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Call for Volunteers

WHALE WATCHING
SPOKEN HERE

Winter 2011 - Spring 2012

We are looking for a few great people...

Whale Watching Spoken Here connects trained volunteers with visitors along the Oregon coast during the two major Gray whale migrations. The program's main objectives are to help visitors see and learn about the whales and other marine life along our coast and to have fun.

We offer three training sessions each year. Sign up and attend the one of your choice:

- Dec. 10** Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport
- Jan. 21** Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon
- Feb. 11** Nehalem Bay State Park, Nehalem

Volunteers must attend one training session before they can serve at a *Whale Watching Spoken Here* site. Once trained, they may volunteer any year thereafter. We encourage seasoned volunteers to take refresher courses.

Dr. Bruce Mate, director of the Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute, is the instructor for the Dec. 10 training. Marine biologist **Carrie Newell** will lead the Jan. 21 and Feb. 11 sessions. Interpretive rangers from Oregon State Parks will instruct at all three events.

We usually fill all seats so *Register Early!*

Whale Watching Spoken Here Sponsored by:



Winter Watch Week, Dec. 26 - 31

This week is the peak time for winter migration, but whales may be seen heading south from mid-December to late January.

Spring Watch Week, March 24 - 31

This week is the peak time for the spring migration, but whales may be seen heading north from mid-March to late May.

Regardless of which direction they may be traveling, whales can be seen any month of the year.

Come Join the Fun!

Whale Watching and Volunteering

WOW! You've just seen the largest creature on the planet leap out of the water and ... oh no! Nobody else saw it! Half the fun of whale watching is sharing it with someone else. That's where we come in.

Join the crew of the Whale Watching Spoken Here (WWSH) program. We train you to find, identify and understand the whales of the Oregon coast, then put you on an overlook (see map at right) with other trained volunteers to "speak whale." You will have the answers to questions about the whales and the opportunity to share the thrill of novices who, with your help, may be seeing their first one. Help us pass the word that the best whale watching around is on the Oregon coast.

Training is **FREE** if you pre-register and sign up to volunteer at least two days during a watch.

One-day training includes great speakers, a whale watching reference manual and a waterproof field guide: "Marine Mammals of the North Pacific." Whale watching t-shirts will be available for \$15 at the trainings. Cash or checks are accepted. No credit cards accepted.

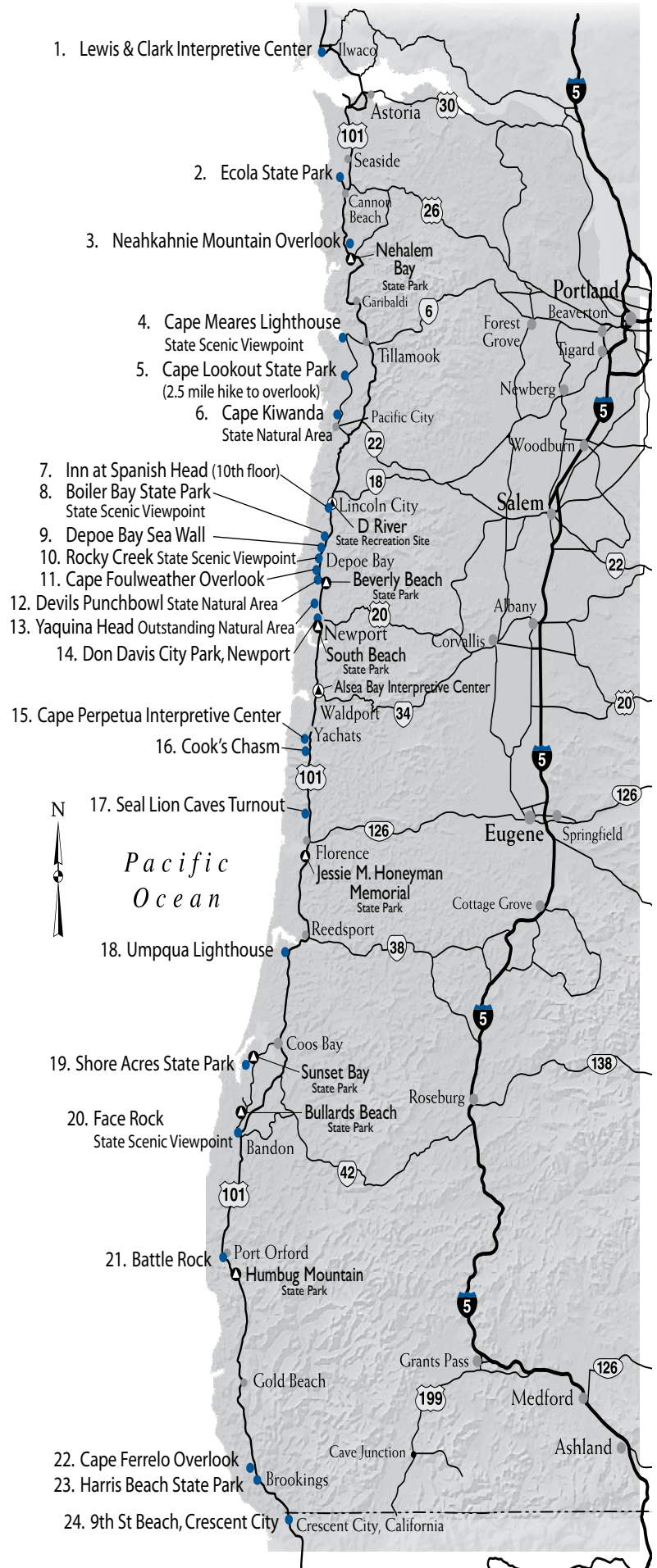
E-mail registration (whale.watching@state.or.us), or use the registration and volunteer forms on the reverse side of this publication.

Free Camping! Oregon and Washington offer free campsites for WWSH volunteers. Free state park reservations are also available for the training weekends. The night before your volunteer day is also free.

You must reserve directly using the numbers listed below:

For free **Oregon** campsite reservations (not including yurts and cabins), call Gretchen Mills at Reservations Northwest, 1-888-953-7677 (if not answered after two rings, please press "2" and leave a message). If you prefer to pay for a yurt or a cabin, or to make other Oregon reservations, phone 1-800- 452-5687, or go to reserveamerica.com

For free **Cape Disappointment, Washington** reservations (for volunteering at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center) contact Tracy Zuern, Washington State Parks, 1-360-642-3078.



Whale Watching Spoken Here *Training Agenda*

December 10, 2011
OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
Newport, OR

(Science Center Drive, Newport)
Instructor: Dr. Bruce Mate, Director, OSU Marine Mammal Institute; Oregon State Park interpretive rangers

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Check in.

9:00 Goals of workshop and whale watch program. – OPRD Staff

9:30 Introduction to gray whale biology and their natural history. – Dr. Mate

10:30 Break.

10:45 Gray whale biology and natural history, continued. – Dr. Mate

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own. (Meeting room available for those who wish to bring a lunch.)

1:00 Basics of other whales and pinnipeds. – Dr. Mate

2:45 Break.

3:00 Finding and prepping your site. How to be a volunteer. Special techniques for finding and sharing whales. Q & A.

4:30 Adjourn.

Food and Drink are not allowed in the HMSC Auditorium

January 21, 2012
Bullards Beach State Park
Bandon, OR

(Meeting Hall)
Instructor: Carrie Newell, Professor of Marine Biology; Oregon State Park interpretive rangers

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Check in.

9:00 Goals of workshop and whale watch program. – OPRD Staff

9:30 Introduction to gray whale biology and their natural history. – Prof. Newell

10:30 Break.

10:45 Gray whale biology and natural history, *continued.*

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own.

1:00 Basics of other whales and pinnipeds. Gray whale habits and identification – Prof. Newell

2:45 Break.

3:00 Finding and prepping your site. How to be a volunteer. Special techniques for finding and sharing whales. Q & A.

4:30 Adjourn.

February 11, 2012
Nehalem Bay State Park
Nehalem, OR

(Meeting Hall)
Instructor: Carrie Newell, Professor of Marine Biology; Oregon State Park interpretive rangers

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Check in.

9:00 Goals of workshop and whale watch program. – OPRD Staff

9:30 Introduction to gray whale biology and their natural history. – Prof. Newell

10:30 Break.

10:45 Gray whale biology and natural history, *continued.*

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own.

1:00 Basics of other whales and pinnipeds. Gray whale habits and identification – Prof. Newell

2:45 Break.

3:00 Finding and prepping your site. How to be a volunteer. Special techniques for finding and sharing whales. Q & A.

4:30 Adjourn.





Whale Watching Spoken Here
 Beverly Beach State Park
 198 NE 123rd Street
 Newport, OR 97365



Training Registration

We recommend e-mail registration. Please use this form to register for trainings and winter and spring volunteer opportunities. Make a copy, and mail to the address above, or return by e-mail to whale.watching@state.or.us, or by FAX to 541-765-3402.

I am (we are) new volunteer previous attendant

Name _____ 2nd person _____ at the same address
 Address _____ 3rd person _____ at the same address
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Address _____
 Daytime Phone _____

I will be attending training at:

- Newport, Hatfield Marine Science Center, **December 10, 2011**
- Bandon, Bullards Beach State Park, **January 21, 2012**
- Nehalem, Nehalem Bay State Park, **February 11, 2012**

Number of reservations _____
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Volunteering Form

Choose site numbers from cover map and sign up below. Watching sites must be staffed 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 We recommend e-mail registration (whale.watching@state.or.us)

Winter Watch 2011

1st choice / 2nd choice

Mon 26 Dec _____ / _____
 Tue 27 Dec _____ / _____
 Wed 28 Dec _____ / _____
 Thu 29 Dec _____ / _____
 Fri 30 Dec _____ / _____
 Sat 31 Dec _____ / _____

Spring Watch 2012

1st choice / 2nd choice

Sat 24 Mar _____ / _____
 Sun 25 Mar _____ / _____
 Mon 26 Mar _____ / _____
 Tue 27 Mar _____ / _____
 Wed 28 Mar _____ / _____
 Thu 29 Mar _____ / _____
 Fri 30 Mar _____ / _____
 Sat 31 Mar _____ / _____

Print Attendee Name(s) below as you'd like it to appear on name badge (first name, nick name or "no" last name)

T-shirt may be purchased at the trainings (\$15). Please indicate size for our ordering.
 Size _____ Quantity _____ (Size: small thru-3xlg)

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