

WELCOME TO THE OREGON COAST

Oregon has been supporting bicycling since 1971 by developing bikeways throughout the state.

Thousands of bicyclists enjoy the natural beauty of the Oregon Coast Bike Route annually. Because of its popularity, the Department of Transportation plans improvements to the route each year. For the most part, it follows US Highway 101 as a shoulder bikeway. In several areas, the route departs from the main highway and follows county roads and city streets. Generally, these sections are closer to the ocean, are more scenic, and have lower traffic volumes and slower traffic speeds. See other side for details.

The total length of the signed bike route is 370 miles (595 km). It can be lengthened to 380 miles (610 km) by taking the alternate Three Capes Scenic Route. On average, most cyclists take six to eight days to tour the coast, by cycling 50 to 65 miles (80 to 105 km) per day. This is a reasonable rate, due to the mountainous nature of the coast: the total rise and fall is close to 16,000 feet (4900 m).

It is highly recommended that you cycle in a north to south direction, if your trip is planned between May and October, as the prevailing winds blow from the northwest. Most points of interest and viewpoints are on the ocean side. The Department of Transportation has concentrated most of its widening improvements on the southbound shoulder. The green and red colored lines on the map indicate the general shoulder widths.



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BIKE ROUTE SIGNING

The entire route has been signed. The above sign is posted at regular intervals. It is also located at all intersections where the bike route departs from the main highway, and at key locations along bypasses to guide cyclists through these areas. "BIKES ON ROADWAY" warning signs have been placed along some stretches of roadway where the shoulder width is less than three feet; motorists are therefore forewarned of the possible presence of bicyclists.

TIPS FOR A SAFE RIDE

Please: ride carefully, be courteous to other roadway users, and follow the rules of the road.

In Oregon, bicyclists are required to follow the same rules as motorists insofar as they apply; ride with the normal traffic flow, as far to the right side of the roadway as practicable. Bicyclists may ride two abreast, but should only do so when it is safe and will not impede traffic.

When riding after dark, the bicycle or its rider must be equipped with a white light visible at least 500 feet to the front and a red light or reflector visible at least 600 feet to the rear.

In addition to the above rules, we offer these suggestions:

- Wear bright or light-colored clothing.
- Don't ride in heavy fog. (In summer and fall, the fog usually lifts by late morning.)
- Wear a helmet.
- Stop off the roadway.
- Beware of strong wind gust on bridges: either ride on the roadway, or walk on the sidewalk.
- The two tunnels on the route have "Bicycles in Tunnel" warning lights installed for your protection; they can be activated by pushing a button at the entrance.

LODGING

Cyclists can choose between camping, hotels or bed and breakfasts. Reservations are highly recommended for hotel rooms in the summer months.

Many campgrounds are equipped with "Hiker-Biker" sites. They provide a place to set up a tent away from the conventional campsites, yet are still close to showers and rest room facilities. The fee is \$4 per person per night.

NOTE: Campgrounds may display a "Campgrounds Full" sign when the conventional sites are all occupied; please inquire with the attendant as to availability of Hiker-Biker sites.

For additional information on campgrounds and state parks, contact:

Oregon State Parks
1115 Commercial Street N.E., Salem, OR 97310
(503) 378-6305

WEATHER

Oregon is generally blessed with mild weather. During the main summer bicycling season, temperatures rarely exceed the eighties, and can even be as cool as the mid-fifties. Fog in the morning is fairly common, and always pack rain gear! Winds can be quite strong and steady, so plan your direction of travel accordingly. Winter storms can get blustery, so caution is urged when cycling at this time of year.

The best cycling experiences are usually from late August to early October, as the combination of moderate temperatures, north winds, low precipitation and reduced highway traffic creates nearly ideal conditions.

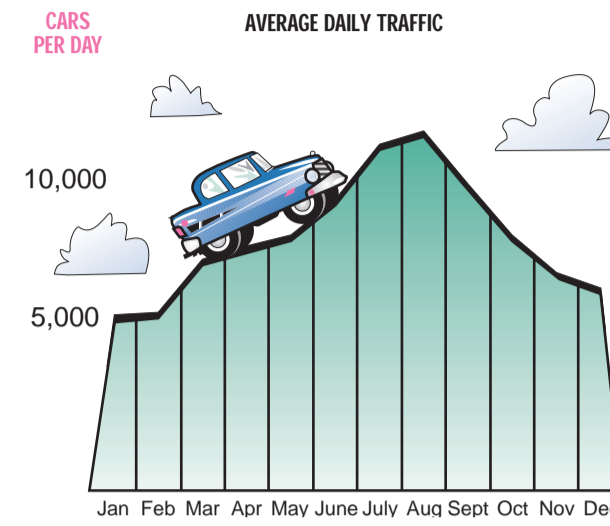
For up-to-date long-term weather forecasts, consult this website: www.odot.state.or.us/misc/weath.htm

OREGON COAST WEATHER				
	MONTHLY AVERAGE			
	Jan - Mar	Apr - June	July - Sept	Oct - Dec
TEMPERATURE	45°F (7°C)	53°F (12°C)	59°F (15°C)	50°F (10°C)
PRECIPITATION	11.9" (30.2 cm)	3.6" (9.1 cm)	1.4" (3.6 cm)	10" (25.4 cm)
DAYS OF MEASURABLE RAIN	19	13	7	17
WIND DIRECTION	SW	W/NW	NW	NW/SW

Average wind speed 4-15 MPH (6-24 km/h) with summer gusts to 60 MPH (97 km/h) and 80 MPH (130 km/h) in the winter.

TRAFFIC DATA

The following table indicates general variations in seasonal highway traffic. The Oregon Coast is popular with all travelers, and in many places the highway is the only route available for commercial transport. Tourist traffic drops off significantly after Labor Day.



COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION

Many touring cyclists include the Oregon Coast as part of a larger tour, by cycling in from Washington and continuing on through to California. Others come to Oregon just to ride the coast.

If you fly into Portland, you may consider riding to Astoria, along the Columbia River. The distance is about 95 miles. The ride is mostly flat, with a few long hills. Or you may travel by commercial bus, if your bicycle is in a box.

In Brookings, there is a bike shop that will provide a bicycle box for free, or pack it for you for \$25, so you can take a commercial bus back to your point of origin. Contact: Escape Hatch, 642 Railroad Street, Brookings OR, 97415; (541) 469-2914 or (800) 495-2453. If you want to begin or end your trip in Florence, Bicycles 101, located at 670 Hwy 101, will receive your boxed bike, or for a fee of \$20 they will box it for shipment. For details call: (541) 997-5717.

If you plan to accomplish part of your journey using buses or trains, you may obtain the Oregon Inter City Passenger Timetables by calling (503) 986-3300.

If you drive to Astoria, long-term parking is available at the Visitor Information Center, 111 W. Marine Drive (503) 325-6311.

Should you decide to cycle only part of the coast, or wish to do a loop tour, many of the highways leading inland from the coast provide scenic bicycling opportunities. Contact the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Office for more information and a copy of the OREGON BICYCLING GUIDE.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

MAPS:

- Oregon Bicycling Guide
- Oregon Highway Map
- Oregon Department of Transportation Transportation Building Salem, OR 97310 or call (503) 986-3556
- or via internet website <http://www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/bikewalk>

LODGING:

Where to Stay in Oregon
Oregon Lodging Association
12724 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97233

Oregon Bed & Breakfast Directory
PO Box 1283, Grants Pass, OR 97526
Send \$2.00 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

BOOKS:

There are several excellent books available that will help you enjoy your trip more. They describe in detail the history, culture and natural landmarks associated with the Oregon Coast.

- Bicycling the Pacific Coast** Tom Kirkendall & Vicky Spring Published by The Mountaineers
 - Bicycling The Oregon Coast** Robin Cody Published by Umbrella Books
- Please contact your local bookstore or library for more information.

Comments or suggestions are appreciated; please contact:

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Salem OR 97310

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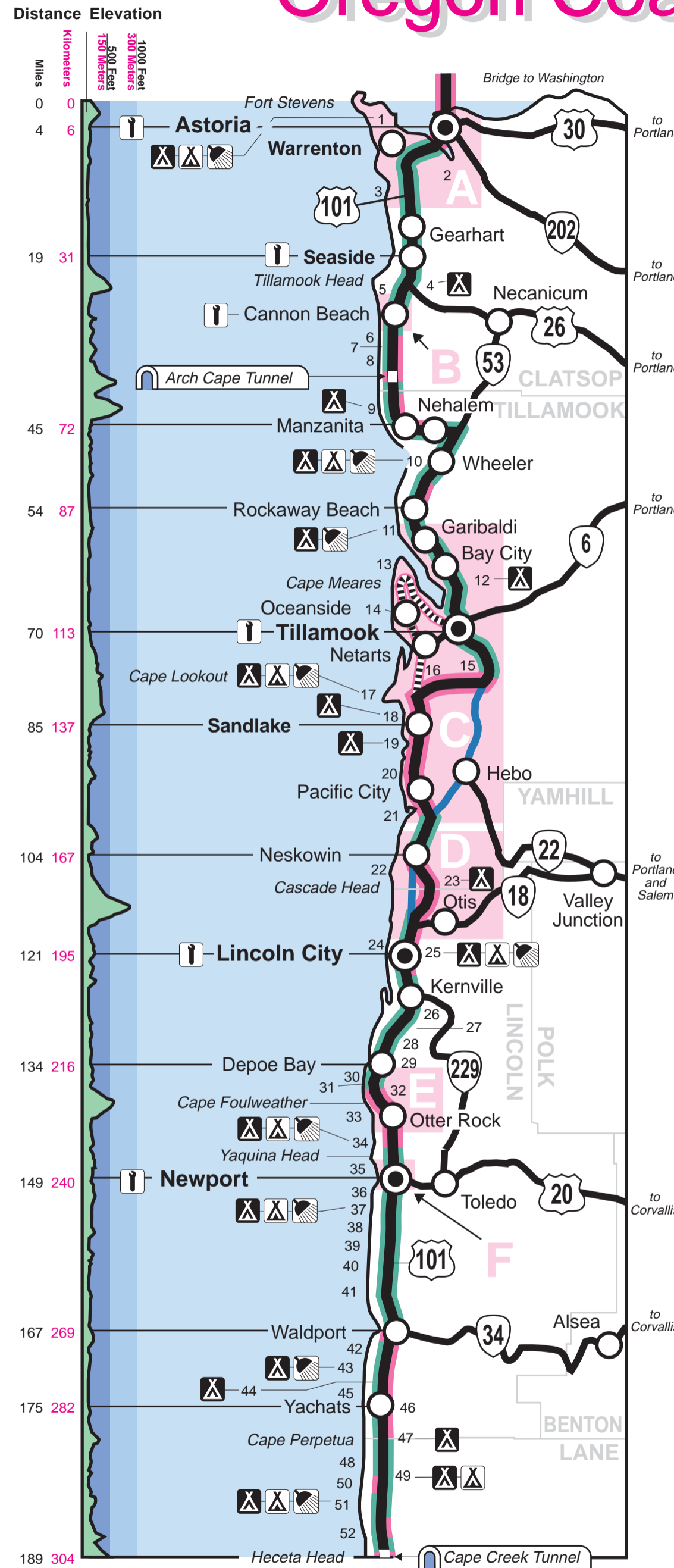
email: michael.p.ronkin@odot.state.or.us

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The roads, streets and highways that make up the Oregon Coast Bike Route have been identified and suggested as a desirable bicycle touring route from information supplied from multiple sources, including touring bicyclists, local jurisdictions, ODOT and others. They have not been inspected or certified for safety or fitness for any particular purpose, use or level of skill. Bicyclists must make their own decisions on the desirability and safety of any particular routes and use these facilities at their own, sole risk. No warranty is made or intended by the entities participating in the compilation, production or supplying of this map.



Oregon Coast Bike Route



- Shoulder width 3 feet (1 m) or greater
- Shoulder width less than 3 feet (1 m)
- Section of Hwy 101 NOT on Bike Route
- Three Capes Scenic Route (alternate route)
- Wayside, park or campsite (see chart at right)
- Hot shower available
- Bicycle shop or repair facility available
- Campground
- Campground with Hiker-Biker sites (see LODGING)
- See other side for enlargement of shaded areas.

LEGEND

Elevation and Distance:

- The vertical exaggeration makes the grades appear to be steeper than they are. Use this information for general planning, such as determining daily trip lengths.
- Indicated distance represents the main bike route distance from the Washington state line to the California state line. It will not always agree with the green mile point signs on US Highway 101.

Index to Parks, Waysides and Campsites

LEGEND

- State Park, Wayside or Recreation Area
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- County Park
- State Safety Rest Area

(NOTE: Distances are from city centers)

- 1 Fort Stevens.....* 10 mi. W of Astoria
- 2 Fort Clatsop.....* 5 mi. SW of Astoria
- 3 Cullaby Lake.....* 6 mi. N of Seaside
- 4 Kloohy Creek.....* 5 mi. SE of Seaside
- 5 Ecola.....* 2 mi. N of Cannon Beach
- 6 Tolovana Beach.....* 1 mi. S of Cannon Beach
- 7 Arcadia.....* 3 mi. S of Cannon Beach
- 8 Hug Point.....* 3 mi. S of Cannon Beach
- 9 Oswald West.....* 10 mi. S of Cannon Beach
- 10 Nehalem Bay.....* 3 mi. S of Manzanita Junction
- 11 Barview.....* 2 mi. N of Garibaldi
- 12 Kilchis.....* 8 mi. NE of Tillamook
- 13 Cape Meares.....* 10 mi. W of Tillamook
- 14 Oceanside.....* At Oceanside
- 15 S Tillamook Rest Area.....* 4 mi. S of Tillamook
- 16 Netarts Bay.....* 8 mi. SW of Tillamook
- 17 Cape Lookout.....* 12 mi. SW of Tillamook
- 18 Sand Beach.....* 9 mi. N of Pacific City
- 19 Whalen Island.....* 5 mi. N of Pacific City
- 20 Cape Kiwanda.....* 1 mi. N of Pacific City
- 21 Bob Straub.....* Pacific City
- 22 Neskowin Beach.....* At Neskowin
- 23 Neskowin Creek.....* 5 mi. S of Neskowin
- 24 D River.....* At Lincoln City
- 25 Devil's Lake.....* At Lincoln City
- 26 Glenden Beach.....* 7 mi. S of Lincoln City
- 27 Fogarty Creek.....* 2 mi. S of Depoe Bay
- 28 Boiler Bay.....* 1 mi. N of Depoe Bay
- 29 Depoe Bay.....* At Depoe Bay
- 30 Rocky Creek.....* 2 Mi. S of Depoe Bay
- 31 Otter Crest Wayside.....* 10 mi. N of Newport
- 32 Otter Crest.....* 10 mi. N of Newport
- 33 Devil's Punchbowl.....* 8 mi. N of Newport
- 34 Beverly Beach.....* 7 mi. N of Newport
- 35 Agate Beach.....* 1 mi. N of Newport
- 36 Yaquina Bay.....* At Newport
- 37 South Beach.....* 2 mi. S of Newport
- 38 Lost Creek.....* 7 mi. S of Newport
- 39 Ona Beach.....* 8 mi. S of Newport
- 40 Seal Rock.....* 10 mi. S of Newport
- 41 Driftwood Beach.....* 3 mi. N of Waldport
- 42 Gov. Patterson.....* 1 mi. S of Waldport
- 43 Beachside.....* 4 mi. S of Waldport
- 44 Tillicum Beach.....* 6 mi. S of Waldport
- 45 Smelt Sands.....* 1 mi. N of Yachats
- 46 Yachats (2 areas).....* At Yachats
- 47 Cape Perpetua.....* 2 mi. S of Yachats
- 48 Neptune.....* 3 mi. S of Yachats
- 49 Rock Creek (2 areas).....* 10 mi. S of Yachats
- 50 Muriel Ponsler.....* 16 mi. N of Florence
- 51 Carl Washburne.....* 14 mi. N of Florence
- 52 Devil's Elbow.....* 13 mi. N of Florence
- 53 Darlingtonia.....* 5 mi. N of Florence
- 54 Sutton Lake (3 areas).....* 6 mi. N of Florence
- 55 Sutton Lake.....* 5 mi. N of Florence
- 56 Siuslaw Harbor Vista.....* 4 mi. NW of Florence
- 57 Jessie Honeyman.....* 3 mi. S of Florence
- 58 Siltcoos (2 areas).....* 7 mi. S of Florence
- 59 Carter Lake (2 areas).....* 9 mi. S of Florence
- 60 Lost Lake.....* 12 mi. N of Reedsport
- 61 Tahkenitch Lake.....* 9 mi. N of Reedsport
- 62 Elbow Lake.....* 9 mi. N of Reedsport
- 63 Windy Cove/Salmon.....* At Winchester Bay Harbor (4 areas)
- 64 Umpqua Lighthouse.....* 6 mi. S of Reedsport
- 65 Wm. Tugman.....* 8 mi. S of Reedsport
- 66 Eel Creek (2 areas).....* 15 mi. N of North Bend
- 67 Bluebell Lake (2 areas).....* 3 mi. NW of North Bend
- 68 Bastendorf Beach.....* 11 mi. SW of Coos Bay
- 69 Sunset Bay.....* 12 mi. SW of Coos Bay
- 70 Shore Acres.....* 13 mi. SW of Coos Bay
- 71 Cape Arago.....* 14 mi. SW of Coos Bay
- 72 Seven Devils.....* 10 mi. N of Bandon
- 73 Bullards Beach.....* 1 mi. N of Bandon
- 74 Bandon Ocean.....* 1 mi. SW of Bandon
- 75 Bandon.....* 5 mi. S of Bandon
- 76 Cape Blanco.....* 9 mi. N of Port Orford
- 77 Battle Rock.....* At Port Orford
- 78 Humbug Mountain.....* 6 mi. S of Port Orford
- 79 Ophir Rest Area.....* 9 mi. N of Gold Beach
- 80 Geisel Monument.....* 7 mi. N of Gold Beach
- 81 Otter Point State Wayside.....* 2 mi. N of Gold Beach
- 82 Cape Sebastian.....* 7 mi. S of Gold Beach
- 83 Thomas Creek.....* 7 mi. N of Brookings
- 84 Boardman (Whaleshead).....* 4 mi. N of Brookings
- 85 Brookings Rest Area.....* 2 mi. N of Brookings
- 86 Harris Beach.....* 2 mi. N of Brookings
- 87 Azalea.....* At Brookings

* Indicates off route.

A panorama of the

Oregon Coast

As you make your way down the scenic Oregon Coast Bike Route, please take the time to get off the highway and visit some of the wonderful sights that await the adventurous traveler.



The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, south of Florence, offers a unique opportunity to view Oregon's lagoons.



A typical coastal landscape includes surf, cliffs, and wild flowers.



Some of Oregon's lighthouses are accessible only on foot, but the view is worth the short walk.



Winchester Bay is one of the many active commercial fishing ports that dot the Oregon coast.



Two touring cyclists enjoy the view from Winchester Bay Wayfinding Point.



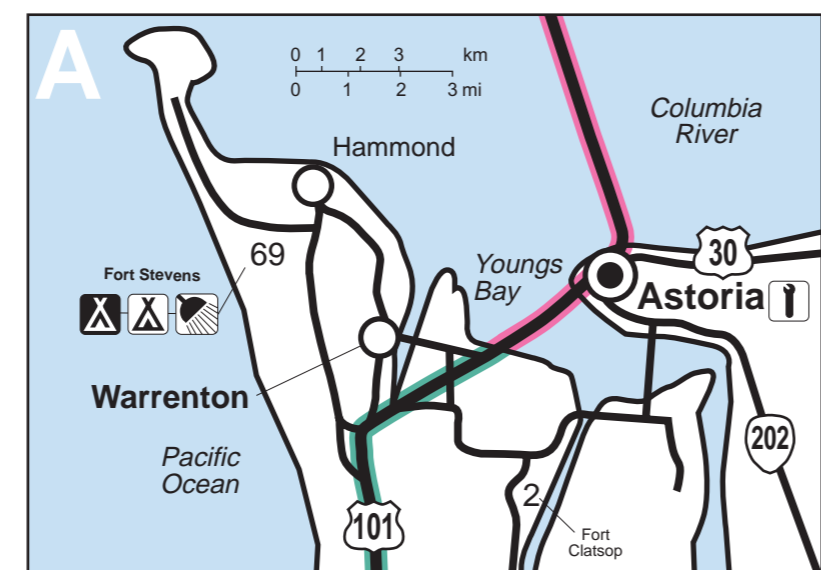
Neahkahnie Mountain overlooks the ocean north of Manzanita.



Oregon is famous for its beautiful beaches. Public access to the beach is guaranteed by state law.

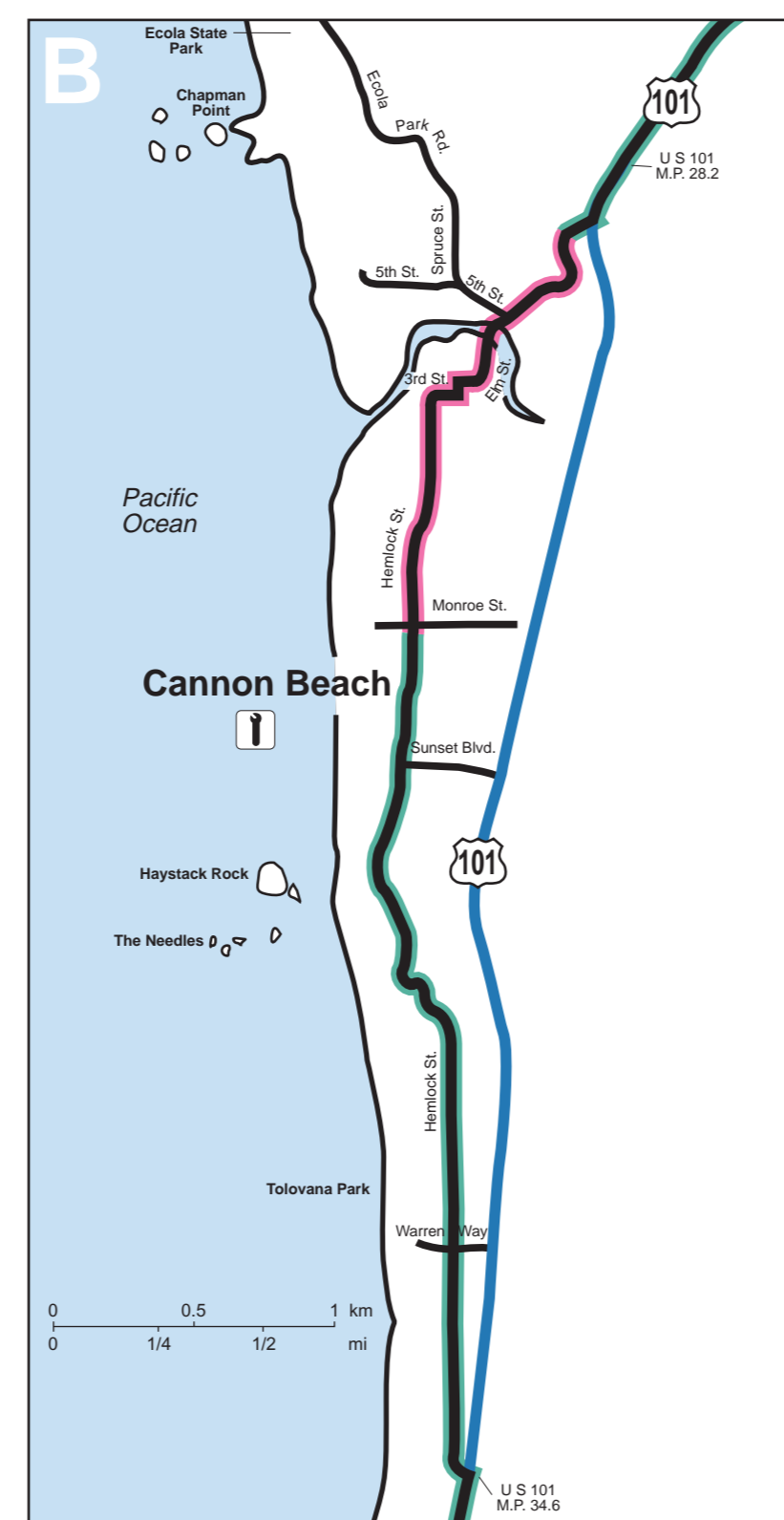
DETAILS

These descriptions are designed to guide you through areas where the Oregon Coast Bike Route departs from US Highway 101, as well as to prepare you for what to expect in the way of roadway conditions and attractions. All of these route segments are well signed with the OREGON COAST BIKE ROUTE sign. In general, these facilities are narrower, but have less (and slower) traffic than Highway 101.



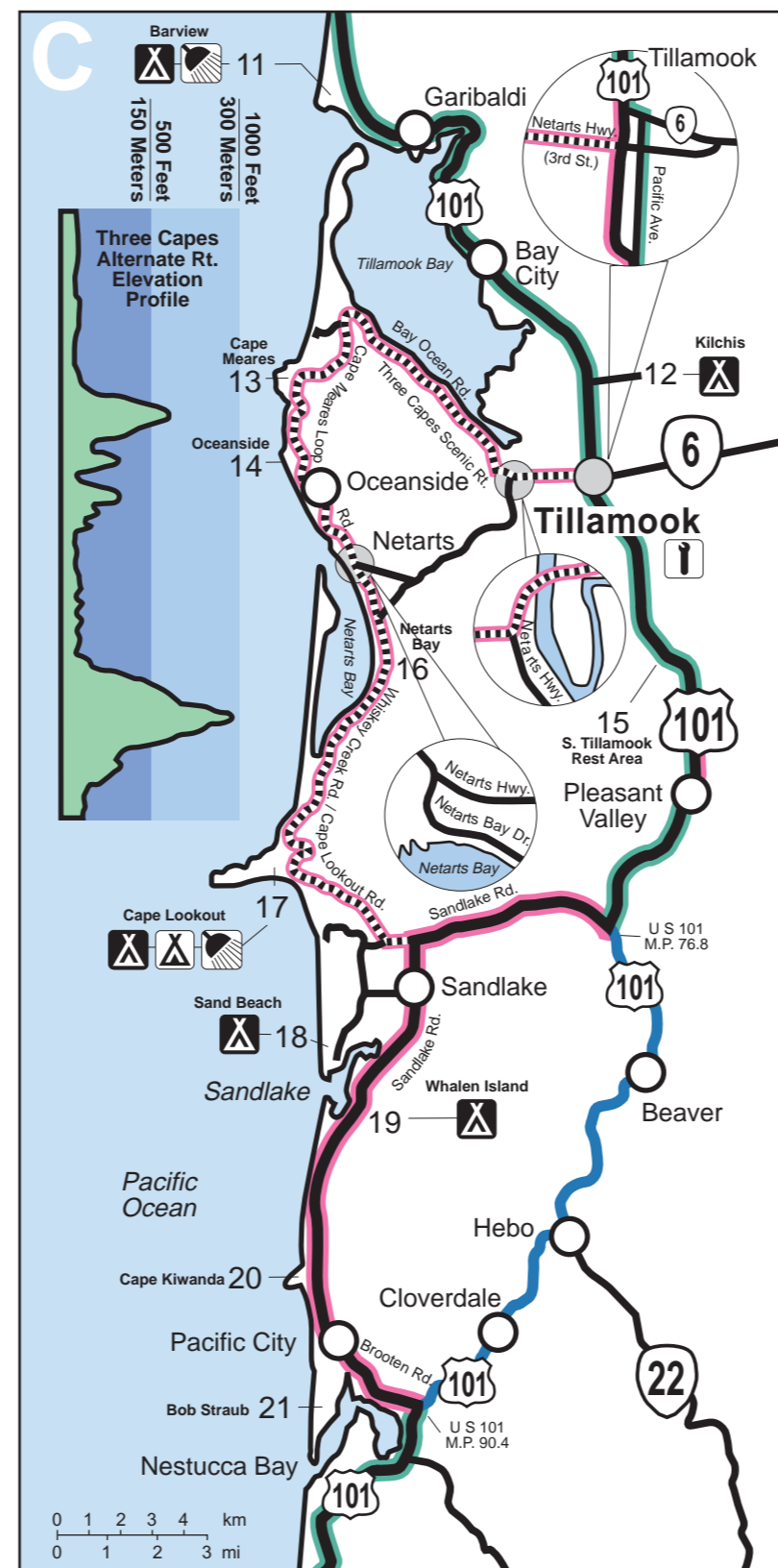
A - ASTORIA VICINITY

Often a starting point for cyclists coming into Oregon over the Astoria Bridge. You may wish to take a short detour into Astoria, a town full of interesting historic sites, such as the Maritime Museum and the Astor Column.



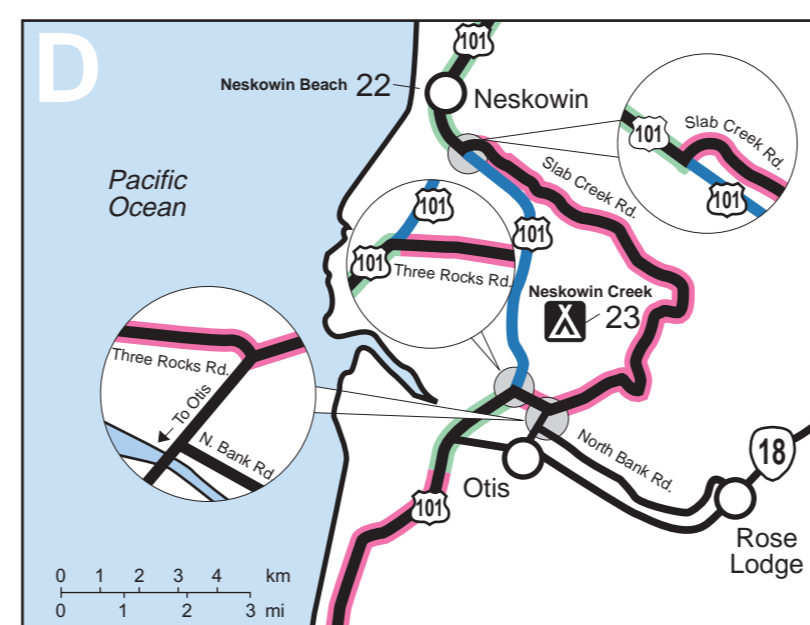
B - CANNON BEACH

This coastal community offers many coffee shops, bakeries and art galleries. Watch for splendid views of Haystack Rock.



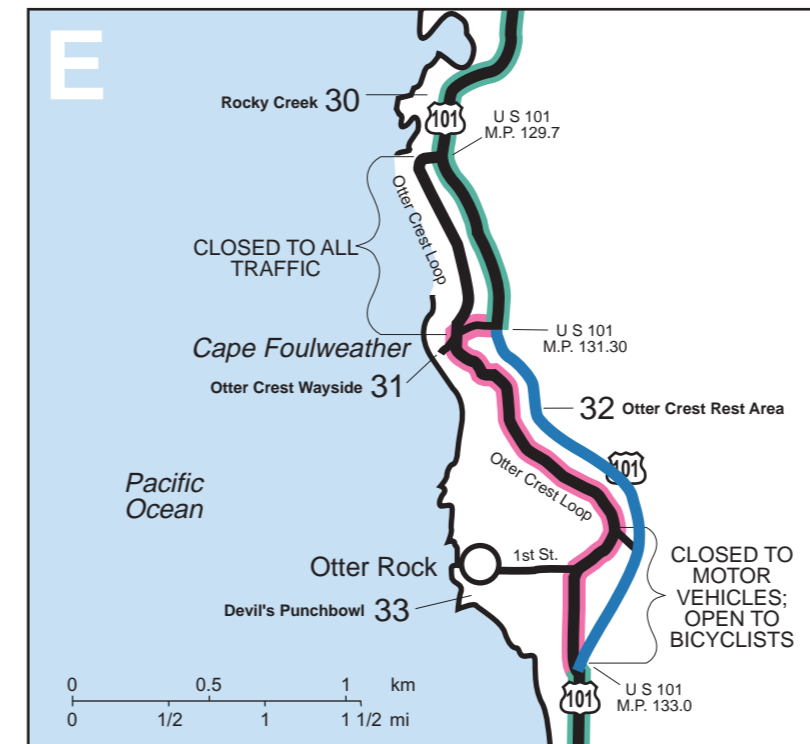
C - THREE CAPES SCENIC ROUTE AND SANDLAKE ROAD

In Tillamook, you may continue south on the highway, or follow the Three Capes Scenic Route. This route follows Tillamook Bay to Cape Meares and Cape Lookout. The road is very steep, with elevations as high as 840 feet. Some sections are gravel. The vistas are spectacular, as the road closely follows the edge of a cliff in many areas. This alternate is 10 miles longer than the main route. Sandlake road takes you to the third of the capes, Cape Kiwanda, with gentler grades.



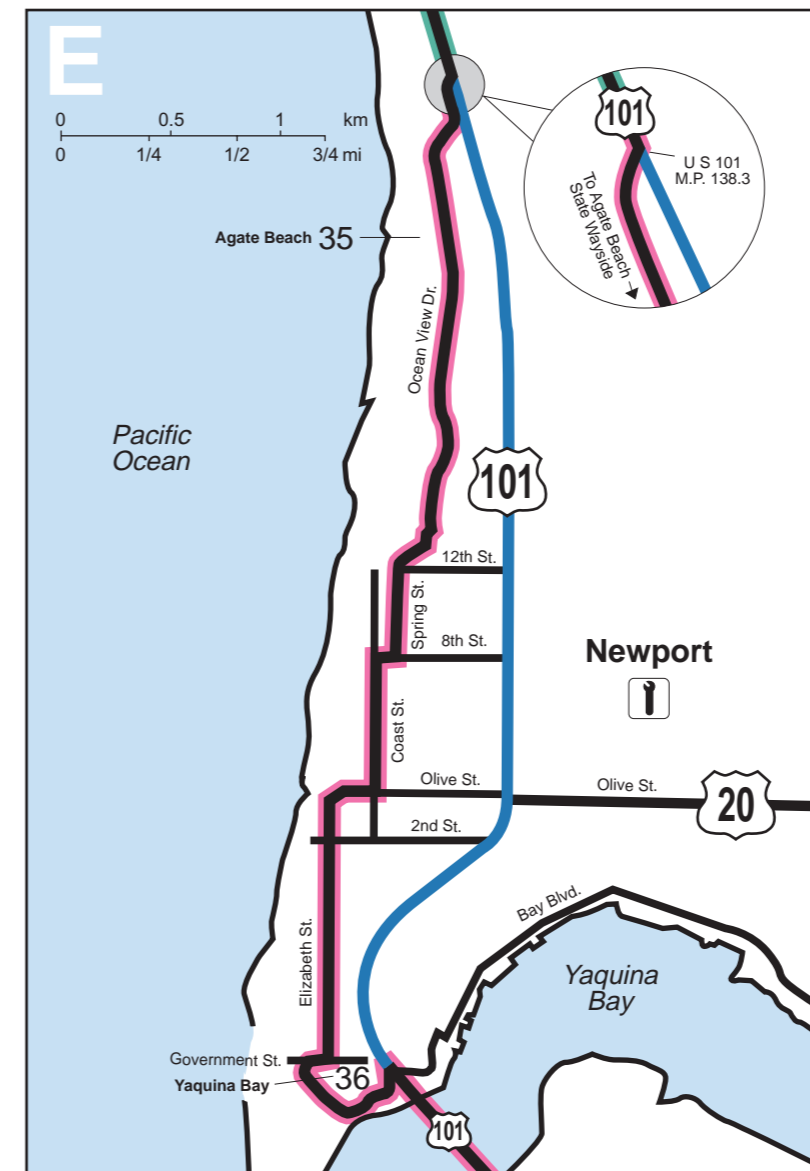
D - SLAB CREEK ROAD

This route follows an old highway through some beautiful old-growth forests and farm land. The total elevation rise is the same as that on US Highway 101, but over a greater distance, which provides gentler grades and a more pleasant ride.



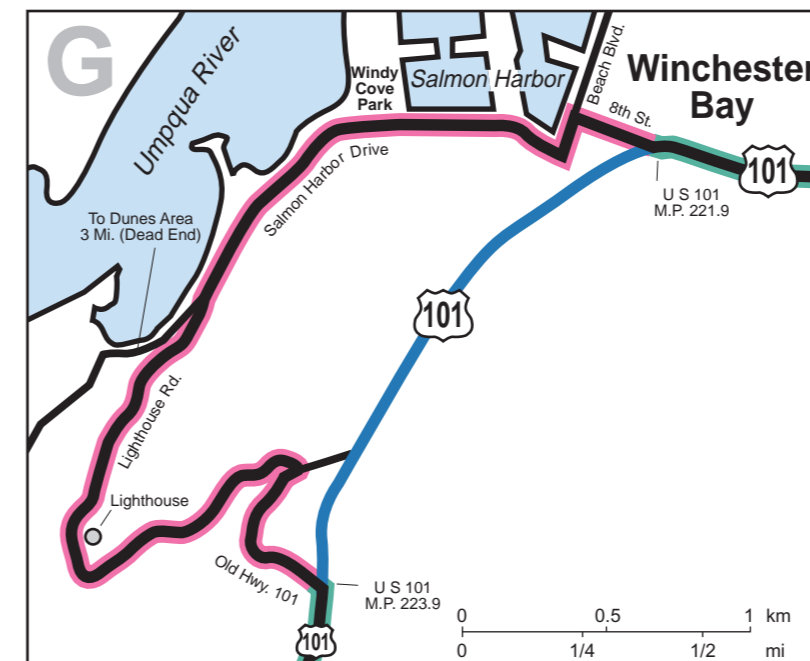
E - OTTER CREST LOOP

This route brings you closer to the ocean, as the old highway winds its way up and down Cape Foulweather, along precipitous cliffs.



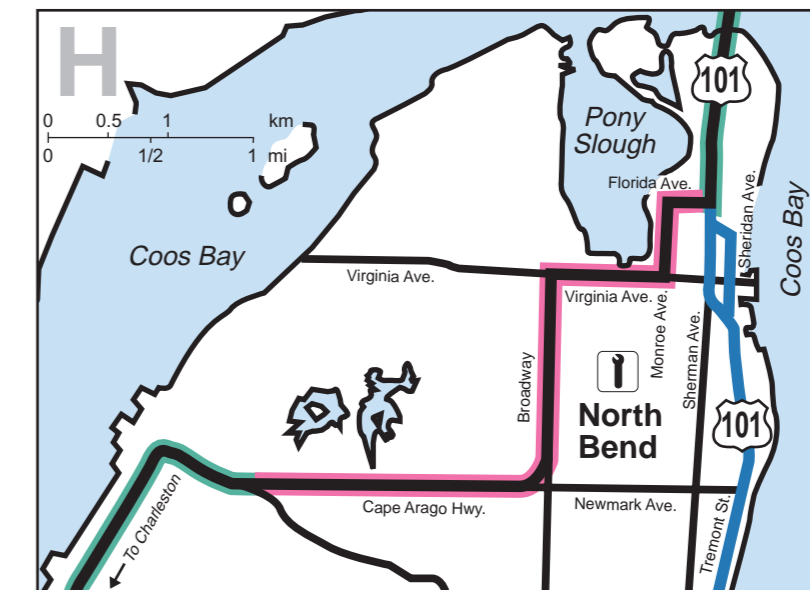
F - NEWPORT BYPASS

Traffic through Newport is often congested. This bypass takes you along quieter residential streets, to Agate Beach Wayside and Yaquina Bay Park.



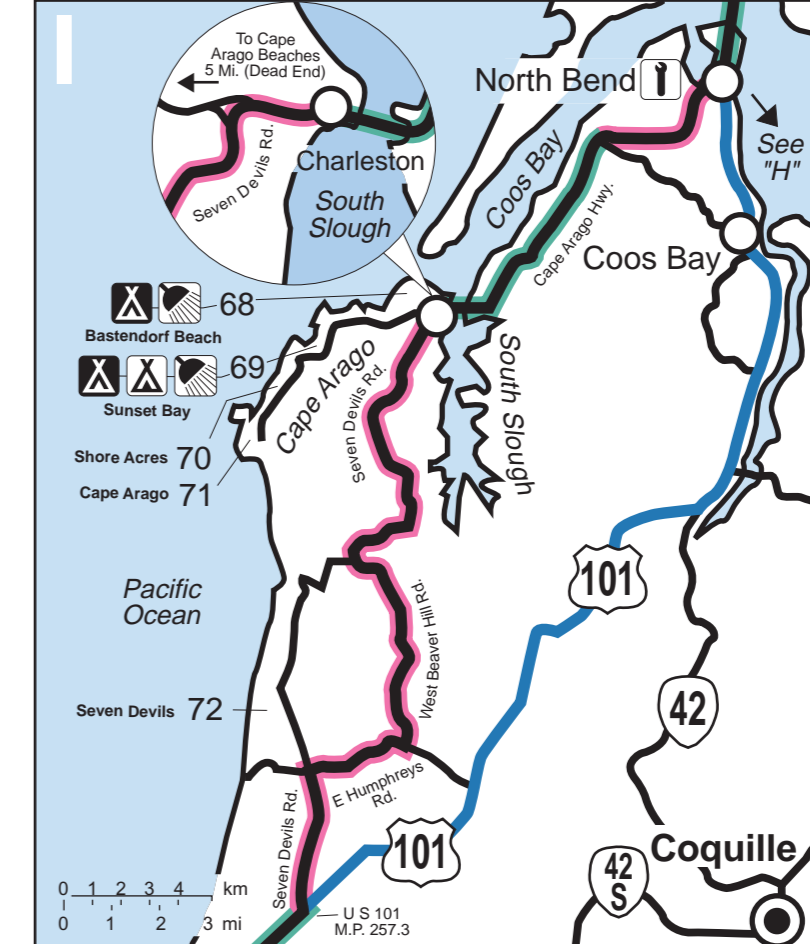
G - WINCHESTER BAY

Salmon Harbor is an active fishing village. This route offers a view of the Umpqua River estuary, as well as an historic lighthouse. You might want to visit the Coastal Visitor Center Museum.



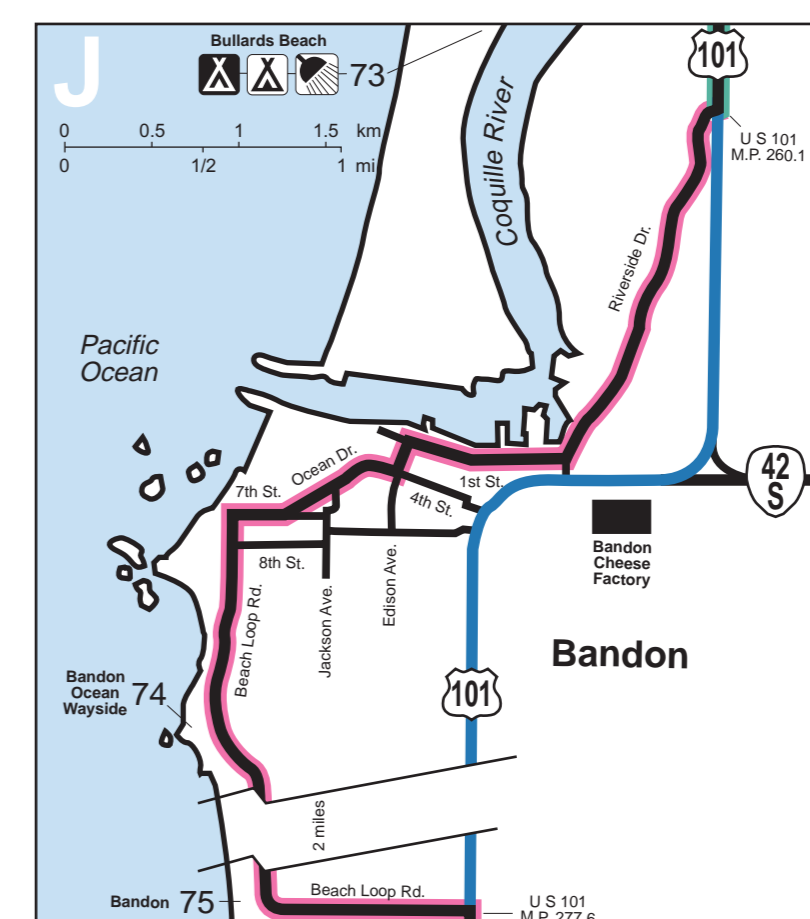
H - NORTH BEND BYPASS

Commercial and truck traffic is heavy on US Highway 101 through North Bend and Coos Bay. This bypass avoids this traffic and routes bicyclists along the Cape Arago Highway.



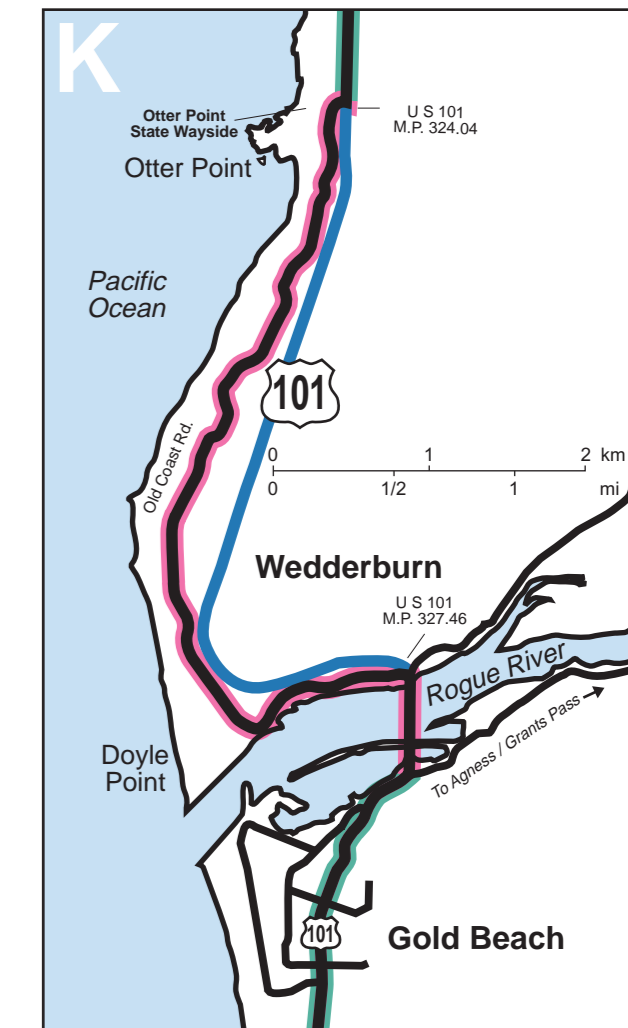
I - SEVEN DEVILS ROAD/WEST BEAVER HILL ROAD

This route, near South Slough, takes you up over hilly terrain and back to US Highway 101. A dead-end spur leads to the end of Cape Arago. The Shore Acres Botanical Gardens are situated along this spur. The initial grades up Seven Devils Road are steep, but provide excellent views of the South Slough National Estuarine Sanctuary.



J - BANDON BYPASS

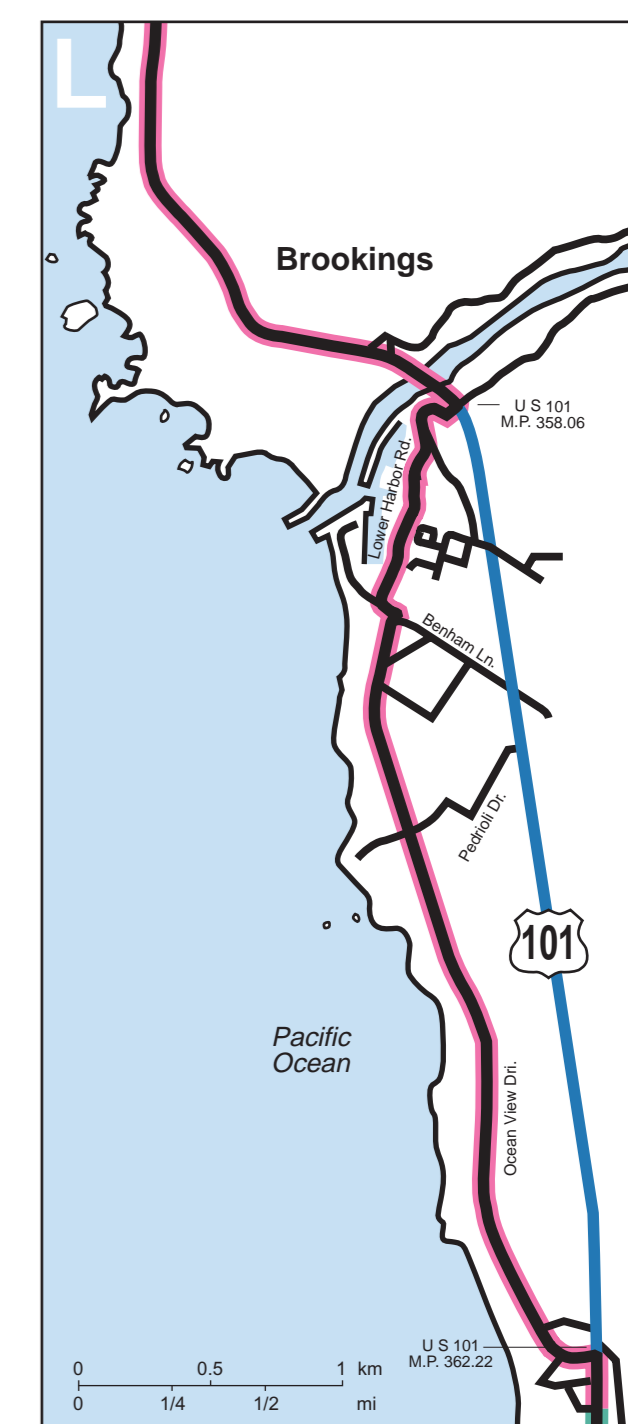
This route avoids busy traffic, and takes you through historic Old Town. Beach Loop Road follows the shoreline with some spectacular views of ocean rock formations.



K - GOLD BEACH

The Old Coast Road provides access to Agate Beach State Park where Hubbards Mound may be viewed. It is also the site of the Miner's Fort occupied by local residents during the Indian wars of the 1850's.

The Wedderburn loop section provides opportunities to access the beach, the north jetty and the bank of the Rogue River, the Rogue River Bar and Rogue River Reef.



L - BROOKINGS

Lower Harbor Road provides access to the busy Port of Brookings harbor. One of the most popular beach access points in this area is at Sporthaven Park.

Oceanview Drive provides up close views of Easter Lily agricultural production. This area is known as the Easter Lily Capital of the World.

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