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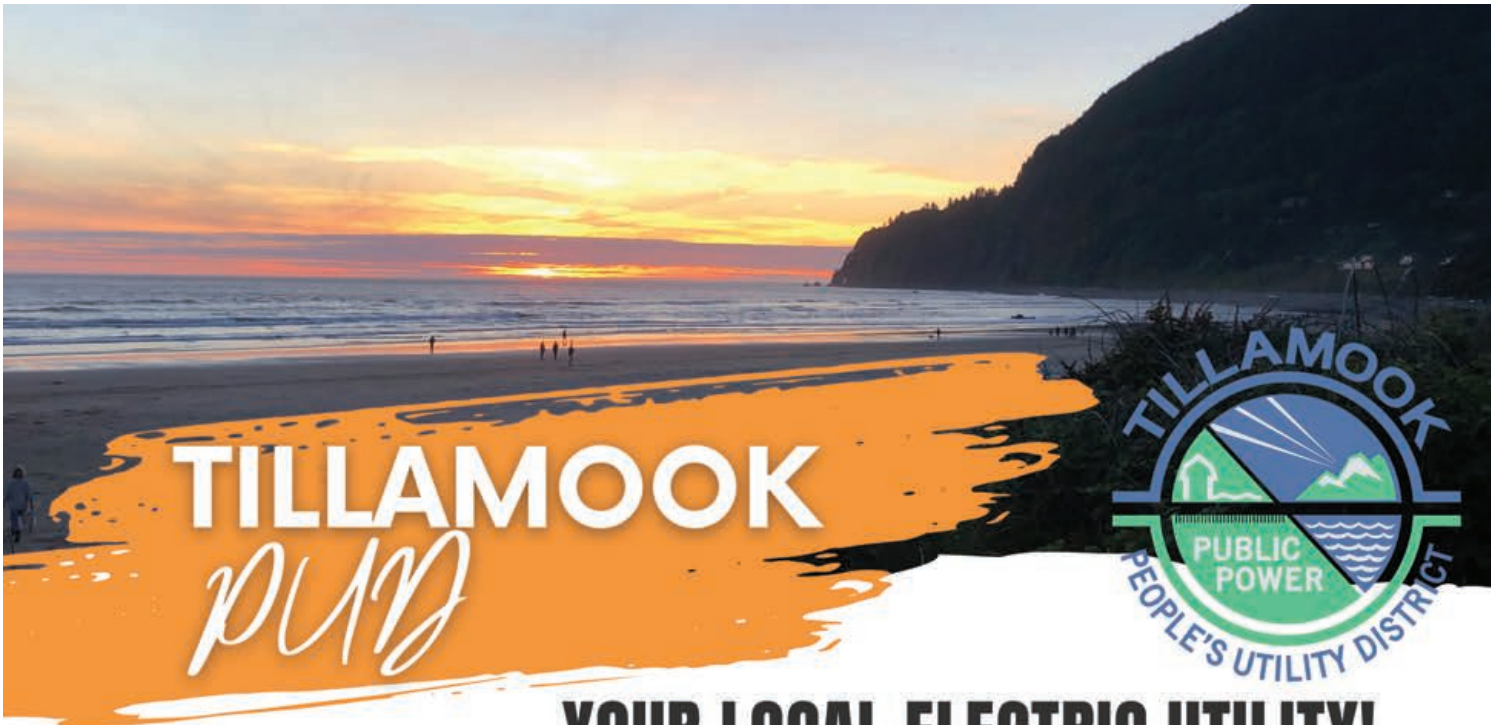


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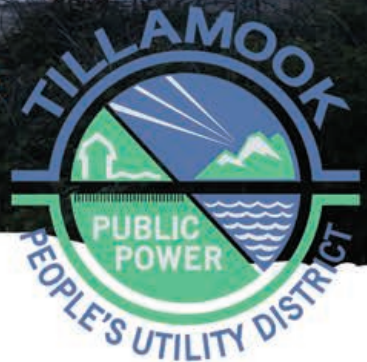
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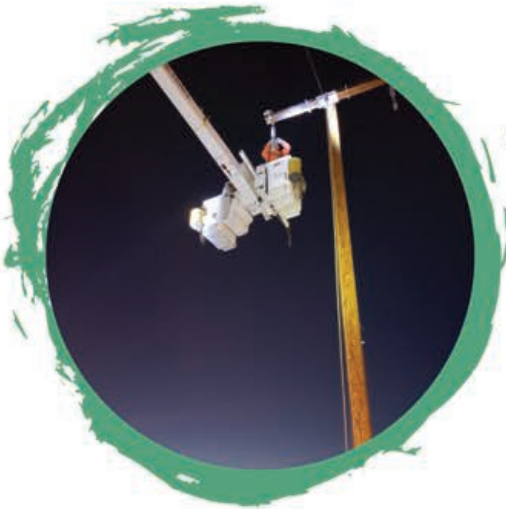
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# DISCOVER TILLAMOOK *County*

Tillamook County is rich with adventures—both indoor and in nature—and celebrates the arts. Dotted with small communities, a multitude of parks and wide-open coastline, this Pacific Coast region of north Oregon caters to the outdoor enthusiast, or to those seeking a pleasant and relaxing respite from hectic day-to-day life. It offers a great opportunity to bond with loved ones and share adventure. Picturesque beaches, rivers perfect for recreation, serene lakes, forests and farm country shape the character of this part of rural Oregon.

At the northern border of Tillamook County, take in Oswald West State Park for a day of surfing waves, or gather for a picnic. Hike through old growth rain forest and explore Neahkahnie Mountain. Later on, enjoy the communities of Manzanita, Nehalem, Wheeler and Rockaway Beach – each with their own unique attractions and seasonal events.

Farther south, don't miss the fishing and logging community of Garibaldi with its lively marina and scenic location on Tillamook Bay, or Bay

City and the delicious Tillamook Bay oyster.

Tillamook is our county seat. The town is set in a pastoral setting between the Pacific Ocean and Coast Range. It is a shopping hub and features several popular tourist attractions. Here you will find the home of Tillamook Cheese and famous visitor center. Tillamook Pioneer Museum, Blue Heron French Cheese Company, small shops, popular brew pubs, food carts and restaurants make Tillamook a good stopover. Heading west, it's only a few miles back to the beach and Netarts, Cape Lookout State Park, Oceanside and agate hunting, then on to Cape Meares Lighthouse. East of Tillamook, if you follow Highway 6, you'll find the Tillamook Forest Center, check to make sure the center is open before going. It features outdoor hiking in wooded settings along the Wilson River, as well as a history center where you can learn all about the famous Tillamook Burns. Following Highway 101 south of Tillamook you will find the Tillamook Air Museum, originally built as a blimp hanger in WWII, followed by the tiny communities of Beaver, Hebo and Cloverdale. Take Brooten Road to Pacific City to see Oregon's lesser known Haystack Rock and let your kids get their wiggles out climbing up the huge sand dune at Cape Kiwanda. Further south is the sleepy community of Neskowin, perfect for a secluded beach retreat.

Tillamook County is a go-to area for sports fishing and hunting, and for experiencing locally-sourced cuisine. Get in touch with your inner angler in pursuit of the Chinook salmon, steelhead and a variety of trout. Or, let the captain guide you toward ocean fishing adventure on a chartered excursion where you can catch Albacore tuna and popular west coast seafood. You can drop crab pots for the renowned Dungeness Crab at one of several local marinas. For great shoreline adventure, grab a clam shovel and harvest cockles, blue gapers or butter clams in Tillamook Bay.

Stop by a fresh seafood market and pick up some Netarts Bay oysters, smoked fish and many other local seafood delicacies.

Enjoy wine tasting, famous ice cream, locally-crafted cheese and award-winning beer at local eateries and attractions throughout the county. During the growing season, many of our communities feature farmers markets packed with vendors selling locally grown food.

We hope your visit to Tillamook County is filled with many wonderful discoveries and if you want to tap into local news, pick up a North Coast Citizen or Tillamook Headlight Herald newspaper or visit us online at [tillamookheadlightherald.com](http://tillamookheadlightherald.com).

## DISCOVER

*Manzanita, Nehalem, Mohler & Wheeler***Manzanita**

This beautiful beach town is named for the Manzanita shrubs covering the hillsides, which have fruit that look like little apples; in fact “Manzanita” is “little

apple” in Spanish.

Manzanita is the northernmost community in Tillamook County, and faces the ocean. Laneda Avenue, the main street of town, leads directly to the beach. Manzanita lies between Highway 101 and the ocean, at the base of **Neahkahnie Mountain**, a 1,700 foot peak. The town is bracketed by two state parks, Oswald West State Park on the north and Nehalem Bay State Park on the south. A rugged trail up Neahkahnie Mountain leads to a breathtaking panoramic view of the northern Oregon coast and the Pacific Ocean. Legend has it that there is treasure buried on Neahkahnie Mountain, but it has never been found.

Manzanita offers access to seven miles of sandy beach with views of beautiful Neahkahnie Mountain. This breezy beach is popular with windsurfers and kite flyers. There is a popular nine-hole golf course close to the beach. The business district includes a variety of shops, eateries and bars, lodging establishments, spa services, real estate offices, grocery stores, banks, an urgent care center

and more. There is a cozy library and a small arts center that offers classes, guest author readings, performances and exhibitions. Seasonally, the Manzanita Farmers Market is a great place to stock up on locally grown food, browse through a variety of vendors and get something yummy to eat while enjoying live music.

The town has a Fourth of July parade, (excluding COVID years) and winter holiday festivities that start Thanksgiving weekend and run through the annual New Year's Day.

Just south of Manzanita, along the coastline, is **Nehalem Bay State Park**, situated on

the four-mile Nehalem Spit on the west side of Nehalem Bay. It features day use areas, RV, tent and yurt camping close to the beach, a horse camp and a hiker/bike camp. There are hiking and hiking trails, boat ramp, a meeting hall and a 2,400' airstrip.

**Oswald West State Park**

Named to honor Oregon's 14th governor, Oswald D. West, Oswald West State Park is located on U.S. Hwy. 101 four miles north of Manzanita.

One of the most spectacular state parks in Oregon, this 2,484 acre park encompasses a 13 mile stretch of the **Oregon Coast Trail** and two prominent headlands: Cape Falcon and Neahkahnie Mountain. It includes **Short Sands Beach** which is popular with surfers

Erected by Oregon Department of Transportation, at the south end of the park along Highway 101, there is a viewpoint that features a historical marker honoring governor **Oswald West**. Because of the passing of his 1913 bill declaring Oregon's seashore a public highway, a law was passed ensuring that the land between the high and low tide on the entire Oregon coast could not be



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Parking is limited, but the stretch of Neahkahnie Mountain near the Oswald West marker features several pullouts with expansive views of the ocean and coastline. It is a popular location for seasonal whale watching.

## Nehalem

Nehalem, and the river and bay attached, are named for the Native American tribe. "Nehalem" is a Salish word that means "place where people live." The town was settled in the 1850s because of its proximity to the river and to the lush farmlands upstream.

Nehalem was a lumbering town; logs came to town by way of a rail line that ran up the Nehalem River, and part of the mill was built over the river.

There's a boat launch in the center of town. The community has a grocery store, restaurants and shops to explore.

The old Nehalem Elementary School building, which has North County's only swimming pool, is now home to the North County Recreation District and houses the offices of the Port of Nehalem.

Nehalem Bay Historical Society preserves history of Nehalem, Manzanita and Wheeler.

## Brighton & Nehalem Bay

Brighton Beach, where Nehalem Bay meets the ocean, was named after England's seaside resort of Brighton, in the obvious hope it would become a popular vacation spot. Three miles south of Wheeler on Highway 101, Brighton platted in 1910, had a sawmill that produced spruce lumber for aircraft during World War I and a Southern Pacific railroad depot. Today, Brighton is home to waterfront marinas and RV parks.

You may notice the highway mile markers through this area – between Wheeler and Rockaway – all have a "Z" prefix (and the numbers don't match up with the mile markers on the rest of the highway). That's because this stretch of Highway 101 was supposed to be temporary. As designed, the highway was to cross Nehalem Bay and run along the Nehalem Bay spit to Manzanita. The Great Depression happened instead.

The resort community envisioned on the Nehalem Bay spit was never built and the county got the land, now Nehalem Bay State Park, for unpaid taxes.

## Mohler

Unincorporated Mohler, up the Nehalem River by Highway 53, is farm country. It was named in 1911. Mohler had its own post office from 1897 until 1959.

Today, Mohler is a quiet corner of Tillamook County and reflects that in the attitudes and ways of life of the residents living there. The main attraction to visit is the local winery with tasting rooms and seasonal events.

There is a grocery store with a deli. Further west on Highway 53 is the White Clover Grange, an historic building available to rent for special occasions and where community events are held throughout the year.

## Wheeler

Wheeler was incorporated as a city in 1913, prosperous in its early years because of its location along the railroad line that ran from Tillamook through the Coast Range into the Willamette Valley.

Wheeler is located on a sweeping curve of Nehalem Bay. Downtown is along Highway 101 and the homes are situated along the steep hills that give a near stadium seating effect for an amazing view of Nehalem Bay and Neahkahnie Mountain.

Today, antique malls and shops line Highway 101. There are places to eat and

lodgings, including along the Nehalem Bay waterfront.

There's a small waterfront park, boat launch and marina in the center of town to attract sporting enthusiasts. Fishing and crabbing are popular in the area. Oh, and you can't forget the numerous kayaking opportunities.

## International Police Museum

Check out the new location of the International Police Museum located in Wheeler Treasures. There are special exhibits throughout the year and the permanent collection includes many interesting historical artifacts fundamental for police work including weapons, tools and uniforms. Learn the history of policing and about early pioneers of the field. A youth interactive area includes group programs where students try on real police gear, get their fingerprints taken and more.

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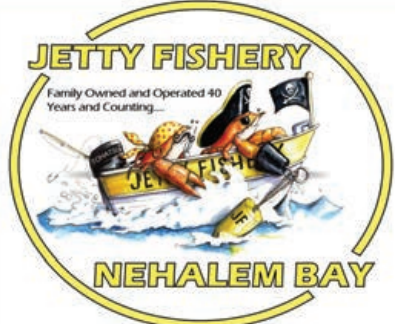
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## Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Beach is Tillamook County's second-largest town. It was developed around the turn of the last century as an oceanfront resort by the Rockaway Beach Company, and was named after the oceanfront resort on Long Island. The two are still "sister cities."

With seven miles of ocean beaches, Rockaway Beach (the "Beach" was added to the name in the 1980s) is one of the more affordable Oregon coast destinations.

The railroad connecting Tillamook to Portland came through Rockaway Beach in 1911. The **Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad** still runs seasonal passenger trains to and from Rockaway and Garibaldi. Highway 101, next to the

railroad tracks, is bordered by a business district where you'll find banking, realty offices, grocery shopping, dining, and stores of many kinds to explore.

On the north side of town is **Lake Lytle** (named after one of the builders of the railroad). The lake, sparsely surrounded by homes, has several boat ramps; the public one is on Highway 101. The lake is regularly stocked with trout.

Festivals and local events throughout the year attract photographers and visitors for art, crafts, authors, food and music. They are held in the heart of downtown at the **Rockaway Beach State Wayside**. Originally the site of a saltwater natatorium, it is now the most accessible public beach access point in town and features sweeping views of the ocean waves meeting the sandy beach and of the striking 100-foot high **Twin Rocks** located off-shore to the south. There is parking and here you will find

the Chamber of Commerce Information Center located in a restored red caboose, as well as the train stop.

Rockaway Beach is lively in the summer with an annual kite festival and a packed Fourth of July weekend. The popular Fourth of July Parade is followed in the evening by a fireworks display over the ocean.

South of Rockaway Beach, where Tillamook Bay meets the Pacific Ocean you'll find the small community of **Barview**, notable for the **Barview Jetty** and **Barview Jetty County Park**. There is a small grocery store close to Highway 101 and a parking area near the beach and jetty.



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The Tillamook County Quilt trail began in 2009 with 16 blocks on area barns. The goal was to create a tie between our rich local coastal history and the wonderful talents of local quilters, with the added benefit of encouraging tourists to spend a little more time in our county. The trail, the first of its kind on the West Coast, is listed in the book “Barn Quilts and the American Quilt trail,” by Suzi Parron and Donna Sue Groves.

The Quilt Trail concept originated in Ohio. It is very popular in the Eastern United States. When the TCQT began, the nearest trail to Tillamook was in Nebraska. Several other nearby counties have since approached us to learn “how we did it”.

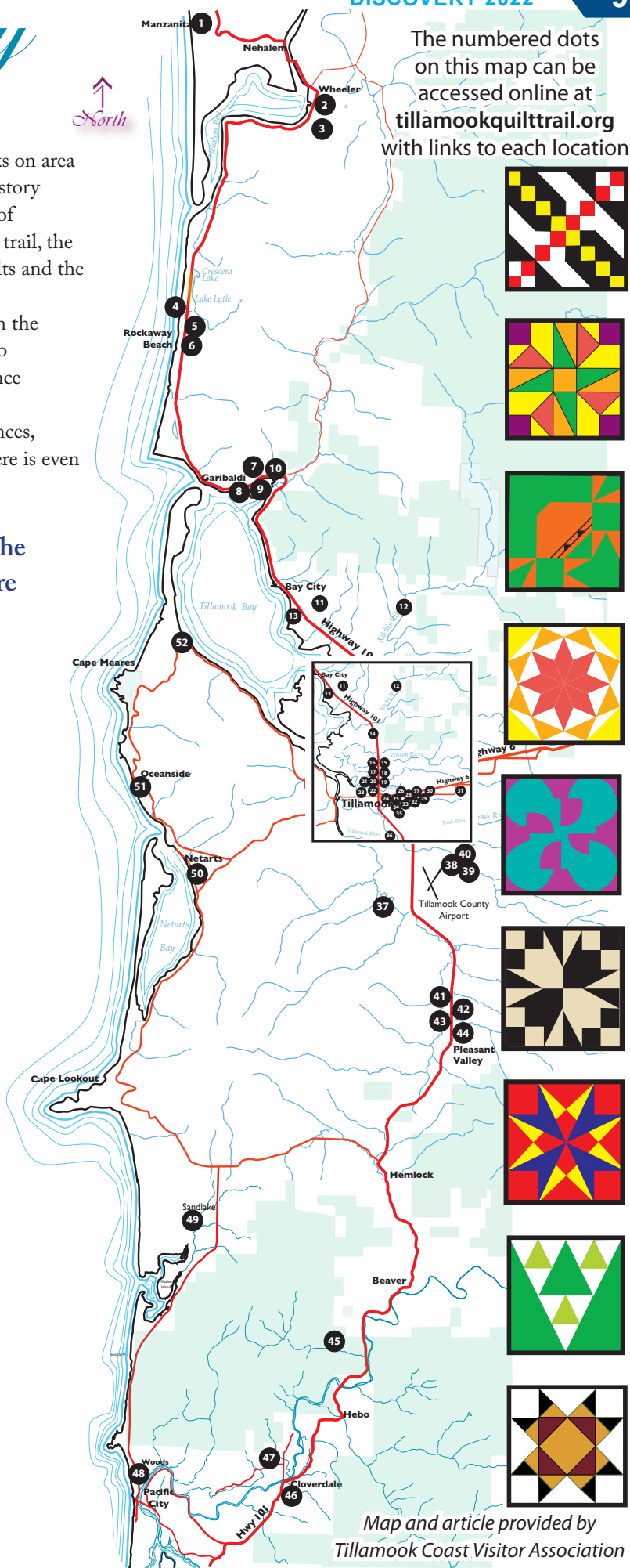
As of 2017, the blocks, on barns, businesses and private residences, numbered over 100 stretching from Manzanita to Pacific City. There is even a geocaching series highlighting the Quilt Trail.

For larger and more complete maps describing the blocks and their locations, please pick up a brochure at the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center or visit [tillamookquilttrail.org](http://tillamookquilttrail.org).



## Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad

The Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad is a registered non-profit museum organization (501c3). It operates over the former Southern Pacific and Port of Tillamook Bay Railroads with regularly scheduled trains between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi and in the summer months. There are also special event trains throughout the year over the rest of the line which extends from the Tillamook Air Museum blimp hangar on the South side of Tillamook through Garibaldi, Rockaway Beach, Wheeler and beyond. If you can't make it to the coast to experience this unique attraction, it's worth a visit to their website, [www.oregoncoastscenic.org](http://www.oregoncoastscenic.org), to see footage of the train in action and to learn about train history in Oregon.



The numbered dots on this map can be accessed online at [tillamookquilttrail.org](http://tillamookquilttrail.org) with links to each location

Map and article provided by Tillamook Coast Visitor Association

## DISCOVER

*Garibaldi*

Heading south from Barview at the northern end of **Tillamook Bay**, you will know you are nearing the fishing town of Garibaldi when you see the beautiful sandstone formations, known as **The Three Graces**, near the shores of Tillamook Bay. They are popular as a hangout for shorebirds, photographers and beachcombers at low tide.

Garibaldi was platted in 1860 by Daniel Bayley, who became the first postmaster. In 1879, he named the settlement after Italian hero and fisherman Giuseppe Garibaldi, whom President Lincoln had tried to recruit to lead the Union armies in the Civil War. Garibaldi is home to Coast Guard Station Tillamook, established in 1908. Today, the station's area of responsibility is Tillamook Head to Cape Kiwanda. **Station Tillamook Bay** averages 250 search and rescue cases annually.

Highway 101 cuts through Garibaldi's business district, which is several blocks long. Basic services include gas marts, a grocery store, liquor store, barber and old-fashion bakery. There are a variety of

lodgings, pubs, restaurants and espresso shops. A myrtlewood outlet and shops are here to explore. The **Garibaldi Maritime Museum**, founded to commemorate the Oregon coast's "discovery" by Captain Robert Gray in 1788, features a collection of maritime and historical memorabilia.

The hub of the town these days is the **Port of Garibaldi**, a sprawling complex set on docks over Tillamook Bay. This is an invigorating setting filled with fresh air that brings one into immediate contact with the nostalgic commercial fishing and charter boat culture of the Pacific Northwest. There is a working fishing marina lined with seafood processing facilities and, with local fresh seafood outlets open to the public, this is a destination for seafood aficionados. The port is also home to popular restaurants and there is plenty of room for the public to park and enjoy a good walk and take in the sights. The **Lion's Club Lumbermen's Park** features playground equipment for the kiddos. Here you'll find a vintage Baldwin 2-8-2 No. 90 logging locomotive displayed. The Port operates a small RV park that is located close to the public boat launch and pathway along the bay that leads



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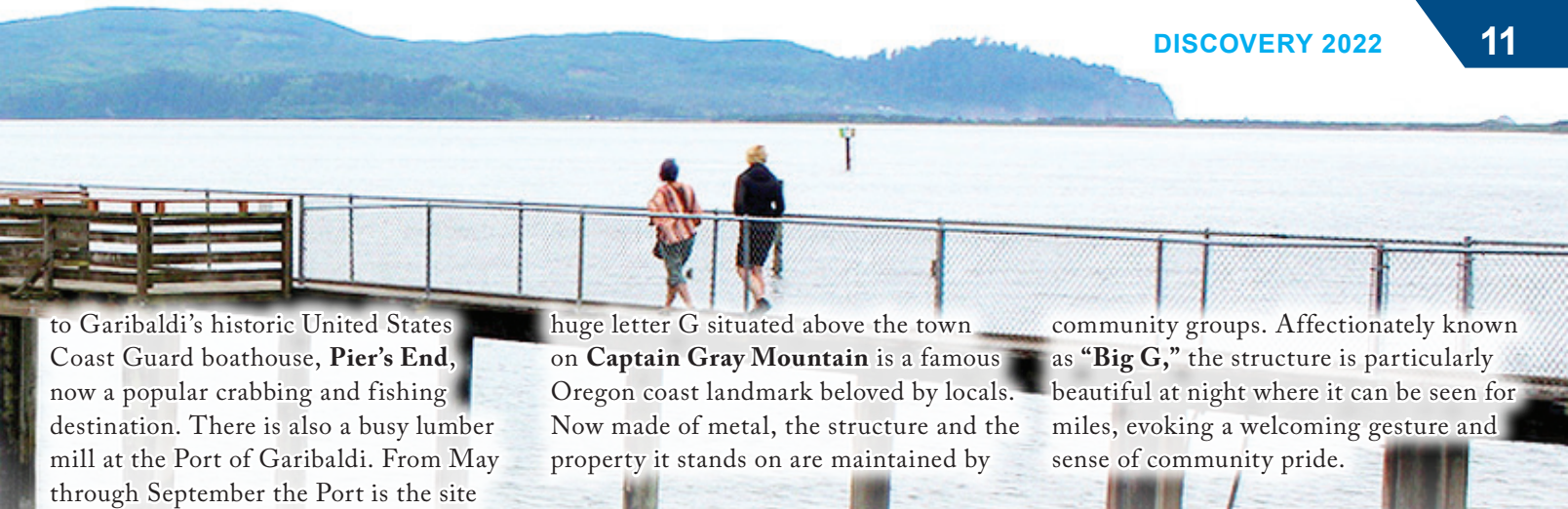
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to Garibaldi's historic United States Coast Guard boathouse, **Pier's End**, now a popular crabbing and fishing destination. There is also a busy lumber mill at the Port of Garibaldi. From May through September the Port is the site of the monthly Garibaldi Night Market featuring vendors, local eateries, live music and door prizes. Other popular events are held here annually.

Located at the south end of town, The Old Mill RV Park & Event Center sits on a peninsula that was formerly the site of a busy plywood mill. All that remains of it now is the iconic 230-foot smokestack. The Old Mill is home to the ever-popular Garibaldi Crab Races and the Garibaldi Lion's Club Fish Fry. The town's largest event of the year is Garibaldi Days in late July, complete with a festive parade, vendors of all kinds, live music and a fireworks show over the bay.

Near Old Mill is the original one-room Garibaldi train depot. It is home to The **Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad**. Operating June through September, several daily roundtrips to Rockaway Beach are offered. To also be enjoyed are special seasonal train excursions including the Candy Cane Express with Santa over the holiday season.

Originally constructed of wood in 1930 by Garibaldi school students, the

huge letter G situated above the town on **Captain Gray Mountain** is a famous Oregon coast landmark beloved by locals. Now made of metal, the structure and the property it stands on are maintained by

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# Tillamook

In its early years, the town of Tillamook, the first community to be settled in the county, bore the unofficial names Lincoln and Hoquarton, a native word meaning “the landing.” Its name was eventually changed to Tillamook, another native word meaning “the many peoples of the Nehelim.” William Clark of explorers Lewis and Clark wrote in 1806 of the Killamox Indians but according to research by the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes, the ‘K’ was not used in the name of the tribe. Local folklore used Land of Many Waters as the meaning of Tillamook. Though it is a fact that Tillamook is a land of many waters it is not the true meaning of the name Tillamook.

When Thomas Stillwell laid out his town of “Lincoln” in 1861, there were already other settled towns in Tillamook County – Bay City, Garibaldi, and Nehalem. When the post office was established in 1866 the name was changed to avoid confusion with Lincoln City, which already existed further south. Tillamook became the county seat in 1873. In 1893, a great portion of the city, located on 1st Street at the time, burned to the ground.

Today, motels, restaurants, food carts, family attractions, service shops and specialty shops line U.S. Highway 101 north of the city. The town’s center features eateries, three brew pubs, flower and gift shops, beauty salons, a historic movie theater and food court, called Flavors on First. In the summer months, people can stock up on local produce at the Tillamook Farmers Market

each Saturday.

At the north end of town, on the north side of Conde McCullough’s famous Wilson River bridge, is the Tillamook County Creamery Association cheese factory, the biggest tourist attraction in Oregon, drawing over 1.5 million visitors each year from around the world.

On the east side of town, out Third Street, is the county fairgrounds, as well as Tillamook Bay Community College. To the west, on Highway 131 to Netarts, Oceanside and the “Three Capes Scenic Loop,” is the Tillamook Regional Medical Center and its associated clinics and doctors’ offices.

Tillamook has eight city parks; there are boat launch ramps at the newly redesigned **Sue H. Elmore Park** on the Hoquarton Slough (downtown) and **Carnahan Park**, on the west side of town on the Trask River. A Bike-Skate Park at the **Lillian A. Goodspeed Park**, located on 3rd Street, east of downtown, is a big draw for any age rider.

Tillamook is the county seat for Tillamook County. The courthouse and city hall which are centrally located in downtown Tillamook, both boast historic WPA murals inside.

Tillamook also has a very active YMCA with two large swimming pools, workout facility, indoor track, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, racquetball and handball courts and plenty of exercise classes for all levels.

Key events start out with a Ball Dropping New Year’s celebration. In the spring, the Headlight Herald hosts its annual Home



and Garden Show. In June Tillamook plays host to the June Dairy Parade and in August one of the best county fairs in the country takes over the fairgrounds for four days. All events at the fair are free once you pay the nominal fee to enter the grounds. Halloween is very special time in Tillamook for the little ones, because the entire business community partakes in handing out goodies to all the little ghouls and goblins. In December, the City of Tillamook along with the Chamber of Commerce hosts the Holiday Light Parade with a visit from Santa and the annual Tree Lighting.



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## DISCOVER

*Tillamook Area Attractions***Tillamook Creamery Visitor Center**

With 1.5 million annual visitors, Tillamook's biggest attraction is the Tillamook Creamery Visitor Center, home of famous Tillamook Cheese and Tillamook Ice Cream. Operated by the Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) this is the most popular tourist destination on the Oregon coast.

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## Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

Since its inception in 1935, the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum has amassed a huge collection of information, artifacts and photographs of the area, its history, and its people. The museum building in downtown Tillamook is an historical artifact itself. Built in 1905, it was Tillamook County's second courthouse. It is located across the street from the "new" courthouse, built in 1933.

The 16 rooms of exhibits include a room dedicated to local Native Americans, a pioneer home, a military room, and a Victorian-era bedroom. The Alex Walker Natural History Room houses an extensive collection of birds, animals, rocks, fossils, and butterflies. Another gallery displays a portion of the late U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield's collection of Lincoln memorabilia. The Pioneer Museum is home to the last stagecoach to cross the mountains from Yamhill County in 1911, a collection of logging, dairy and farming tools, and a replica of the stump lived in by Joseph Champion, Tillamook County's first settler. Rotating exhibits in the Main and Northwest Galleries host everything from artists' exhibitions to historical featured shows.

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The center is located on the Wilson River Highway (Hwy 6), near mile point 22.

For information on hours and days of operation please go to [tillamookforestcenter.org](http://tillamookforestcenter.org) or call 503-815-6800.

## Tillamook Air Museum

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In 1989, the museum's Hangar B was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world. In 1994, Hangar B was chosen for the site of the new Tillamook Air Museum, dedicated to preserving and protecting our shared aviation heritage and wartime history. It is just four miles south of Tillamook. With over 25 aircraft, vintage vehicles, interactive exhibits, and an Exhibit Hall with rare wartime and aviation artifacts, the Tillamook Air Museum provides a step back in time. There are special events, rotating exhibits and a large gift shop.

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## Cape Lookout State Park

Located 16 miles southwest of Tillamook on the Three Capes Scenic Drive, Cape Lookout State Park is one of Oregon's greatest treasures. The public can access day use and overnight camping areas. The park is popular hiking area. Oregon Coast Trail passes through it. Good hiking shoes are recommended for the eight miles of trails



*Detail from, Building of the Morning Star by Lucia Wiley displayed at Tillamook County Courthouse.*

available. Jutting into the Pacific Ocean, part of the trail skirts the cliff-edged cape rising from the sea, offering unparalleled coastline views making it a popular designated whale watching area in December and March. When conditions are good, Cape Foulweather is visible 39 miles to the south as is Tillamook Head 42 miles to the north. A secluded beach and old-growth spruce forest are options as part of the hiking experience. There is a shorter nature trail, with numbered markers highlighting native vegetation. The beach, known as a good place to find glass floats, expands three miles from Cape Lookout to Netarts sand spit, although parts of the beach completely disappear during high tide.

Beachcombing, fishing, biking, picnicking, wind sports, photography, seasonal interpretive programs and overnight camping are just a few other activities. Camp Lookout State Park is visited for. Camping options include cabins, yurts, non-hookup sites and full hookup sites. As with all Oregon State Parks, be sure to book your campsites before showing up... They fill up months in advance.

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## DISCOVER

*Beaver, Hebo, Cloverdale & Neskowin*

All of the communities in south Tillamook County are unincorporated. Most started as market centers for local farmers or fishermen; some later developed lumber mills. A couple were founded as—and still are—resort communities.

**Beaver**

Located 17 miles south of Tillamook, Beaver is a community of 103 residents with a business district comprised of a gas and food mart and a small grocery and gun store. Named after Oregon's official animal, the American beaver, the community had a post office (est. 1889), several lumber mills and a cheese factory in its heyday. Three miles north of town is an eclectic little store with espresso and food, regional wine and craft beer, groceries, boutique and seasonal greenhouse. You may want to carve

out some time to visit **Munson Creek Falls State Natural Site**, 10 miles north of town. From the parking lot, it is a quarter mile hike to see the tallest waterfall in the Oregon Coast Range at 320-feet. In Beaver, Highway 101 connects with Blaine Road, which becomes the Upper Nestucca River Road, a National Forest Scenic Back Roads Byway.

**Hebo**

At the intersection of Oregon Route 22 and US 101 is downtown Hebo, with roughly 182 residents. Another old logging town, it once had a dance hall and its own newspaper. Now you'll find a post office (est. 1882), coffee cart and two small stores with deli food. One has considerable sporting goods to stock up on. A nice attraction operated by Siuslaw National Forest is **Hebo Lake Campground and Hebo Lake Day Use** area. Just ¼ mile along Route 22 from Hebo, connect to Forest Service Road 14 and travel 4.5 miles to this destination for fishing, swimming, hiking trails and an historic 1937 picnic shelter

and community kitchen built by the Civil Conservation Corps that can be rented for special occasions.

**Cloverdale**

Two miles south of Hebo, Highway 101 cuts through the small downtown business district of Cloverdale, with a population of 177 residents. Cloverdale was founded by Charles Ray at this site around 1884. He established a store, hotel, bank, cheese factory and post office (est. 1899). The community lies in a pastoral setting dominated by the spire of the old and picturesque St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Cloverdale has an antique mall and fabric shop to explore along with other stores including a cheese tasting room, gallery and a farm supply store.

There is a convenience store, banking and dining. Cloverdale honors its rural heritage and dairy industry each year on July 4th with the Cloverdale Festival. There is a pancake breakfast, parade, classic auto show and live music, along with food and craft vendors.

**Neskowin**

Just 13 miles north of Lincoln City, the coastal village of Neskowin was founded in 1910. In the old residential area of beach cottages, most streets are one lane wide and not recommended for large vehicles. With a year-round population of 134, Neskowin is the southernmost community in Tillamook County. A variety of lodgings are available. Picturesque **Proposal Rock** stands in the surf and provides a popular backdrop for weddings. Neskowin is a relaxing hide-away with pleasant luxuries available like wonderful food and wine. Special events dot the calendar throughout the summer. From May through September, Neskowin Farmers Market provides a beautiful array of local foods and art to enjoy.

Outdoor activities include horseback riding, golfing, canoeing, kayaking and

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# Pacific City, Netarts, Oceanside

## Pacific City

Located 43 miles southwest of Tillamook and 30 miles north of Lincoln City, Pacific City is tucked beside **Cape Kiwanda**, the southernmost of **Three Capes Scenic Drive**, an off-the-beaten-path byway that includes **Cape Lookout** and **Cape Meares**. Sitting one-half mile off-shore, 327-foot **Haystack Rock** provides a dramatic focal point against the surf and rugged sandstone cliffs of Cape Kiwanda. It is one of the largest "sea stacks" in the world.

Unincorporated with an estimated 1,076 residents, the community includes second homeowners and a booming tourism industry. There are good eateries, pubs and lodging options, galleries and shops to explore and special events throughout the year to enjoy. Access to outdoor adventure is provided by charter fishing

companies, horseback riding guides and kayak rental services. Pacific City is a self-contained community providing the services needed for a comfortable visit or a laid-back coastal lifestyle. Basics include a small airport, gas station, food markets and bakeries, a post office, library and churches, RV parks, fitness and spa services, medical providers and dental care.

Fishing has been a mainstay of Pacific City's economy since its inception. The Dory Fleet, some 200 flat-bottomed boats that launch directly into the surf, has been the basis of commercial fishing in the area. The

Annual Dory Days Weekend festival held in July is recognized by the Oregon Heritage Commission as an Oregon Heritage Tradition.

Pacific City is home to **Bob Straub State Park** and boat launching sites. Nearby is the U.S. Forest Service's **Sand Lake Recreation Area**, a popular destination for off-roading. The new **Sitka Sedge State Natural Area** provides hiking opportunities and access to coastal estuary habitat. South of Pacific City is a large portion of the **Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge**, a favorite with birders and hikers.

## Netarts

Home to 778 residents, unincorporated Netarts is six miles west of Tillamook on Highway 131. Beautiful Netarts Bay is famous for its oysters. Protected from the Pacific Ocean by the Netarts spit, the bay, with its boat landing, is a popular fishing, clamming, crabbing, and scuba diving site.

There are bayfront lodgings, RV Parks, dining and brew pubs, real estate offices, a few stores and groceries.

## Oceanside

Oceanside is nine miles from Tillamook and three miles north of Netarts on Highway 131. Unincorporated, the community is home to roughly 546 people. Oceanside's picturesque oceanfront includes views of **Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife**

**Refuge** located offshore

west of Maxwell Point. This quiet hideaway is peppered with homes, vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts lining the hillside behind the tiny downtown core. The business district is

comprised of a post

office, small community center popular for weddings, dining establishments (one overlooking the ocean) and lodgings. There is a fire station in town, but the closest store is in Netarts.

## Oceanside State

**Recreation Area** provides public parking, beach access and restrooms. It draws agate hunters in the winter when the sand is stripped away by ocean currents. In summer, the park is a busy destination for beach activities. Located roughly two miles north of Oceanside, **Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint** sits on a headland 200-feet above the ocean. It features circa 1890s **Cape Meares Lighthouse** with free tours

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