

# Beaches



All beaches in the State of Oregon are designated public recreation areas, and are jointly managed by both the State of Oregon and the local municipalities whose boundaries encompass portions of the beach. The foresight of the State in declaring beaches public recreation areas ensures that our beautiful beaches are free for everyone to enjoy and use, visitors and residents alike. It also means that we all have a responsibility to protect and care for

our beaches as common stewards. Visit the State Department of Land Conservation's [Coastal Management Plan](#) for more information on how the State is helping to protect and manage our coastal beaches.

## Beach Access

All public streets and alleys which abut the ocean shore are minimally maintained by the Public Works Department as beach access points. There are 44 public beach access points. Ease of access varies depending on the location. Tolovana Wayside is an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)...

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## Beach Water Quality Monitoring

The Beach Monitoring Program is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funded program; that is designed to help States monitor the water quality along their coasts and estuaries. Tests are run on coastal waters to determine whether or not there are any pollutants present. The Oregon...

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## Beach Safety and Use

The City has a Lifesaving Program which operates from late May through early September on our beaches. The Lifesaving Program page has information on ways that visitors can safely enjoy their time on the beach. The area around Haystack Rock is designated a marine sanctuary and is subject to...

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## Dogs on the Beach

Dogs are allowed on the beach, as long as they are on a leash or under voice control of the owner. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the dog is physically controlled.

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## Watercraft on the Beach

If you are planning to launch a rigid watercraft such as metal or fiberglass canoes and boats from the shore of the Pacific Ocean in Cannon Beach, you must have a permit issued by the Police Department. Launching of inflatable devices such as rafts, boats, air mattresses, inner tubes, and...

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## Vehicles on the Beach

Motor vehicles are not permitted on the beach unless a permit has been issued by either the Cannon Beach Police Department or the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation. The Police Department issues short duration beach access permits at no cost for persons with disabilities and for vehicles...

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## Marine Reserves

The Cannon Beach City Council adopted an ordinance, on August 5, 2008, for the purpose of recognizing the need for marine reserves in Oregon's territorial sea and supports the direction of Governor Kulongoski to the ocean policy advisory council to provide advice on appropriate sites for marine...

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