Welcome to the
Tillamook State Forest

Explore a unique Coast Range forest, get closer to nature, or discover the history of the legendary Tillamook Burn. Grab your gear and bring your family and friends to the Tillamook State Forest. The forest is less than an hour drive from Portland or from Highway 101 on the coast.

Here you will find rugged mountains rising above clear rivers where salmon and steelhead return to spawn. Abundant rainfall nourishes a green world of mosses, ferns, and trees. Majestic elk roam the lush forest while busy birds dart through shrubs and treetops. Delicate spring wildflowers emerge across the hillsides and valleys only to surrender to brilliant colors of broadleaf trees in the autumn.

Your forest visit

Whether you’re looking for a scenic drive, a quiet picnic spot with a cool creek rippling over smooth stones, a family campsite, or a trail through the woods, you’ll find something special in the Tillamook State Forest. Many visitors also enjoy the rivers and streams for fishing, hunting, kayaking, swimming, and wildlife viewing.

The Oregon Department of Forestry invites you to visit the Tillamook Forest Center to learn about the forest through programs, exhibits, and friendly staff. It is a great place to start or end your Tillamook State Forest adventure.
Picnicking in the Jones Creek Day-use Area

Wilson Falls along the Wilson River Trail

Hikers enjoying Wilson Falls along the Wilson River Trail

PREPARING FOR A PICNIC

- Bring your own water and food.
- Check weather conditions before heading out.
- Be aware of wildlife in the area.
- Follow the park rules and regulations.

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Visit TillamookStateForest.blogspot.com for hours of operation.

Please note: Camping fees and sites that require fees may be subject to change. Trails, roads, and campsites are subject to closure due to weather, maintenance, and active timber sales. To view closures and to download trail guides, visit tillamookstateforest.blogspot.com.

RECREATION FACILITIES

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Name of facility | Number of Campsites | District Contact | Open Season | Camping Fee
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CAMPGROUNDS
Elks Creek | 14 | Forest Grove | May - Sept | All walk-in tent sites
Gales Creek | 19 | Forest Grove | May - Sept | All walk-in tent sites
Jones Creek | 42 | Tillamook | May - Sept | 14 walk-in tent sites, day-use area open all year, separate Equestrian TH July - Sept
Koosah Creek | 12 | Tillamook | May - Sept | All walk-in tent sites
Morrison Camp | 6 | Tillamook | All year | All walk-in tent sites
North Fork Falls | 21 | Tillamook | May - Sept | Six walk-in tent sites
Rehearsals Camp | 17 | Forest Grove | May - Sept | 30 horse / 7 non- horse campsites, large trailhead / day-use area
Staggis/Ross Horse Camp | 10 | Forest Grove | All year | Horse camping only from April - Oct, stock water

DESIGNATED CAMPSITES

Each site is numbered, signed, and contains a fire grate that may be used during fire restrictions. Most sites do not have drinking water or restroom facilities.

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Cedar Creek | Tillamook | 24 | All year | Cedar Creek Campground
Cook Creek | Tillamook | 17 | All year |
East Fork Trask | Tillamook | 8 | All year |
Jordan Creek | Tillamook | 14 | All year |
North Fork Wilson | Tillamook | 7 | All year |
North Fork Trask | Tillamook | 2 | All year |
South Fork Trask | Tillamook | 7 | All year |

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) STAGING & CAMPING

Brown’s Camp | Forest Grove | 30 | April - Oct | Large day-use parking area
Diamond Mill | Tillamook | 17 | All year | Difficult single-track motorcycle trails, additional camping available in parking area
Hollywood/Edwards Creek | Tillamook | 3 | All year | Edwards Creek Learners Loop; graded trail for beginner riders
Jordan Creek | Tillamook | 6 | May - Sept |
Lylia Camp | Forest Grove | All year |

DAY-USE AREAS (see Campgrounds for additional day-use areas)

Beaver Slide | Tillamook | All year |
Footbridge | Tillamook | All year |
Gales Creek Overlook | Forest Grove | All year |
Peninsula | Tillamook | All Year | Drift boats take out here or risk danger downstream!
Smith Homestead | Tillamook | All year | To rent the Forest Learning Shelter, visit tillamookforestcenter.org
Sprague Memorial Wayside | Tillamook | All year | Pet walking area
Stones Road Boat Launch | Tillamook | All year | Wooden boat slide for drift boat launching
Sunset Highway Rest Area | Forest Grove | All Year |

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Campground Regulations

Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis; no reservations.

Limits per site: 8 people, 2 tents, 2 vehicles MAXIMUM or as signed

Stay limits are 14 days out of any 35 day period.

Purchase campfire wood from camp hosts where available, or collect dead and down wood from areas outside developed facilities and only for your use on the forest.

For the enjoyment and safety of others, pets must be on a leash.

Camping Fees

Camping fees: $20/night drive-in sites $15/night walk-in sites $5/night extra vehicle

Designated campsite fees: Cedar Creek - $5/night, per vehicle* North Fork Wilson - $5/night, per vehicle*

* Fee box is located across from the Jones Creek Campground entrance

Cash & check only. Credit cards not accepted
Camping fun for the whole family

Tillamook State Forest offers a variety of camping opportunities, from developed campgrounds to primitive areas. The forest includes options for family camping, such as sites at Gales Creek Campground, which is popular with families and has tent pads. Jones Creek, Keenig Creek, Elk Creek, and other campgrounds have walk-in tent sites a bit farther from the road. While there are no RV hook-ups, many campgrounds have picnic tables and fire rings.

Relax at day-use areas

Day-use areas, highway sides, and scenic overlooks are located throughout the forest. Most picnic sites offer a shady oasis near streams and easy trails. The Smith Homestead, Jones Creek Day-use Area, and Keenig Creek Campground are popular places located near the Wilson River off Highway 6. The rustic Forest Learning Shelter at the Smith Homestead can be rented for private events by contacting the Tillamook Forest Center.

Explore trails on foot, by bike, or by horse

Enjoy a variety of more than 80 miles of non-motorized trails on the Tillamook State Forest. Whether you prefer hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding, there is a trail for you. Enjoy a spring wildflower show while hiking the Peninsula Trail. Pedal your mountain bike on the Historic Hiking Loop Trail for a rockin good ride. If you're looking for a steep hike to a mountain-top with inspiring views, tackle the Kings Mountain Trail. Some trails may be closed seasonally to protect them from damage. Please remember to share the trail and abide by regulations on posted signs. A series of detailed trail guides are available at district offices, the Tillamook Forest Center, and on our websites.

Driving forest roads

Explore hundreds of miles of gravel forest roads, but be aware that single-lane roads require caution, slower speeds, and higher clearance. Carry a forest map, water, and a spare tire. Be alert for log trucks and other vehicles. Stay to the right and expect a vehicle around every corner. CB channels for truck traffic are posted. Cell phone coverage is extremely limited in the forest. GPS data or online maps may contain outdated information and include roads that are no longer in service.

Stop in at the Tillamook Forest Center

Discover the forest in this award-winning visitor center through hands-on exhibits and family-friendly activities. Watch the dynamic Wilson River from a spectacular suspension bridge. Climb the fire lookout tower for a bird's-eye view of the forest. Walk lush trails and watch the film, Legacy of Fire. Admission and parking are free.

Weather and fire safety | Be prepared

Weather on the forest is highly variable. Late fall through early spring usually brings over 100 inches of rainfall. Snowfall occurs irregularly and can accumulate in the higher elevations into May. Summer through early fall often brings dry weather, however, don’t be surprised by an occasional shower. Fire season is declared when forest conditions and weather raise the risk of wildfire. Restrictions on building campfires and off-road riding may be required. Always check and follow fire restrictions. Carry a shovel and a gallon of water or fire extinguisher when driving in the forest. Ensure your campfire is dead out (cold) before leaving the site.

Maps of roads, OHV trails, non-motorized trails, and designated campsites are available at district offices, the Tillamook Forest Center, and on the forest website.