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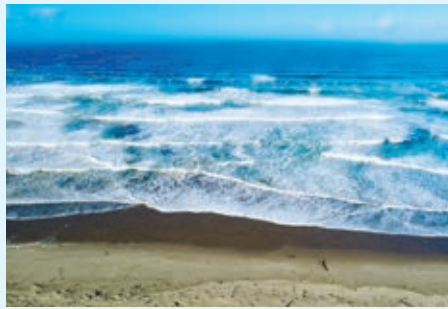
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DISCOVER TILLAMOOK COUNTY

Tillamook County on the beautiful north Oregon Coast offers visitors and locals an abundance of activities, from a smorgasbord of outdoor recreation to a collection of museums and attractions, anchored by the Tillamook County Creamery Association, world famous maker of dairy products. The county is home to seven incorporated cities ranging in size from Nehalem, with 355 full-time residents, to Tillamook, with just over 5,000, as well as a collection of unincorporated communities, in a sprawling county, appealing largely to outdoor enthusiasts or those looking to escape the crowds. With four beautiful bays, miles of beaches with picturesque offshore rock formations and towering dunes, the mountainous coastal rainforest and bucolic valleys teeming with cow pastures and dairies, Tillamook offers exquisite opportunities to make lifelong memories with family and friends or enjoy a moment of solitude in a unique corner of Oregon.

A traveler entering the county from the north from Clatsop County after crossing Cape Falcon will be welcomed to the county by Oswald West State Park, which features a collection of trails through the forest and to beaches popular with surfers. A climb up Neah Kah Nie Mountain comes next, with Highway 101 running along the face of the 1,680-foot peak, offering commanding views southward over Manzanita and as far as Cape Meares on clear days. After descending the mountain, one encounters the trio of north county cities, Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler, each of which offers exciting dining, shopping and recreational options, as well as seasonal events.

Continuing down Highway 101, travelers next come to Rockaway Beach, a longtime beach resort, known for its Fourth of July festivities, Kite Festival and original Pronto Pup location. As the trek through north Tillamook County continues, drivers will often find themselves alongside trains from the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, which runs regular service in the summer months and seasonal service at other times of year, mainly between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi.

Past the small, unincorporated communities of Twin Rocks and Barview Jetty lies the fishing town of Garibaldi. Home to the closest deep seaport to Portland by road, the city is also home to Coast Guard Station Tillamook Bay and a historic Coast Guard Boathouse. Bay City is the last incorporated community north of the city of Tillamook, with impressive views towards Cape Meares and home to the Tillamook County Smoker.

Continuing the southward jaunt, a traveler will know they are in the City of Tillamook, the county seat and largest population center in the county, when they pass

the Tillamook County Creamery association. Located on an elevated patch of land at the south end of Tillamook Bay, the city is the county's largest commercial hub and home to the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center and an assortment of local shops, restaurants and breweries in its downtown core.

With a westward turn, travelers will again quickly find themselves at the Pacific, in the small towns of Netarts and Oceanside, located just to its north. Cape Meares Lighthouse and National Wildlife Refuge lie just north of Cape Meares, with Cape Lookout State Park south of Netarts. With an eastward turn from Tillamook, visitors will eventually find themselves at the Tillamook Forest Center, an Oregon Department of Forestry educational center that opens during summer weekends. The Tillamook State Forest is also home to a host of popular trails for hiking, as well as areas for hunting and off-highway vehicle activities.

Traveling south from Tillamook, a driver will encounter no more incorporated communities in the county, as the landscape becomes more pastoral and Highway 101 follows an inland course. Winding through forest and cow pastures, visitors encounter the communities of Beaver, Hebo and Cloverdale, before finally returning to the coast just north of Neskowin, the county's southernmost community.

With a detour down Brooten Road north of Beaver and turn on Sand Lake Road, which becomes Cape Kiwanda Drive, past the Sand Lake Recreation Area, popular for off-highway vehicles, visitors will find the communities of Tierra Del Mar and Pacific City. Pacific City is the second largest unincorporated community in the state and home to a large dory fleet, picturesque haystack rock and monumental sand dune in the Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area.

Beyond the land-based activities, the county, long known as the land of many waters, offers a host of opportunities for fishing for Chinook and Coho Salmon, steelhead and trout in its rivers and bays, and Albacore tuna and halibut in the Pacific, as well as crabs, oysters and clams in its intertidal areas, and an abundance of put-in points for paddling or boating.

So, take the chance to sample local seafood, cheese, ice cream or beer while in the county and stop by a local farmers' market to sample Tillamook produce as part of your visit. We hope you will enjoy your time here and if you want to learn more about local happenings pick up the latest edition of the Headlight Herald or visit us online at tillamookheadlightherald.com.

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Tillamook County's Cultural Attractions

Hoffman Center for the Arts

The Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita is a place for artists, writers, horticultural enthusiasts and creators of all kinds to gather and enjoy immersive experiences, including events and classes.

594 Laneda Avenue, Manzanita, OR.
97130

Nehalem Valley Historical Society

Nehalem Valley Historical Society is devoted to preserving the cultural heritage of the three north county cities, Manzanita, Wheeler and Nehalem, managing a public archive, conducting an ongoing oral-history project and hosting rotating exhibits that bring the area's history to life.

225 Laneda Avenue, Manzanita, OR.
97130

International Police Museum

With a permanent collection of historical artifacts relevant to police work, visitors can learn about the history of policing at the International Police Museum in Rockaway Beach. The museum also features interactive youth and fingerprint-taking areas, photo opportunity with a jail cell door and special exhibits through the year.

320 South Highway 101, Rockaway Beach, OR. 97136

Garibaldi Maritime Museum

Starting with the story of Robert Gray and the voyages of the Lady Washington and Columbia Rediviva, the Garibaldi Maritime Museum immerses visitors in the history of the maritime world of the 18th century, with a focus on the Pacific Northwest.

112 Garibaldi Avenue, Garibaldi, OR.
97118.

NCRD

Nehalem's North County Recreation District offers a wide variety of programs, classes and activities for adults and children, including exercise facilities and a recently opened aquatics center and theatre that hosts regular performances.

36155 9th Street, Nehalem, OR. 97131



Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, photo by Katherine Mace

Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad

In addition to its regular operation, the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad also hosts a unique museum in Garibaldi built around static displays of engines and historic artifacts. Riders can expect to learn about the story of the area, information about local wildlife and the importance of environmental conservation to allow generations to come to enjoy the North Coast of Oregon.

Garibaldi Depot: 306 American Avenue, Garibaldi, OR, 97118.

Rockaway Depot: 103 South First Street, Rockaway Beach, OR, 97136.

Wheeler Depot: 580 Marine Drive, Wheeler, OR, 97147.

Latimer Quilt and Textile Center

Committed to preserving, promoting, displaying and facilitating education about and the production of textile arts, the Latimer Quilt & Textile Center is a vibrant, living museum that offers classes in addition to its exhibits.

2105 Wilson River Loop, Tillamook, OR, 97141.

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

Three floors of exhibits await at downtown Tillamook's pioneer museum, which boasts over 50,000 artifacts highlighting the county's past from frontier days to present. Museum staff also maintain an extensive research library of more than 20,000 photos, books, documents and other material.

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Kilchis Point Reserve

Owned and operated by the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, the Kilchis Point Preserve, located in Bay City, hosts more than two miles of trail on a 200-acre property that abuts Tillamook Bay at its confluence with the Kilchis River.

5000 Spruce Street, Bay City, OR, 97141.

Tillamook Coliseum Movie Theatre

Tillamook County's only theatre, the Coliseum in downtown Tillamook features new releases on its single screen.

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Manzanita, Oswald West State Park

Manzanita

A beautiful beach town nuzzled between Mount Neah Kah Nie and Nehalem Bay, Manzanita is named for the shrubs that cover the hillsides surrounding it that yield fruit that look like little apples, or Manzanitas in Spanish.

The community is the county's northernmost and oriented towards the ocean, with Manzanita and Laneda Avenues connecting Highway 101 with the beach. The town is bordered by two state parks, Oswald West State Park on its north and Nehalem Bay State Park on its south. A rugged trail up Neah Kah Nie Mountain in Oswald West State Park that can be accessed on the north side of the city off Highway 101 offers breathtaking views of the coast and Pacific Ocean. Local legend holds that there is treasure from a shipwrecked Spanish galleon somewhere on the mountain, long attracting treasure hunters to the area, though it has never been found.

Manzanita boasts access to seven miles of sandy beach with views of the mountain and strong winds that make it popular with windsurfers and kite flyers. There is also a popular nine-hole golf course, slew of dog-friendly restaurants and stores a variety of shops, eateries, bars, lodging establishments, spa services and more that cater to visitors with a local flare. The town is home to a cozy library, the Hoffman Center for the Arts and Nehalem Valley Historical Society, as well as a visitors' center and farmers'



Manzanita Fourth of July, photo by Will Chappell

market during the summer months, offering a great opportunity to grab something yummy to eat while enjoying live music.

Manzanita celebrates the Fourth of July with a well-attended parade and the holiday season with festivities that begin at Thanksgiving and last through the new year.

Oswald West State Park

Named in honor of Oregon's 14th governor, Oswald West State Park lies just four miles north of downtown Manzanita on Highway 101.

One of Oregon's more spectacular state parks, Oswald West contains 2,484 acres and features a 13-mile segment of the Oregon Coast Trail, crossing its two prominent headlands, Cape Falcon and Neah Kah Nie Mountain, as well as Short Sands Beach,



Neah Kah Nie mountain, photo by Will Chappell

which is popular with surfers.

One of several viewpoints along Highway 101 at the south end of the park features a historical marker honoring West erected by the Oregon Department of Transportation, in recognition of his support as governor for the passage of a 1913 bill that designated Oregon's seashore a public highway, ensuring that the land between the high- and low-tide lines on the coast would forever remain a public asset. The pullouts have limited parking but offer expansive views and are a popular location for whale watching.

Just south of Manzanita lies Nehalem Bay State Park, situated on the Nehalem Spit at the western edge of its the bay by the same name. The recently renovated park features RV, tent and yurt camping options near the beach, a horse camp, hiker biker camp and 2,400-foot airstrip. Day-use facilities include hiking and horse trails and a boat ramp.

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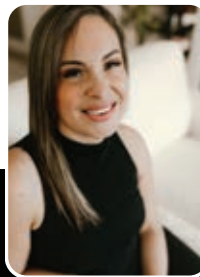
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Nehalem, Mohler, Brighton & Nehalem Bay

Nehalem

Nehalem, like the river on which it is situated, means “place where people live” in the Salish language of the local tribe that lived in the area prior to pioneers arriving. The town was first settled in the 1850s to take advantage of its proximity to the river and lush farm and timberlands upstream. Lumber was Nehalem’s original economic lifeblood, with logs arriving in town by way of a rail line that ran up the river and processed in a mill that was partially over the river.

There’s a boat launch in the city’s center, as well as restaurants and shops and businesses lining Highway 101.

The Old Nehalem Elementary School was converted in the 1990s into the North County Recreation District, which hosts a recently opened aquatics center with two pools, a gym and theater, among other facilities.

Mohler

Not far up the river from Nehalem on Highway 53, unincorporated Mohler is a small farming community that reflects the values and way of life of its residents with its relaxed pace.

The area’s main attraction is the local winery, which features a tasting room and seasonal events, while a small grocery store and deli are across the highway. The community is also home to the White Clover Grange, a historic building available for rent for special occasions which hosts an annual Pie Feast and Auction each winter.

Wheeler

With stunning views, interesting shops, tasty restaurants and local legends that offer a hint of mystery and tales of ghosts, Wheeler offers a unique slice of



NCRD Aquatics Center, photo by Will Chappell

Americana on the north Oregon coast.

Wheeler was incorporated as a city in 1913 and prosperous thanks to lumber production in its early years, before eventually transforming into the charming destination combining history, nature and a rural character that visitors today know and love.

Outdoor enthusiasts will love Wheeler’s waterfront park, boat launch and marina, offering easy access to fishing, crabbing and paddling; adventure awaits in the scenic estuary where the river meets the sea.

Brighton

Brighton Beach lies where Nehalem Bay meets the ocean and was named after England’s seaside resort of Brighton, in hopes of attracting tourists. Three miles south of Wheeler on the

highway, Brighton was platted in 1910 and originally featured 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.

Astute observers will notice that the highway mile markers between Wheeler and Rockaway all have a “Z” prefix and that the numbers don’t align with the neighboring sections of Highway 101. That’s because this stretch of 101 was supposed to be temporary, with the original design calling for the highway to cross Nehalem Bay at an envisioned community that never materialized before heading north to Manzanita. Instead, the envisioned community became Nehalem Bay State Park.

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Wheeler: A Coastal Gem Full of Surprises

Wheeler isn't just another coastal town—it's a place that sparks curiosity. With stunning views, interesting shops, and a touch of mystery, it's the perfect spot to explore. Some even say there are ghosts!

Wheeler was incorporated as a city in 1913 and was prosperous in its early years. Today, it's a charming, off-the-beaten-path destination with a unique mix of history, nature, and rural character.

Today, a variety of shops and res-

taurants, as well as several hotels, line Highway 101 through downtown, while more businesses are grouped along the waterfront.

Outdoor enthusiasts will love Wheeler's waterfront park, boat launch, and marina. Whether you're into fishing, crabbing, or gliding across the bay in a kayak, adventure awaits where the river meets the sea.

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Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Beach is the second largest city in Tillamook County and was developed at the turn of the 20th century as an oceanfront resort by the Rockaway Beach Company, named after the resort on Long Island, with which the city remains a sister city.

Fronted by seven miles of beach, Rockaway Beach (the "beach" was added to the name in the 1980s, is one of the more affordable destinations on the Oregon Coast.

The railroad connecting Tillamook and Portland arrived in Rockaway Beach in 1911, and the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad still plies the rails with passenger trains between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi, and occasionally Wheeler, during the summer and around Halloween and in the holiday season. Across Highway 101 from the train tracks is a thriving business district where you'll find cafes, banking, realty offices and many stores selling local wares.

On the north side of town lies Lake Lytle, named for one of the builders of the area's rail connection with Portland, which is regularly stocked with trout and has two boat ramps, one on the highway.

Festivals and local events occur throughout the year, including the annual Kite Festival,

a large Fourth of July parade and fireworks display, and an Arts & Crafts Fair, all attracting visitors and artists alike. The festivals are all held at the Rockaway Beach State Wayside in the heart of downtown, which was originally the site of a saltwater natatorium and now features the most accessible beach entry point in town.

The wayside also features sweeping views of the striking, 100-foot-high twin rocks, located offshore to the south, as well as a historic, restored red caboose which is home to the Rockaway Beach Chamber of Commerce Information Center.

Rockaway Beach is also home to the International Police Museum, which features permanent and rotating displays related to police history and is open year-round with free admission.

South of Rockaway Beach, where Tillamook Bay flows into the Pacific Ocean, you'll find the small communities of Twin Rocks and Barview Jetty. The latter is home to the Barview Jetty County Park, with campsites and a small parking area with picnic tables near the beach and jetty, as well as a small general store with pizza and deli offerings.

Discover Cedar Wetlands Nature Preserve

The Cedar Wetlands Preserve was annexed to the City of Rockaway Beach in 1980. It provides convenient access to a lush, diverse old growth ecosystem via a 4' wide ADA compliant boardwalk completed in 2020 that stretches from Highway 101 to the preserve's centerpiece, a 500 to 700-year-old Western Red Cedar tree. It is 49" in circumference and may be one of the few coastal trees to survive the impact of a tsunami wave in 1700.

The preserve also contains many large trees native to the area and a wide variety of indigenous flora, with Heitmiller Creek running throughout.

The walk is open during daylight hours, year-round with a small parking lot that features an ADA outhouse and a drinking fountain in the parking lot, but no facilities are available on the boardwalk.

The Old Growth Cedar Preserve

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Garibaldi

Following the bay east from Barview Jetty, one first passes the striking Three Graces sandstone formations, popular with seabirds, photographers and beachcombers, especially at low tide.

Garibaldi was platted in 1860 by Daniel Bayley, its first postmaster, who renamed the village to Garibaldi in 1879 in honor of Giuseppe Garibaldi the Italian statesman who helped unify



that country. Garibaldi is home to Coast Guard Station Tillamook Bay, originally established in Barview Jetty in 1908 and today averaging 250 search and rescue cases annually in its coverage area from Tillamook Head to Cape Kiwanda. The city's longstanding relationship with the coast guard was recognized in 2023 when it was named a coast guard city, one of 37 in the country.

Railroad tracks bisect Garibaldi's business district, with the Port of Garibaldi, featuring several restaurants, to their south along the bay, and more restaurants, shopping and a bakery lying along 101 to their north, and several motels on both sides. A myrtlewood outlet, the Garibaldi Maritime Museum, founded to commemorate the Pacific Northwest's maritime history, and the southern terminus of the Oregon Coast Scenic railroad are all fun activities for visitors and locals alike.

The Port of Garibaldi, a sprawling

complex on docks over Tillamook Bay is the beating economic heart of the town and remains busy throughout the year with fishers and other boaters launching craft. It is an invigorating environment filled with fresh, salt air that brings one into contact with commercial fishing and charter boat culture that has long defined the coastal Pacific Northwest. This is a working fishing marina, filled with seafood processing facilities and outlets offering seafood for sale to the public, making it a destination for seafood aficionados.

The port is also home to popular restaurants, a large event tent that hosts numerous festivals, including the Garibaldi Seafood & Spirits Festivals and concerts during July's Garibaldi Days, in the summer months, plus plenty of parking for the public to easily access their facilities. Walk around the port's seawall and numerous piers or to the Lion's Club Lumberman's Park that features playground equipment and the vintage Baldwin 2-8-2 No. 90 logging locomotive on display. The port also operates a small RV park close to the public boat launch and a path leading to the United States Coast Guard Boathouse just west of the port, which features a quarter-mile long pier popular with crabbers and fishers. The port also houses a busy lumber mill.

At the south end of town, a historic 230-foot smokestack sits on a peninsula that was formerly the site of a plywood mill. There are now a large RV park and event center on the site, with the former playing host to the annual Garibaldi Crab Races each March.

Garibaldi Days in late July is the city's

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largest event, complete with a festive parade, vendors around the port, live music and a fireworks show over the bay.

Adjacent to Lumberman's Park is the original one room Garibaldi Train Depot, now home to the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad's southern terminus. The railroad operates regularly from May through September with several daily return trips to Rockaway Beach and offers a Candy Cane Express with Santa during the holidays and a fall splendor express to view foliage.

Another of the town's defining features is a large letter G nestled into a clearing in the trees on Captain Gray Mountain at the town's northwest. The letter, now made of metal, has become a famous Oregon coast landmark beloved by locals and maintained by community groups. Affectionately known as "the Big G," the structure is particularly beautiful at night, when it is illuminated and visible for miles, welcoming those entering the city from the south.

A beginner's paddling guide to Tillamook County

By Will Chappell

One of Tillamook County's nicknames is the land of many waters, and for those looking to get out for a paddle, the area certainly delivers on that moniker, with opportunities to explore a stunning assortment of rivers, lakes and bays.

Tillamook County Parks operates a network of dozens of improved and unimproved boat launches, while most of the county's cities also have at least one place to put in. Day use fees apply at the county operated boat launches, with annual passes available for purchase at the Barview Jetty County Park or online.

Always check tide tables before paddling, do not paddle near the mouths of any of the county's bays, as the bars at their entrances have strong currents, always wear a personal flotation device and carry a whistle, and paddle in a group or let somebody know your paddle plan before hitting the water.

Here are five of the easiest options to get on the water in the county.

The Pacific City Boat Launch off Sunset Drive is operated by the county and does not feature a dock but does have a concrete ramp making bank launches into the Nestucca River easier. Head upstream to see the resort town from the river or downstream to explore Bob Straub State Park and the Nestucca Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Netarts Landing and Boat Launch on Netarts bay offers docks at the northern end of Netarts Bay, also operated by the county parks department. Paddle south from the launch towards Cape Lookout State

Park to explore the bay and watch out for its large sealion colony, which likes to sun on a large sandbar in the middle of the bay in summer months. The bay is quite shallow, so consult with tide charts to launch at or near high tide or prepare for a shorter paddle.

Downtown Tillamook's Sue H. Elmore Park and Tillamook Kayak Launch offers the county's only ADA-compliant kayak launch and easy access to the Hoquarton Slough. Head downstream from the launch to explore the quiet, wooded slough and watch out for the myriad waterfowl and beavers that call the slough home.

Lake Lytle in Rockaway Beach's north end features an unimproved boat launch off 12th Avenue to access the lake's placid waters. Named for the owner of the railway company that first brought train service to the town, Lake Lytle is stocked with trout by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife each year and home to a colony of beavers.

In between the cities of Wheeler and Nehalem, Tillamook County's Nehalem Bay Boat Launch features two docks for easy access to the large estuary area. Upstream, the city of Nehalem with its impressive mountain backdrop beckons, while across the river and downstream a small archipelago across from Wheeler offers a chance to explore and watch for birds.

A full list of county operated boat launches can be found at tillamookcounty.gov under the parks department's page, while more comprehensive paddle guides for each of the county's estuaries can be found at tbnep.org/water-trail-guides/.

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Historic Coast Guard boathouse

By Will Chappell

Located at the end of a quarter-mile pier at the north end of Garibaldi, the Historic United States Coast Guard Boathouse gives visitors a chance to view a unique chapter in the area and guard's histories.

The boat house was originally constructed between 1935 and 1936 to house two new 36-foot lifesaving boats, as well as a 26-foot, manually propelled surfboat that had previously been the only vessel stationed in Tillamook Bay. Located at the end of a 650-plus-foot pier, the boathouse previously contained three sets of rails, down which carriages holding the boats would be lowered into the water.

At the time, it was standard practice for the coast guard to construct boat houses in this manner, according to Denning, although the Tillamook Bay



The eighth-of-a-mile pier leading to the historic Coast Guard boathouse in Garibaldi.

boathouse was the last built using this design.

Operations began at the boat house in 1937, after a delay in procuring the carriages to move the boats prevented a 1936 opening. For the first six years of the boathouse's existence, guardsmen still lived in the old station in Barview, until new housing opened across Highway 101 from the boathouse in 1943.

The boathouse's mission began to scale

down in the mid-1960s when two new 44-foot lifesaving boats were stationed at the Port of Garibaldi. For the next decade, the boathouse remained operational as guardsmen used the aging boats for towing practice, but by the mid-1970s it was decommissioned before ownership was transferred to the Port of Garibaldi in 1980.

After serving as home to several businesses over the next decades, the boat house's maintenance was turned over to the Garibaldi Cultural Heritage Initiative in 2017, at which point it became an educational asset for the community. It now features displays on local and coast guard history, as well as tanks with aquatic creatures from Tillamook Bay.

The boathouse is open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Golf Courses



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Bay City

Nestled in the lush Oregon forest on the shores of tranquil Tillamook Bay, Bay City is home to approximately 1,400 year-round residents. Every spring and summer, the town's public spaces and charming homes burst into color as lovingly tended gardens burst with rhododendrons, hydrangeas, bluebells, daffodils and other blooms.

Bay City is home to a vibrant arts community, whose members often draw inspiration from the stunning natural beauty on display in the city. Anchoring that community is the Bay City Arts Center, located in the heart of town, which offers an array of art classes, live musical performances, regular pancake breakfasts and a monthly artist of the month, who opens an exhibit with a reception on the first Friday of each month.

The idyllic setting comes alive each summer during August's annual Bay City Pearl & Oyster Music Festival. This free event kicks off on Saturday with an arts and crafts fair, food trucks, a beer and wine garden and eight hours of live music, while Sunday features a kid's day, complete with a talent contest, games, an ice cream social and more. For dates of this year's festival and more information, visit baycitypearlandoysterfestival.com.

With two city parks, the Watt Family Park and Al Griffin Memorial Park, the Marion Barr Library, a community working hard to beautify



Bay City Pearl & Oyster Music Festival, photos by Will Chappell

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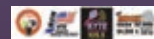
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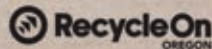


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DISCOVER Tillamook

In its early days, the city of Tillamook bore the unofficial names of Lincoln and Hoquarton, a local word meaning “the landing.” Its name was eventually changed to Tillamook, another native word meaning “the many peoples of the Nehalem,” in 1866 to avoid confusion with Lincoln City which already existed to the south.

William Clark, of the exploring duo William 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 from which the city derived its name. Local folklore also held out that Tillamook meant “land of many waters,” and though the translation was inaccurate, the name morphed into a moniker for the city bounded by two rivers and the bay, and featuring many sloughs.

When Thomas Stillwell laid out the city of “Lincoln” in 1861, there were already Bay City, Garibaldi and Nehalem had already been settled, but in 1873 it became the county seat. In 1893, a large portion of the city’s commercial district on First Street burned to the ground.

Today motels, restaurants, food carts, family

attractions, services and specialty shops line Highway 101 north of the city. Downtown, where the highway is split into Main and Pacific Avenues, each one-way streets, features more eateries, three breweries, flower and gift shops, salons, a historic movie theatre and a food court pod located a block west of the highway on First Street. In the summer months, people can stock up on local produce each Saturday at the Tillamook Farmers Market, held on Laurel Avenue between the county courthouse and city hall.

The town’s most famous attraction, the Tillamook County Creamery Association, lies north of the Wilson River at the north end of town, past a Conde McCullough designed bridge, and welcomes more than a million visitors each year from around the world.

On the city’s east side on Third Street lie the Tillamook County Fairgrounds and Tillamook Bay Community College, while at the west end of town sits Adventist Health Tillamook.

Tillamook is home to eight city parks, two boat launch ramps, including one for kayaks that is accessible for those with disabilities at Sue H. Elmore Park on the Hoquarton Slough on Front Street and another at Carnahan Park on Fifth Street on Trask River at the city’s west end. A bike-skate park can be found at the Lillian A.

Goodspeed Park on the city’s east side on Third Street.

Tillamook is the county seat and home to the historic county courthouse, which along with the Tillamook City Hall across the street, boasts historic Workers Progress Administration murals.

Tillamook also has a very active YMCA, located on Stillwell Avenue, featuring two large swimming pools, workout facilities, an indoor track, basketball, pickle ball, racquetball and tennis courts, and workout classes. The YMCA also operates the Pastega Activity Center, a bowling center on the city’s east side.

In the spring, the Headlight Herald hosts its annual Home and Garden Show. On the fourth weekend in June Tillamook hosts the June Dairy Parade and Tillamook County Rodeo, and in August one of the best county fairs in the country takes place at the fairgrounds. All events are included with the price of admission at the fair.

Halloween is another special time in Tillamook, especially for children, as the entire business community throws open its doors and hands out candies to the little ghouls and goblins. The festive spirit continues in December with the city and Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce working together to host a holiday light parade and tree lighting, with a visit from Santa.

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Tillamook Area Attractions

Tillamook County Creamery Association Visitor Center

Drawing over a million visitors each year, the Tillamook County Creamery Association's Visitor Center is the most popular tourist destination in the state.

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Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, photo by Will Chappell

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

Since its founding in 1935, the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum has amassed a huge collection of information, artifacts and photographs relating to the area, its history and its people. The museum is housed in the old

Tillamook County courthouse, the county's second constructed in 1905 and replaced by the current courthouse across the street in 1933.

The 16 rooms of exhibits include one 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, while another gallery displays a portion of late U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield's collection of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia.

The museum is also home to the last stagecoach to cross the mountains from Yamill County in 1911, a collection of logging, dairy and farming tools, and a replica of the stump lived in by Joseph Champion, the area's first white settler. Rotating exhibits in the main and northwest galleries touch on a wide range of topics.

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Latimer Quilt & Textile Center

The Latimer Quilt & Textile Center is located one mile west of the Tillamook County Creamery Association on Wilson River Loop Road. Housed in the original Maple Leaf School building, the center features exhibits with both contemporary and vintage textile arts, along with a permanent collection of artifacts displayed throughout the center. The center also has a gift shop and library and offers demonstrations and classes.

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Tillamook Forest Center

The Tillamook Forest Center is a visitor and education center that is free to enter, and features exhibits and programs that highlight the legacy of the Tillamook Burn and the public spirit behind the reforestation effort that gave birth to the Tillamook State Forest. Take in the award-winning film Legacy of Fire and learn about the salmon life cycle and the resilient, dynamic and productive characteristics of forests during your visit.

In addition to the exhibits, the museum features a 40-foot-tall fire lookout tower and 250-foot-long suspension bridge over the Wilson River, helping to bring the forest alive with the help of staff naturalists offering free programs for families.

The center is located on Oregon Highway 6, around 22 miles east of Tillamook. For information on hours and days of operation please go to tillamookforestcenter.org or call (503) 815-6800.

Tillamook County Fairgrounds

The Tillamook County Fair takes place in the first full week of August every year and is the county's biggest annual event. It features Pig n' Ford races, live pari-mutuel horse racing and 4H and FFA exhibits and showmanship. There is a carnival, event stage with ongoing performances, lots of vendors, food and judged exhibits including floral, produce, canned goods, baked items, arts and crafts, collections and more.

The fairgrounds feature other events during the year, including the Tillamook County Rodeo, Jersey & Holstein State Show and Sale, Jeep Jamboree, Bulls n Broncs, Tillamook Headlight Herald Home and Garden show, seasonal open skates and holiday and spring bazaars.

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Detail from, Building of the Morning Star
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Day Trippin' from Tillamook

By Will Chappell

Munson Creek Falls State Natural Site

Lying just over ten miles south of Tillamook, Munson Creek Falls State Natural Site is home to the tallest waterfall in the Oregon coastal range. Turning left after passing through Pleasant Valley while heading south on 101, the park is accessed by a gravel road. Visitors are greeted by an old growth forest and the impressive, 319-foot falls are accessed by an easy quarter mile trail beside the salmon spawning creek.

Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint

Home to the shortest lighthouse on the Oregon Coast, the Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint also offers panoramic views up and down the coast and several notable trees. Several miles north of Oceanside on Bayshore Drive, the lighthouse sits on a promontory high above the Pacific Ocean, with excellent views of the Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge and other seabird and sea lion habitat. The lighthouse is accessed by



Cape Meares Lighthouse,
photos by Will Chappell

a .2-mile, paved trail. The viewpoint is also home to the "Octopus Tree," a many-limbed Sitka spruce, as well as the largest Sitka Spruce in the state.

Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area

Easily accessible from a county run parking lot in Pacific City, the Cape



Cape Kiwanda

Kiwanda State Natural Area offers sweeping views of the ocean, coastal features, the coast range and Pacific City from several vantage points. The most commanding of these viewpoints comes from the top of the dune that towers over the parking lot, although the sandstone headland jutting into the Pacific also offers stunning views with less effort required. Visitors should remain cautious and behind barriers, as the cliff edges are prone to erosion and collapse.

Cape Lookout State Park

Straddling Netarts Bay and the Pacific Ocean, Cape Lookout State Park offers miles of trails and a host of amenities to outdoor adventurers in central Tillamook County. Five miles south of Netarts on Whiskey Creek Road, the park features cabins, yurts, RV hookups, campsites and restroom facilities to accommodate visitors. Hikers and walkers can easily access miles of beach along Netarts Spit or can choose to hike through the woods on a series of trails offering access to the tip of the cape and connecting with Oregon Coast Trail.

Bayocean Peninsula County Park

Inhabiting the peninsula between Tillamook Bay and the Pacific Ocean, Bayocean Peninsula County Park offers extensive beach access, bird watching and wildlife preserve areas. The paid day use parking area is operated by the county and is accessed by Bayocean Dike Road, off Bayocean Road, just before the town of Cape Meares. After a short hike through scrub and ocean grasses and over a line of dunes, visitors reach the white sand beach that stretches from Cape Meares to the bay's south jetty. Bald eagles are frequent visitors to the park along with other birds and the park is also home to the site of the abandoned community of Bayocean.



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DISCOVER

Netarts, Oceanside & Pacific City

Netarts

Home to just under 800 residents, the unincorporated community of Netarts lies six miles west of Tillamook on a bay of the same name, accessed by Highway 131. The beautiful bay is famous for its oysters and is protected from the Pacific Ocean by the Netarts spit. A boat landing in the small town is popular with fishers, clambers, crabbers and offers access to a SCUBA diving site. There are bayfront lodgings, RV parks, dining and brew pubs, real estate offices and a few stores and groceries.



Great Blue Heron on Netarts Bay,
photo by Dennis Reynold

Oceanside

Three miles of north of Netarts, Oceanside sits on the Pacific Ocean at the foot of Mount Maxwell and is home to around 500 people. Oceanside's picturesque beach includes views of Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge, which is located offshore west of Maxwell Point.

The quiet hideaway has homes, vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts scattered across the hillside behind the small commercial zone that features a post office, small community center popular for weddings, a restaurant and lodgings. The closest store is in Netarts.

Oceanside State Recreation Area provides paid public parking, beach access and restrooms, drawing agate hunters in the winter when the sand is stripped away by ocean currents. In the summer months, the park is a busy destination for beach activities.

Located about two miles north of the town is the Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint on a headland 200 feet above the ocean featuring the 1890s Cape Meares Lighthouse. The rest of the property is

covered in old-growth spruce, including the largest Sitka spruce tree in the state of Oregon. There are also three miles of walking trails, with wildlife and a famous Octopus Tree to be seen.

Pacific City

Around halfway between Tillamook and Lincoln City, tucked beside Cape Kiwanda, Pacific City is the state's second largest unincorporated community. With a 327-foot haystack rock, one of the largest "sea stacks" in the world, sitting a mile offshore, the town offers a dramatic vista of surf and the rugged sandstone cliffs of Cape Kiwanda.

With an estimated 1,767 residents, Pacific City has second homeowners and a booming tourist industry catering to visitors. There are good restaurants and pubs, lodging options, galleries, shops and special events throughout the year. Access to outdoor adventure is facilitated 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 of laid-back coastal lifestyle. Amenities include a small airport, gas station, food markets and bakeries, restaurants, a world-renowned brewer, post office, library, churches, RV parks, fitness and spa services, medical providers and dental care.

Fishing has been a mainstay of Pacific City's economy since its founding, with the world-famous dory fleet of some 200 flat-bottomed boats that launch directly into the surf from the beach calling the town home. The fleet is recognized each year in July with the annual Dory Days Festival, recognized as an Oregon Heritage Tradition.

Pacific City is also home to Bob Straub State Park and several boat launches. Several miles north is the U.S. Forest Service's Sand Lake Recreation Area, popular with off highway vehicle enthusiasts, and the nearby Sitka Sedge State Natural Area that provides hiking opportunities and access to coastal estuary habitat. South of the city lies the Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge, a favorite for birders and hikers.

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Beaver, Hebo, Cloverdale & Neskowin

South of the city of Tillamook, there are no incorporated cities in the county but there are several small communities that began as market centers for local farmers of fishermen, with some later developed for lumber mills, as well as several resort communities on the Pacific.

Beaver

Lying 17 miles south of Tillamook on Highway 101, Beaver is home to fewer than 200 residents and a small grocery and gun store. Named after Oregon's state animal, the American beaver, the community had a post office, several lumber mills and a creamery in its heyday.

Three miles north of downtown Beaver is an eclectic grocery store, Bear Creek Artichokes, with espresso and food, regional wine and craft beer, groceries, gifts and a greenhouse. You may also want to carve out some time to visit Munson Creek Falls State Natural Site, ten miles north of town, where you can see the tallest waterfall in the Oregon Coast Range, with a 320-



Sitka Sedge, photo by Will Chappell

foot drop.

Beaver is also the crossroads of Highway 101 and Blaine Road, which becomes the Upper Nestucca River Road, a National Forest Scenic Backroads Byway.

Hebo

At the intersection of 101 and Oregon Route 22 lies downtown Hebo, another community with fewer than 200 residents. Also founded as a logging town, Hebo once had a dance hall and its own newspaper. Today, you'll find a post office, coffee cart and two small stores with food, one of which has considerable outdoor and sporting goods. A nearby attraction is the Hebo Lake Campground and Hebo Lake Day Use Area, both operated by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Siuslaw National Forest. Just a quarter mile up Route 22 from Hebo, turn on Forest Service Road 14 and travel four and a half miles to this destination for swimming, hiking trails and a historic 1937 picnic shelter and community kitchen built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, available for rent.

Cloverdale

Two miles south of Hebo, Highway 101 cuts through the small downtown business district of Cloverdale, population 267. Cloverdale was founded by Charles Ray in the mid-1880s when he established a store, hotel, bank, creamery and post office. The community is in a pastoral setting, and the spire of the picturesque St. Joseph's Catholic Church stands tall over downtown. Cloverdale has an assortment of shops and restaurants in its downtown core, including

a convenience store and farm supply store, as well as the Nestucca Bay Creamery Cheese Shop.

Cloverdale honors its rural heritage and dairy roots each year the first Saturday in July with the Clover's Day Celebration, headlined by a parade led by the prettiest local cow and featuring a pancake breakfast, classic auto show, live music and food and craft vendors.

Neskowin

At the southern tip of Tillamook County, just 13 miles north of Lincoln City, lies the small coastal village of Neskowin, founded in 1910. In the old residential area with beach cottages, most streets are one lane wide and not recommended for large vehicles. Neskowin has a year-round population of just under 300.

A variety of lodgings are available in Neskowin, as visitors look to enjoy the picturesque Proposal Rock off the town's beach, a popular backdrop for weddings. Neskowin is a relaxing hideaway with pleasant luxuries like good food and wine and several stores. From May through October Neskowin has a weekly farmers' market on Saturdays and several special events dotting the calendar.

Outdoor activities near the town include horseback riding, golfing, canoeing, kayaking and hiking. The area between the mouth of the Nestucca River and Cascade Head to the south offers around three miles of beach, while Neskowin Beach State Recreation Area allows access to Cascade Head and four trails to explore.

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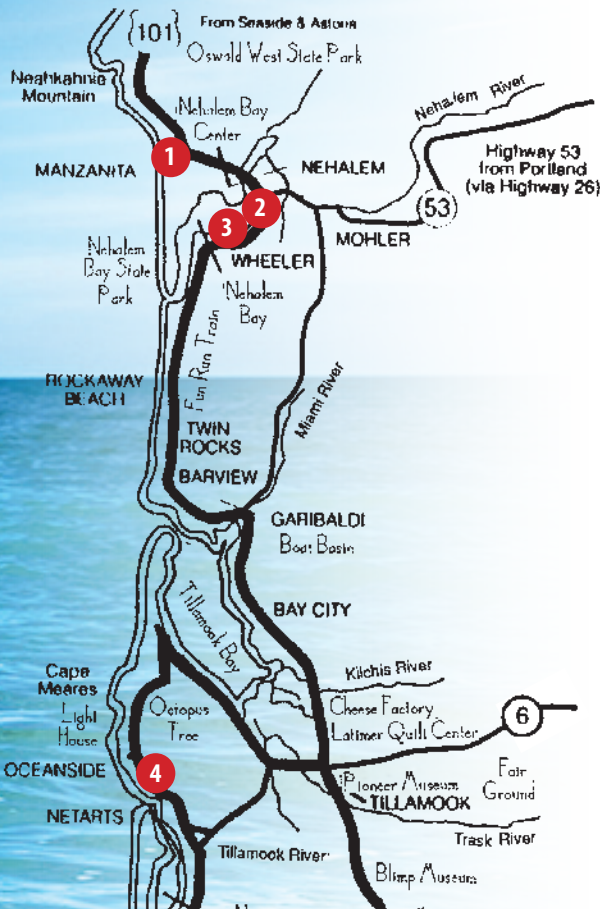
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CLOVERDALE

St. Joseph's Mission Parish

34560 Parkway Dr., Cloverdale, OR 97112
2410 5th St., Tillamook, OR 97141
Pastor: Rev. Angelo Te
Daily Mass Schedule:
Thursday & Friday (11 a.m.)
Saturday No Mass
Sunday (10:30 a.m.)
Confessions: By appointment

NEHALEM

Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church

36050 10th Street, Nehalem, OR 97131
(503) 368-5612
Pastor Celeste Deveney
Sunday service 11 a.m.
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nehalembyumc.org

NETARTS

Netarts Friends Church

4685 Alder Cove Rd. West
(503) 842-8375. Pastor Aaron Carlson
Email: friendschurchnetarts@gmail.com
Adult & Youth Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Nursery available
Handicap Accessible, Small Groups
Website: www.netartsfriends.org
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PACIFIC CITY

Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church

35305 Brooten Road
(503) 965-6229
Pastor Rev. Ken Hood
nestuccavalleypc.org
Weekly Bible study Fridays at 10 a.m.
Open communion the first Sunday of each month. Regular services Sunday 10 a.m.
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TILLAMOOK

Bethel Baptist Church (CVNW)

5640 Highway 101 S.
(503) 842-5598
Family Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Services; 11 a.m.; 6 p.m. (Apr-Oct)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

2411 Fifth St. (mailing: 2410 Fifth St.)
Tillamook, OR 97141, (503) 842-6647
email: sacredheart2411@gmail.com
website: sacredheartchurchtillamook.org
Pastor: Rev. Angelo Te
Mass Schedule: Saturday (5 p.m.)
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)
Spanish (12:30 p.m.)
Weekdays: Tuesday (5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday thru Friday (9:30 a.m.)
Wednesday (Spanish) 5 p.m.
First Saturday each month: (10:30 a.m.)
Confessions: Saturday (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)

First Christian Church

2203 4th St.
(503) 842-6213
Senior Pastor: Dean Crist
Sunday Prayer at 8:45 a.m.
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Tillamook Nazarene

2611 3rd, Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-2549
Pastor Josh Myers
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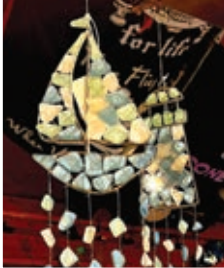
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