

Testimony on House Bill 3149.

Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to tell you why I support House Bill 3149.

My name is Walt Schroeder. I and my family lived in Gold Beach on the South Coast of Oregon for 45 years. My wife and I moved to Dallas Retirement Village at 310 W.

Ellendale in Dallas in 2012 when my wife became ill in order to be closer to our sons and their families..

I am particularly pleased to be here today because from 1985 to 1993 I spent quite a bit of time where you are seated today. I served on the Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee for four terms as a member, vice-chair and chair before voluntary retirement.

The Oregon Coast Trail was an idea proposed by Dr. Sam Dicken, Professor of Geography at the University of Oregon. A plaque at the Natural Bridges viewpoint between Gold Beach and Brookings recognizes his contribution.

In Oregon we have many beautiful trails: the Pacific Crest Trail, The High Desert Trail and many others. The Oregon Coast Trail is totally different from the other trails in several respects:

- 1. it passes through and around many towns lending itself to a village to village hike and making it possible to stay**

overnight in motels and eating in restaurants thereby contributing to the coastal economy

2. It is in many different segments and allows for short hikes before returning to Hwy 101.

3. It opens up exceptionally beautiful segments of the ocean not often seen even from Hwy 101.

4. It is relatively level most of its length.

5. It permits exploring tide pools and isolated beaches.

6. It provides healthy outdoor recreation

7. It provides opportunities for bird watchers and wild flower and plant enthusiasts to revel in their hobbies

I became interested in the Coast Trail shortly after moving to Curry County as Oregon State University Extension Agent in 1967. Recognizing the need for a coast trail, I contacted the Harris Beach State Park Ranger and found out a coast trail was being considered by his district. So I started to build a section. I decided quickly it was more than a one person job so I wrote a news article inviting others to join me at a certain date and place. The interest was overwhelming and developed into a Friday and Saturday morning event in the spring and again in the fall for about 30 years. Volunteers numbering from 5 to 20 showed up to work every work party and we built many miles of Coast Trail in Curry County. Some adopted segments of the trail to maintain between the scheduled work parties and occasionally emergency work parties were set for special

projects. e.g. when a storm wiped out a portion of the trail, etc.

Volunteers included men and women retirees, some still employed who could make it on Saturday, 4-H Club members, Gold Beach High School student council and others.

It became so popular that when we were not working on the Coast Trail we built many new trails and opened up or maintained several long forgotten trails all over Curry County.

Included for this committee is a document describing most of the trails Curry and neighboring county friends have worked on and are still working on these past forty years

Building and maintaining trails has several benefits.

- 1. They give the builders a real sense of accomplishment in completing a project knowing that our efforts will benefit many others.**
- 2. Providing an opportunity to work with like inspired folks who become good friends**
- 3. Accomplishing a worthwhile project,**
- 4. Seeing beautiful scenery seldom seen by others.**
- 5. It is good, healthy exercise**

The Oregon Coast Trail is begging for completion. HB 3149 is a vital step in that process.

Thank you for this bill and for the many hours you invest as Legislators in making Oregon a better place.

HAPPY TRAILS



**A pictorial story of volunteers
building and maintaining hiking
trails in Curry County, Oregon.**

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Introduction

When man first inhabited the continent of North America his mode of transportation was walking. In order to walk it was necessary to either find a way to travel through open country or to build trails to allow passage through forested or grasslands.

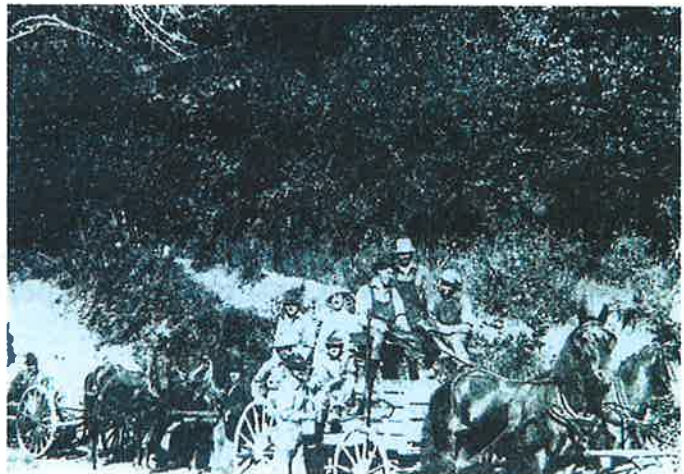
The first trails were probably animal trails but eventually these early Inhabitants had to build new trails or improve animal trails through the wilderness.

The earliest Native American trails were often along ridge tops with occasional side trails to rivers or streams or to where they could harvest nuts, huckleberries, etc. could hunt, or gather foodstuffs and other materials they needed to survive.

When European settlers came to the wild areas they used the Indian trails or built new ones to take them to places where they could mine for gold, to farm, to drive livestock to market or new pasture, to access homesteads, and to build homes and villages.

Curry County was covered by trails. They were the only way to travel by walking or riding horseback.

As settlers moved in they built roads that took the place of trails to enable them to use carts and wagons. As road building equipment became available they built even more roads. Many of the roads followed the same route as the trails and those trails were lost forever.



The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the 1930s came into existence, and many roads were built by these young men.

Over the years many of the old trails were abandoned and with the rapid growth of plant life in this coastal area, many are overgrown and only seen on old maps.

For many years the U.S. Forest Service maintained trails in their jurisdiction and the Bureau of Land Management in theirs. And while they do maintenance on the most used trails, e.g. Rogue River Trail and Illinois Trail, their budgets are not adequate to maintain all of the trails. These federal agencies are also required to prepare Environmental Impact Statements and supporting papers with limited staff. As a result much of the trail maintenance and building on the Federal lands is being done by volunteers.

Many trails, particularly the Oregon Coast Trail, are being built on state owned land, public beaches and highway Rights of Way. But here funds are also inadequate so much of the building and maintaining work has been and is being done by volunteers.

The volunteers are ordinary citizens who experience great satisfaction from building and maintaining trails they like to use the trails, sharing them with family as well as knowing that others are enjoying the fruits of their labor. Many are used for bird watching and just enjoying the great outdoors.

Acknowledgements

A special thanks to the many volunteers who participated in the many fun and work days to build and maintain that so many can enjoy them. Building trails is a fun and fulfilling experience.



The inspiration for building a trail along the Oregon Coast was the plan of Dr. Samuel Dicken, Professor of Geography at the University of Oregon. Samuel Dicken was born in a small log cabin in the hills of Kentucky. As a young boy he roamed the hills and streams of his native home and developed his interest in geography.

After completing his undergraduate college degree he went on to earn a Masters and then a PhD in Geography. He spent 18 years as Professor of Geography at the University of Minnesota before coming to Oregon as head of the University of Oregon Department of Geography.

He was fascinated by the geography of Oregon, and particularly the Oregon Coast. He recognized that the natives had trails up and down the coast. Roads and the development of towns and cities had replaced the trails and his vision was to build a new trail of 362 miles from the Columbia River on the north to the California State Line to replace those long lost trails. His vision is shared by many volunteers who have completed most of those miles.

Some of the miles are on the beaches where possible while others are being built “from scratch” along the headlands. Some of the trail in Curry County has been built by Oregon State Park personnel, some by environment organizations, but the largest majority of the Coast Trail in Curry County has been built by citizen volunteers who donate their time and talent provide hiking trails so that all may enjoy them.



Photo by Gary Maschmeyer



Fred Beeson and Roger Jackson 1980



**Ray Johnson, Rose Walker & Dick Huff
near Miner Creek 1981**



**Unrecognized digger. Note Miner Creek
Flume, upper left quadrant. 1981**



Rose Walker, Ray Johnson, Dick Huff



**North side of Hostenaden Creek. Susan
Aspinwall, Leo Appel, Charles Williams,
Cliff and Sharon Burgess. Ca. 1990**



**North end of China Creek beach. Gold Beach
High School Student Council, ca. 1991**



State Parks personnel setting Iremite to blast P-line through extremely thick Salal brush. 1981



Keith Kelly lighting Iremite



Doug Schroeder and C.A. Rath digging Tread on Otter Point Trail. Ca. 1982



4-H boys digging Otter Point Trail



Trail near Otter Point though heavy brush using a weed whacker brush cutter winding through very narrow deer trails



Digging a new trail at Otter Point to replace Section taken out by slide.



Kathie Cotter just south of Reinhart Creek



Cliff Burgess south of Reinhart Creek



Trail crew. 6/3/2011; l-r Front; ?, Jerry Abshier, Cliff Burgess. Back: Glenn Kral, Ron Lewis, ?, Bryan Grummon, Desi Smith, Joe Donahue.



Trail Crew 6/18/2011, l-r: Fred Caldwell, Gary Maschmeyer, Cliff Burgess, Ron Lewis, Bryan Grummon, Jerry Abshier, Fred Spalding



A portion of the trail from Sam Boardman wayside.



Are our efforts worth it? Ask these happy hikers



Thankful hikers at Indian Sands.



On the Indian Sands segment



Natural Bridge from the Oregon Coast Trail



Waterfall south of Whaleshead



Waterfall; S. end of Lone Ranch Beach



A side trail goes to this Thomas Creek Bridge view.



Several rustic bridges are on the Coast Trail

We had to cut our way through poison oak as we built the trail. We try to spray it often.



Samuel Boardman Park is in 12 miles of the Coast Trail in Curry County. He was the first superintendent of the Oregon State Parks Department in Oregon.

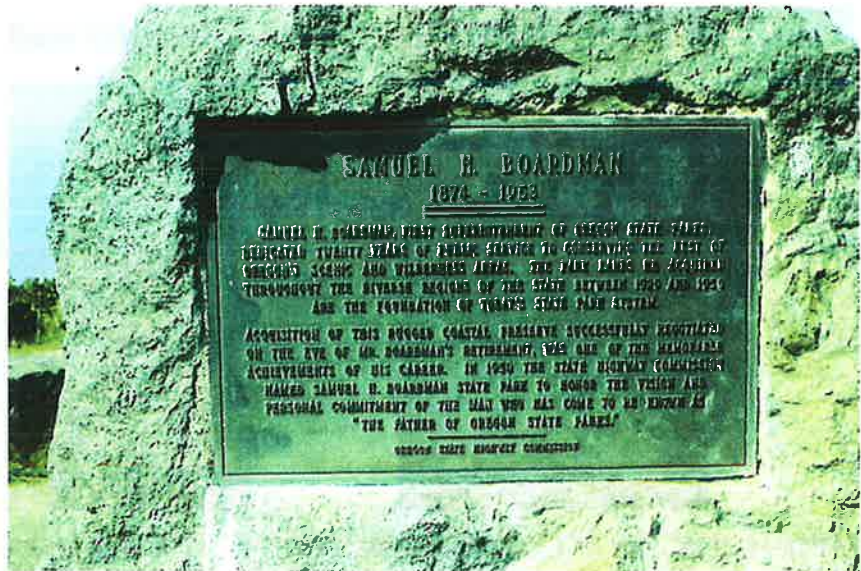


Photo by Gary Maschmeyer

BRANDY PEAK

Brandy Peak is the highest mountain in Curry County at 5,298 feet above sea level. It is accessed from the Burnt Ridge Road, above Agness. USFS Rd. 2308. Strangely enough the trail access paralleling Burnt Ridge Road is known as the Bear Camp Ridge Trail. The trail touches the road in several places so access to the portion that goes to Brandy Peak is relatively easy. The west access is across from Squirrel Spring and the east access a few miles further up the road. It is well marked.



Previously to get to the summit required cross country scrambling. In 2006 a group of volunteers, known as "Muscle Busters", built a spur trail from the east side of Brandy Peak to the summit. It required back-tracking to reach the Bear Camp Ridge Trail. In 2011 the group built a trail down the west side of the peak.

From the top of Brandy Peak one has a 360 degree view to the ocean, northern California, the Rogue Valley and up into Coos County. On a clear day it is possible to see Mt. Shasta,, Trinity Alps Mt. McLoughlin, and several other peaks.



Cliff Burgess, Fred Caldwell, Al Collinet, Glenn Kral and Gary Maschmeyer dig tread from the east side close to the top of Brandy Peak. 6/10/2006



Trail crew building east spur trail to Brandy Peak



Almost to the top of Brandy Peak



On top of old Brandy. Gary, Glenn, Cliff, Fred and Al, 6/10/2006



Building trail from west side of Brandy Peak. Glen Kral, George Cady, Gary Maschmeyer And Joe Donahue 2011



Walt and Gary



West spur to Brandy Peak.



**Top of Brandy while working on west spur.
Fred ?, Gary, Glenn, Cliff, Walt, Al 2011**



Job completed; heading for home.

When the Burnt Ridge Road was built it wiped out a segment of the Bear Camp Ridge Trail from the 016 road to a huge rock outcrop.

Muscle Buster volunteers built a new trail from the Elk Wallow Viewpoint Trail to and through the large rock outcrop.



Above; Lunch break, Glenn Kral, Gary Maschmeyer, All Collinet and Bob Shippis.



Left: A much need break. It's hard work.



The Rogue River Walk



The Rogue River Walk was inspired by Kathie Cotter, longtime trail worker. She proposed that a trail be built close to Gold Beach along the south bank of the beautiful Rogue River from just east of the old mill site to the U.S.F.S. Lobster Creek Campground.

Volunteers gathered and pioneered the trail through several old homestead sites where families had lived many years ago. Undoubtedly these pioneer families had trails in the area but no evidence of the old trails could be found. Only early maps of the area showed the family names and claims of these early homesteaders.

Much of the area had overgrown with brush and trees so potential trails were surveyed and flagged and then P-lines were cut in preparation for tread work. Lots of hard work over a few years developed a trail that is used by many hikers. It is close to town and moderate for young and old alike. Each year the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Mud Run" on the trail.

More than a dozen bridges cross streams and gullies; all built on site with lumber purchased with donations from individuals and organizations. Coos-Curry Electric provided used power poles for bridge stringers and husky men dragged them from the road to the sites.

Two segments of the RRW have been designated as special birding sites. Over one-hundred different bird species have been observed along the trail.

One segment just west of Orchard Bar is a grove of ancient Myrtle Trees, *Umbellularia californica*. These massive trees with their interesting shapes are in the segment called *Mystic Myrtles*.



Gary digging tread



Kathie and "box" bridge



Digging holes for bench.



**Bench photos by Al Collinet
Placing bench**



Finishing touches on bench



Direction signs. Photo by Gary Maschmeyer



Placing power poles for bridge stringers.
Photo by Al Collinet



Kathie checks to see if everything is on the level.



One of the completed bridges.



**A salvaged boat dock ramp found along .
River.**



Gary cutting P-line.



Kathie digging tread.



Mystic Myrtle Grove



More beautiful Myrtle Trees *Umbellularia californica*

Finished Trail



Bench in birding area

All photos on this page by Gary Maschmeyer Finished Trail



Trail



Kathie Cotter and friend on finished



Grand opening of Rogue River Walk



Kathie cutting "ribbon" Walt & Gary holding.



Glenn spraying weeds, including poison oak.

Resetting bridge moved by high water. >>>>>

Workers: Carol King, Bryan Grummon, Gary Maschmeyer, Glenn Kral, Fred Caldwell, Gene Clausen, and others.



Photo by Kathie Cotter



Rotary Riverside Trail

The Rotary Riverside Interpretive Trail was built to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International in 1905

Centennial projects were carried out by every Rotary Club all over the world. The Gold Beach Rotary Club chose to build a walking and biking trail along the south bank of the Rogue River. It starts at the Port of Gold Beach and terminates at Indian Creek. Many volunteer hours were expended to dig tread, cut brush, haul gravel, build a bridge and place interpretive signs



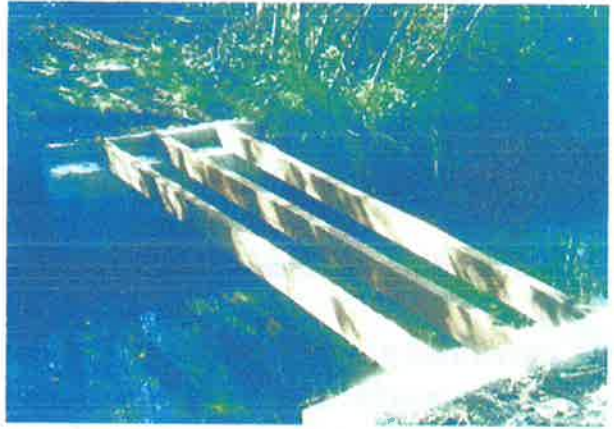
The western start of the trail at the Port of Beach/ David Figurate, Jim Walker and Jim Coffee making a good start.



Cliff Burges loading gravel



Jim Coffee ready to unload gravel





Rotary Fitness Trail

In the early 1980s the Gold Beach Rotary Club built a fitness trail at the east end of Buffington City Park in Gold Beach.

The area had not been developed and the Rotary club members built a 4 foot wide trail winding back and forth through the wooded area.

Exercise stations were placed at intervals along the trail and included pull ups, sit ups, push ups, log lift, balance beam, deep knee bends, toe touch, body bends, walk briskly then leisurely. The trail is maintained by Rotary members and friends.



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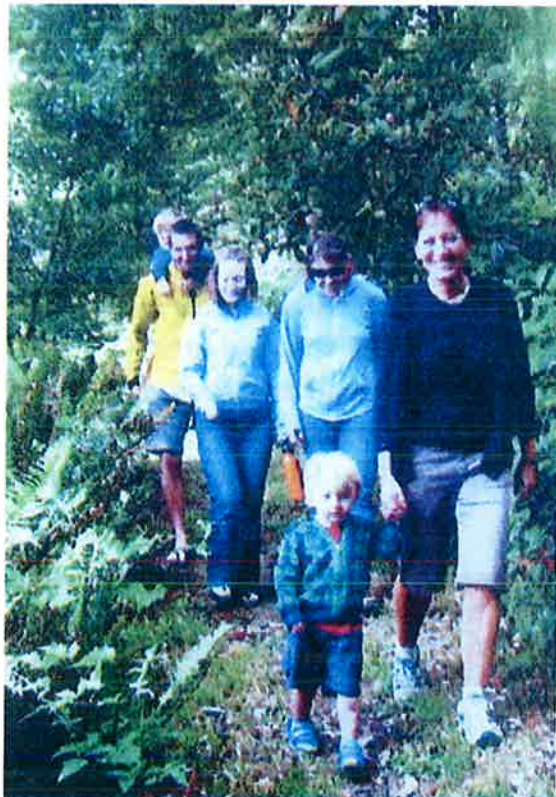
PUSH-UPS



BALANCE BEAM



The Fitness Trail is kid friendly



Families also enjoy the Fitness Trail



Maintenance on the Fitness Trail



Signal Buttes

For many years Mark Kramer of Gold Beach has built and rebuilt old trails in the Signal Butte area. He uses only hand tools.



Trail between Long Prairie and Stone Chair



Signal Buttes area



McKinley Mine Trail



Ann Kramer near Long Prairie

Trail through Jeffrey pines >

Photos by Mark Kramer



Lawson Creek Way. Trail , USFS 1173, goes from Skinner's Camp near Game Lake, crosses Lawson Creek and ends at Seven Mile Camp. Walt's 4-H Outdoorsman Club brushed out portions of this historic trail



On one occasion the Forest Service "loaned" their fire crew to open the entire Lawson Creek Way trail. Three chains saws and several "swampers" had the entire trail open in a few hours.



Kalmiopsis Wilderness

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The Kalmiopsis Wilderness of 180,098 acres is located in the Klamath Province and is located in Curry and Josephine Counties in SW Oregon. It was designated a Wilderness in 1964 and is named for the rare Kalmiopsis leachiana plant, a pre-ice age species and the oldest member of the Heath family. *Ericaceae*

The wilderness is described as harsh and rugged with unique character. Elevations range from 500 to 5,098 feet. Soils are largely Peridotite and Serpentinite, both rich in minerals such as magnesium, iron, chromium and nickel which in high amounts can be toxic to most plants. The diversity of plant habitat has been influenced by glaciation, weather, climate, action of rivers, and periodic fires. The Klamath Province was the first land mass in what became Oregon.



Two 4-H Clubs, Double Duty of Brookings and Corps of Discovery of Gold Beach combined their efforts to maintain segments of the Dry Butte trail # 1110 in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness . I 974 overnight camp.



In 1976 the Corps of Discover Outdoorsman 4-H Club of Gold Beach camped out at Vulcan Lake and improved the primitive trail between the Gardner Mine and Vulcan Lake.

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A Few Other Trails



Doug, Bob and John Schroeder after working on the Painted Rock trail from Rogue River. 1976.



4-H Club maintaining the Horse Sign Butte Trail connecting the Pupps Camp to the Game Lake Trail



The old military trail from Port Orford to what was later Ellensburg and then Gold Beach. Located on the ridge east of old highway 101.

<<<Two photos by Mark Kramer

Mark Kramer and his Dad, John Kramer , cutting a log by hand on the upper Pistol River Trail.

Photo by Mark Kramer>>>>>





LEARN ABOUT ESTUARIES

Estuaries are partially enclosed bodies of water along coastlines where salt and fresh water meet and mix. A river estuary is a most productive acreage. Estuaries are often called "nurseries of the sea". Many species spend a part of their early lives in the estuary; it is an essential part of their life cycle. Fish and shellfish, birds, marine mammals and many other creatures, large and small, depend on a healthy estuary to survive.

Several interpretive panels telling about the estuaries and their importance are located between the Nor'Wester Restaurant and Five Star Charters, as well as in the parking lot at Indian Creek, a half mile up the South Bank of the South Bank.



THE ROGUE RIVER

begins near Crater Lake and winds through the Klamath Geologic Province to empty into the Pacific Ocean at Gold Beach. The Klamath Province is the oldest land mass in Oregon and was an island in a shallow sea. It was pushed up from the sea through a process known as *plate tectonics*.

Exotic terraces were once part of ocean crust carried eastward where they collided with the North American landmass. Successive terraces were added and were securely "welded" to the mainland. Today seven separate terranes can be identified. 1

Estuaries in the Klamath Mountains, or Province, are short and are usually gravelly bottoms. The Rogue Estuary where the tide influences the river, is approximately four miles long.



1. GEOLOGY OF OREGON. ORR, ORR, AND BALDWIN, 1992



EXPLORE THE ROTARY RIVERSIDE TRAIL



The Rotary Riverside Trail is a Centennial Project of the Gold Beach Rotary Club to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Founding of Rotary International.

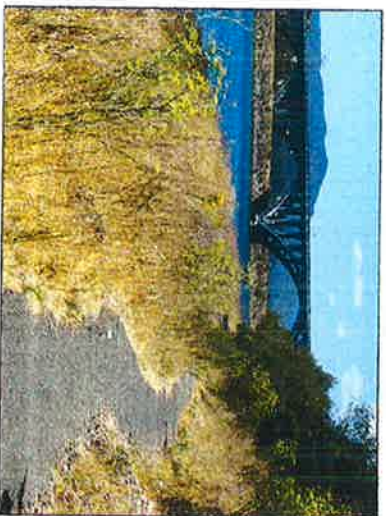
The trail is designed to allow visitors to get a closer look at the lower estuary of the Rogue River as well as to point out some historic features along the river.

WEST SECTION

The west section begins adjacent to the sunken vessel the Mary D. Hume. The Mary D. was built in Ellensburg (now Gold Beach) in 1880 and was engaged in coastal trade, arctic whaling, a cannery tender, fishing boat, and tugboat. More information can be found on the panels located near the vessel.

The trail is paved to just beyond the Patterson (Rogue River) Bridge. Historical markers tell some of the history of waterfront activities in the late 1800s. The south end of the bridge is anchored on Mill Rock, named for a sawmill that was located before 1876 and owned by Riley and Stewart.

Benches on each side of the bridge provide an opportunity to rest and view the scenery.



EAST SECTION

The east section begins just before two A frame houses about 1/4 mile from Highway 101 on the South Bank Rogue River Road (Jerry's Flat Road). The trail meanders through a brush and grass covered flat before paralleling the Rogue River. It crosses an outlet from some man-made ponds on a bridge utilizing two recycled railings from the Patterson Bridge.



The ponds were built by landowner Scott Knox, to improve the wetland area and provide refuge for immature salmon and steelhead during flood times.



The trail returns to the South Bank Road just before Indian Creek. Interpretive panels there tell more about the estuary, the trails

in the area, and other interesting information.

HIKING TRAILS NEAR GOLD BEACH

Rotary Fitness Trail - Located at Buffington City Park. There are several exercise stations along the trail.

Rogue River Walk - Starts 4.7 miles from the south end of the Patterson Memorial Bridge. The easiest section is between Jim Hunt Creek and Huntley Park.

Shrader Old Growth Trail - Located 12 miles east of Highway 101 on the South Bank Road. Look for the sign across from Lobster Creek Forest Service Campground. An easy hike through an Old Growth Forest with an Interpretive Brochure at the trailhead.

333 Trail - Starts at Milepost 333, across from Eighty Acres Road, and goes to the beach, 1.5 miles each way.

Sebastian Portion of the Oregon Coast Trail - From the south viewpoint the trail goes south about 2.5 miles to the parking area above the beach along Highway 101. Either back track or leave a car at the lower end.

Cape Sebastian Viewpoint - The connecting trail that travels between the north and south viewpoints.

Otter Point Trail - Begins at Otter Point Viewpoint about 6 miles north of Gold Beach off the Old Coast Road. Trail travels to the beach.

Walk and Exercise on the Rotary Fitness Trail

The Rotary Club of Gold Beach built the Fitness Trail in the 1980's for the enjoyment and outdoor exercise for everyone, young and old.



Rotary Club of Gold Beach
District 5110, Club 344
Gold Beach, Oregon

The hiking trail winds through the woods to the east and to the south sides inside Buffington Community Park and is available for all to use.



Exercise stations are located along the trail for those who want to use them. The hike itself is also great exercise.



PUSH-UPS



SIT-UPS



BALANCE BEAM

The trail is in two segments, the east and the west.

The east segment is at the east end of the parking lot and can be accessed directly east of the parking lot or from the top of the exit road as it leaves the park.

The west section starts either from just south of Kid Castle or from the east end of the parking area.



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Birding...

Bird watchers will especially enjoy the RRW. Over 80 different species of birds have been observed along the trail including a rare sighting of the Barnw's Golden Eye.



Depending on the season, hikers can observe people fishing for the legendary Rogue River spring Chinook salmon. Across the river you can see the world famous Tu Tu' Tunn Lodge voted best resort hotel in the U.S. in 2007 by readers of Travel & Leisure magazine.



Trail Builders

RRW from Old Mill site to Lobster Creek Bridge was started in Dec 2007 and built entirely by members of the Musco Business Hiking Group and local volunteers.

Gold Beach	Bob Schneider	Breadstings
Cliff Burgess	Walt Schneider	George Cady
Jim Coffey	Gene Trandler	Fred Caldwell
Kathie Cotter	Jim Wilson	Al Collins
Bryan Grammon	Casey Bay	Dave Cooley
Glen Kral	Dave Gray	Joe Donahue
Earl McLaughlin	North Road	Gary Mueschmeyer
Dale Munson	Bob Stipp	Sue Roughen
Lorena Munson		

Miles & Miles of More Rogue River Trail Awaits The Hiker...

At the end of the Rogue River Walk hikers can cross Lobster Creek Bridge, take Forest Service Road 3533 just the other side of the bridge on the right and continue 5 miles to the Morey Meadow trailhead of the Lower Rogue River Trail. The beautiful Lower Rogue River Trail runs high above the Rogue River for another 12 miles, past Copper Canyon and all the way to the historic town of Agness. From Agness hikers can go on to Foster Bar and the trailhead of the spectacular 42 mile long Upper Rogue River Trail, which continues east along the river passing many historic sites, including Paradise Lodge, the famous Rogue River Blossom Bar Rapids, Mule Creek Canyon and the Rogue River Ranch museum at Marial. The trail ends at Grave Creek, 34 miles from Grants Pass.

Special Recognition

- Pat & Carol Keatts and Gary Mueschmeyer for building and donating benches
- Gold Beach Rotary Club for providing funds for bridge materials in memory of Rotarian Ray Rediske, Rotary Riverside Trail builder
- The Port of Gold Beach, owner of the property, for granting permission to build the RRW Trail
- Coos-Coquille Electric Cooperative for providing used power poles for bridges
- Gold Beach Lumber Yard for donating treated lumber for bridges

Gold Beach is located on the beautiful southern Oregon Coast, 37 miles from the California border.

Discover the Rogue River Walk



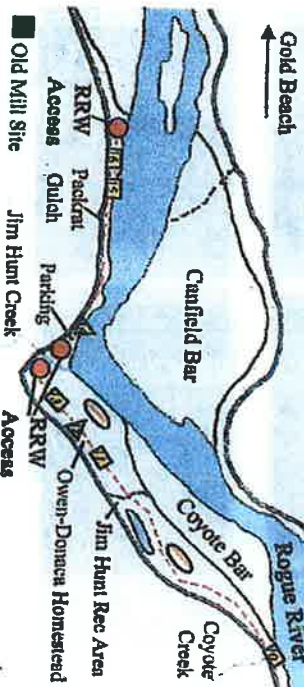
Adventure begins...

Rogue River Walk trailhead starts 4.7 miles from the south end of the Patterson Bridge in Gold Beach (east on Jerry's Flat Road). Trail access is located just east of the buildings at the Old Mill Site (see map for additional RRW access points). This is a delightful 6 mile trail running along the south bank of the mighty Rogue River, all the way to Lobster Creek Bridge.

The lovely trail provides stunning views of the Rogue River, weaves its way through peaceful thickets, spring wild flowers, two magnificent Myrtle Wood Groves, and over 11 bridges.

Most of the walk is relatively flat with attractive benches located along the trail for resting, bird watching and taking in the beauty of the Rogue River. Sometimes River Otters can be seen playing in the river near Secret Bench.

Hiking Note
During low water, both Jim Hunt and Kimball Creek may be forded. During high water, the highway bridges must be used.



Picnicking...

The RRW passes through Huntley Park, which provides picnic areas and RV and car camping sites along the Rogue River.



Mileage

Drive east on Jerry's Flat Road from Hwy 101 in Gold Beach:

- 4.7 m to RRW Trailhead located just east of buildings at Old Mill Site
- 5.1 m to Jim Hunt Creek
- 6.8 m to Huntley Park
- 9.7 m to Lobster Creek Bridge

Trail Miles (5.7mi):

- .66 m from RRW Trailhead east side of Old Mill to Jim Hunt Creek
- 1.87 m from Jim Hunt Creek to Huntley Park
- 2.13 m from Huntley Park to Orchard Bar Rec Area (.50m on road)
- 1.12 m from Orchard Bar Rec Area to Lobster Ck Bridge (.50m on road)

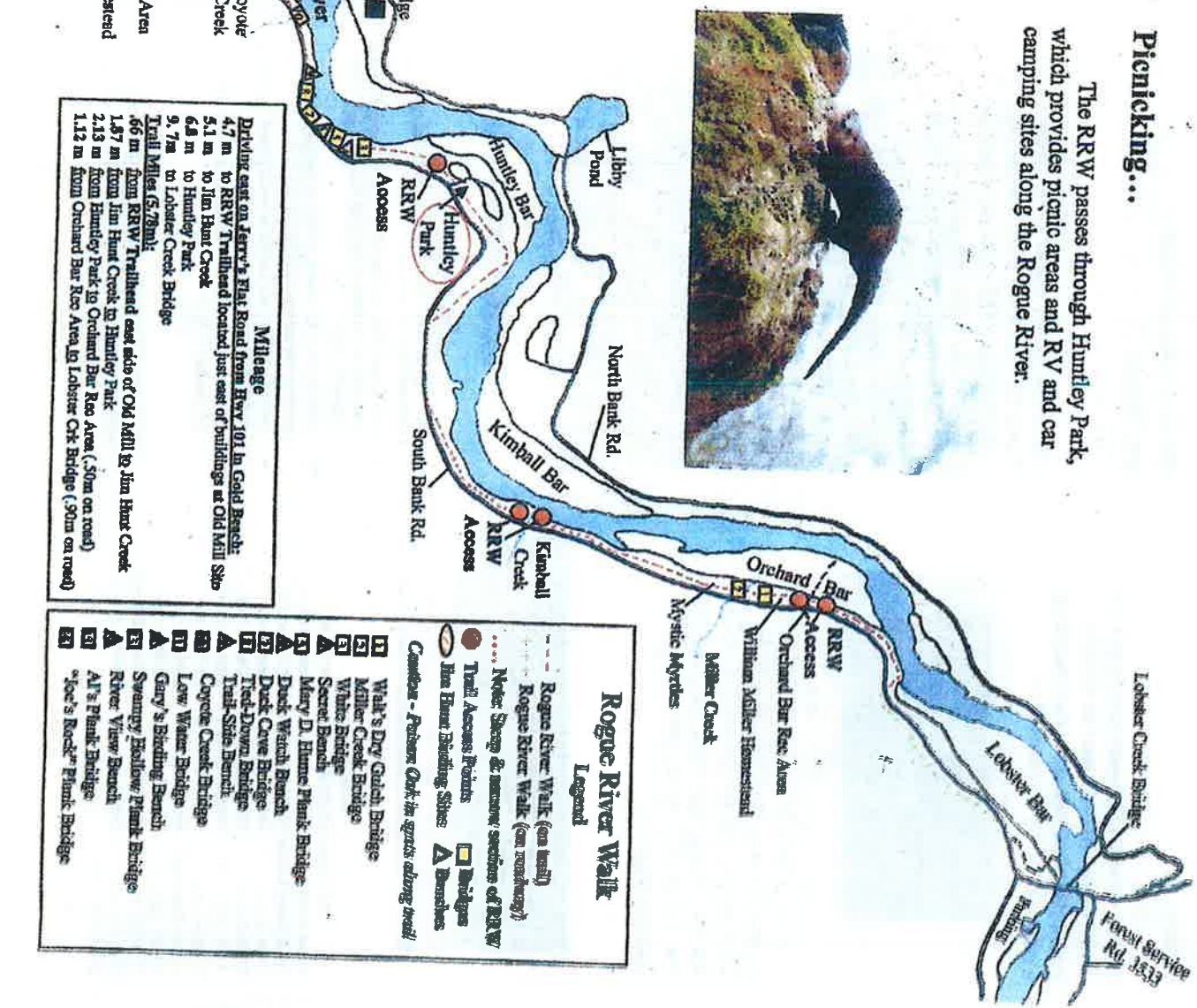
Rogue River Walk

Legend

- Rogue River Walk (on trail)
- - - Rogue River Walk (on roadways)
- ... Note: Sharp & narrow sections of RRW
- Trail Access Points
- Benches
- ▲ Jim Hunt Shading Sites
- ▲ Benches

Caution - Puncture Oak in grass along trail!

- 11 Walk's Dry Gulch Bridge
- 12 Miller Creek Bridge
- 13 White Bridge
- 14 Secret Bench
- 15 Mary D. Hume Plank Bridge
- 16 Duck Watch Bench
- 17 Duck Cove Bridge
- 18 Tied-Down Bridge
- 19 Trail-Ste Bench
- 20 Coyote Creek Bridge
- 21 Low Water Bridge
- 22 Gary's Baiting Bench
- 23 Swammy Hollow Plank Bridge
- 24 River View Bench
- 25 Al's Plank Bridge
- 26 Joe's Rocker Plank Bridge



Birding Loop Trails

The 4.75 mile Rogue River Walk includes two excellent birding loops. Each loop trail is approximately one mile in length.

The Jim Hunt Birding Loop travels through a riparian habitat with deciduous trees and dense thickets where many warblers, flycatchers, vireos, and woodpeckers are found. This trail has a short side trail that leads to an area overlooking the Rogue River where ducks and Belted Kingfishers can be seen.



California Quail



Yellow-rumped Warbler

The Orchard Bar Birding Loop travels through a much more diverse habitat consisting of Maples, Mystic Myrtles, blackberries, grasses, and Coyote Brush. This trail also parallels the river for a short distance. Many of the same birds found on the Jim Hunt Loop can be seen here. In the late months of spring and through summer in the areas of the Coyote Brush, listen for the songs of the Common Yellowthroat and the Yellow-breasted Chat.



Lazuli Bunting



Rufous Grouse

In the fall, while walking any section of the trail adjacent to the river, watch for the Bald Eagle as it hunts the river for a salmon dinner.

For your convenience, there are restrooms, picnic tables and camping at Huntley Park.

The Rogue River Walk Trail is located 4.7 miles east of Gold Beach, Oregon and runs along the south bank of the Rogue River. RRW is 4.75 miles long. It was planned and built by volunteers and completed in 2008.

Birding . . . on the Rogue River Walk

Birds of the Rogue River Walk

- American Coot
- American Crow
- American Dipper
- American Goldfinch
- American Robin
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Bald Eagle
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Barn Owl
- Barn Swallow
- Barred Owl
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Belted Kingfisher
- Bewick's Wren
- Black Phoebe
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Bufflehead
- Bullock's Oriole
- Bushtit
- California Gull
- California Quail
- Canada Goose
- Caspian Tern
- Cassin's Vireo
- Cedar Waxwing
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Cliff Swallow
- Common Merganser
- Common Raven
- Common Yellowthroat
- Cooper's Hawk
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Downey Woodpecker
- European Starling
- Fox Sparrow
- Glaucous-winged Gull
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Greater Scaup
- Greater Yellow-legs
- Green Heron
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Harlequin Duck
- Hermit Thrush
- Hermit Warbler
- Hooded Merganser
- House Finch
- Hutton's Vireo
- Killdeer
- Lazuli Bunting
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Mallard
- Mourning Dove
- Northern Flicker
- Northern Harrier
- Northern Pygmy Owl
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Osprey
- Pacific Slope Flycatcher
- Pacific Wren
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Pine Siskin
- Purple Finch
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Red-breasted Sapsucker
- Ring-necked Duck
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Ring-billed Gull
- Ross's Goose
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Ruffed Grouse
- Song Sparrow
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Spotted Towhee
- Steller's Jay
- Surf Scoter
- Swainson's Thrush
- Townsend's Warbler
- Tree Swallow
- Turkey Vulture
- Varied Thrush
- Vaux's Swift
- Violet-green Swallow
- Warbling Vireo
- Western Grebe
- Western Gull
- Western Scrub Jay
- Western Tanager
- Western Wood-pewee
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-winged Scoter
- Wild Turkey
- Wilson's Warbler
- Wood Duck
- Wren-tit
- Yellow Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Yellow-rumped Warbler



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Spotted Towhee



Varied Thrush



Western Tanager



Cedar Waxwing

Birding Loop Trails

The 4.75 mile Rogue River Walk includes two excellent birding loops. Each loop trail is approximately one mile in length.

The Jim Hunt Birding Loop travels through a riparian habitat with deciduous trees and dense thickets where many warblers, flycatchers, vireos, and woodpeckers are found. This trail has a short side trail that leads to an area overlooking the Rogue River where ducks and Belted Kingfishers can be seen.



California Quail



Yellow-rumped Warbler

The Orchard Bar Birding Loop travels through a much more diverse habitat consisting of Maples, Myrtle Myrtles, blackberries, grasses, and Coyote Brush. This trail also parallels the river for a short distance. Many of the same birds found on the Jim Hunt Loop can be seen here. In the late months of spring and through summer in the areas of the Coyote Brush, listen for the songs of the Common Yellowthroat and the Yellow-breasted Chat.



Lazuli Bunting



Ruffed Grouse

In the fall, while walking any section of the trail adjacent to the river, watch for the Bald Eagle as it hunts the river for a salmon dinner.

For your convenience, there are restrooms, picnic tables and camping at Huntley Park.

The Rogue River Walk Trail is located 4.7 miles east of Gold Beach, Oregon and runs along the south bank of the Rogue River. RRW is 4.75 miles long. It was planned and built by volunteers and completed in 2008.

Birds of the Rogue River Walk

- American Coot
- American Crow
- American Dipper
- American Goldfinch
- American Robin
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Bald Eagle
- Barn Swallow
- Barn Owl
- Belted Kingfisher
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Re: March Hiking Update

2 messages

Albert Collinet <dewbobal@charter.net>

Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 5:50 PM

On Mar 13, 2017, at 5:29 PM, Albert Collinet <dewbobal@charter.net> wrote:

Welcome to the hiker's update of hikes in Curry County and nearby areas. These hikes are all free and you should contact electronic reference listed on individual hikes for more information.

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Note change of date for Loeb State Park to Friday March 17th due to rain forecast for Saturday!

Also sign up with SWOCC by calling 541-813-1667 for a hike to Vulcan Lake on June 3 with Maggie McHugh.

March 17th Friday Loeb State Park & Redwoods Nature Trail- Muscle Busters

Join us for this short interpretive hike among the redwoods and along the Chetco River. This is the shortest Muscle Busters trip ever at 2.3 miles and 400 feet elevation gain. There are a few steep sections so extra time will be taken to allow you to catch your breath. Wear

well worn in hiking shoes, bring lunch and water. Be prepared for the weather. We will meet at 8:15am at the Gold Beach Visitor Center in the central parking section or at 9am at Dr Larsson's office at 414 Alder Street in Brookings to carpool. Trailhead is 9 miles North of Brookings on a paved road. We expect to return to Brookings by about 3pm. For more information, contact Al at dewbobal@charter.net.

April 15th Saturday Rainbow Rock to Whaleshead -Muscle Busters

Flowers will abound this time of year along this section of the Oregon Coast Trail in Samuel Boardman State Park! Interesting features include tectonic plates, tsunamis, the native people that lived at Lone Ranch, and the Borax mines. This hike is 6 miles with 1200 feet elevation gain. We will need to spend a little time setting up a car shuttle after we assemble at Rainbow Rock. Wear well worn in hiking shoes, bring lunch and water. Be prepared for the weather. We will meet at 8:15am at the Gold Beach Visitor Center in the central parking section to car pool. This trailhead is in Brookings so we will not be setting up car pools from Brookings on this one. We will all meet at 9am at the Rainbow Rock Pullout at the north end of Brookings just to the South of the Condominiums. For more information, contact Al at dewbobal@charter.net.

April 22nd Saturday Gold Beach to Ophir - Muscle Busters

Get a dose of the amazing and complex geology of the area as we visit Poseidon's Ziggurat Temple at Otter Point. Learn about the history of the Geisel Monument near Neiska Beach. Check out the many spring flowers with smiles on their faces. All of this while walking 10.2 miles with 434 feet elevation gain from Gold Beach to Ophir. Wear well worn in hiking shoes, bring lunch and water. Be prepared for the weather. We will meet at 9am at near Doyle Point on the North side of the Rogue River. Take the first left after crossing the Patterson Bridge on Wedderburn Loop Road, go about ½ mile to where the cat houses are. Brookings residents can meet at 8:10am at Dr Larsson's office at 414 Alder Street in Brookings to carpool. We will need to set up a shuttle for the return trip. We expect to return to Gold Beach by about 5pm. For more information, contact Al at dewbobal@charter.net.

June 3 Saturday Vulcan Lake in The Kalmiopsis Wilderness SWOCC

Join Al Collinet, enthusiastic amateur botanist, and Maggie McHugh retired Forest Service geologist, on an exploration of this starkly serpentine landscape near Vulcan Lake in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Maggie will be explaining the ultramafic rocks and the unique characteristics of the area.

Al will lead the hike: a 4mile loop with 1000 feet elevation gain. Some sections are on rocks so a walking stick and gloves are recommended. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring

a lunch and water. Be prepared for the weather. Travel time to the trailhead is about 2 hours. High clearance vehicles are required. Hikers will meet at the Brookings campus at 7:30am, Saturday June 3th. For more information on the hike contact Al Collinet at [541-412-8444](tel:541-412-8444). There is no cost for the hike, **but space is limited so pre-registration is required.**

BOT*0242*99 Field Study Botany: Wild Flowers and plants of the Kalmiopsis

Location: Meet at the Curry Campus in Brookings

Day(s): Sat. June 3, 7:30am to 5:30pm Cost: no charge

You can register by calling the Curry Campus at [541-813-1667](tel:541-813-1667)

I know of few other hikes in Curry County.

Walk With Ease meets on Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 and 4:30 at the Jubilation Statue at the SW Corner of Azalea Park. For information Call [541-469-6822](tel:541-469-6822) or Scott@chetcoac.org

The other hiking group that is still going strong is South Coast Striders Coos Bay. For more information go to Healthy Hikes at www.coostrails.com or email southcoaststriders@gmail.com. For those interested in their hikes I would suggest you get on their email list.

The Tolowa Dunes Stewards put on a wonderful nature program usually on Sunday afternoon in Crescent City. Contact Sandra Jerbek at 707-954-5253 or jerabek@jeffnet.org to get on their email list.

As I become aware of any organized hikes in Curry County I will include them.

That's all Folks

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Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 10:27 AM

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MEMORIAL

To Samuel M. Dicken, founder of the Oregon Coast Trail.

Through his vision, enthusiasm, and promotion, the Coast Trail became a reality. This section of the trail is named in Mr. Dicken's honor as a lasting tribute of his support for the Oregon Coast hiking trail from the Columbia River to the California border. August 1990.

