

# 1. Columbia River to Oswald West State Park



**OREGON  
COAST TRAIL**



The Oregon Coast Trail begins its 382-mile route at the Columbia River south jetty. The trailhead is 4 miles north of Fort Stevens State Park campground. The first 16 miles is on the beach between the south jetty and Gearhart.

**Fort Stevens State Park**

COLUMBIA RIVER

ASTORIA

WARRENTON

Sunset Beach State Recreation Site

Del Rey Beach State Recreation Site

GEARHART

SEASIDE

**Ecola State Park**

CANNON BEACH

Oswald West State Park

Climb 2 miles to viewpoint. Head south down hill to an overlook. Descend to Indian Point and enter a parking lot. The trail continues to Ecola Point from the parking lot.

Seaside trailhead to Hiker Camp is approx. 4 miles. Hiker Camp at top offers 3 small Adirondack-style shelters for overnight use. To Indian Beach is approx. 1.5 miles. To Ecola Point is approximately 1.5 miles. Take trail from Ecola parking lot about 1 mile to Ecola Road.

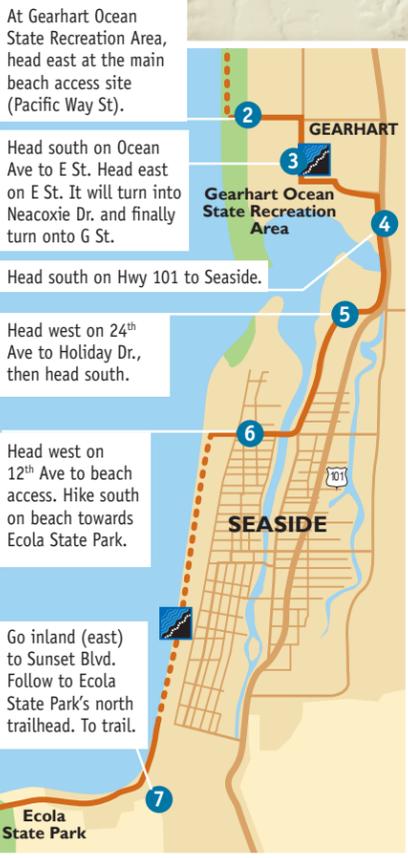
Just North of Arch Cape Creek, leave the beach and head east on Mill Rd. Cross Hwy 101 and continue on Mill Rd.

Bear left at a trail junction. Climb over Arch Cape to Hwy. 101. Cross Hwy 101 and return to the trail.

Follow the beach to Arch Cape. Silver Point, Humbug Point and Hug Point headlands can be passed at low tide in the summer.

Go south, approximately 1/3 mile and cross Arch Cape Creek on a foot suspension bridge.

Hike approximately 3.5 miles to Cape Falcon, then to Oswald West State Park.



At Gearhart Ocean State Recreation Area, head east at the main beach access site (Pacific Way St).

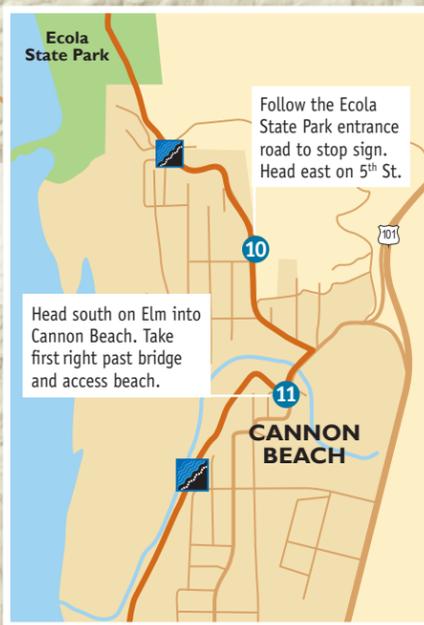
Head south on Ocean Ave to E St. Head east on E St. It will turn into Neacoxie Dr. and finally turn onto G St.

Head south on Hwy 101 to Seaside.

Head west on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave to Holiday Dr., then head south.

Head west on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave to beach access. Hike south on beach towards Ecola State Park.

Go inland (east) to Sunset Blvd. Follow to Ecola State Park's north trailhead. To trail.



Follow the Ecola State Park entrance road to stop sign. Head east on 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Head south on Elm into Cannon Beach. Take first right past bridge and access beach.

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PLEASE NOTE: The trail route may change due to safety issues, road closures or detours.

## CAMPING

### Hiker/Biker

Almost every coastal state park campground has Hiker/Biker sites. The tent sites are first-come, first served and are near water, restrooms and showers.

### Beach

Beach camping is restricted within city limits, state park boundaries, and near snowy plover habitat areas (avoid orange fenced areas during nesting). Fires are not allowed upwind or near driftwood piles.

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**Camping Note: Camping is not allowed on the beach between the Necanicum River and the South Jetty of the Columbia River.**

## BEACH SAFETY TIPS

### Know the tides

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Don't walk to rocks without knowing when the tide will roll in. Free tide tables are available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels. Tide information also is available at the Hatfield Marine Science Center website, <http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html>

More Beach Safety Tips are available at [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) (Select Beach Safety)



**Please note:** From March 15-September 15 (the nesting season of the western snowy plover), some recreation activities may be restricted on sections of the Oregon Coast Trail. Watch for signs, and visit <http://tinyurl.com/agrjqva> for more information.

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