

# Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site



The historic Yaquina Bay Lighthouse is the star of this day-use park in Newport at the north end of Yaquina Bay. It is surrounded by a forested bluff with spruce and pine trees and views of Yaquina Bay and the Yaquina Bay Bridge. The west end of the park has parking and trails to the beach along the north Jetty.

Yaquina Bay Lighthouse is the only existing Oregon lighthouse with the living quarters attached, and the only historic wooden Oregon lighthouse still standing. The lighthouse was built in 1871 and decommissioned in 1874 in favor of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse several miles to the north. The lighthouse is open to the public and includes interpretive displays and period furniture.

**1** DAY-USE AREA

**2** REST ROOMS

**1** OBSERVATION DECK

**1** PICNIC SHELTER

**2** BEACH ACCESS POINTS

**SECOND OLDEST REMAINING LIGHTHOUSE IN OREGON**

**32** ACRES

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

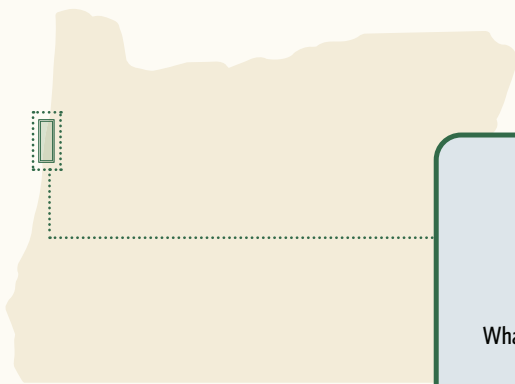
Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site rests within the City of Newport, a busy fishing and commercial port popular with summer travelers. The park enjoys multiple partnerships to keep the historic structure and site running smoothly. In 1988, a Yaquina Bay State Park cooperative association was created by agreement with the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Division. For a time, the group provided information for visitors and tours of the lighthouse.

The park also has a partnership with the Newport Fisherman's Wives, a community nonprofit that paid to have a memorial built where they hold blessings of the fleet and other events. The park maintains a partnership with U.S. Coast Guard for the watchtower next to the lighthouse. And due to its location within an urban setting, the park relies on an interagency agreement with Newport Police Department to help counter vandalism, unauthorized camping and other illegal activities.

One of the biggest challenges is maintaining the historic structure due to a lack of dedicated funding and few architects and contractors who are certified to work on historical structures. Despite the challenges, the structure looks good for 152 years old.

## BEVERLY BEACH MANAGEMENT UNIT

Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site 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.

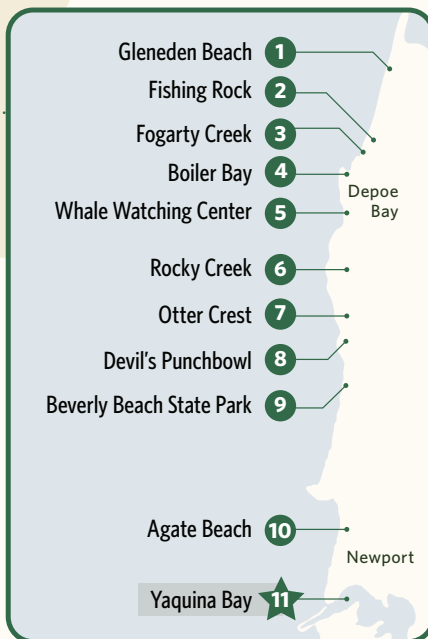


### MU STAFF

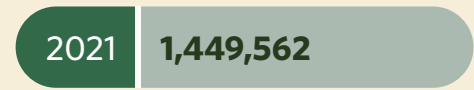


### MU ANNUAL BUDGET

FY22: \$1.9 MILLION



## YAQUINA BAY STATE RECREATION SITE VISITATION\*



\*per calendar year

## VOLUNTEERS



\*2019

