

# Navigate through fun activities along the way to and from Coos Bay!

Oregon offers so much to do all over state, from museums to Main Streets, historic cemeteries to All-Star Communities.

We've highlighted some places to visit on the way to and returning home from Coos Bay.

For the full routes check out [Travel Oregon](#), [Oregon Coast Visitors Association](#) and [Oregon's Adventure Coast](#).

## From the North



Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge

**Cottage Grove** (I-5) is one of our [Heritage All-Star Communities!](#) On Main Street you'll find restaurants, a bakery, fun stores, the Bohemia Mining Museum, and just around the corner the [Cottage Grove Museum](#). Stretch your legs – bring your bikes or walk along [Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway](#). A nice trail up the falls is just off the route. You can drive to see the bridges too!



Cottage Grove Museum

**Drain** (Hwy 99) Visit two lovely historic cemeteries and a couple of cute Victorian homes: the [Drain House](#) and the [Hasard House](#) are worth checking out while you're there. Before you leave be sure to visit the chocolate shop.

**Elkton** (Hwy 38) offers yummy food, a view of the river and wine tasting. The [Elkton Community Education Center](#) includes the native Oregon plant park, butterfly pavilion and the Fort Umpqua replica. Stop on your way home to buy some veggies.



Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area

**Scottsburg** (Hwy 38) is a sweet little town on the Umpqua River. There is a [nice park just west of town](#).

**Loon Lake** (Hwy 38) is about 20 miles east of Reedsport, but a lovely spot with trails and tables for a snack.

**Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area** (Hwy 38) is a must see - if you don't stop and look, you will have some talking to do when you get to the conference!



Loon Lake

**Reedsport** (Hwys 38 & 101) is a newer [Main Street](#) community. The [Umpqua Discovery Center](#) is great, especially if you have kids. Be sure to sample the doughnuts as you drive through town.

**Gardiner** (Hwy 101) is a totally historic town that crawls up the hillside from 101. The [Gardiner Cemetery](#) here is a must see!

**Highway 101** – Just plan on some stops! Honestly, you can stop every quarter mile for local arts and food, adventure and nature. The dunes trails are great, and many are on boardwalks, you'll learn a ton. You can sand board or get a dune buggy tour. Myrtle wood shops and art galleries abound including one using all beach debris!

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Historic Old Town, Florence

**Florence** (Hwy 101) has an **old town on the waterfront** that features restaurants, shops, and saltwater taffy galore. You will learn a lot about local history at the **Siuslaw Museum** - and the library is great too. The North Jetty beach has a fun shelter and beach and jetty access. Historic CCC-constructed **Honeyman Park** is a lovely stop – boat rentals might be open, check first.

**Winchester Bay** (Hwy 101) offers sourdough bread and other baked goodies, plus local foods! Take a **walk on the docks or drive** out to the **Umpqua River Lighthouse and Museum**.

**North Bend** (Hwy 101) has great little shops, and food. Participate in a guided tour (watch for details) of **downtown North Bend** or tour on your own and shop along the way.



Winchester Bay



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Cape Arago Lighthouse

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Shop heavily and give generously!



Coos Historical and Maritime Museum



Coos Art Museum

Take a hike from Sunset Bay to Cape Arago on the **Oregon Coast Trail**.

**Bluebill Trail** loops around a seasonal lake - great for birding.

**Dunes and Beaches** – some of the most interesting formations and such . . .

The **Estuary Study Trails** along the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve are also accesible via canoe or kayak.

**Shore Acres Park** and **Cape Arago Lighthouse** feature historic and lovely structures and gardens.

Take a walk to sites associated with **distance-running legend Steve Prefontaine**, who grew up in Coos Bay.

**Museums** of course! Check out the [list of museums opening their doors to us on Wednesday, April 22!](#)



**General Coos Bay Area - Stretch your legs!**



The following establishments will open their doors to Oregon Heritage Conference attendees on April 22, from 2 - 5 p.m., except where noted:

***Bandon Historical Society***

270 Fillmore Avenue Southeast  
Bandon  
(541) 347-2164



Downtown Coos Bay

***Charleston Marine Life Center***

63466 Boat Basin Road  
Coos Bay  
(541) 888-2581

***Coos Art Museum***

235 Anderson Avenue  
Coos Bay  
(541) 267-3901

***Coos Bay Boat Building Center***

100 Nemark Avenue  
Coos Bay  
(541) 808-2211



Main Street, Reedsport

***Coos History Museum and Maritime Collections***

1210 North Bayshore Drive  
Coos Bay  
(541) 756-6320

***Coquille Valley Museum***

153 North Central  
Coquille  
(541) 824-0076



Crabbing at Coos Bay

***Egyptian Theatre***

229 South Broadway  
Coos Bay  
(541) 269-8650

***Oregon Coast Historical Railway***

766 South 1st Street  
Coos Bay  
(541) 297-6130

***Marshfield High School Heritage Hall (open 1-3 p.m.)***

South 10th & Ingersoll Street  
Coos Bay  
(541) 267-1405

***Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery***

700 Ingersoll Avenue  
Coos Bay  
(541) 435-1177

***Marshfield Sun Printing Museum***

1049 North Front Street  
Coos Bay  
(541) 266-0901

***North Bend High School Hall of Champions***

2323 Pacific Street  
North Bend  
(541) 751-7159  
Ask for Mike Forrester, he'll be in the gym



Drain House



Winchester Bridge

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