

Otter Crest State Scenic Viewpoint



One of the most breathtaking views on the Oregon coast sits 500 feet above the Pacific Ocean overlooking a crescent sweep of white sandy beach. Cape Foulweather is stunning with its picturesque panoramic views. This popular whale watching spot also provides a good view of the Devil's Punchbowl.

Inside the Cape Foulweather Gift Shop, visitors can buy souvenirs that support Oregon State Parks as well as take in the view and interpretive displays. Binoculars are available for whale watching below or onlookers can spot birds of prey at eye-level from the picture windows.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Otter Crest is a prime spot for whale watching and other wildlife viewing 500 feet above the Pacific Ocean. It's a popular stop during OPRD's spring and winter Whale Watch Weeks, which track the annual migration of gray whales to and from Baja waters. The gift shop produces revenue for the park. Both the interpretive opportunities and the gift shop would not be possible without park volunteers.

The gift shop presents maintenance and staffing challenges: the building requires historically certified contractors and architects, which are expensive and difficult to find. The MU hopes to make the gift shop ADA accessible and add a restroom in the future. It's also a challenge to find enough staff and volunteers to meet the demand for shopping at this popular attraction.

1 VIEW POINT

500 FEET ABOVE PACIFIC OCEAN

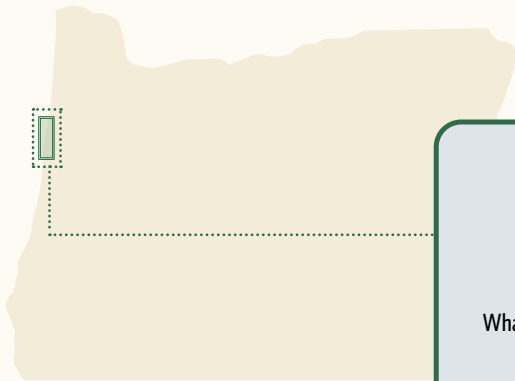
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1 GIFT SHOP AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER

BEVERLY BEACH MANAGEMENT UNIT

Otter Crest State Scenic Viewpoint 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.

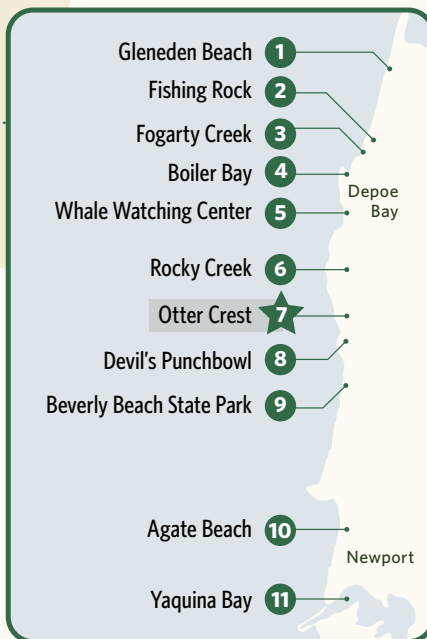


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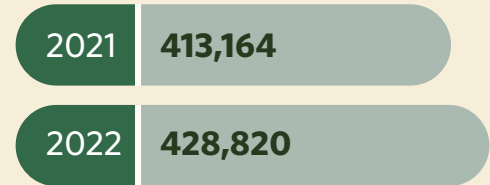


ANNUAL REVENUE

FY22: \$1.9 MILLION



OTTER CREST STATE SCENIC VIEWPOINT VISITATION*



*per calendar year

VOLUNTEERS



*2019