

South Coast Lighthouses

Lighthouse exploring is an exciting and historic thing for the whole family to do. Oregon's Coast has a rich history steeped in seafaring. You'll find 5 of Oregon's 11 lighthouses within a short driving distance of Coos Bay. We recommend you save plenty of time to explore and take advantage of the fantastic photo opportunities.



Distance: 130 miles
Minimum Driving Time: 3 hours

Starting Point: Hwy 101
Best time to Drive: Daylight

Heceta Head Lighthouse

Located 12 miles southwest of Coos Bay.

First illuminated in 1894, its light can be seen 21 miles from land, making it the strongest light on the Oregon Coast. May - September, open for tours daily, 11am-5pm. March, April, October open Friday - Monday. Year round tours are offered at 541.547.3416.

Umpqua River Lighthouse

Located 19 miles north of North Bend off Hwy 101.

This is the first lighthouse sighted on the Oregon Coast. Built in 1957. Summer tours available, visit the Lighthouse Visitor Center next door.



Cape Arago Lighthouse

Located 12 miles southwest of Coos Bay.

The original structures built on this site in 1866 and 1908 were damaged by the weather and waves. The current tower was first illuminated in 1934 with a unique fog horn. There is no public access but there are great views from Bastendorff Beach County Park, the Oregon Coast Trail and the viewpoint on Cape Arago Hwy. In Sept of 2008, the land was acquired by the Confederated Tribes; look for future plans to preserve this historic and significant property.

Coquille River Lighthouse

Located 20 miles south of Coos Bay off Hwy 101.

Built in 1896, decommissioned in 1939, the Coquille River Lighthouse was restored as an interpretive center in 1979. Its sits on Bullards, Beach State Park in Bandon. Summer Tours available at 541.347.2209.



Cape Blanco Lighthouse

Located 48 miles south of Coos Bay, and 9 miles North of Port Orford off Hwy 101.

It is the oldest standing lighthouse on the Oregon Coast; commissioned in 1870. Its cliff top location is 245 feet above the ocean; its tower rises 59 feet. Visitor services and tours available. Call 541.756.0100 or 541.332.6774 for more information. Open April - October, 10am-3pm.

Driving Directions

All directions start from Highway 101

Umpqua River Lighthouse: Just south of Winchester Bay, head west on Umpqua Lighthouse Road. Make first right.

Cape Arago Lighthouse: In Coos Bay, head west on Newmark Ave (near Mill Casino), follow the road 2.9 miles until you reach flashing yellow light at end, turn left on Cape Arago Hwy. Follow road, after crossing bridge into Charleston, stay to the left to continue onto Cape Arago Beach Loop. Drive 8.6 miles for viewpoint.

Coquille River Lighthouse: Turn west into Bullard's Beach State Park, just north of Bandon. Inside the park, take a left and travel 2 miles to lighthouse.

Heceta Head Lighthouse: 12 miles north of Florence, just north of Cape Creek Tunnel. Look for signs.

Cape Blanco Lighthouse: 9 miles north of Port Orford, turn west onto Cape Blanco Rd (look for signs that read Cape Blanco State Park), travel 6 miles to lighthouse.

Stops Along the way

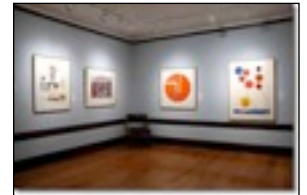
*Save lots of time in your travels for the best crab sandwich, great clam chowder, unique gift items, exciting recreation, and outstanding photo opportunities.
Here are just a few of our favorites!*



Where to Stop?

Shell Island: Located on Cape Arago Hwy, Charleston. View Oregon's largest haul-out of seals and sea lions.

Coos Art Museum: Located at 235 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay; the museum is the 3rd oldest museum in Oregon. Rotating exhibitions,, permanent collection and the Prefontaine Gallery are just a few of their offerings.



Where to Eat?

High Tide : Located on Cape Arago Hwy, Charleston. View Oregon's largest haul-out of seals and sea lions.

Benetti's: 260 S. Broadway, Coos Bay. (541) 267-6066. www.benettis.com

Plank House Restaurant, Mill Casino: 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend. (541) 756-8800. www.themillcasino.com



Where to Shop?

Fishermen's Wharf: Dock D, Charleston. (541) 888-TUNA
Fresh Fish, Dungeness Crab, Canned tuna, gifts.

Chuck's Seafood: 91135 Boat Basin Drive, Charleston. (541) 888-5525
Fresh Fish, Clams, Oysters, Dungeness Crab.

Oregon Connection/House of Myrtlewood: 1125 S. 1st Street, Coos Bay (800) 255-5318. www.OregonConnection.com

Farmer's Market: Downtown Coos Bay, Wednesdays, May-Oct. (541) 269-0215 or www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com



Where to Tour?

Shore Acres State Park & Botanical Gardens: Cape Arago Hwy, Charleston. (541) 888-2472 or (866) 888-6100 www.ShoreAcres.net

Menasha Working Forest Tour: Free shuttle service during the summer, call (541) 269-0215 for reservations. For step on service call (541) 756-1193.

Spinreel Tours, Oregon National Recreation Area: 67045 Spinreel Rd, North Bend. (541) 759-3313 www.RideTheOregonDunes.com.



Coos Bay



North Bend



Charleston

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