

Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area



Fogarty Creek ripples along a grassy day-use area surrounded by Sitka spruce, western hemlock, shore pine and alder trees. The creek ends at a small beach surrounded by dramatic rock formations and crashing ocean waves. The park and stream are named for John Fogarty, a Lincoln County judge who settled in the Yaquina Bay area in 1884. Just 10 miles south of Lincoln City on the central Oregon coast, this gem offers hiking trails, picnic areas, towering evergreen trees and access to a cozy beach bordered by rocky cliffs on either side of the small cove. Despite its size, the beach welcomes as many as 300,000 visitors a year. Footbridges arch over the creek, which separates the park's north and south access points. The park also has great birdwatching and tidepools to explore.

2 ACCESS POINTS (NORTH AND SOUTH)

169 ACRES

1 PICNIC SHELTER

2 REST ROOMS

PROPOSED MARINE CONSERVATION AREA

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

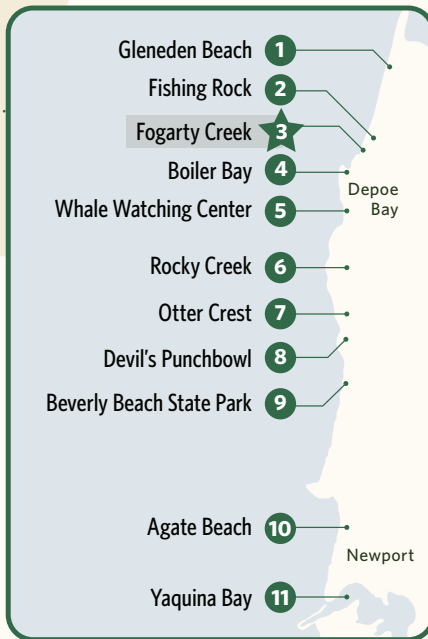
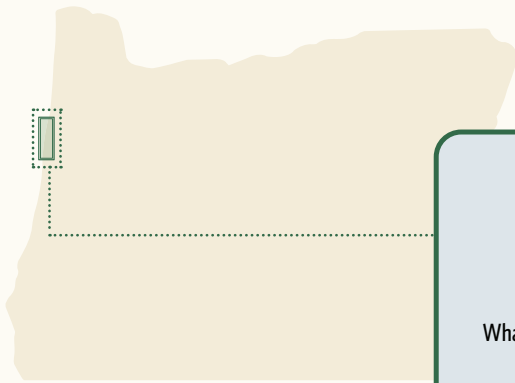
Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area might be small, but it has big appeal. It's a popular day-use park that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, including large family gatherings and events such as weddings. OPRD recently acquired a piece of property across from South Fogarty entrance that will become part of the park. Eventually, the park might include approximately 20 cabins and other campsites, according to the master plan.

A few of the challenges include flooding of Fogarty Creek, erosion due to changing weather patterns and managing the rocky cliffsides to protect select structures.

Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council recently recommended Fogarty Creek as a Marine Conservation Area in order to protect marine wildlife and vegetation. The designation means visitors cannot remove living organisms (with some exceptions), which will affect some water recreation activities. The goal is to protect biodiversity at the site as part of a chain of protected areas along the Oregon coast.

BEVERLY BEACH MANAGEMENT UNIT

Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area is a day-use property within the Beverly Beach Management Unit. The management unit also manages a nearly 300-campsite campground, a water treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant, the Depoe Bay Whale Watching Center and several parks and viewpoints known for year-round opportunities to see whales on the Oregon Coast. These popular whale-watching sites include Devil's Punchbowl State Natural Area, Rocky Creek State Scenic Viewpoint and Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint. Every year the MU organizes two Whale Watch Week events, which includes recruiting and training up to 400 volunteers and organizing and managing the coast-wide program. In addition, the management unit includes three historic buildings, including Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, and natural wonders such as the collapsed sea cave Devil's Punchbowl and the nearby Otter Crest Marine Gardens brimming with tidepools.

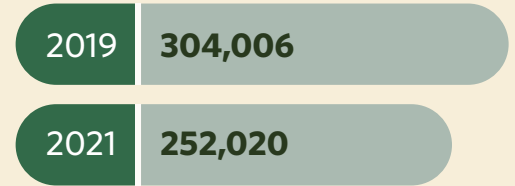


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MU ANNUAL BUDGET
FY22: \$1.9 MILLION

FOGARTY CREEK VISITATION*



*per calendar year

VOLUNTEERS



*2019

