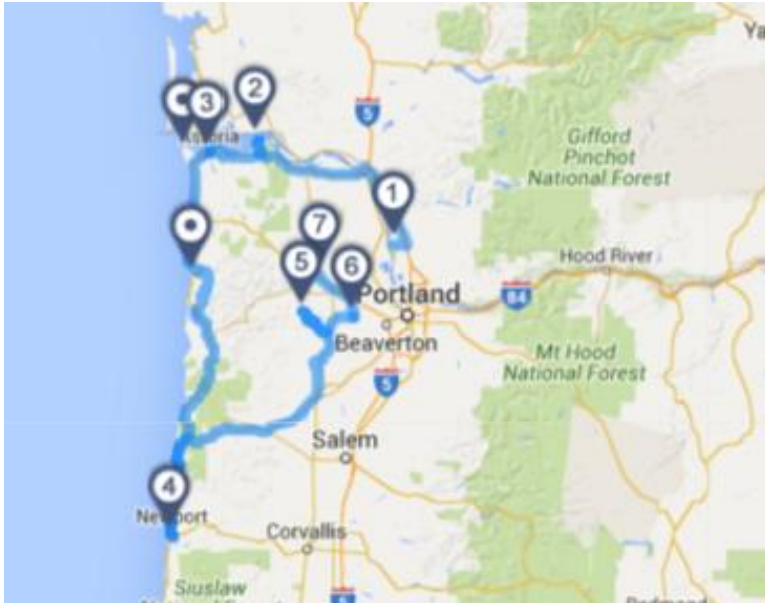




Portland's Coast Range, Columbia River and Coastline

Historic Sites, Coastal and Valley Views and Cycling Adventures



HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the Northwest's Coast Range as you travel to and from the mouth of the mighty Columbia River and the expansive beaches and headlands of the Pacific Coast.

KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Native American Plankhouse
- Coastal Forests, Sloughs and Wetlands
- Lighthouses
- Lewis and Clark History
- Largest Sitka Spruce Tree
- Local Vineyards and Produce
- Spectacular Cycling

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Native American History and Incredible Wildlife

Just minutes from the Portland area, tour the [Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#) to view coastal forests, sloughs and wetlands which support a variety of wildlife like raptors, river otter and black-tailed deer. Visit the refuge's replica Native American Plankhouse and discover what life was like in a Chinookan town. Heading west, travel the [Lewis and Clark Trail State Scenic Byway](#) along the Columbia River to the Long Beach Peninsula and [Willapa Bay National Wildlife Refuge](#). Willapa Bay's wildlife and landscapes make each visit to the refuge an experience to remember.



Northern Harrier, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
(Dennis Davenport, Share the Experience)



Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
(Andy Zahn, Share the Experience)

Picturesque Highway 101 South

Traveling along the [Pacific Coast Scenic Byway](#), discover the stories of USA's most famous explorers at [Lewis and Clark National Historical Park](#). While in the area, [Cape Disappointment State Park's](#) lighthouses and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center are wonderful sites for the entire family to enjoy. Continue south to [Cape Meares National Wildlife Refuge](#), home of the largest Sitka spruce tree and where wildlife abounds in this old-growth coastal headland.



Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
(Dennis Adams, Share the Experience)



Cape Meares National Wildlife Refuge
(Adam Jewell, Share the Experience)

Family Friendly Stop-Overs and Portland's Biking Scene

Circling back towards Portland, let the green canopy of the [Tillamook State Forest](#) envelop you as you stop for a picnic or climb to the top of a towering fire lookout. Nearby, embark on a hike at [L.L. Stub Stewart State Park](#) or ready yourself for a bicycle tour of the countryside. The Portland area is known as a cycling hub and [Banks-Veronia State Trail](#) and the [Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway](#) will not disappoint.



Elk Creek
(Tillamook State Forest)



Banks-Veronia State Trail
(Oregon State Parks)

Local Vineyards and Farm Fresh Produce

Finish your tour as you travel through Oregon's fertile lands located in the valley. The [Valley and Vineyards State Tour Route](#) winds through local vineyards, farm stands and orchards.

Local farm stands abound
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