

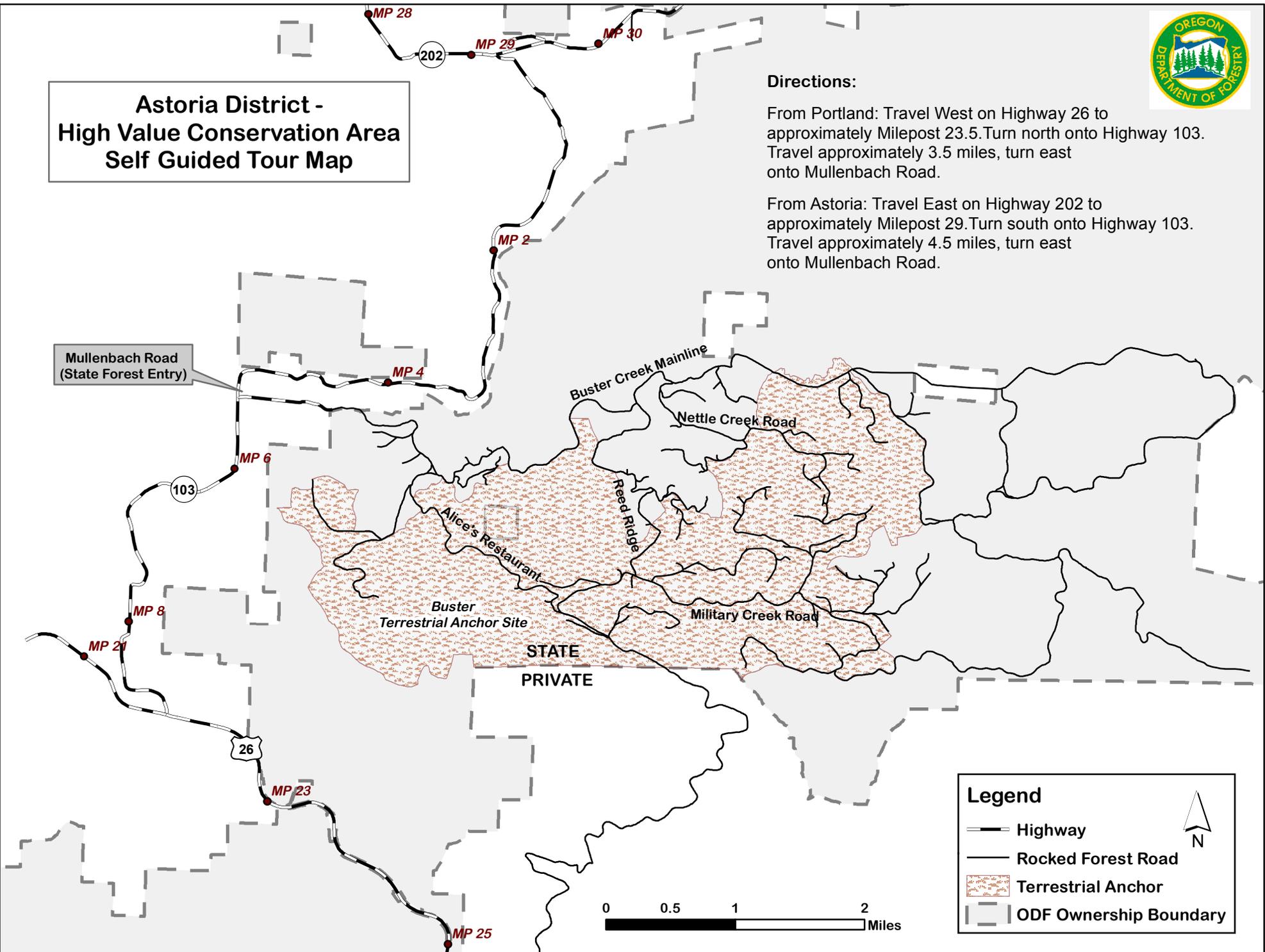


# Astoria District - High Value Conservation Area Self Guided Tour Map

## Directions:

From Portland: Travel West on Highway 26 to approximately Milepost 23.5. Turn north onto Highway 103. Travel approximately 3.5 miles, turn east onto Mullenbach Road.

From Astoria: Travel East on Highway 202 to approximately Milepost 29. Turn south onto Highway 103. Travel approximately 4.5 miles, turn east onto Mullenbach Road.



Mullenbach Road  
(State Forest Entry)

Buster Creek Mainline

Nettle Creek Road

Alice's Restaurant

Reed Ridge

Buster  
Terrestrial Anchor Site

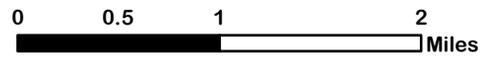
Military Creek Road

STATE  
PRIVATE

**Legend**

- Highway
- Rocked Forest Road
- Terrestrial Anchor
- ODF Ownership Boundary

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The Oregon Department of Forestry manages nearly 821,000 acres of state-owned forests. All state forests are actively managed through the elements of four regional forest management plans (FMP) to provide economic, environmental, and social benefits to Oregonians. Most of the revenue from timber sales on state-owned forests goes to county governments and local public districts, and from Common School Lands to benefit schools throughout the state.

Nearly half of Oregon's 61 million acre land-base is forested. Of these 30 million acres, state-owned forests account for 3% of Oregon's forest-base. The largest Oregon forest owner is the federal government, owning sixty percent. Private ownership accounts for thirty-five percent.

The Forest Land Management Classification System (FLMCS) was revised and adopted by the Board of Forestry in June 2013 to more clearly convey the management strategies for several land classes found on state forestlands. Prior to adoption, the Oregon Department of Forestry received public comment on the proposed Forest Land Management Classification System revisions and classifications. We have now made the changes to the FLMCS and encourage the public to review the changes we have made.

Of special interest to many Oregonians, is the newly created *High Value Conservation Area* class. These areas highlight land ODF manages emphasizing wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered plants, and water quality.

State forest management is guided by the forest management plan; changes to the FLMCS did not modify the way forests are managed, but instead intends to provide clarity on and highlight the management focus of different land classes in state forests.

Get out, experience these areas for yourself, and see what's happening for conservation on state-owned forests! The map on the other side provides directions for a self-guided tour.

When visiting the forest, please keep in mind the following for your safety:

- Forest roads are often not wide enough to allow vehicles traveling opposite directions to pass one-another.
- Most areas will not have mobile phone service.
- Oregon state forests are working forests, there may be large trucks hauling rocks or logs on the roads. These vehicles require longer stopping distances, are wider and require wider turns.

#### **Buster Creek Terrestrial Anchor Information:**

The Buster Creek Terrestrial Anchor Site (TAS) is approximately 4,600 acres and is one of three TAS on the Clatsop State Forest totaling nearly 11,000 acres. All three are classified as High Value Conservation Areas. The Buster Creek TAS consists primarily of 60-80 year old, second growth mixed conifer stands. Over half of the stands within the TAS have been actively managed over the past thirty years to promote vigorous growth and structure complexity within the stands. We encourage you to observe the beauty of this actively managed landscape that has resulted in high quality wildlife habitat.

A Terrestrial Anchor is a habitat area intended to benefit terrestrial wildlife species of concern, especially those associated with older forest conditions or interior habitat conditions, are sensitive to forest fragmentation, or do not readily disperse across younger forest conditions.

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