



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Proposed rule change:

**Lincoln County ocean shore
vehicle restrictions**

Date comment received:

June 29, 2023 04:53 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

angelac101016@gmail.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I was appalled to find our favorite beach access point, in Lincoln city, is closed. I have a disabled mother, and a wheelchair bound child, who aren't able to walk onto the beach. The only way they're able to enjoy it, is via access like the one you shut down. Please, for families like mine and so many others, reopen the beach access point

Angela



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Commenter email (if provided):

dscrutton@gmail.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Hello
Lincoln City,

I took my kids to the beach access today. Instead of driving down as we normally do on 15th Street, we fought for a parking spot for 30 minutes. My youngest was then honked at as we we walked in the street down to the beach. The whole thing was stressful and unnecessary. Open the beach driving access back up there and stop being power hungry jerks. Dave



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Commenter email (if provided):

dustinaboyd@icloud.com

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

I'm disturbed to see that I drove all the way to lincoln city so I could get down to the beach in my vehicle, and you guys closed the beach. I'm in a wheelchair now I can no longer access the beach. I can't go up and down the extremely steep hill!

-Boyd



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jan Accardo

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Please see my and my husbands comments on allowing vehicles on the shore.

1. 35th St. access is on a short sandy, narrow hill with obstructed views with drivers needing to gun their engines up the hill.
2. Most vehicles using this access do it to barrel race around signs and do donuts - both at full speed. This creates huge ruts sometimes over a foot deep that must be navigated by beach goers.
3. These same trucks show little regard for those on the beach. If these trucks should return at some point a child, adult or dog will be injured or killed. Many of us have witnessed this.
4. Access is in the Cascade Head Marine Research Area. No fishing, clamming, climbing on rocks/creatures. To allow polluting vehicles on is counter productive to the area.
5. Many visitors wanting to just park on the beach have no clue that that their cute little Honda will get stuck requiring Car Care to tow them out with a hefty cost and added fee if they don't have cash or it's a weekend. We've seen many spend the day trying to dig out!
6. We who live here do so for the same reasons many visitors do. We want to walk and sit in a surrounding with nature at its best. Noise and pollution from a bunch of non-caring knuckleheads is well, ridiculous.

We all understand that people with disabilities would love to enjoy the sand the way we do, but very few go down in cars. Very. Few. I grew up on the east coast and in summers wood slat walkways were rolled out and then rolled back up in fall. Maybe not a perfect answer to help those individuals but maybe something along that line?

Please leave the coast in a purely natural state for nature lovers and those that want to find it.

Most sincerely,
Jan and Tony Accardo

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Commenter email (if provided):

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Commenter name (if provided):

Ruth Hugeback

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

I live very near the 35th street beach access in Lincoln City. During those times when trucks and cars were driving on the beach the area became a frightening, dangerous mess. Again and again I witnessed near misses as drivers revved up and down the narrow access point. Their tires damaged the asphalt and churned up the sand making it nearly impassable to pedestrians. I saw a dog nearly lost under the wheels of an oblivious driver and watched a family scatter as a truck bounded onto the sand. I watched as a Lexus sedan raced onto the sand and become mired with in seconds - blocking all of the other beach visitors for hours as the tow truck obstructed all access. One evening as a dozen people quietly watched the sun sink below the ocean's edge, a guy in a Subaru drove down near the tideline to park and watch the sunset - oblivious to how that effected every other person watching.

The people who go to the beach, ramble, romp, run, twirl and splash with the joy of the freedom of an open public space. That use is not compatible with the trucks which race back and forth cutting cookies and spraying sand.

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June 28, 2023 09:16 AM

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Commenter name (if provided):

Linda Warren

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

Preserving our local beaches for future users should be of the utmost importance to everyone. Allowing additional vehicles access to our beaches adds additional safety issues and also environmental issues.

We share our lovely area with so many visitors that respect common manners of cleanliness, peacefulness and loveliness of our area. Unfortunately there are a few visitors that do not realize the damage that can result by not using their better judgment.

Enjoyment of our beaches is universally appreciated.

There is no need to amend the beach access that we already know and use.

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Commenter email (if provided):

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Commenter name (if provided):

Kitty Chadwick

Location (if provided): Lincoln City , OR

Date comment received:

June 26, 2023 10:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

vikingmom7056@yahoo.com

Public comment:

It is in the best interest for closing beach access to vehicles for the following reason.

1. Trash, and oil, on our beaches are disgusting. Wildlife is being destroyed.
2. Safety for humans who wish to walk our our beaches.
3. Courtesy and safety for our emergency departments for rescue purposes.
4. There is no reason other than emergencies to be driving on our beaches.

If you're disabled, there are wheelchair accessible ways to be on the beach.

It is rude, unsafe, and pure laziness to drive on the beach.

We need to protect our environment at all cost and respect this beautiful area.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Charlie Douglas

Location (if provided): Albany, OR

Public comment:

Please allow the access points to be open to vehicles year around. I frequently visit Lincoln City because of the 15th street vehicle access. I have family members that would not be able to enjoy the beach otherwise. There are miles of beach available for folks that don't want to be around the vehicles. There are very few spots on the coast for vehicles to park on the beach.

I learned of the closures the hard way. We went to Lincoln City recently for the kite festival. I have many kites of my own. Because the 15th street access was closed, we decided to skip the festival and go somewhere we could all enjoy the beach. If the access stays closed, I will not be visiting Lincoln City nearly as often as I do now.

Thank you

Charlie Douglas
Albany, OR

Date comment received:

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June 23, 2023 11:52 AM

Commenter name (if provided):

Karl

Location (if provided): ,

Public comment:

Lived here 13 years and have NEVER seen a stalled vehicle on the beach block a first responder from assisting citizens in need. Families using that beach are well behaved and polite. No keggers or wild parties take place there. Don't look for problems where there aren't any. Sure dummies get stuck, good people help dig or pull them out. Publish for us how many times first responders have been blocked from doing their job by stuck vehicles. Show us the numbers or stfu. The ability to drive to a beach picnic spot without walking blocks in the hot temps with food, chairs, 10 foot sun shade, towels, blankets, small children, dogs, kites, sand toys, is immeasurable, especially if you're a senior in your 70s, which I am. Come on you guys, pull your heads out (of the sand). Use some common sense for the common man (us). What's next, cancel the kite festival because the pointy sticks on the kites are dangerous and might injure a walker/spectator on the beach? We are the public, it's a public beach thanks to Governor Oswald and Governor McCall. Don't try to micro manage a well loved activity because there MIGHT be a problem. Or here's an idea, spend some public money to improve the drive down access ramps to make them safer, more convenient.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Dennis Smith

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, WA

Public comment:

Please, no vehicles on the beach

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Commenter email (if provided):

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Commenter name (if provided):

joyce O'Dell-Lehmer

Location (if provided): Lincoln City, OR

Public comment:

We have lived in L.C. for 15 years and are both walkers. We have seen so many cars at nw 34th st stuck in the sand, tow trucks removing them, people with shovels over and over again. One car went out to sea recently. People do not need to drive on the beach. Go to Road's End, sit at one of the picnic tables and enjoy the beach instead.

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