expanding the menu to include steaks, pizza, prime rib and barbecue tri-tip. He also plans on expanding the

space, indoors and out, for live music and patio dining.

“The drive up from Crescent City is not going to be so bad when we have a nice, little hangout,” Findlay said.

To keep up to date on the Historic Cafe’s progress, go to www.hiouchicafe.com.



The redwood forests of Del Norte and Humboldt counties boast some of the most magnificent and accessible old-growth redwood trees in California.

The region's rich history is inextricably tied to these ancient giants through the timber industry. Now, the trees are being preserved for current and future generations to inspire awe and wonder at any age. Compared to these aged, towering forests, we are all mere children.

Here's just a sampling of the adventures that await you:

Stout Grove

This easy trail boasts some of the largest and most impressive redwoods to be seen. The trailhead is located off Howland Hill Road east of Crescent City. Parking and restroom available.

The loop trail meanders alongside the sparkling blue-green Smith River. Ferns and clovers blanket the ground, giving the grove an otherworldly feel. The trail is short, but some longer options are available.

Check at a park information station for ranger-guided walks through Stout Grove.

Simpson-Reed Grove

This easy and highly accessible trail is one of the first that drivers come to after leaving Crescent City on U.S. Highway 199. Be cautious when driving this stretch about 5 miles from U.S. Highway 101, because there are often people crossing the road here.

In fact, the area is so con-

gested that park officials have moved the Simpson-Reed Grove trailhead to a location off nearby Walker Road, which also leads to other old-growth redwood trails and a stretch of the Smith River.

Informative placards along the path educate hikers about redwood trees and other vegetation found there. The Peterson Memorial Loop can be taken to extend the hike through Simpson-Reed Grove. After crossing bridges over a babbling brook and experiencing the wonders of an ancient redwood forest, hikers can join back up with the main trail and finish the trek.

Boy Scout Trail

Off Howland Hill Road, the Boy Scout Trail (5.6 miles round-trip) is known for its forest of majestic redwoods as far as the eye can see.

And like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, Fern Falls treats hikers who make it to the end of this trail with the sight of cascading waters (more or less, depending on the season). The rainy winter season provides more of a rushing waterfall than the drier summer.

The Boy Scout Trail is not an easy trek, but it's well-maintained, making the hike only moderately difficult.

The feather in the cap of the Boy Scout Trail is the Boy

Scout Tree, which is located off a short, unmarked side trail at 2.4 miles into the hike. So keep a sharp eye, because hikers do not want to miss this double-trunked giant! A small wooden sign is nailed to the tree, labeling it as "Boy Scout Tree."

Back on the main trail, hikers will enjoy (besides redwoods) the many varieties of fern, bigleaf maple, vine maple and Douglas firs.

Hiouchi Trail

This easy hike (4.2 miles round-trip) through Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park follows the pristine Smith River. The trailhead can be found just before the Hiouchi Bridge heading away from Crescent City on U.S. Highway 199. Parking is beside of the road.

The Hiouchi Trail explores some of the most beautiful old growth redwoods in the park while giving the hiker prime views of the turquoise waters of the Smith River.

Redwoods from your car

How can you see the best of the redwoods on one short drive that'll barely nudge your gas gauge? Three words: Howland Hill Road. This unpaved but relatively sedan-friendly roadway is your route to old-growth redwood bliss whether you're looking for long, medium or short hiking paths. Or, don't even bother

getting out of the car. The views from the road are that good.

South of downtown Crescent City but north of the harbor, turn east off of U.S. Highway 101 onto Elk Valley Road. Then turn right on Howland The region's rich history is inextricably tied to these ancient giants through the timber industry. Now, the trees are being preserved for current and future generations to inspire awe and wonder at any age. Compared to these aged, towering forests, we are all mere children.

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More information

In Del Norte County, two parks, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park (accessible from U.S. Highway 199) and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park (accessible along U.S. Highway 101), contain most of the redwood hiking trails. In northern Humboldt County, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park (accessible from Newton B. Drury Parkway off Highway 101) contains many more old-growth trails.

Additional sources:

Go to triplicate.com and search for Walk Your World

Go to a park visitors center.

Go to the California State Parks website at parks.ca.gov.



Hiouchi lies in the heart of Del Norte County's tallest redwoods. Situated on the north bank of the Smith River, a vast expanse of redwood forest park land lies to its south and west.

Some of it straddles U.S. 199 while the rest is opposite Hiouchi on the other side of the Smith, where Howland Hill Road meanders through old-growth stands with numerous trailheads along the way. At the west end of Hiouchi on U.S. 199 there is a Redwood Parks visitor center, and just a short jog down the street is the entrance to one of the larger campgrounds in the Redwood Parks.

Lying just below the Hiouchi Forks, where the Smith River and South Fork Smith River converge, Hiouchi serves as the gateway to the many wonders lying in South Fork Canyon and the secluded wildlands beyond. Below the Forks, the mainstem river widens considerably. Here there is easy tubing and drift boats can put

in to fish for salmon and trout.

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

This park, like the river that runs through it, gets its name from Jedediah Smith, the first European known to have crossed the Sierra Nevada to the Pacific Coast. Smith and a group of fur trappers who journeyed with him reached the Smith River in 1828. 101 years later, the state park was established, protecting 10,000 acres of ancient forest.

Find out more about the park's trails and scenic Howland Hill Road in the redwoods article beginning on page 18. Smith River

Locals prize the pristine, undammed Smith River for its fishing, summer

swimming, kayaking, rafting and tubing. There are a number of beaches located around the Forks, one off the highway, others on South Fork Road, and are marked with road signs.

South Fork and beyond

Turn off U.S. 199 a mile east of Hiouchi onto South Fork Road to find a more secluded river experience, with several swimming holes and kayak put-ins along the 13-mile, 30-minute drive through the South Fork Smith River's steep canyon.

At the end of South Fork Road, a left turn onto French Hill Road will take visitors through the lush forests along Hurdygurdy Creek and up into the mountains. Near the turn is Big Flat Campground, the kind of place where the night sky is filled with brilliant stars and the only sounds are of breezes caressing the trees and creek water babbling through an adjacent ravine.

HIDDEN GEMS

❖ **Historic Hiouchi Cafe — Nestled between the forks of the Smith River and majestic redwood groves of Jed Smith State Park lies the local dining favorite Hiouchi Cafe.**

Serving plate-dwarfing pancakes since 1931, the Cafe is the perfect pit stop for travelers of scenic U.S. 199. Local Favorite: Smoked pork chop and eggs. Smoked 30 miles north at Taylor's Sausage in Cave Junction, Oregon, these chops have been

converting ham and egg followers since they were added to the menu. A classic local eatery for a weekend brunch with friends. Fishers of the mighty Smith River often begin and end their day here, complete with tales about the ones that got away.

❖ **G-O Road — was intended to be a two-lane, paved segment of a 55-mile road between the towns of Gasquet and Orleans to provide logging access to the area; however its construction was opposed by**

Native Americans on the grounds that it violated sacred lands, and they took their case to court, ultimately losing an appeal by the federal government in the Supreme Court. Sympathetic legislators then secured wilderness designations that barred the area from logging, and the road was never completed. Nevertheless, there are 16 miles of paved road that begin near the end of South Fork Road and follow a series of ridgetops with mountain views in all directions.



Nestled in a green canyon along the banks of a tumbling river, Gasquet (pronounced “GAS-key”) is the gateway to the Smith River National Recreation Area, which encompasses much of the mountainous Smith River watershed.

Although Gasquet began as a mining community in the 19th Century, its value as a travel destination was quickly realized, and its founder, Horace Gasquet, built up the town as a health resort.

Gasquet continues to draw nature lovers to its beauty: to hike and bike the many trails that cross steep and scenic Siskiyou Mountain ridges and descend into the range’s characteristically lush, narrow canyons; to kayak and raft down the Smith River’s rapids and swim in the river’s pristine waters; and to take driving tours into its secluded wildlands.

For those wanting to get the most out of their exploration of the Smith River NRA, stop at its visitor center on U.S. 199 in Gasquet to find information and maps, enquire about campsite availability and acquire campfire permits.

The river

Fed by clear mountain streams, the Smith River is the only undammed river in California, and it is prized by visitors and locals alike for its recreation opportunities: fishing, boating and swimming.

Because the Pacific Ocean remains cold year-round due to prevailing currents from the Gulf of Alaska, the best place for swimming and sunbathing on the Wild Rivers Coast is at its rivers,

where summer temperatures in the canyons are typically in the 80s and 90s, and the waters provide a refreshing delight. No river in the region offers more campgrounds, swimming holes and kayak/raft launches than the Smith.

River accesses, many of which have restrooms, are marked with U.S. Forest Service signs at numerous places along U.S. 199 both east and west of Gasquet.

Interested in more than swimming? The river is a great place for tubing, rafting and kayaking. If you don’t have your own boat, local company Redwood Rides offers kayak rentals and guided kayaking excursions to experience the river’s many rapids. Redwood Rides also offers mountain bike rentals. Find out more at redwoodrides.com or call (707) 951-6559.

Scenic drives

Sweeping mountain vistas can be found in every direction from Gasquet, and though some roads may be in rough condition, most are navigable by two-wheel drive vehicles.

Little Jones Creek Road is the best of the bunch for accommodating vehicles with low ground clearance. The drive offers close views of the Siskiyou Crest with the Marble Mountains in the distance, and you can visit the Ship Mountain Fire

HIDDEN GEMS

❖ Carnivorous plants — Due to the area’s seismic history, the Siskiyou region has an unusual “serpentine” geology that makes it home to a number of rare and endemic species of flora, the most notable being the carnivorous *darlingtonia*. Also called cobra lilies, it’s not hard to see how they got this nickname: the pitcher plant stands upright with a flared neck, head-shaped cap and forked flowers hanging down, resembling fangs. The easiest place to see them is by taking a short wheelchair-accessible trail that leads to a bog (*darlingtonia*’s habitat) surrounded by cedars and azaleas. Find it 3.5 miles east of Gasquet where a sign says “Botanical Trail.”

❖ Patrick Creek Lodge — Eight miles east of Gasquet on U.S. 199, this historic lodge in operation since 1926 is a sight to behold with its log beams large stone fireplace. It offers fine dining and private cabins. If you can’t stay long, the excellent bar at least is worth a visit for your passengers.

Lookout, which has commanding views in all directions, including the ocean to the west. Little Jones Creek Road intersects U.S. 199 12 miles east of Gasquet at a marked exit. Take the road for 10 miles to Ship Mountain. Vehicles without 4-wheel drive will need to park at the toilet and walk up the last few feet to the lookout.



For those interested in gambling, Del Norte County offers three casinos within 30 miles of one another; two have undergone recent expansions and the other opened in 2016.

With the opening of the Redwood Hotel Casino, Las Vegas-style gambling is now available in the heart of Redwood National and State Parks.

Redwood Hotel Casino adjacent to Highway 101 in Klamath opened in 2016 and currently features 50 slot machines and video poker with regular and progressive machines.

Redwood Hotel Casino also houses a 60-room Holiday Inn Express, which opened summer 2014.

Its Abalone Bar and Grill serves local cuisine, including Klamath River salmon, Dungeness crab and abalone, as well as a selection of regional microbrews.

Built and owned by the Yurok Tribe, the Redwood Hotel Casino offers gift items and jewelry crafted by native artisans at its Otter Creek Gifts store.

In Crescent City, Elk Valley Casino,

which is owned by the Elk Valley Rancheria, offers hundreds of slot machines, bingo, and both blackjack and poker tables.

A recently expanded bar and restaurant also gives Elk Valley patrons the opportunity to eat, drink and gamble at the same time.

Elk Valley Casino's location on Howland Hill Road is near the southern entrance to a scenic drive through old-growth redwoods.

Farther north in Smith River is Lucky 7 Casino, conveniently located right on U.S. Hwy. 101. Owned and operated by the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, this casino offers slots, blackjack, video poker machines, poker tournaments, and bingo.

Lucky 7 Casino

Open 24 hours, Lucky 7 Casino describes itself as the "Friendliest

Casino on America's Wild Rivers Coast." Lucky 7 offers a large gaming floor with the largest non-smoking room in the area, poker room, and bingo hall, as well as the House of Howonquet Restaurant, Club 7 Sports Bar, Howonquet Lodge, Fuel Mart, event center, meeting rooms, and free RV parking.

Lucky 7's gaming floor offers more than 300 slot and video games. Blackjack tables open daily at noon, with table limits \$3 to \$200. Play Poker four nights a week at 6 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday and Sunday cash games at 2 p.m. Play Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with regular games starting at 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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The Redwood Hotel Casino in Klamath.

Getting there:

From the south: Head north on Hwy. 101 past Smith River. The casino will be on the right.

From the north: Drive south from Brookings, OR on Hwy. 101. The casino will be on the left.

From U.S. Hwy. 199 or Calif. Hwy. 197: Turn north on Hwy. 101. Drive past Smith River. The casino will be on the right.

Elk Valley Casino

Nestled in the redwoods, Elk Valley Casino is here to make your visit memorable. Whether you are a resident, vacationing, or just traveling through, your gaming experience will be worth the visit.

Elk Valley Casino is open 24 hours and offers over 300 slot machines, with denominations ranging from pennies to \$2 and a non-smoking room. Find all your favorites and the latest and greatest games, including 4D machines.

Blackjack tables are open daily and Pai Gow Poker is offered daily. The Deck Card Room is non-smoking and holds poker tournaments 7 days a week with live poker games offered.

Bingo is located in the Betty Green Event Center

four days a week in a non-smoking environment.

NEW to Elk Valley Casino is electronic bingo, making bingo even more exciting!

Hungry? Visit the Full House Bar & Grill open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Prime Rib and Seafood Buffet is also back on Wednesdays from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. through September 25th. View menus online at www.elkvalleycasino.com.

Getting there:

From the south: Take Hwy. 101 into Crescent City. Turn right on Elk Valley Road. Take another right onto Howland Hill Road. The casino will be on your left.

From the north: Drive south on Hwy. 101 into Crescent City. Turn left on Elk Valley Road. Turn right on on Howland Hill Road. The casino will be on the left.

Redwood Casino

The Redwood Hotel Casino features 50 slot machines and video poker with regular and progressive machines. The casino's slots include "Jackpot Inferno" and "Dragon Temple 3D."

The casino also offers the Yurok Country Rewards Club, which allows folks to earn rewards each time

they play and be notified of special deals with local businesses.

Abalone Bar and Grill is open from noon-2 p.m. for lunch and 5-8 p.m. for dinner. The bar opens at 5 p.m. nightly.

Getting there:

From the south: Go north on Hwy. 101 to Klamath. Take

a right on Ehlers Ave. and another right on Klamath Blvd. The casino will be on the right.

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The Smith River valley unfurls along Highway 101 near two eponymous communities — a small farming town and a tribal nation that runs a casino 3 miles south of the Oregon state line.

Halfway between the state line and Crescent City, the highway crosses the largest completely undammed river in California. Seven miles north at the mouth of the Smith River, there's a good vantage point to see its cold, clean current make its final plunge to sea.

Mouth of the Smith

Popular with picnickers and anglers, the mouth of the Smith River also attracts a wild menagerie — diving sea lions, seals, salmon, otters, sharks, crabs, geese and shorebirds.

On one side of a long sandbar the river fills fingers of a meandering slough, while on the other side ocean tides spray wildly, even on calm days.

To access the mouth, turn west off 101 onto the Mouth of the Smith River Road, which runs through the heart of Smith River tribal nation, 3.5 miles north of the townsite and 3.5 miles south of the state line. The road ends at a parking lot overlook with access by staircase to a sand and pebble beach.

Beaches and breaches

Edging north from the river mouth

and still two miles south of the state line, Clifford Kamph Memorial Park is a stellar spot for beachcombing, surf fishing and whale watching.

With three parking spots on a bluff overlooking the ocean, this unassuming county park has drive-up views and convenient facilities nearby, including wheelchair accessible restrooms and a ramp leading to a sandy beach. The campground is hosted year-round, with 12 tent camp sites rented on a first-come first-served basis.

One fish, two fish...

Salmonids are a family of fish famous for their miraculous migration patterns: from freshwater streams out to the ocean depths and back upstream again, to spawn and die where it all began. Glimpse these revered creatures up close at Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery, which raises steelhead trout and chinook salmon to supplement sport fishing stocks in the Smith River.

Strict regulations protect the Smith's wild stock from overfishing. Hatchery fish, on the

other hand, are always fair game, distinguishable from the wild fish by a clipped adipose fin.

The Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery welcomes visitors during regular business hours and is situated just west of the highway behind the Smith River Post Office on 255 North Fred Haight Drive. Tours are free, though donations to the non-profit enterprise are accepted.

Tolowa Dunes

More than 4,000 acres of lush forests, rolling dunes, wetlands, meadows and 11 miles of undeveloped beach make up Tolowa Dunes State Park.

The park encompasses Dead Lake, lakes Earl and Tolowa and the mouth of the Smith River. Visitors can explore more than 30 miles of hiking trails. It's also rich in opportunities for surfing, fishing, beachcombing and birdwatching.

Visitors to the park can even get hands-on experience in restoring the dunes to its original habitat. The Tolowa Dunes Stewards and the Redwood Parks Association host excursions to eradicate invasive European beach grass on the first and third Sundays of every month.

For more information visit: redwoodparksassociation.org/tolowa-dunes-state-park or tolowacoast-trails.org.



Story by David Hayes

Whenever there's a cheese competition somewhere in the world, it's a good bet the name Rumiano will be among those acclaimed.

The Crescent City business at 511 9th St., in its fourth-generation of ownership, now with Joby Rumiano in charge, added another seven awards to its office walls last year.

Which, frankly, you might expect of Rumiano Cheese Co., which titles itself California's oldest family-owned cheese factory.

Yet the family's reputation didn't get its origin in cheese. Rather, it was the milk.

Joby Rumiano figures everyone has heard the old tales from their grandparents or great-grandparents ... about the milkman making daily deliveries of fresh milk and taking the empty bottles to recycle. Does he wonder how many stop to think what happened to that milk supply when it got hot in the dead of summer?

"The demand got to be pretty high for milk," said Rumiano. "But what do you do when there's no demand?"

"That's kinda how the whole cheese factory started back in the early 1900s."

The year was 1919 when Italian brothers Richard, Fred and John Rumiano purchased a small dairy in Willows, California, about 300 miles south of Crescent City. They shifted the emphasis on production to making cheese and grew to be the biggest cheese factory in California by the mid-1930s.

Then, they sold all but two of their facilities when modern shipping and mechanization allowed large manufacturers to surpass the smaller, local cheese factories.

Brothers Baird and John returned

operations to the Rumiano family by purchasing the company in 1980. The third generation of brothers again shifted the focus of operations, this time to distribution. They further focused on updating and refurbishing their entire factory.

Now 42, Joby Rumiano said he never had a doubt he'd follow the trail his father, Baird, established.

"I had opportunities to do other things, but the biggest part of what's important is carrying on legacy and tradition," he said.

"I'm the oldest out of the fourth generation. I've worked here since I was a little kid, doing everything from putting stickers on bags to cleaning and making cheese, and everything else in between."

That included conducting milk-based science experiments in grade school and inventing his own cheese "pizano" in college (which eventually would become the Mediterranean Jack and Sicilian Olive Jack cheeses that Rumiano sells now).

"I've been involved in the science and chemistry of it. I enjoy that, the how-cheese-is-made. It's been educational," Rumiano said.

He's proud to have expanded the Rumiano Cheese brand, including certifications into the organic (2003), American Humane Treatment of Animals (2007) and first non-GMO certified, or genetically modified organism (2011).

While giants like Tillamook Cheese, based in Tillamook, Oregon, are about 10

times larger in scale than Rumiano, said Joby Rumiano, his company takes pride in making inroads into niche markets, such as organic cheese, which currently is about 70% of Rumiano's production.

"We've really worked hard making our cheese very consistent, using high-quality milk, making cheese that can be used for multiple things," said Rumiano. "It's very versatile: sliced, diced, shredded, chunked, whatever, it wouldn't be for just one function. Whether it's for food service, retail, private-label, slices or shreds.

"Our rule of thumb is, get our cheese in someone's mouth, they'll come back and buy it again," Rumiano said.

That commitment to excellence is why their cheese products win so many awards, he said. Their most recent plaudits include:

- First place, dry jack cheese, at the 37th-annual American Cheese Society Judging and Competition in Portland.

- Sweet cream butter, bronze medal, United States Championship Cheese Contest, March 5-7, in Green Bay, Wis.

- Four awards at the 2019 California State Fair, including gold medals for smoked mozzarella and dry jack, silvers for peppato dry jack and organic raw medium cheddar, and bronze for sriracha jack.

"That's a fun part of the business," said Rumiano, "but it's (also) a credit to our hard work and dedication as a whole company, as a team. So we all get satisfaction with an award, the acknowledgments."



U.S. Highway 101 bypasses some of Crescent City's most beautiful places — rugged beaches and ancient redwood groves, islands alive with birds and sea lions, historic lighthouses and epic murals. Most pass unseen unless you stray from the beaten path.

Point St. George

Turn seaward from the north end of Pebble Beach Drive to Point St. George Heritage Area, the third-most western promontory

in the lower 48. Infamous for shipwrecks, St. George Reef juts out to sea from these high grassy bluffs and an off-shore lighthouse marks the edge of reasonable navigability. Panoramic

HIDDEN GEMS

❖ **Panoramic views** — The Crescent Beach Overlook commands a view that stretches from bluffs north of Damnation Creek to Point St. George. The overlook is a good place to access secluded Enderts Beach as well as the Crescent Beach and Last Chance sections of the California Coastal Trail. To get down to the beach, visitors will hike down a trail that was once the old Redwood Highway during the 1920s. The highway lasted just 10 years before landslides forced the building of today's more inland route.

❖ **Howland Hill Road** — A trip past Crescent City's industrial parks, junkyards, and casino will drop you trap-door like onto Howland Hill Road, a portal to the eternal shade and calm of coastal redwoods, which winds around these giants, over cold clear streams and through a fern-laden primeval landscape. This unpaved but reasonably maintained road passes by numerous trailheads. Motorhomes and trailers are not advised on Howland Hill Road.

views of reef, open ocean and coastal mountain ranges make this area a local favorite. A trail from the parking lot leads to grassy paths and the beach.

To access Pebble Beach Drive's northern section and Point St. George Heritage Area from the north end of Crescent City, exit Highway 101 at Washington Boulevard and go 3 miles. At a stop sign surrounded by ocean views and pastureland, go straight another mile for the Heritage Area parking lot. From central Crescent City, turn west on 5th Street or 9th Street and go one mile to Pebble Beach Drive.

The Harbor

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These bulbous creatures laze over the docks and walkways in the harbor. Slipping into the water, they become swift and elegant. To view sea lions and harbor seals up close (but not too close!), turn west on Anchor Way at the harbor's south end. Look for a pile of pinnipeds on your right, near the Chart Room restaurant.





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These lighthouses include the St. George Reef Lighthouse and Battery Point Lighthouse at Crescent City, Cape Blanco Lighthouse near the Sixes River north of Port Orford, Coquille River Lighthouse at Bandon, and Cape Arago Lighthouse near the entrance of Coos Bay.

St. George Reef Lighthouse

Neither cozy nor readily visible, St. George Reef Lighthouse sits precariously on a rock 6 miles off the coast of Crescent City in some of the most treacherous waters on the West Coast. Its construction was inspired by the Brother Jonathan disaster, which claimed the lives of nearly 200 passengers and crewmen. It took 11 years to complete in 1892.

Built on a 70-foot-high concrete pier and equipped with a tower stretching upward to 134 feet, the lighthouse was considered one of the least desirable and most dangerous assignments for lighthouse keepers.

Decommissioned in 1975 and left for a time to fend for itself against battering seas, the lighthouse has now been rescued in stages by lighthouse and history buffs of the region.

Its French-made Fresnel Lens was removed and housed in the Del Norte County Historical Society Museum in 1983. In October 2002, a new light was installed in the rebuilt lantern room atop the lighthouse. The light is powered by a solar panel and wind generator.

Once manned and supplied by boom, derrick and prayer from lifeboats often bobbing dangerously in the sea, the

lighthouse now is accessible only by helicopter. On a clear day, it's visible from points all along Pelican Bay, including Brookings, as a gray dot against the horizon.

The Del Norte County Historical Society Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Saturdays. Call (707) 464-3922

Battery Point Lighthouse

Much closer to shore in Crescent City is the Battery Point Lighthouse, which is accessible on foot when the tide is low. At high tide, Battery Point becomes an island.

Built in 1856 when Crescent City was becoming a bustling center for export of lumber to San Francisco and import of miners to Oregon gold fields, the lighthouse held its ground against seismic waves from the 1964 Alaska earthquake, which claimed 11 lives in Crescent City and wiped out 29 blocks of commercial and residential structures.

These days Battery Point Lighthouse houses exhibits from its storied past such as artifacts from the Brother Jonathan, the 1964 tsunami and a boat torpedoed in World War II.

Battery Point Lighthouse is open to visitors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends, tides permitting. The lighthouse is at the foot of A Street in Crescent City. Call (707) 464-3922.

Cape Blanco Lighthouse

Back on the Oregon side of the border, Cape Blanco Lighthouse holds distinction as the state's oldest continuously operated lighthouse since 1870, and its highest at 245 feet above sea level. The beacon's 59-foot tower beams signals 21 miles

out to sea.

The lighthouse opens for tours on selected days from May through October, and volunteer guides from the Bureau of Land Management like to point out magnificent ocean vistas, including seven arch rocks on nearby Blanco Reef and Port Orford Reef.

Back in the pre-electricity days of diesel-fired lighting, Cape Blanco Lighthouse once had a keeper named James Langlois who spent 42 years lugging fuel up a 63-step spiral staircase to the tower. He retired in 1918, taking with him a state record for tenure that still stands.

Coquille River Lighthouse

The Coquille River Lighthouse near Bandon sits just a few feet above the waterline not far from the point where the river meets the Pacific. It had a brief but exciting history of operation. Commonly known to mariners of the day as the Bandon Light, the Coquille River Lighthouse was one of the state's last to go into operation in 1896 and one of the first to leave service in 1939. But during its years of operation, the Coquille River Lighthouse survived a fire in 1936 that wiped out Bandon, and was nearly rammed in the wreck of the C.A. Klose in 1903.

The low-slung lighthouse structure stood abandoned for more than 35 years until restored as a museum in 1975. Because of its picturesque setting, the lighthouse is a popular subject for photographers and landscape painters. It is easily reached by visitors through the entrance to Bullards Beach State Park north of Bandon.



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Just south of the Oregon border, is a Del Norte County facility. Long sandy beaches stretching almost as far as the eye can see are there for visitor enjoyment. The park also offers limited camping and bathroom facilities.

POINT ST. GEORGE:

Four miles northwest of Crescent City is the westernmost point on the California side of the Wild Rivers Coast. Several trails lead away from a large parking lot, some to coastal bluffs with commanding views of the coastline, mountains and St. George Reef Lighthouse offshore to the northwest. Walk down a gated road to Kellogg Beach, which stretches all the

way to the mouth of the Smith River, several miles away. Much of the beach is within protected areas, which feature miles of dunes, coastal forests and lakes Tolowa and Earl.

PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE:

In Crescent City, the ocean-front is often overlooked by visitors whizzing through town on U.S. 101, but the spectacular beaches, from rocky to sandy, are available to the public all along this drive. To get there turn west on almost any street from downtown Crescent City and follow your nose. You will soon be rewarded by scenic craggy rocks jutting up from the swirling Pacific. Here and South Beach periodically offer excellent whale watching opportunities.

SOUTH BEACH:

The long crescent beach which gives Crescent City its name

and is located just south of town. U.S. 101 runs within a stone's throw of the beach here for people who don't want to walk far to get their feet wet. The beach is a popular spot for surfers, who often can be seen riding the waves.

CRESCENT BEACH:

A broad beach nearly two miles long at the foot of redwood-covered hills south of Crescent City. At its northern end it doglegs into South Beach. Much of Crescent Beach is within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, and it is accessible from Enderts Beach Road, which intersects with U.S. 101 approximately 2 miles south of Crescent City. There is a picnic area with bathrooms. The beach is set back far enough from the road to offer a pristine, secluded experience, particularly the farther south one wanders,

where tall cliffs rise above the beach.

ENDERTS BEACH:

Accessed from the southern end of Enderts Beach Road, it is all but unknown to visitors but a place locals treasure. At the end of the road is parking lot atop Crescent Beach Overlook. At the southeast end of the area is the gateway to paradise. Embarking on the scenic one-half mile trail leads the visitor along a high bluff to the bottom of the hill where a sign at a fork in the path gives directions to the location and a campground. Once at Enderts Beach, the beauty of it all is overwhelming. Standing on top of the small, rocky bluff that juts onto the sand, a glance to the east reveals a small, narrow canyon lined with ferns and trees. Nickel Creek, cluttered with huge drift logs that winter storms have crammed into the ravine, slowly filters through the mighty tree trunks, winds around the bluff and merges with the sea.

FALSE KLAMATH COVE:

Two miles northwest of Klamath, U.S. 101 passes right by this small, scenic beach, which offers up-close views of heavy surf, rocks and seastacks around the edges of the cove. There are turnouts at the north and south ends of the beach, which is divided during high tides. Park at the front of the northern turnout during high tide to have the unique experience of feeling like your automobile is over the water. Not far past the southern turnout as the highway turns inland, there is a rest area with flush toilets, picnic tables and benches along the edge of a picturesque pond.

KLAMATH BEACH:

Is a driftwood-strewn sandbar at the mouth of the Klamath River. Providing a protected

entrance to the river, it's a popular site for fishing. The lower Klamath River is home of the Yurok Tribe, and according to their religion a large rock on the north side of the river overlooking Klamath Beach is the spirit Oregos, who took the form of a woman wearing a basket cap and carrying a baby basket on her back. Oregos likes people, so each year she swings her leg — the sandbar — to let fish enter to feed the people. To get there, exit U.S. 101 just south of the river onto Klamath Beach Road. After passing two RV parks, the road narrows, so RVs and vehicles with trailers are not advised. Park at the gated road and pass through the gate. Several traditional Yurok plank houses, part of a ceremonial grounds, are adjacent to the road. Visitors are welcome to look but asked

to treat the sacred grounds with care and respect.

GOLD BLUFFS BEACH:

Is well off the beaten path. After exiting U.S. 101 onto Davison Road, 2.5 miles north of Orick, there is a winding 4-mile drive on unpaved road to get from U.S. 101 to the beach (RVs and trailers are prohibited). But for those who make the effort, there is ample reward at the other end. The road follows the beach for 3 miles, flanked on the inland side by steep bluffs. The beach is a great place to find elk in a particularly photogenic setting. At the far end of the road lies Fern Canyon, a narrow ravine with vertical walls completely covered in ferns. A stream runs through the ravine, so expect to get your feet wet if you visit. Gold Bluffs Beach also features a campground with 24

sites. Note: Gold Bluffs Beach requires a day use fee, payable at a booth where the road meets the beach.

FRESHWATER LAGOON BEACH:

West of Orick is a mile-long beach adjacent to U.S. 101 with sweeping views of the ocean and Redwood Coast. At its northern end can be found the Redwood National and State Parks Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center, which offers exhibits, a bookstore and backcountry permits. Near the visitor center is the Redwood Creek Picnic Area, with covered tables and restrooms. The shoulders along the highway are broad, offering plenty of room to park cars and RVs. On the other side of the highway is Freshwater Lagoon, which has a boat launch at the northern end.

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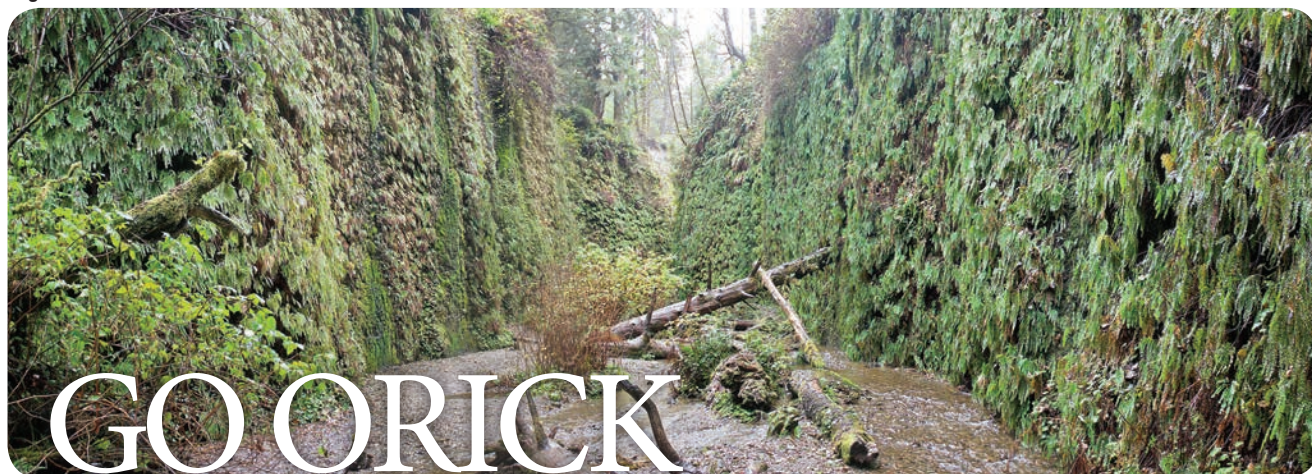
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Situated halfway between Eureka and Crescent City on Highway 101, Orick is a former logging town that became the heart of Redwood National and State Parks 40 years ago.

Orick boomed and busted along the banks of Redwood Creek, which is more like a raging river than a babbling brook. Its 282-square-mile basin contains much of the world's remaining old-growth coastal redwoods, trees that can grow taller than 30-story buildings.

Besides superlative height, coastal redwoods can live nearly 2,000 years, longer than the Roman Empire existed. Old-growth trees around Orick have been quietly growing since Roman armies were marching across Mesopotamia. Here are some highlights:

Mouth of Redwood Creek

Like the mouth of the Smith River 60 miles north, Redwood Creek plunges dramatically into the Pacific along an easily accessible beach. Gargantuan logs sent out to sea during high creek flows are strewn across the sand by tides, offering a different view of the redwoods.

To access the mouth of Redwood Creek turn west off of Highway 101 two miles south of Orick, toward the Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center. From there, follow a boardwalk to view the creek's slough and go north $\frac{1}{4}$ mile across the flats to view the mouth.

Elk viewing

Orick's human residents are outnumbered by Roosevelt elk, the largest species of elk in North America. Most often seen grazing contentedly in dewy meadows near the coast, elk attitudes change radically during the "rutting" season in late summer and early fall, when 1,000-pound bulls armed with six-, seven- and eight-point racks spar one another for dibs on the does. It's a spectacular display.

Elk are many things. Majestic. Powerful. Graceful. Wild. Friendly they are not. Elk do not appreciate paparazzi and have been known to charge overzealous people. They can be spotted all over the Orick Valley.

Redwood trails

Davison Road is an access point for some incredible trails as well as the only tent camping spot in the area, Gold Bluffs Beach, located 6 miles down a dirt road that connects to Davison Road at Elk Meadow. For those interested in a short jaunt, the 2-mile Trillium Falls loop can be accessed by a foot path south of the Elk Meadow parking lot, winding through giant redwoods and culminating in a waterfall. Lady Bird Johnson Grove is another easily accessed

HIDDEN GEMS

❖ **Verdant walls** — Entering Fern Canyon, it's easy to imagine a stegosaurus picking its way over the fallen trees that litter the creek bed. With 50-foot walls draped in seven different kinds of ferns, the ravine provided a prehistoric backdrop for Steven Spielberg's "The Lost World: Jurassic Park." Visitors with sharp eyes will be able to spot a plethora of creatures including giant Pacific salamanders, banana slugs, garter snakes and birds. Turn west on Davison Road, 3 miles north of Orick and go 7 miles to the end of Gold Bluffs Beach Road.

❖ **Rare minerals** — The Orick hills have other secrets, such as rare minerals found nowhere else in the Western Hemisphere. Orickite is a rare mash-up of copper, iron, hydrogen, oxygen and sulphur. Only a few grams have ever been found. The first sample came from Coyote Peak, overlooking Orick, and was sent to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., for further study and safekeeping.

and popular spot for viewing old growth redwoods. About a mile north of Orick and a mile south of Davison Road, turn east on Bald Hills Road for 2 miles. The trailhead parking lot is on the right after a footbridge.



The Klamath area is home to many things: the headquarters of California’s largest Native American tribe and the place where a 263-mile-long river flows spectacularly into the Pacific, to name a couple.

The village — relocated after a devastating flood in December 1964 — and Yurok tribal headquarters are both on the inland side of U.S. Highway 101 just north of its bridge over the Klamath River. The most spectacular scenery, however, is reached by turning

west off the highway onto Requa Road.

Historic Requa Inn

On your right less than a mile up Requa Road is the Historic Requa Inn, which you could consider either a big bed-and-breakfast or a small hotel.

It was built as a 22-room inn in 1914 after a fire destroyed an older hotel built on the same site in the late 1800s. Its views of the river are as scrumptious as the multiple-course gourmet meals served in the dining room.

Mouth of Klamath Overlook

Continue up Requa Road to a parking lot on your left that overlooks the Mouth of the Klamath River to the south. During salmon season, fishermen amass on the water

and sandy spit.

If you think the view is good from here, walk down the Coastal Trail about half a mile, and turn left on another trail that meanders for an additional half-mile to a wooden observation platform jutting over the ocean. From here, the Mouth of the Klamath can be seen in all its splendor, and if you’re lucky you might see the spouts of gray whales at sea.

Retrace your steps to the parking lot, or continue north a little farther on a memorable stretch of the Coastal Trail.

HIDDEN GEMS

❖ **World War II relic** — If they look sharp, visitors exploring Redwood National and State Parks’ coastal drive will come across an old radar station from World War II.

The U.S., fearing an attack from the Japanese, built a series of these stations on sloping hillsides, said Park Ranger Michael Poole. Because of their exposed locations, the stations were often disguised. The radar station off Coastal Drive appears at first glance to be a farmhouse.

“They had two buildings, the power station and the operations station, but they’re just cinderblock

concrete,” he said. “Around one of them they built a fake farmhouse and around the other one they built a fake barn.”

Coastal Drive can be accessed at the end of Klamath Beach Road off U.S. Highway 101. Visitors should then travel down Alder Camp Road, which will reconnect them with Klamath Beach Road, forming a one-way loop.

❖ **Newton B. Drury Parkway** — Visitors taking this scenic drive will plunge through an old-growth forest of coast redwood, western hemlock and Douglas fir.

Prairie Creek protects some of the world’s tallest trees, including Big Tree. Accessed from the

parkway via a short paved trail, Big Tree is 304 feet tall and 21 feet wide.

Near the south end of the 10-mile drive, folks will travel through a grassy meadow where Roosevelt elk often graze; a visitors center and campground lie to the west.

The main road through Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, the parkway connects to U.S. Highway 101 4 miles south of Klamath and again 5 miles north of Orick.

❖ **Klamath Glen** — Up for a little side trip? Head east on Highway 169 for about 5 miles to the village of Klamath Glen, where you can enjoy some upriver views of the Klamath.



Just watch for the giant Paul Bunyan and his blue ox. When you see them, you've arrived at Trees of Mystery, one of the region's premier roadside attractions north of Klamath.

If you want to know what the canopies of Del Norte redwood forests look like and view the amazing ways redwoods adapt to their environments, Trees of Mystery has just what the arborist ordered.

"It's a unique perspective of the redwood forest you can't get any other way, besides being a bird," said General Manager John Thompson, about the Sky Trail gondola ride at the attraction.

The gondola follows a nearly 1-mile-long trail through old-growth redwoods and includes signage and audio interpretations of exhibits.

Trees of Mystery attractions also include a world-famous Native American museum and huge gift shop.

The End of the Trail Museum includes artifacts from tribes all over North America.

"The End of the Trail Museum is said to be one of the best private collections in the world," said Thompson. "It's broad and very deep in its presentation."

The hero of Trees of Mystery is Paul Bunyan, his legends carved out by loggers of long ago. The Trail of Tall Tales is devoted to the myths surrounding Bunyan, as are the mammoth-size statue of his ox, Babe, and himself.

Here is more info about roadside attractions along the Wild Rivers Coast:

TREES OF MYSTERY

WHAT: A self-guided, nearly 1-mile-long hike through pristine and unique redwoods, a gondola ride through redwood treetops, a Native American museum, a cafe offering the indoors experience of eating in a forest or underneath a river, a motel and a gift shop.

WHEN: Open seven days a week; from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the winter and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in the summer, however hours vary with the seasons. Visitors can call for current hours.

WHERE: 15500 Highway 101 South, Klamath

COST: General Admission is \$18 per person; seniors age 60 and older are \$14; kids 6-12 are \$9 and kids 5 and under are free. Museum admission is free.

CONTACT: Call (707) 482-2251 or go to www.treesofmystery.net; for reservations at Motel Trees, call (800) 848-2982.

OCEAN WORLD

WHAT: Hands-on, interactive experience with tidepool animals, petting leopard sharks and a guided tour, plus a huge gift shop full of local souvenirs.

WHEN: Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with 45-minute tours scheduled throughout the day. Winter hours may vary.

WHERE: 304 U.S. Highway 101 South, Crescent City

COST: General admission is \$12.95 per person; children ages 4-11 are \$7.95 and ages 3 and younger are free.

CONTACT: Call (707) 464-4900 or go to www.oceanworldonline.com.

WEST COAST GAME PARK SAFARI

WHAT: Visitors mingle with free-roaming wildlife in a walk-through safari experience. Less-social beasts such as bears, foxes, lions and zebras are in less-accessible displays, but their youngsters are often brought out for petting sessions.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

WHERE: 7 miles south of Bandon on Highway 101

COST: Ages 13 and up, \$17.50; seniors 60 and older, \$16.50; ages 7-12, \$10; ages 2-6, \$7; under 2, free

CONTACT: (541) 347-3106.

PREHISTORIC GARDENS

WHAT: The Prehistoric Gardens is not a natural history museum, but with a little imagination, these beasts can come to life. They include tyrannosaurus rex, stegosaurus and 21 other critters of an age not our own. The self-guided tour lasts 15 to 20 minutes.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. spring and fall; call ahead for winter hours.

WHERE: 11 miles south of Port Orford on U.S. Highway 101

COST: Adults, \$12; ages 3-12, \$8; seniors, \$10; 2 or younger, free; leashed dogs welcome

CONTACT: (541) 332-4463.



GO WILDLIFE

Creatures that fly, crawl on land, swim in the sea or roam the forests and meadows can be found on the Wild Rivers Coast, for those who know where to look.



ELK

Roosevelt elk are among the largest deer in the world, second only to the moose in size. Overhunting nearly decimated the herds on California's North Coast, but since an elk reserve was established at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in the 1930s, their numbers have rebounded.

Elk are among the most hazardous animals to the public at Redwood National and State Parks, Park Ranger Michael Poole said. Visitors should admire them from a distance.

Elk can be especially dangerous during the fall rut when males grow their antlers and fight each other for females. In the spring, female elk can also be dangerous if they have calves to defend.

About 450 elk roam Redwood National and State

Parks. The best place to view them is at the junction of Davison Road and U.S. Highway 101 north of Orick and at the end of Davison Road near the trail to Fern Canyon.

Closer to Crescent City, a herd of about 53 animals can sometimes be seen wandering south of town near U.S. Highway 101 along Humboldt Road and Enderts Beach Road.

Another elk herd can be found in the town of Smith River, often hanging out at a field near Ship Ashore Resort on U.S. Highway 101.

Spotting elk in Curry County is challenging. Most herds stick to the county's forested areas. But some herds have been spotted occasionally near the Brookings Airport, at 17330 Parkview Drive and the Salmon Run golf course up the south bank of the Chetco River. Elk may also be spotted on the north bank of the Rogue River east of Gold Beach.



Photo Credit: Bureau of Land Management Oregon and Washington

Tidepools

During minus tides a garden of sea life can be seen clinging to the rocks and trapped in the tidepools on Del Norte County's rocky beaches.

The best place to explore tidepools within Redwood National and State Parks is at Enderts Beach, said Park Ranger Michael Poole.

Critters include the Pacific sea anemone, which are found from Alaska to Baja California and resemble giant flowers. The purple and orange ochre sea star, webbed bat stars and the occasional sunflower starfish, which can have 16 to 24 limbs, can also be seen. Mussels and barnacles adorn the rocks and folks may even see tiny fish swimming in the pools, Poole said.

People should also be careful not to crush anything when moving rocks around, Poole said.

"What you really want is a minus tide during daylight

hours," he said, explaining that a minus tide is an especially low tide that occurs roughly twice a month around the full and new moons (tide tables can be found on pages 8-10).

Folks should park at the Enderts Beach overlook 3 miles south of Crescent City at the end of Enderts Beach Road off U.S. Highway 101. They can then hike down the trail to the beach and turn right to find some of the best pools.

Other good places to view tidepools include the rocky beach north of Battery Point Lighthouse, the coastline northwest of Crescent City between Pebble Beach and Point St. George, and northwest of Klamath at False Klamath Cove off U.S. Highway 101.

North of the Oregon border in Curry County is McVay State Beach, another good place to see tidepool denizens.

Other good places to tidepool in Curry County include Mill Beach, a

hidden beach in the heart of Brookings behind Fred Meyer.

Tidepools at Harris Beach State Park can be accessed from the first parking lot by taking the South Beach Trail to the beach and turning south toward the sea stacks and hiking on the beach for about a quarter of a mile.

At the campground entrance, before descending

to the lower parking lot take the Rock Beach Trail. It's a short trail requiring some exercise, but has tidepool life in abundance around the arch rock and rocky shores.

However, tidepooling is not without its hazards. Folks should keep an eye on the ocean, expect sneaker waves and take a friend — two- or four-footed.



Lone Ranch Beach, Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor, Oregon. Photo Credit: Joe Mabel. 2016



Birding

With the area's pristine rivers, lagoons, rocky shoreline and lofty forests, even a novice birder can spot something interesting.

Oregon's Curry County hosts 376 bird species,

according to the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society. Birding hotspots include the New River near Langlois, Cape Blanco State Park north of Port Orford, Floras Lake and the Sixes, Chetco and Rogue rivers.

Since the Southern Oregon Coast is the state's balmiest spot, birds normally only seen in California can often be spotted in Curry County too.

For example, the Allen's hummingbird, once rare in Curry County, is now abundant. These birds can be viewed at New River near Langlois, Cape Blanco State Park, Euchre Creek between Gold Beach and Port Orford and the mouth of the Rogue River in Gold Beach.

Short-eared owls, who hunt mostly at night, but can be seen during the day and at dusk, can also be seen at New River. They can also be seen at Lake Tolowa in Del Norte County hunting low over the fields.

Vagrant warblers on their way from the eastern U.S. to South America sometimes wind up at Cape Blanco.

In Del Norte County, ducks, loons, grebes, gulls, terns, the endangered

marbled murrelet and other shorebirds can be seen at the Crescent City Harbor.

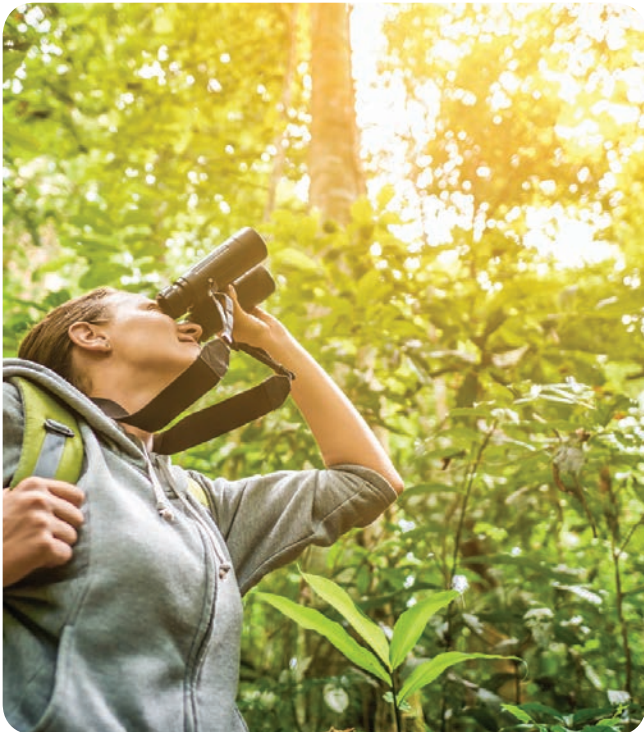
At Point St. George there are rock sandpipers, harlequin ducks, shearwaters and marbled murrelets.

The Castle Rock National Wildlife Area west of Pebble Beach houses the second-largest seabird colony in California, according to Brug.

From Pebble Beach Drive, folks can see tufted puffins, common murres and pigeon guillemots with a spotting scope or binoculars. Castle Rock also hosts Aleutian cackling geese, which roost in the thousands before making their way to Alaska.

The geese also congregate on pastureland between Lake Earl and the Smith River. Wetlands in that area are habitat for gulls, ducks and raptors like bald eagles, peregrine falcons, merlins and the rare golden eagle.

Mountain birds like quail, Cassin's finches, Townsend





solitaires, sooty grouse and white-headed woodpeckers can be seen on the GO Road in the Smith River National Recreation Area.

Seals & sea lions

Visitors to Wild Rivers Coast can see four species of pinniped — harbor seals, elephant seals, California sea lions and Steller sea lions — though they should keep their distance.

In Southern Oregon, seals and sea lions can be spotted at the various ports along the coast. They often sun themselves on the docks and swim among the fishing boats at the Port of Brookings Harbor.

In Gold Beach, seals and sea lions can be spotted on

docks and along the shoreline and can be seen surfing the waves at the mouth of the Rogue River.

In Port Orford, favorite viewing sites include Battle Rock Park, Port Orford Heads State Park and on the docks.

The many sandy beaches near Bandon and the port itself offer good vantage points to view sea mammals.

They can also be spotted in coves and isolated beaches from viewpoints along the Oregon Coast Trail within the Samuel Boardman State Park, between Brookings and Gold Beach.

Harbor seals are the most commonly seen, can reach 6 feet in length, weigh up to 300 pounds and have spotted

coats ranging from a silver-gray to a black or dark brown.

The second largest seal in the world, the northern elephant seal, so named because of the proboscis found in the male, are only on land during breeding season.

Males can reach 13 feet in length and weigh 4,500 pounds, while females grow up to 10 feet in length and weigh in at 1,500 pounds. The best way to view elephant seals is through a spotting scope or on binoculars as they breed on offshore islands.

California sea lions, which use their large flippers to propel themselves on land, frequent the Crescent City Harbor near the Chart Room

on Anchor Way. Ranging in color from chocolate brown to a lighter golden brown, males can grow as large as 7 feet in length and weigh 1,000 pounds. Females grow up to six feet in length and weigh up to 220 pounds.

Larger than the California sea lion, Steller sea lion males reach 11 feet in length and weigh 2,500 pounds while females grow to nine feet and weigh 1,000 pounds. Steller sea lions spend much of their time offshore and only breed on unpopulated beaches. Stellar sea lion pups are born from mid-May to mid-July.

Folks may be able to catch a rare glimpse of Steller sea lions on Castle Rock through spotting scopes and binoculars.

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April 2020

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❖ **April 11, Eggspress, Stout Mountain Railway Garden in Stout Park** in Brookings, 1 to 4 p.m. Come see railway cars decorated for Easter festivities wend their way through the railway park.

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❖ **May 17-26, Night on Broadway**, 7 p.m. and 2pm on Sundays. Performers come and sing famous Broadway shows trying to get a part, a musical with a twist. Brookings-Harbor Community Theater, 15542

U.S. 101 South in Harbor.

❖ **May 18, Armed Forces Day Salute, Stout Mountain Railway Garden** in Stout Park in Brookings, 1 to 4 p.m. Come see patriotic Armed Forces railway model cars wend through the elaborate railway.

❖ **May 24, Brewers Dinner**, at Chetco Brewing Co., 830 Railroad St. Brookings. Visit www.chetcobrew.com for more information.

❖ **May 22-25, Azalea Festival Book Sale**, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, \$2 Bag Sale from noon-3 p.m. Friends of Chetco Community Public Library, 405 Alder St., Brookings, 541-469-7738.

❖ **May 23, Annual Marine Swap Meet**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Everything from A to Z in marine items for sale or trade on the Port of Bandon's boardwalk, in Old Town Bandon. No fee to sell your items. 541-347-3206.

❖ **May 22-25, 81st annual Azalea Festival**, community-wide festival includes a parade, car show, street fair, children's carnival, plant shows, art show, quilt show, seafood luncheon, barbecue, Memorial Day service and more, Brookings.

❖ **May 23-24, Saturday: Rock the Chetco**, noon to 10 p.m.; Live music, vendors, food and games at the

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brewery at 830 Railroad St., Brookings. Sunday is Big Al's Birthday Bash, 3 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.chetcobrew.com.

❖ **May 24, Curry County Cruisers' Azalea Festival Car Show** will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the Port of Brookings Harbor. Featuring more than 150 antique, classic and collectible cars. Music, raffles, food, event T-shirts, 541-813-1214.

❖ **May 25, Airport Day**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weather permitting. Tours and scenic airplane rides over Brookings area. In the past plane rides have been \$25 per person and \$50 per person for helicopter rides. Members of Brookings Flying Club share information about planes and the city seen from above. All proceeds benefit Brookings Flying Club Scholarship Program. Brookings Airport, 17330 Parkview Dr., Brookings.

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❖ **June 15, BPOE Elks Scholarship Tournament** to raise money for scholarship fund, at Salmon Run Golf Course, South Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings. More information 541-469-4888.

❖ **June 27, Gold Beach Brew and Art Festival** at the Event Center on the Beach in Gold Beach. Craft beer, live music, food trucks, artisan craft vendors, art show/sale. For more information, www.goldbeachbrewfest.org.

July 2020

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707-464-7441.

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Sunday, June 7 through Aug. 30, Azalea Park, Brookings. Find more information at www.facebook.com/AmericanMusicFestivalBrookingsOregon.

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❖ **July 1-5, The 42nd annual Jed Smith Mountain Men Tall Trees**

Rendezvous at the Del Norte Rod and Gun Club in Smith River. This reenactment of early American frontier life features black-powder shooting, archery, knife- and tomahawk-throwing; frying pan and rolling pin tosses for the ladies, and a PeeWee BB-gun contest for the kids. A Dutch oven cooking demonstration will be held if there are no fire restrictions. There is also a traders row with pre-1840s goods and craft demonstrations. Call Brian Scott at 707-954-6032 and Joyce Lockhart at 707-458-3585.

❖ **July 3, the Downtown Divas present Live From Downtown: It’s First Fridays!** Held from 5-7:30 p.m. the first Friday of the month in Downtown Crescent City, this event features in-store specials, live music, food, performance art, artisans and writers/book signings. For more information, call 707-465-7332 or The Downtown Divas on Facebook.

❖ **July 3-4, Dog Days of Summer Brewfest** at the Port of Brookings Harbor, celebrating dogs and craft beer at the port. The event features live music, craft beer, food, canine contests and adoptable animals. Visit www.chetcobrew.com.

❖ **July 11, Brookings Harbor Educational Foundation fundraising tournament, Salmon Run Golf Course, 99040 South Bank Chetco River Rd. in Brookings. For**



4th of July in Crescent City



more information, call 541-469-4888.

- ❖ **July 11, Second Saturday Art Walk** in Brookings from 3 to 6 p.m. at art venues within two blocks of U.S. 101 between Alder and Fifth streets. It features art, interviews, music, and food. Venues on the Art Walk including Brian Scott, Semi Aquatic Gallery, and Wright's Fog & Fine Art Gallery. Manley Art Gallery regularly features the art of PBAA artists and occasional guest artists. Maps to all locations can be obtained at any venue.
- ❖ **July 11, the 51st annual Gasquet Raft Races**, a 2.5-mile raft race (costumes encouraged) on the Smith River, benefiting the Gasquet American Legion. Registration, 10 a.m., race at noon. Cash awards given for most unusual raft and costume. Barbecue, beer tasting and live music at noon. 707-954-1836.
- ❖ **July 11, Tolowa Nation Honor-**

ing Dance, 1 p.m. at Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. The demonstration will be held at the day-use area of U.S. 199 west of Hiouchi.

- ❖ **July 18-19, Annual Southern Oregon Kite Festival**, 10 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Port of Brookings Harbor. This popular event is free and fun for all ages. See more than two dozen nationally and internationally renowned kite flyers perform amazing routines choreographed to music. Weekend activities also include free children's kite building workshops and vendors selling eats, treats, and merchandise for the enjoyment of festival attendees. For information visit southernoregonkitefestival.com.
- ❖ **July 17-18, American Cancer Society Relay for Life** begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and finishes at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds, Crescent City. Call Chelsea at 985-788-2582.
- ❖ **July 28-Aug. 1, Curry County Fair**, Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Curry County Fair, 4-H exhibitors, Jr. livestock auction, open class exhibits, bands, parade, talent contest and more! Event Center on the Beach, Gold Beach, 541-247-4541, www.curryfair.com.

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❖ **Oregon Golf Association Youth on Course Tournament**, Salmon Run Golf Course, 99040 South Bank Chetco River Road, 541-469-4888 for event dates.

❖ **Aug. 1-4, Curry Anadromous Fishermen (CAF) Salmon Derby**, Fishing Derby on the Rogue. For more information and dates, call the Rogue Outdoor Store in Gold Beach at 541-247-7142 or visit www.rogueriversalmon.org.

❖ **Aug. 6-9, Del Norte County Fair** at the fairgrounds, 421 U.S. 101 North, Crescent City. Annual fair

includes livestock auctions, a rodeo, carnival rides and a concert. Call 707-464-9556 or visit dnfair.org.

❖ **Aug. 1-2, Festival of Art in Stout Park**, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 433 Oak St., Brookings. Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Original art and crafts, plein air painting and other demos, includes live music, a food court, kids' activities from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Booths include paintings, jewelry, metal work, photography, pottery, wood art, gourd art, ber art, glass art and more. Sponsored by Pelican Bay Art Association.

❖ **Aug. 7-9, 10th Annual Pirates of the Pacific Festival**, Friday noon-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Music, food, beer gardens, entertainment and family activities: sword play, reenactors and mermaids. Port of Brookings Harbor 541-251-4422, captaincurry541@gmail.com.

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❖ **Aug. 15, 22nd Annual MDA Benefit Car Show** from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Lucky 7 Casino in Smith River. The event will feature a raffle, barbecue and entertainment. For more information, call 707-487-0611.

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- ❖ **Sept. 11-13, Bandon's annual Cranberry Festival** — Join us for a fun-filled weekend of activities and events. Our traditional festival promises entertainment for the whole family; Events are staged in Old Town, the Port of Bandon waterfront, Sprague Community Theater and City park and Bandon High School, Bandon.
- ❖ **Sept. 12, Second Saturday Art Walk** in Brookings from 3 to 6 p.m. at art venues within two blocks of U.S. 101 between Alder and Fifth streets. It features art, interviews, music, and food. Venues on the Art Walk including Brian Scott, Semi Aquatic Gallery, and Wright's Fog & Fine Art Gallery. Manley Art Gallery regularly features the art of PBAA artists and occasional guest artists. Maps to all locations can be obtained at any venue.
- ❖ **Sept. 19, Brookings Annual Oktoberfest**, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. It just keeps getting better and better, includes 35 Oregon breweries, celebrity dunk tank, great food, games and fun. www.chetco-brew.com, Azalea Park, Brookings.
- ❖ **Sept. 26, Bike the Rogue**, registration 7 a.m., ride starts at 8 a.m., 25-, 40- and 62.5-mile rides follow the banks of the scenic Rogue River. Register at goldbeachbiketherogue.org or on the day of the event at Buffington Park, two miles east of Highway 101 on Caughell, Gold Beach, 541-698-7150.

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607 Pacific Ave., Brookings
Sunday School-PreK-Adult.....9:30 a.m.
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