
BEACH NEWS from LORNA'S DUNES

... AND THE BEAUTIFUL LONG BEACH PENINSULA

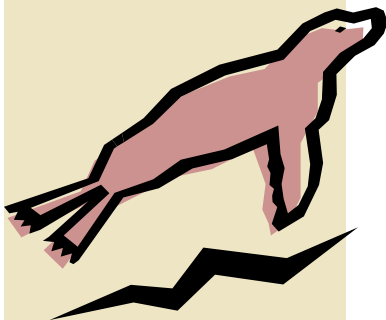
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BIRD COUNT FINDS NEARLY 100 SPECIES

Birders know the Willapa Bay area as one of the best birding locations in the nation. There are several "Important Bird Areas," or IBAs around Willapa. These are sites that Audubon has determined to be rich in bird numbers and diversity and important for the long-term health of

bird populations. Stop by our office for a very informative 2-page handout about specific birds and birding spots on the Peninsula prepared by the local birdwatching club, the Shoalwater Birders. ~~~



PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE SEAL PUPS

If you are walking the beach and come upon a seal pup all by itself, please resist the temptation to move it to a safer location up the beach. Mother seals leave their pups on the beach while they hunt for food. If the pup is not where she left it, she often becomes confused and never reunites with the pup. In addition, if the pup is touched by human hands, the Mother detects the smell and then rejects her pup. These pups are adorable. Take a quick look, and then leave them alone, please.

CLAMSHELL RAILROAD CAR COMES

The railcar *Nahcotta* (built in 1888) is the sole survivor of The Clamshell Railroad which ran the peninsula and is now housed at the **Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum**, in Ilwaco. Initially it was called the "railroad that ran by the tide" because the boats carrying passengers could not dock at Ilwaco unless the tide was in. In 1907 the Chinook tunnel was built and then the boats could land at Megler and the train would meet them. Until

then the train was known as the "Irregular, Rambling, Never-Get-There Company." At one time a special stop was added called "Whale" so people could view a dead whale that had washed up on the beach. Today, up in Nahcotta, at the old post office on the north side of the building, is an enlarged, painted replica of the old train schedule. It's fun and gives you a good idea of the local politics of the day. ~~~

STATE PARK WELCOMES MAYA LIN ARTWORK



Maya Lin, world-renown artist and designer of the Viet Nam Memorial in Wash., D.C. honored the Washington State Bi-centennial recognition effort of the Lewis & Clark Journey with several pieces of artwork known as The Confluence Project. Her Fish Cleaning Station piece is installed in Cape Disappointment State Park . In addition to a planned memorial to

Thomas Jefferson, art and park improvements will celebrate the connection between the river and the ocean. A proposed trail from the Maya Lin Fish Cleaning Station to Waikiki beach in the park is particularly exciting. The trail will pass through five ecozones. It will be a tremendous interpretive experience. ~~~

WORLD KITE MUSEUM

WANT TO TAKE A WALK?

Stop by the office for our sheet of recommendations for fun walks in the area.

Our World Kite Museum is the only kite museum in the western hemisphere, and one of eight in the world. Some of the biggest and most fantastically beautiful kites in the world are housed in the new World Kite Museum facility in Long Beach. Displays show a wide variety

of kites from throughout Asia, including Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, China and Thailand. High ceilings allow large kites to hang from the rafters and ceiling beams. ~~~

You don't have to drive into town to satisfy your sweet tooth. We have **candy and ice cream bars** in the office.

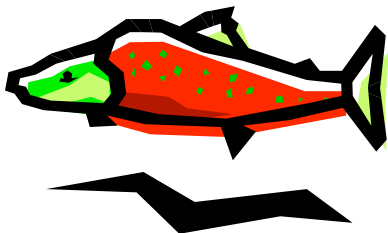
We also have a small display of RV supplies.

BAD DOG! CLEAN DOG!

A favorite dog beach vacation activity is rolling in a dead fish. We have a hot and cold outdoor shower for just such occasions. After Fido gets a good cleaning, bring him/her to the office for a treat. ~~~

LOTS OF EATING-OUT CHOICES

We have legendary dining on the Long Beach Peninsula at more award-winning restaurants than any other rural community in Wash. State! You can browse through our notebook of menus in the office, or we're always willing to tell you about our favorite places. When you've decided where to eat, let us call and make your reservations. ~~~



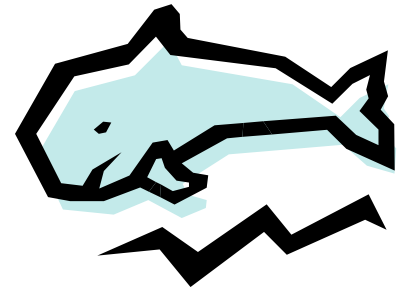
TAKE THE BUS TO TOWN

ANDERSEN'S is located 3-1/2 miles north of downtown Long Beach, but that's not a problem if you don't want to unhook or have no tow vehicle. Pacific County Transit runs 6-days-a-week, and we keep schedules in the office. For 35 cents a person, it's a pretty good bargain. ~~~

COAST GUARD UNIT HERE IS VERY IMPORTANT

The National Motor Life Boat School (NMLBS) in Ilwaco at Station Cape Disappointment is the only school in the world that trains for rough weather surf. That training results in many saved lives every year. Up to 150 students attend the NMLBS annually for multi-week courses designed to provide the specific skills needed to operate the 47-foot motor lifeboat in an extreme rough weather environment. Back in 1968, the NMLBS was established at Station Cape Disappointment, in Ilwaco, Wash., at the mouth of the Columbia River.

The first classes were little more than meetings of surf men who were stationed along the Washington and Oregon coasts. As classes progressed, a curriculum was developed, and instructors were permanently assigned. In 1980, the name National Motor Lifeboat School was adopted and it was made a national training center. The school, situated across the road from the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center parking lot, is not open to visitors but you can frequently see them out on the



COLUMBIA RIVER SHIP TRAFFIC

While you're here, tune into KMUN Astoria 91.9 FM Monday through Friday mornings at 11 minutes before 9 o'clock to hear the daily Columbia River ship traffic report. You'll learn a bit about the dedicated mariners who command, crew and pilot the ships in and out of the treacherous mouth of the Columbia River. ~~~

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THIS IS LEWIS & CLARK COUNTRY

The Lewis and Clark journals record 17 different locations in Pacific County along the Columbia River where the L&C party made camp, observed wildlife, and encountered the violence of November coastal weather. It was during this time they achieved the goal of their trip as noted in their journals: *Nov. 17, 1805 – "In view of the ocean."* Find out more about this incredible adventure at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park (formerly Fort Canby State Park) at the south end of the Peninsula.. ~~~

DON'T MISS THE DISCOVERY TRAIL

Many visitors to our area never see the Discovery Trail out in front of Long Beach. It is a paved, meandering path along the primary dune area with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and is great for walking, biking or running. It stretches 8.2 miles between Ilwaco and Long Beach and is designed to mirror part of Clark's trek up the coastline along the Peninsula. An easy place to start is at the Boardwalk in Long Beach. The trail runs under the Boardwalk. ~~~



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CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE

Astoria is only 25 minutes away. If you like boats, you'll want to visit the **Columbia River Maritime Museum**. On display is one of the most extensive collections of nautical artifacts on the West Coast. The Museum, on Astoria's historic waterfront, is located at 1792 Marine Drive and is open daily from

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. While you're there, visit the popular Astor Column, drive up and down the hills and look at the wonderful old captain's houses, look for harbor seals off the 6th Street Viewing Tower, or visit the shops at the 12th St. Dock. ≈≈≈

BEACH TRIVIA

- ★ The City of Long Beach has huge **parking lots** east of the downtown business section -- long spots for RVs.
- ★ The peninsula has over a dozen charming **art galleries** in some unusual and fun settings. Stop by our office and pick up the Peninsula Art Gallery brochure.
- ★ **Jack's Country Store** in Ocean Park promotes itself by saying they have one of everything. Its true!
- ★ If you don't have time to **go garage "sale"ing** at home, work it into your vacation schedule when you're here. Garage Sales take place Fridays and Saturdays all up and down the peninsula. And if you're a real garage sale devotee, come back on Memorial Day Weekend. The entire Long Beach Peninsula becomes one big garage sale. It's billed as "**The World's Longest Garage Sale.**"
- ★ **Willapa Bay** is one of the least polluted estuaries in the U.S.? You get a great view of the bay from the platform of the **Willapa Bay Interpretive Center**, located just east of the old Ark Restaurant in Nahcotta

DID YOU KNOW THAT

- ★ seagulls can eat almost anything including other (small) birds
- ★ seagulls are monogamous, mate for life and are faithful to their mates.
- ★ the seagull life span is 15-20 years.