

# Oregon

COAST BIKE ROUTE



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PROGRAM

LAYOUT & GRAPHICS  
ODOT DESIGN

# Welcome

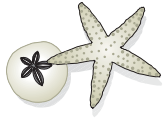
T O O R E G O N

Oregon has been supporting bicycling since 1971 by developing bikeways throughout the state. Thousands of bicyclists enjoy the natural beauty of the Oregon Coast Bike Route annually. For the most part, it follows US Highway 101 as a shoulder bikeway. In several areas, the route departs from the main highway and follows county roads and city streets. These sections are closer to the ocean, are more scenic, and have lower traffic volumes and slower traffic speeds.

The total length of the signed bike route is 370 miles (595 km). It can be lengthened to 380 miles (610 km) by taking the alternate Three Capes Scenic Route. On average, most cyclists take six to eight days to tour the coast, by cycling 50 to 65 miles (80 to 105 km) per day. This is a reasonable rate, due to the mountainous nature of the coast: the total rise and fall is close to 16,000 feet (4900 m).

It is highly recommended that you cycle in a north to south direction, if your trip is planned between May and October, as the prevailing winds blow from the northwest. Most points of interest and viewpoints are on the ocean side. The Department of Transportation has concentrated most of its widening improvements on the southbound shoulder. The green and red colored lines on the map indicate the general shoulder widths.

Before you plan your next trip, visit us at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/maps.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/maps.shtml) for the most current map.



## *Bike Route Signing*

The entire route has been signed. The above sign is located at all intersections where the bike route departs from the main highway, and at key locations along bypasses to guide cyclists through these areas. "BIKES ON ROADWAY" warning signs have been placed along some stretches of roadway where the shoulder is narrow; motorists are therefore forewarned of the possible presence of bicyclists.

## *Tips for a Safe Ride*

Please: ride carefully, be courteous to other roadway users, and follow the rules of the road.

In Oregon, bicyclists are required to follow the same rules as motorists insofar as they apply; ride with the normal traffic flow, as far to the right side of the roadway as practicable. Bicyclists may ride two abreast, but should only do so when it is safe and will not impede traffic.

When riding after dark, the bicycle or its rider must be equipped with a white light visible at least 500 feet to the front and a red light or reflector visible at least 600 feet to the rear.

*In addition to the above rules, we offer these suggestions:*

- Wear bright or light-colored clothing.
- Don't ride in heavy fog. (In summer and fall, the fog usually lifts by late morning.)
- Wear a helmet.
- Stop off the roadway.
- Beware of strong wind gust on bridges: either ride on the roadway, or walk on the sidewalk.
- The two tunnels on the route have "Bicycles in Tunnel" warning lights installed for your protection; they can be activated by pushing a button at the entrance.

## *Lodging*

Cyclists can choose between camping, hotels or bed and breakfasts. Reservations are highly recommended for hotel rooms in the summer months.

Many campgrounds are equipped with "Hiker-Biker" sites. They provide a place to set up a tent away from the conventional campsites, yet are still close to showers and rest room facilities. The fee is \$4 per person per night.

*NOTE: Campgrounds may display a "Campground Full" sign when the conventional sites are all occupied; please inquire with the attendant as to availability of Hiker-Biker sites.*

For additional information on campgrounds and state parks, contact:

### OREGON STATE PARKS

725 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-1271

(503) 986-0650 • [www.prd.state.or.us/](http://www.prd.state.or.us/)

Reservations Northwest at (800) 452-5687

*or read their publication*

OREGON PARKS & HERITAGE GUIDE

## *Weather*

Oregon is generally blessed with mild weather. During the main summer bicycling season, temperatures rarely exceed the eighties, and can even be as cool as the mid-fifties. Fog in the morning is fairly common, and always pack rain gear! Winds can be quite strong and steady, so plan your direction of travel accordingly. Winter storms can get blustery, so caution is urged when cycling at this time of year.

The best cycling experiences are usually from late August to early October, as the combination of moderate temperatures, north winds, low precipitation and reduced highway traffic creates nearly ideal conditions.

For up-to-date long-term weather forecasts, consult this website: [www.tripcheck.com/](http://www.tripcheck.com/)

## *Oregon Coast Weather*

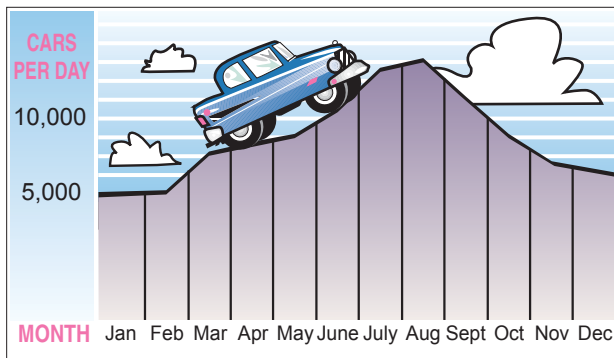
### M O N T H L Y A V E R A G E

CONDITION	JAN - MAR	APR - JUNE	JULY - SEPT	OCT - DEC
TEMPERATURE	45° (7°C)	53° (12°C)	59° (15°C)	50° (10°C)
PRECIPITATION	11.9" (30.2 CM)	3.6" (9.1 CM)	1.4" (3.6 CM)	10" (25.4 CM)
DAYS OF MEASURABLE RAIN	19	13	7	17
WIND DIRECTION	SW	W/NW	NW	NW/SW

## Traffic Data

The following table indicates general variations in seasonal highway traffic. The Oregon Coast is popular with all travelers, and in many places the highway is the only route available for commercial transport. Tourist traffic drops off significantly after Labor Day.

### AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC



## Commercial Transportation

Many touring cyclists include the Oregon Coast as part of a larger tour, by cycling in from Washington and continuing on through to California. Others come to Oregon just to ride the coast.

If you fly into Portland, you may consider riding to Astoria, along the Columbia River. The distance is about 95 miles. The ride is mostly flat, with a few long hills. Or you may travel by commercial bus, if your bicycle is in a box.

In Brookings, there is a bike shop that will provide a bicycle box for free, or pack it for you for \$25, so you can take a commercial bus back to your point of origin. Contact: Escape Hatch, 642 Railroad Street, Brookings OR, 97415; (541) 469-2914 or (800) 495-2453. If you want to begin or end your trip in Florence, Bicycles 101, located at Hwy 101 and 8th St, will receive your boxed bike, or for a fee of \$35 they will box it for shipment. For details call: (541) 997-5717.

If you plan to accomplish part of your journey using buses or trains, you may obtain the Oregon Inter City Passenger Timetables by calling (503) 986-3300.

If you drive to Astoria, long-term parking is available at the Visitor Information Center, 111 W Marine Drive (503) 325-6311.

Should you decide to cycle only part of the coast, or wish to do a loop tour, many of the highways leading inland from the coast provide scenic bicycling opportunities. Contact the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Office for more information and a copy of the OREGON BICYCLING GUIDE.

## Other Publications

### MAPS:

OREGON BICYCLING GUIDE

OREGON HIGHWAY MAP

Oregon Department of Transportation  
Transportation Building Salem, OR 97301  
or call (503) 986-3556

or via internet website:

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/)

### LODGING:

WHERE TO STAY IN OREGON

Oregon Lodging Association  
12724 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97233  
(503) 255-5135 • [www.oregonlodging.com](http://www.oregonlodging.com)

OREGON TOURISM COMMISSION

[www.traveloregon.com](http://www.traveloregon.com)

### BOOKS:

There are several excellent books available that will help you enjoy your trip more. They describe in detail the history, culture and natural landmarks associated with the Oregon Coast.

BICYCLING THE PACIFIC COAST

Tom Kirkendall & Vicky Spring  
Published by The Mountaineers

BICYCLING THE OREGON COAST

Robin Cody  
Published by Umbrella books

*Please contact your local bookstore or library for more information.*

*Comments or suggestions are appreciated; please contact:*

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# Index to Parks, Waysides and Campsites

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CAMPING  
HOT SHOWERS  
HIKER-BIKER CAMPING  
YURTS & CABINS

● 1	Fort Stevens	10 mi. W of Astoria	●	●	●	●
●	2 Fort Clatsop	*5 mi. SW of Astoria				
●	3 Cullaby Lake	6 mi. N of Seaside				
●	4 Kloochy Creek	5 mi. SE of Seaside	●			
●	5 Ecola	*2 mi. N of Cannon Beach				
●	6 Tolovana Beach	1 mi. S of Cannon Beach				
●	7 Arcadia	3 mi. S of Cannon Beach				
●	8 Hug Point	5 mi. S of Cannon Beach				
●	9 Oswald West	10 mi. S of Cannon Beach	●			
●	10 Nehalem Bay	*3 mi. S of Manzanita Junction	●	●	●	●
●	11 Barview	2 mi. N of Garibaldi	●	●		
●	12 Kilchis	*8 mi. NE of Tillamook	●			
●	13 Cape Meares	*10 mi. W of Tillamook				
●	14 Oceanside	*1 mi. W of Tillamook				
●	15 S Tillamook Rest Area	4 mi. S of Tillamook				
●	16 Netarts Bay	*8 mi. SW of Tillamook				
●	17 Cape Lookout	*12 mi. SW of Tillamook	●	●	●	●
●	18 Sand Beach	*9 mi. N of Pacific City	●			
●	19 Whalen Island	5 mi. N of Pacific City	●			
●	20 Cape Kiwanda	1 mi. N of Pacific City				
●	21 Bob Straub	Pacific City				
●	22 Neskowin Beach	At Neskowin				
●	23 Neskowin Creek	5 mi. S of Neskowin	●			
●	24 D River	At Lincoln City				
●	25 Devils Lake	At Lincoln City	●	●	●	●
●	26 Gleneden Beach	7 mi. S of Lincoln City				
●	27 Fogarty Creek	2 mi. N of Depoe Bay				
●	28 Boiler Bay	1 mi. N of Depoe Bay				
●	29 Depoe Bay	At Depoe Bay				
●	30 Rocky Creek	2 mi. S of Depoe Bay				
●	31 Otter Crest	10 mi. N of Newport				
●	32 Otter Crest Rest Area	10 mi. N of Newport				
●	33 Devil's Punchbowl	8 mi. N of Newport				
●	34 Beverly Beach	7 mi. N of Newport	●	●	●	●
●	35 Agate Beach	1 mi. N of Newport				
●	36 Yaquina Bay	Newport, N of Yaquina Bay Bridge				
●	37 South Beach	2 mi. S of Newport	●	●	●	●
●	38 Lost Creek	7 mi. S of Newport				
●	39 Ona Beach	8 mi. S of Newport				
●	40 Seal Rock	10 mi. S of Newport				
●	41 Driftwood Beach	3 mi. N of Waldport				
●	42 Gov. Patterson	1 mi. S of Waldport				
●	43 Beachside	3 mi. S of Waldport	●	●	●	●
●	44 Tillicum Beach	6 mi. S of Waldport	●			
●	45 Smelt Sands	1 mi. N of Yachats				
●	46 Yachats (2 areas)	At Yachats				
●	47 Cape Perpetua	2 mi. S of Yachats	●			
●	48 Neptune	3 mi. S of Yachats				
●	49 Rock Creek (2 areas)	10 mi. S of Yachats	●	●		

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● 50 Muriel Ponsler.....	16 mi. N of Florence.....				
● 51 Carl Washburne.....	14 mi. N of Florence.....	●	●	●	●
● 52 Heceta Head.....	13 mi. N of Florence.....				
● 53 Darlingtonia.....	5 mi. N of Florence.....				
● 54 Sutton Lake (3 areas).....	6 mi. N of Florence.....	●			
● 55 Sutton Lake.....	5 mi. N of Florence.....	●			
● 56 Siuslaw Harbor Vista.....	*4 mi. NW of Florence.....	●			
● 57 Jessie M. Honeyman.....	3 mi. S of Florence.....	●	●	●	●
● 58 Siltcoos (2 areas).....	7 mi. S of Florence.....	●			
● 59 Carter Lake (2 areas).....	9 mi. S of Florence.....	●			
● 60 Lost Lake.....	12 mi. N of Reedsport.....	●			
● 61 Tahkenitch Lake.....	9 mi. N of Reedsport.....	●			
● 62 Elbow Lake.....	9 mi. N or Reedsport.....	●			
● 63 Windy Cove/Salmon.....	At Winchester Bay Harbor (4 areas).....	●	●		
● 64 Umpqua Lighthouse.....	6 mi. S of Reedsport.....	●	●	●	●
● 65 William M. Tugman.....	8 mi. S of Reedsport.....	●	●	●	●
● 66 Eel Creek (2 areas).....	15 mi. N of North Bend.....	●			
● 67 Bluebell Lake (2 areas).....	*3 mi. NW of North Bend.....	●			
● 68 Bastendorf Beach.....	*11 mi. SW of Coos Bay.....	●	●		
● 69 Sunset Bay.....	*12 mi. SW of Coos Bay.....	●	●	●	●
● 70 Shore Acres.....	*13 mi. SW of Coos Bay.....				
● 71 Cape Arago.....	*14 mi. SW of Coos Bay.....				
● 72 Seven Devils.....	*10 mi. N of Bandon.....				
● 73 Bullards Beach.....	2 mi. N of Bandon.....	●	●	●	●
● 74 Face Rock.....	1 mi. SW of Bandon.....				
● 75 Bandon.....	5 mi. S of Bandon.....				
● 76 Cape Blanco.....	*9 mi. N of Port Orford.....	●	●	●	
● 77 Battle Rock.....	At Port Orford.....				
● 78 Humbug Mountain.....	6 mi. S of Port Orford.....	●	●	●	
● 79 Ophir Rest Area.....	9 mi. N of Gold Beach.....				
● 80 Geisel Monument.....	7 mi. N of Gold Beach.....				
● 81 Otter Point.....	4 mi. N of Gold Beach.....				
● 82 Cape Sebastian.....	7 mi. S of Gold Beach.....				
● 83 Thomas Creek.....	7 mi. N of Brookings.....				
● 84 Boardman (Whaleshead).....	4 mi. N of Brookings.....				
● 85 Brookings Rest Area.....	2 mi. N of Brookings.....				
● 86 Harris Beach.....	2 mi. N of Brookings.....	●	●	●	
● 87 Azalea.....	At Brookings.....				

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## Websites

The internet sites listed below can provide you with additional information to make your ride along the Oregon coast an enjoyable and well-informed one.

Tourism: [www.traveloregon.com/index.cfm](http://www.traveloregon.com/index.cfm)

Astoria: [www.el.com/to/astoria/](http://www.el.com/to/astoria/)

Cannon Beach: [www.el.com/to/cannonbeach/](http://www.el.com/to/cannonbeach/)

Tillamook: [www.tillamookchamber.org/](http://www.tillamookchamber.org/)

Lincoln City: [www.oregoncoast.org/](http://www.oregoncoast.org/)

Newport: [www.discovernewport.com/](http://www.discovernewport.com/)

Waldport: [www.ohwy.com/or/w/waldport.htm](http://www.ohwy.com/or/w/waldport.htm)

Yachats: [www.el.com/to/yachats/](http://www.el.com/to/yachats/)

Florence: [www.el.com/to/florence/](http://www.el.com/to/florence/)

North Bend: [www.scod.com/cities/northbend/](http://www.scod.com/cities/northbend/)

Coos Bay: [www.scod.com/cities/coosbay/](http://www.scod.com/cities/coosbay/)

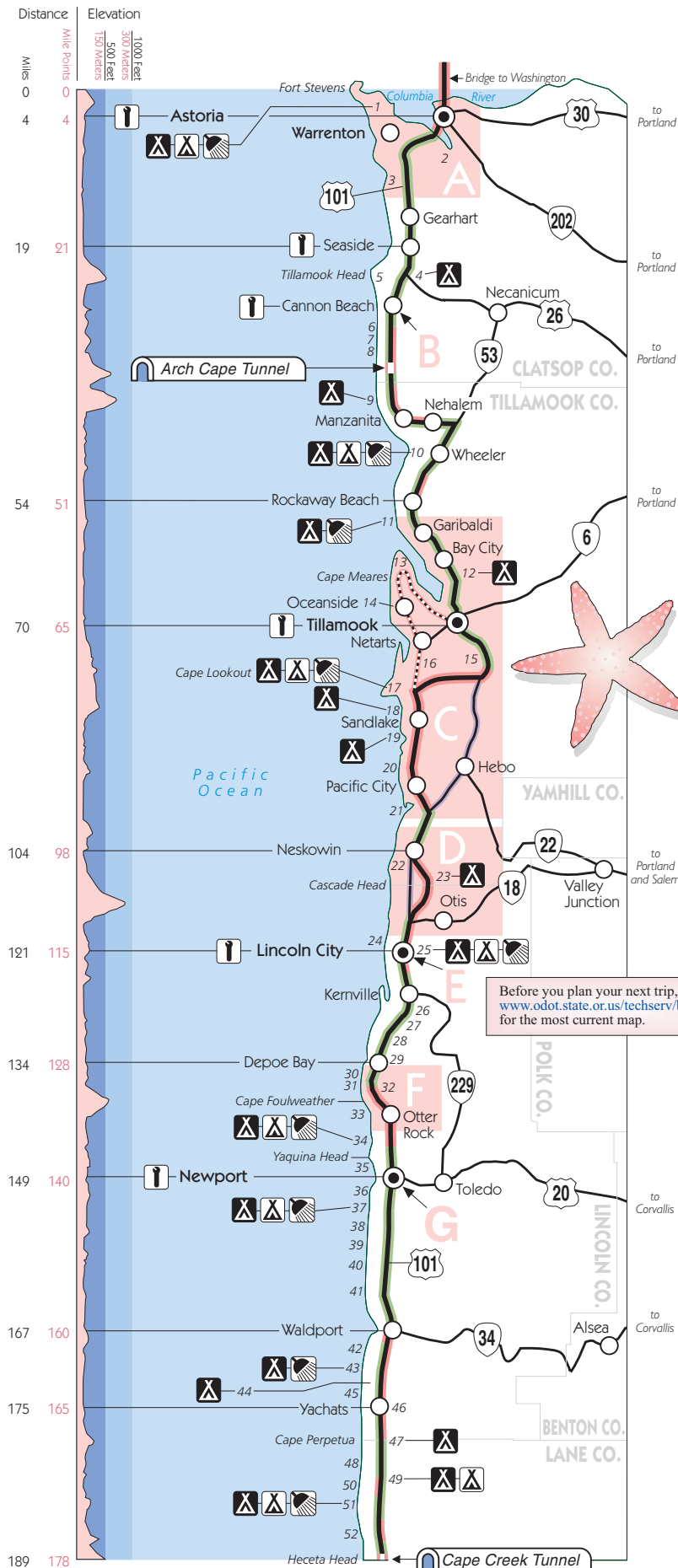
Bandon: [www.bandon.com/](http://www.bandon.com/)

Port Orford: [www.portorfordoregon.com/](http://www.portorfordoregon.com/)

Gold Beach: [www.el.com/to/goldbeach/](http://www.el.com/to/goldbeach/)

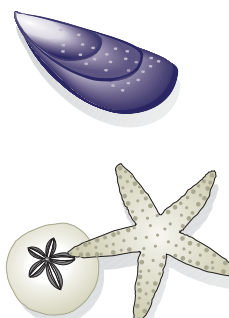
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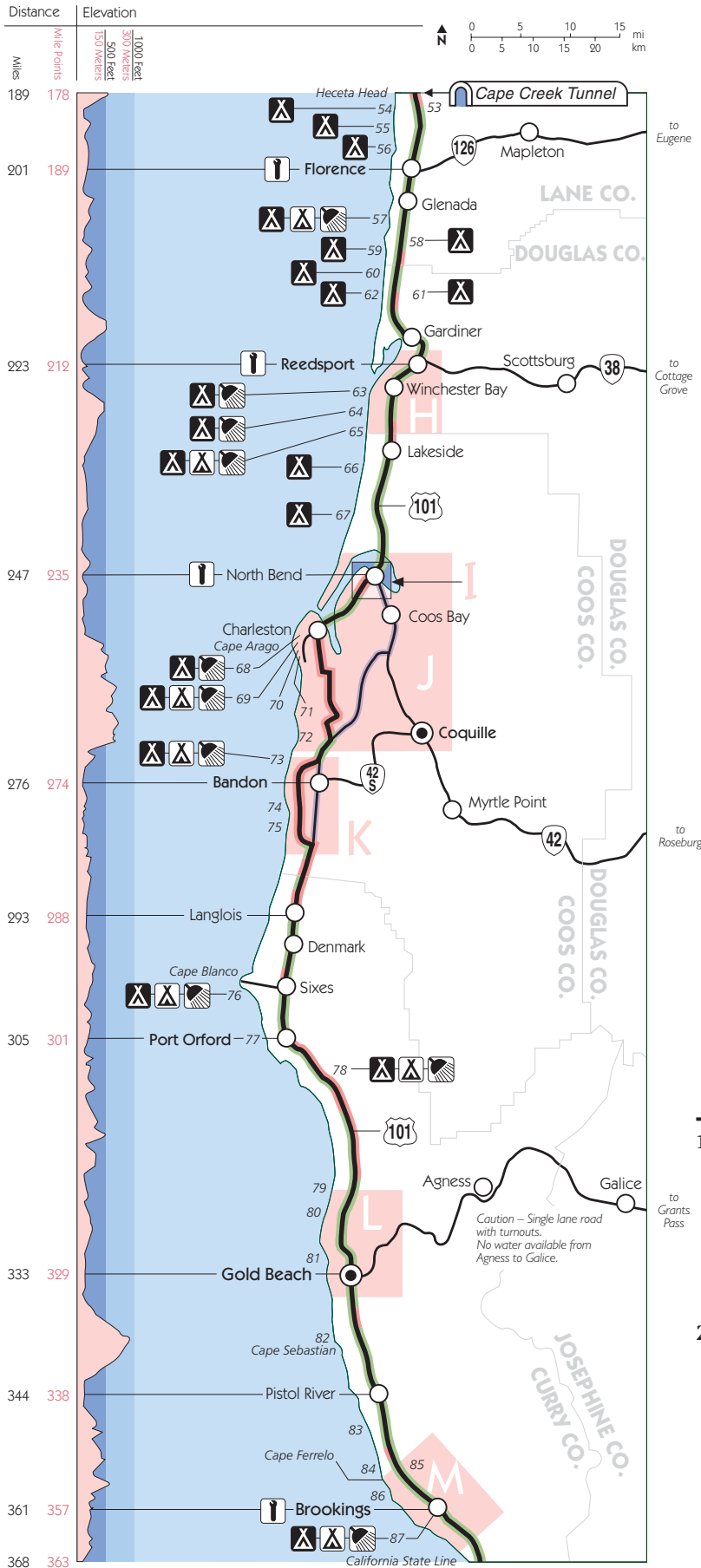


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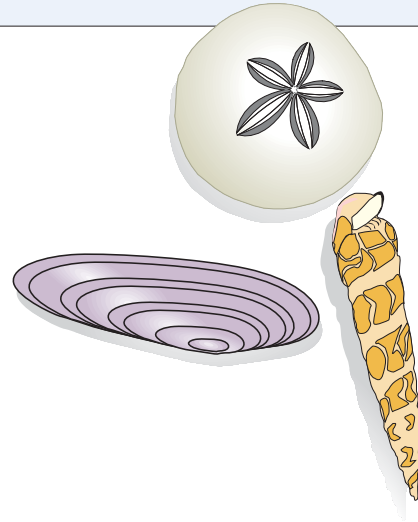
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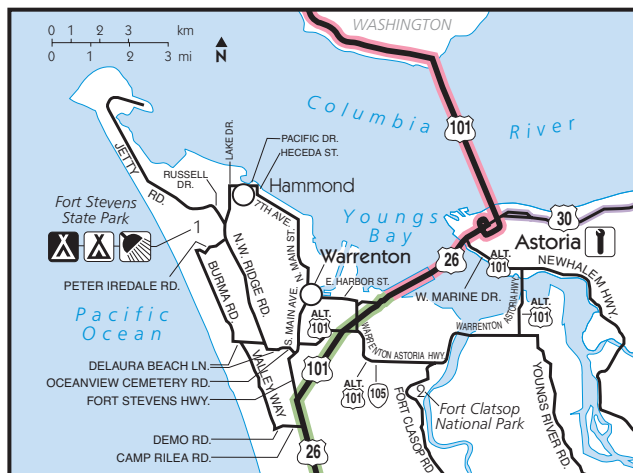
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P A N O R A M A

As you make your way down the scenic Oregon Coast Bike Route, take the time to get off of the highway and visit some of the wonderful sites that await the adventurous traveler.

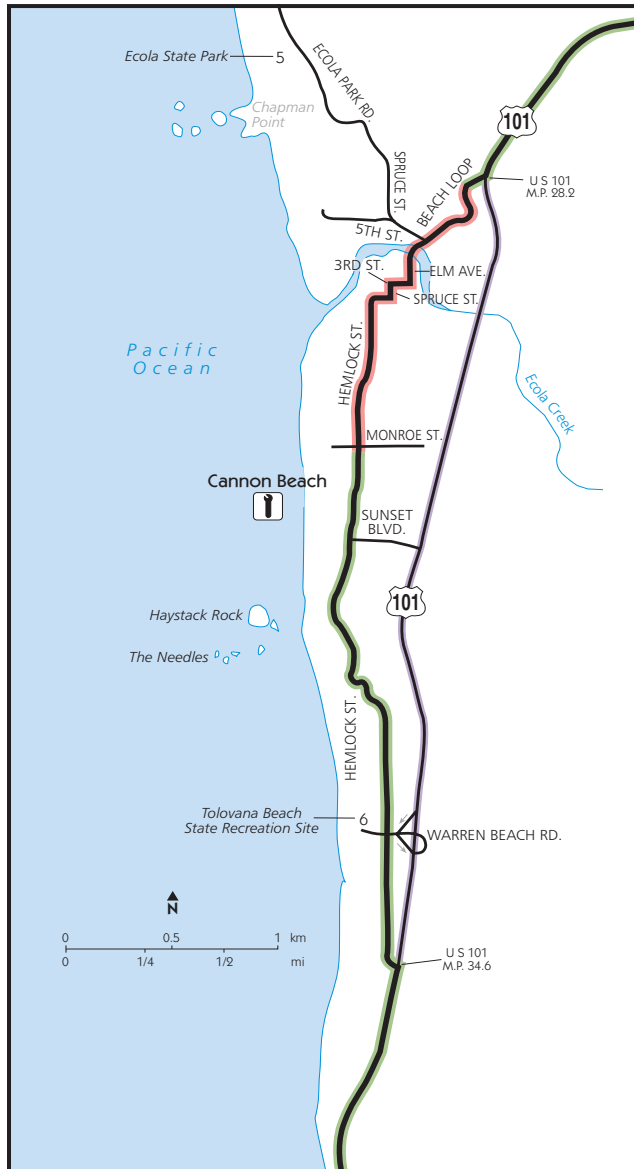
## Details

These descriptions are designed to guide you through areas where the Oregon Coast Bike Route departs from US Highway 101, as well as to prepare you for what to expect in the way of roadway conditions and attractions. All of these route segments are well signed with the OREGON COAST BIKE ROUTE sign. In general, these facilities are narrower, but have less (and slower) traffic than Highway 101.



### A - ASTORIA VICINITY





The Astoria Bridge is often the gateway for cyclists entering Oregon. You may wish to take a short detour into Astoria, a town full of interesting historic sites, such as the Maritime Museum and the Astor Column.








### B - CANNON BEACH

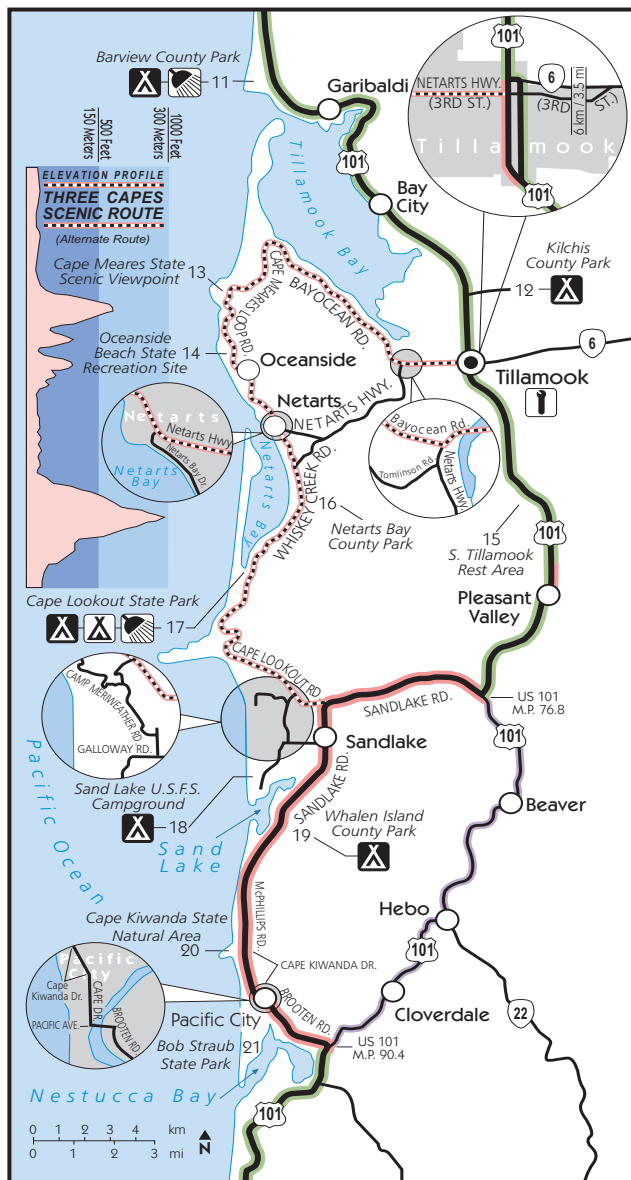
This coastal community offers many coffee shops, bakeries and art galleries. Watch for splendid views of Haystack Rock.

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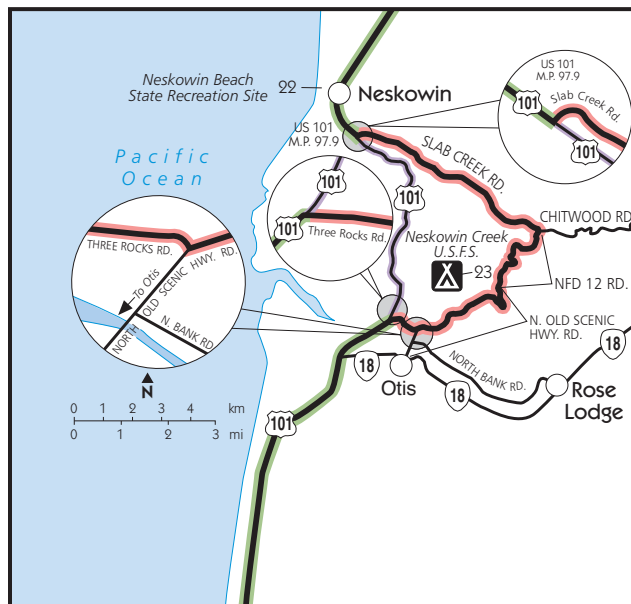
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### C - THREE CAPES SCENIC ROUTE AND SANDLAKE ROAD

In Tillamook, you may continue south on the highway, or follow the Three Capes Scenic Route. This route follows Tillamook Bay to Cape Meares and Cape Lookout. The road is very steep, with elevations as high as 840 feet. Some sections are gravel. The vistas are spectacular, as the road closely follows the edge of a cliff in many areas. This alternate is 10 miles longer than the main route. Sandlake road takes you to the third of the capes, Cape Kiwanda, with gentler grades.



### D - SLAB CREEK ROAD

This route follows an old highway through some beautiful old-growth forests and farm land. The total elevation rise is the same as that on US Highway 101, but over a greater distance, which provides gentler grades and a more pleasant ride.

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### E - LINCOLN CITY

Hwy 101 through Lincoln City is a busy, commercial highway. The alternate bike route takes you through quiet neighborhoods close to the ocean. The alternate is very hilly in places; follow the signs and use this map as the route meanders quite a bit. There are no services available on the alternate. It does rejoin the highway in the middle if you need access to other services.

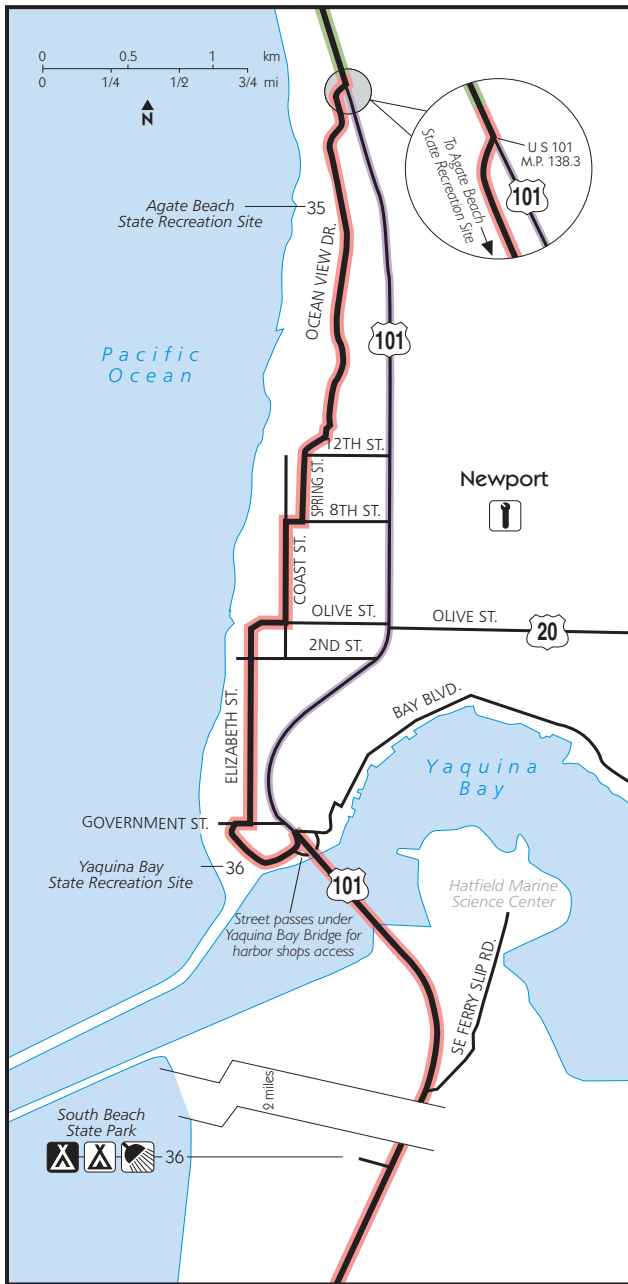


### F - OTTER CREST LOOP

This route brings you closer to the ocean, as the old highway winds its way up and down Cape Foulweather, along precipitous cliffs.

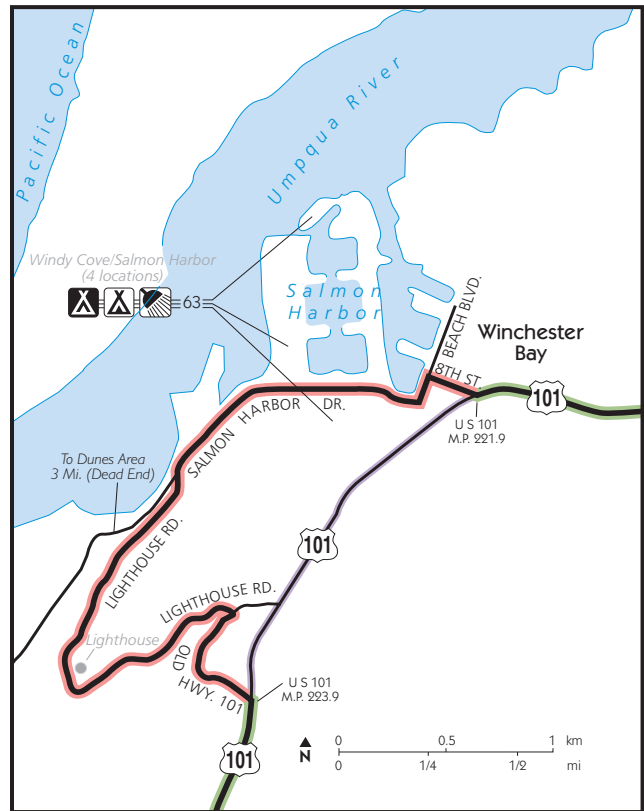
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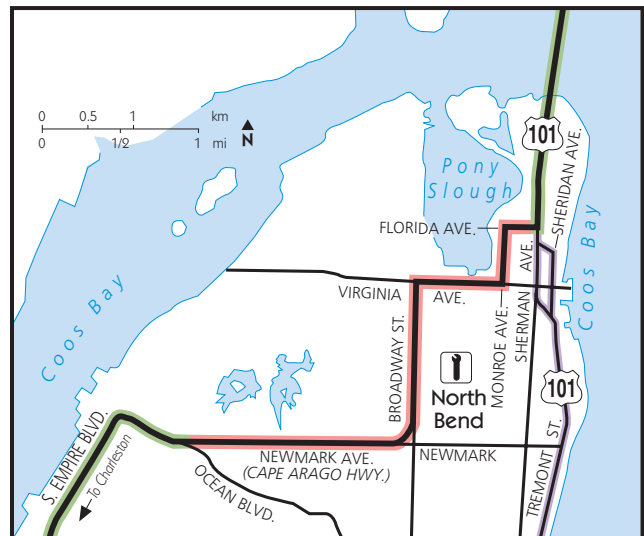
### G - NEWPORT BYPASS

Traffic through Newport is often congested. This bypass takes you along quieter residential streets, to Agate Beach Wayside and Yaquina Bay Park.



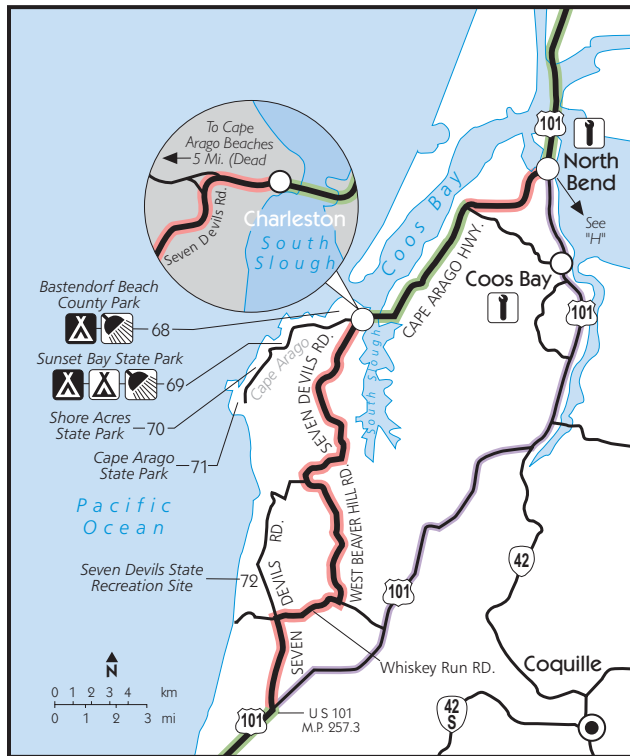
### H - WINCHESTER BAY

Salmon Harbor is an active fishing village. This route offers a view of the Umpqua River estuary, as well as the historic Umpqua Lighthouse. You might want to visit the Coastal Visitor Center next to it.



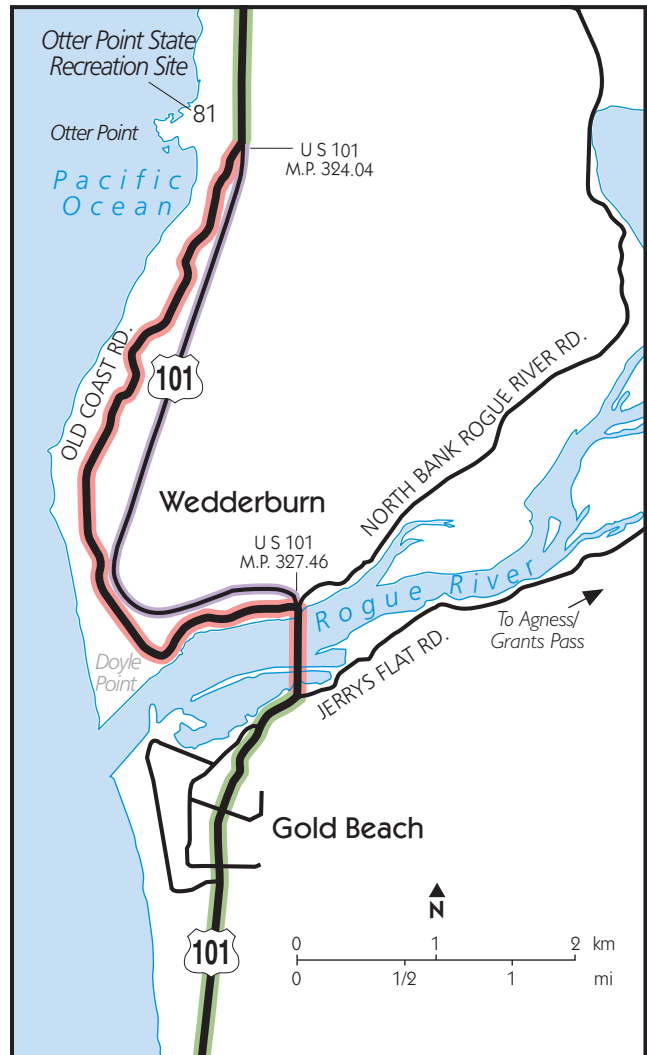
### I - NORTH BEND BYPASS

Commercial and truck traffic is heavy on US Highway 101 through North Bend and Coos Bay. This bypass avoids this traffic and routes bicyclists along the Cape Arago Highway.



### J – SEVEN DEVILS RD/WEST BEAVER HILL RD.

This route, near South Slough, takes you up over hilly terrain and back to US Highway 101. A dead-end spur leads to the end of Cape Arago. The Shore Acres Botanical Gardens are situated along this spur. The initial grades up Seven Devils Road are steep, but provide excellent views of the South Slough National Estuarine Sanctuary.



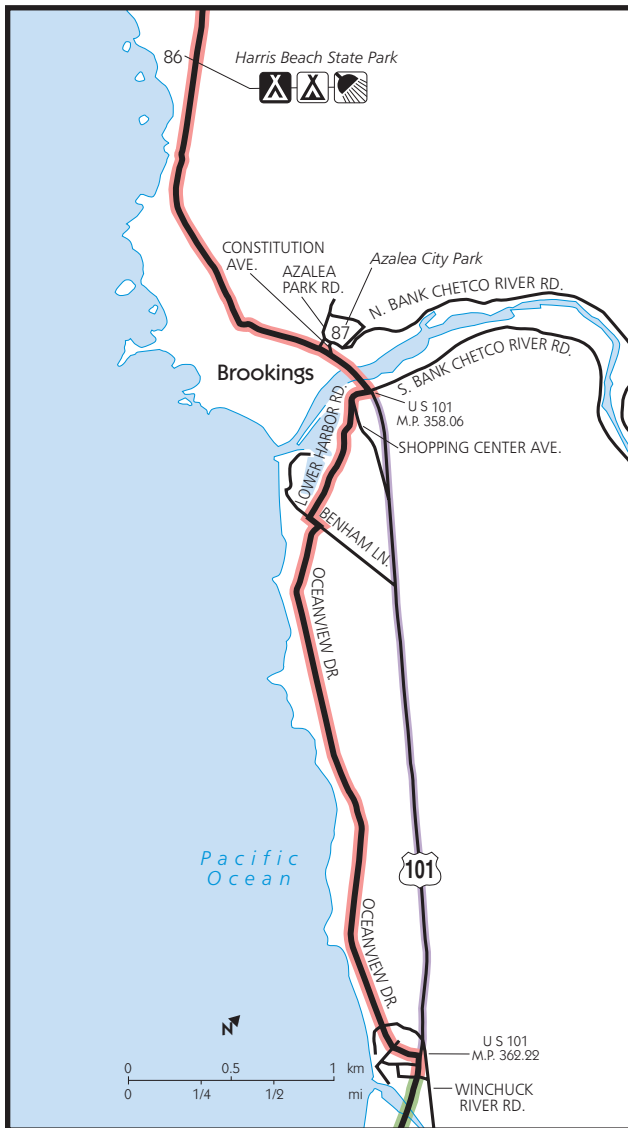
### L – GOLD BEACH

The Old Coast Road lies between Gold Beach and Otter Point State Recreation Site. It is the site of the Miner's Fort occupied by local residents during the Indian wars of the 1850's. The Wedderburn loop section provides opportunities to access the beach, the north jetty and the bank of the Rogue River, the Rogue River Bar and Rogue River Reef.



### K – BANDON BYPASS

This route avoids busy traffic, and takes you through historic Old Town. Beach Loop Road follows the shoreline with some spectacular views of ocean rock formation.



## M - BROOKINGS

Lower Harbor Road provides access to the busy Port of Brookings harbor. One of the most popular beach access points in this area is at Sporthaven Park. Oceanview Drive provides up close views of Easter Lily agricultural production. This area is known as the Easter Lily Capital of the World.

