

Trail Development

Working for Recreation & Public Access

Trail Maintenance, North Coast State Parks



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COAST TRAIL

Repair and restoration of degraded sections of coastal trails is planned in 2016, funded through a \$162,000 Recreational Trails Grant, for Oswald West State Park and Cape Lookout State Park. The projects total 7.8 miles and include the western half of the Cape Lookout Trail plus two sections of the Oregon Coast Trail, both the Cape Falcon Trail and the Neahkahnie Mountain Trail. (Image/OPRD)

Permit Signed, First Trail Built for "C2C Trail"

On July 7, 2015, *Siuslaw National Forest* and the *Corvallis-to-Sea ("C2C") Trail Partnership* signed a historic 5-year federal permit. The permit allows the *Partnership* to build, maintain, and manage those portions of the C2C Trail that cross *US Forest Service* lands on the 35-mile eastern half of the route that can now link *Corvallis* with *Big Elk*

Campground 35 miles to the west. Before the permit expires on December 31, 2019, a new permit will be required, and the *Partnership* envisions that it could include all, or a significant portion of, the remaining half of the proposed route to *Ona Beach*, if only initially as a "wilderness class" (cleared but otherwise unimproved) trail. Volunteers have begun building the last segment of the new



Sugarbowl Creek trail that will link *Shotpouch Road* with *Harlan Road*. In addition to the vital trail building over the next half year, signs must still be bought and installed and maps printed. Completion of the eastern half of the route is slated for 2016 with an official opening target date of June 4, *National Trails Day*.

(Text/Trail Logo: C2C Trail Partnership)

Visit <http://www.c2ctrail.org/> for more information

Olympic Discovery Trail, Trestle Replacement



Work is nearing completion on the *Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's* replacement of the *Dungeness River* trestle that was blown out by flooding in Feb. 2015. Construction of the new structure, consisting of five prefabricated iron

spans placed on extensively engineered concrete piling/pier assemblies, has progressed smoothly under the *Tribe's* direction and should be done during winter 2016. The *Peninsula Trails Coalition* is working with the *Tribe* and the *Dungeness River Audubon Center* to completely renew the surface of the truss bridge itself and the east-side ramp, both badly in need of replacement. The work is scheduled to begin February 2016 and move forward quickly as a complete renovation of this signature section of the *Olympic Discovery Trail*. The *Peninsula Trails Coalition (PTC)*, founded in 1988, is the all-volunteer nonprofit that advocates for the completion and maintenance of the envisioned 126-mile *Olympic Discovery Trail*, a non-motorized multi-use trail system connecting communities across *Washington's* *North Olympic Peninsula* from *Port Townsend* to *LaPush, WA*.

(Text: Jeff Bohman, PTC President/Image: Peninsula Trails Coalition)

Visit <http://www.olympicdiscoverytrail.com/> for trail information

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Education

Promoting Coastal Trails to Everyone

OR Coast Hiking/Travel Guide Released 2016

100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range by William L. Sullivan, in an expanded and revised fourth edition, was released in March 2016. This complete coastal guide describes hiking trails, campgrounds, museums, towns, and lighthouses from *Washington's* *Long Beach* south to *California's* *Redwoods*. It includes 122 maps, a 32-page color travel guide to coastal highlights, a guide to the *Oregon Coast Trail*, a color wildflower guide, a catalog of campgrounds, and a chart of the best inns and quaint hotels on the *Oregon Coast*. Order books at *Powells.com* and *Amazon.com*, as an eBook for *Kindle*, *iPad*, *iPhone* or other devices at *Amazon*. (Source: www.oregonhiking.com)

Redesign NCTA Website, Expand OCT Website

The *National Coast Trail Association's* main website, *CoastTrails.org*, first launched in 1999, needs to be redesigned literally from a 20th to a 21st-century website during 2016 to better serve our members, the organization and its visitors. Its successful *OregonCoastTrail.info* "sub-website," could also potentially be improved to better serve all hikers using the *Oregon Coast Trail (OCT)*. One primary redesign goal will be to provide quick and easy access to comprehensive, useful, and interesting information relative to existing and envisioned coastal trails of significance in the *United States* and around the world.

Conservation

Taking Action for Coastal Preservation

No Golf Course for Bandon State Natural Area



The approved land exchange between *Bandon Biota*, a company associated with *Bandon Dunes Golf Resort*, and the *Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD)* regarding *Bandon State Natural Area (BSNA)* was terminated in September 2015. An apparent lack of groundwater and new requirements by the *Bureau of Land Management*, the agency that gave the land to the *State of Oregon* in 1968 for "public parks purposes only," but kept a reversionary interest on the deed, were the reasons given for *Bandon Biota* to end the land exchange. Under the final approved proposal 280 inland acres of the 878 acre *BSNA* property would have been traded to *Bandon Biota* as part of a future 27-hole golf course. The *National Coast Trail Association* submitted written input both in 2013 and 2014 to the *Oregon State Parks Commission* with the aim to preserve *BSNA* in its entirety and to maintain and potentially enhance the values of conservation for wildlife and recreation for future generations.

(Incorporates info from, and *BSNA* image courtesy of, the *Oregon Coast Alliance*.)

Visit <http://www.oregoncoastalliance.org/> for more information

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Oregon Coast Trail 2021 plan provides updated solutions

Implementation through advocacy, education, and action becomes organization's primary goal

Eugene, OR – The National Coast Trail Association (NCTA) completed their revised plan, *Oregon Coast Trail 2021: Final Connections, Logistics Strategy* in October 2015. This report was initially submitted to various administrative staff of the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) during November 2015 and will continue during 2016. The report represents the trail organization's updated proposals not only with solutions for missing gaps to complete the trail by the agency's previously announced 2021 target date, but also provides recommendations for other infrastructure needed, such as designated primitive campsites, to make the trail logistically doable along its entire length.

"We needed to update our decade-old plan since things on the coast have changed," notes NCTA executive director Al LePage. "New trail opportunities have arisen from such things as new public land acquisition to discoveries about access along certain areas of the coast."

Oregon Coast Trail 2021



Photo: Photo by Park Building with Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
Final Connections, Logistic Strategy



National Coast Trail Association
October 2015



The goals of the plan are to provide OPRD and other stakeholders with the recommendations and other information needed to (1) assist OPRD in developing a completed basic route for the Oregon Coast Trail in the short-term by the agency's own target date of 2021, (2) encourage OPRD to allow overnight camping for backpackers-only within specific day-use parks, (3) offer other routing solutions in the long-term to eventually complete the Oregon Coast Trail with the highest quality recreational hiking experience possible given any and all existing constraints, and (4) address the preservation of special areas along the coast to protect and enhance the overall trail experience.

"Implementation has now become one of our primary goals," continues LePage, "and we immediately began sharing the plan with the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department and will continue to do so with the agency and other key stakeholders during 2016 and beyond. Advocacy, education and action will continue to be the hallmark of our primary strategy."

Presenting the report to OPRD staff at various levels of the agency and other stakeholders is one immediate objective, which will in part be supported with the remaining funds of the Meyer Memorial Trust grant used to develop the report, and in accordance with the purposes it was provided. The organization will also strategically seek out and act upon existing and evolving opportunities and potential threats to continue to move forward towards completing the Oregon Coast Trail.

Two books published in 2015 about the Oregon Coast Trail

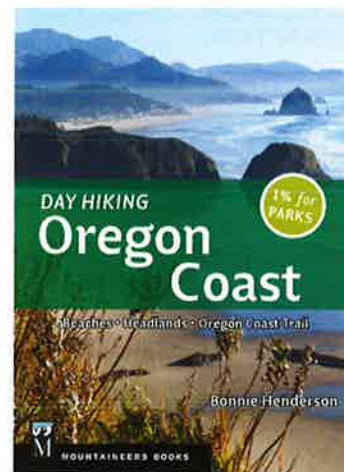
Written by veteran Oregon Coast Trail hikers, offered here are the books own promotional info

Day Hiking: Oregon Coast, 2nd Edition by Bonnie Henderson is a special sort of hiking guidebook. On one hand, there are dozens of hikes to choose from for an easy family outing. However, it also is a comprehensive guide to a once-in-a-lifetime, multiday trek of the ever-popular Oregon Coast Trail. Essentially this guide works for everyone wanting to experience any or all of Oregon's Pacific Coast.

This comprehensive and engaging new edition includes:

- All new maps, GPS coordinates added to all hikes
- 132 hikes—including the entire Oregon Coast Trail from WA to CA
- All new Hikes-at-a-Glance chart
- Day hikes for vacationers or locals looking for a trail with sea views
- All new photos, including a color insert
- Coastal day hikes and beach walks for all skill levels
- Details/advice for through-hiking/section-hiking the 382-mile OCT

(Source: <http://www.mountaineersbooks.org/Day-Hiking-Oregon-Coast-2nd-Edition-P1655.aspx>)



Exploring the Oregon Coast Trail by Connie Soper provides the information you need to complete the entire trail, or to enjoy segments of it as a series of day hikes. This book also provides insights on chapters of Oregon's coastal history that make hiking the Oregon Coast Trail a special and unique experience. In doing so, it reminds us to celebrate Oregon's open beaches and not take them for granted.

Highlights of the book include:

- Detailed route descriptions for 40 consecutive day hikes along the Oregon Coast Trail (OCT), beginning at the mouth of the Columbia River and ending at the California border
- Mile-by-mile maps for most hikes
- Directions for reaching the start and end points of each hike
- Logistical information needed to successfully navigate the OCT, such as tidal considerations and arranging for boat rides
- Historical, present day photographs of places visited along the OCT
- Features on the history/personalities that make hiking OCT possible

(Source: <http://www.dragonfly-press-pdx.com/books/trail-hiking>)

