

OCEAN

Perched on the edge of the continental shelf, Tillamook County meets the Pacific Ocean with intensity and grandeur. Cascading cliffs provide a backdrop to crashing waves, sea stars shelter in expansive tide pools, and some of the world's largest monoliths rise from the ocean floor.

ESTUARIES

Tillamook County is home to 5 major estuaries that feed into our ocean seascapes. Estuaries form a transition zone between river and ocean environments. The inflow of both sea water and fresh water provides high levels of nutrients in water and sediment, making estuaries among the most productive natural habitats in the world.

RIVERS

Tillamook County gains much of its character from 7 major rivers, which include the Nehalem, Trask, and Nestucca. Fish like steelhead, cutthroat, and salmon return each year to spawn in the rivers' tributary streams.

FORESTS

The forests within Tillamook County are dense and diverse. Large spruce trees reach to the sky as native shrubs expand to the water's edge. Nutrient rich soil, rolling fog lines, and ample rainfall cater to many creatures that call these forests home.

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EXPLORE NATURE

HIKE

GUIDED HIKES

Explore local trails and marvel at the unparalleled beauty that surrounds you. Study this area's natural features and how nature-based industries work with the surrounding environment.

Hikes are moderately paced, emphasize safety, and afford time to discuss and observe.

WALK

GUIDED WALKS

Learn about the local bird populations, observe salmon runs, unearth the geologic story of this region, and discover how everything connects.

Walks allow for more time on trails to take a deeper look at the surrounding environment.

PADDLE

PADDLE TOURS

Meander and float along the winding waterways of Tillamook County. Appreciate how estuaries function, travel the local rivers, and search for exciting aquatic life.

Paddle tours educate participants about the changing tides and encourage safety on the water.

ACTION

STEWARDSHIP

Search for Native Seeds then take part in Potting Parties for a native plant nursery, look to the sky for citizen science bird counts, and get your hands dirty with earth friendly gardening, and coastal cleanups.

Stewardship action events educate participants on the role individuals can play in local sustainability efforts.



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EXPLORE NATURE

A collaboration of environmental organizations working together to provide meaningful, nature-based events to showcase the uniqueness of Tillamook County and the work being done to conserve the area's natural resources, restore biodiversity, and preserve natural resource-based industries.

EVENTS OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



WORKING

FRIENDS OF CAPE FALCON MARINE RESERVE

Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is a 20 sq. mile underwater park in the ocean off the coast of Oswald West State Park set aside for conservation and research. The Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is a volunteer organization working to promote an understanding and appreciation of this site.

[Facebook.com/CapeFalconMR](https://www.facebook.com/CapeFalconMR)

FRIENDS OF NETARTS BAY WATERSHED, ESTUARIES, BEACH, AND SEA (WEBS):

WEBS is dedicated to sustaining the Netarts Bay area through education and stewardship.

NetartsBayToday.org

LOWER NEHALEM COMMUNITY TRUST

Lower Nehalem Community Trust preserves land and nurtures conservation values. Its fifty-nine acre Alder Creek Farm features a wildlife refuge, community garden, native plant nursery, and ethnobotanical trail.

NehalemTrust.org

LOWER NEHALEM WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Lower Nehalem Watershed Council is dedicated to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the Nehalem Watershed through leadership, cooperation, and education.

LNWC.Nehalem.org



TOGETHER

NESTUCCA, NESKOWIN AND SAND LAKE WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

The Nestucca, Neskowin and Sand Lake Watersheds Council works with the community and resource agencies to improve watershed conditions and restore natural stream functions.

NestuccaWaters.org

NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

North Coast Land Conservancy is a nationally accredited, nonprofit land trust. NCLC works with a wide range of community partners to acquire strategic lands and conservation easements and manage them to support the needs of people, plants, and wildlife in perpetuity.

NCLCTrust.org

TILLAMOOK ESTUARIES PARTNERSHIP

The Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, a National Estuary Program, is dedicated to the restoration and conservation of all of Tillamook County's estuaries and watersheds.

TBNEP.org

TILLAMOOK BAY WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Tillamook Bay Watershed Council builds collaborative, voluntary partnerships with communities and landowners to protect, maintain and improve the health of the Tillamook Bay Watershed.

TillamookBay.org

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TO BRING EDUCATIONAL
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES
TO YOU.**

TILLAMOOK COUNTY

Tillamook County features diverse and vast landscapes ranging from beaches and coastal wetlands, to expansive estuaries, winding rivers, and dense rain forests. Its raw nature, extreme weather patterns, and seasonal wildlife migrations create an environment full of life. The region's varied ecosystems make Tillamook County an important destination for anyone interested in exploring and learning about the natural world.



FUN FACTS

MORE THAN 1,750 GRAY WHALES MIGRATE ALONG THE OREGON COAST EVERY WINTER & SPRING ■ TILLAMOOK COUNTY HAS OVER 7,000 STREAM MILES ■ OYSTERS CAN FILTER UP TO 50 GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY

ROGERS PEAK IS THE TALLEST POINT IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY AT 3706FT ■ COWS OUTNUMBER RESIDENTS IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY ■ NETARTS BAY IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST SHELLFISH HATCHERIES IN THE UNITED STATES