

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

December 2010 Schedule of Events



"Whale Watch Spoken Here" Dec. 26, 2010 - Jan 1, 2011

Daily 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join trained "whale watchers" and visitors from around the world to view the southern migration of Gray whales as they pass Yaquina Head's outdoor observation decks.

Park Grounds:

Open daily from sunrise to sunset. This coastal headland offers several scenic walking trails in addition to the historic lighthouse and tidepools. Watch harbor seals in Quarry Cove and from the observation deck above Cobble Beach. Whales and raptors are often seen from the observation decks during calm early mornings.

Interpretive Center:

Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The exhibit hall and gift shop provide visitors with an orientation to the natural and cultural history of Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.

Historic Lighthouse Tours:

Open daily: Noon – 4:00 p.m. Rangers dressed in the attire of 19th century lighthouse families are present to demonstrate the important role Oregon lighthouses played in America's western expansion movement of the 1800s. **Children must be at least 42" tall to climb lighthouse stairs. Carrying children up the stairs is not permitted.**

Tidepool Area:

Open daily. ~135 stairs. The natural tidepools, best seen at low tide at Cobble Beach provide a wonderful viewing area for intertidal creatures. (See next page for tide schedule)

Yaquina Head ONA

750 Lighthouse Dr
Newport, OR 97365
(541) 574-3100

Vehicle Entry Fee

3-Day Pass: \$7.00

Annual Pass: \$15.00

Accepted passes:

Oregon Coast Pass

Golden Age, Golden Eagle,
Golden Access

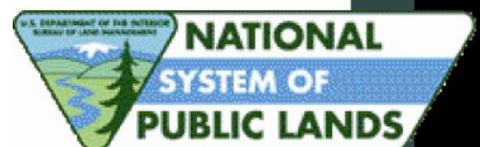
America the Beautiful

*These passes are available for purchase
at the park entrance station*

Fee Free days in December:

Saturday, December 25

**Park grounds will be open
on December 25
Lighthouse and Interpretive
Center will be closed**





Tidepool Discovery

Low Tide Times for December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 1:00-4:00 PM	02 1:15-4:00 PM	03 1:00-4:00 PM	04 2:00-4:00 PM
05 2:00-4:00 PM	06 3:00-4:00 PM	07	08	09 8:00-9:00 AM	10 8:30-9:30 AM	11 9:30-10:30 AM
12 10:30-11:30 AM	13 11:30 AM-1:30 PM	14 12:30-2:30 PM	15 1:00-4:00 PM	16 1:00-4:00 PM	17 1:00-4:00 PM	18 1:30-4:00 PM
19 1:30-4:00 PM	20 2:00-4:00 PM	21 2:30-4:00 PM	22 3:00-4:00 PM	23	24	25 8:30-10:00 AM
26 9:00-11:00 AM	27 10:00 AM-12:30 PM	28 11:00 AM-2:00 PM	29 11:30 AM-3:30 PM	30 12:30-4:15 PM	31 1:00-4:15 PM	

Tidepool Discovery Time:

Yaquina Head's tidepools are a wonderful place to observe beautiful ocean life and more! Park ranger(s) will be at the tidepools to assist you during optimal low tide times. ~135 stairs.

Tidepooling suggestions:

- The best time to view the tidepools is from 1 hour before to 1 hour after low tide.
- For the Cobble Beach tidepools, wear comfortable footwear with good traction, such as old tennis shoes or hiking boots.
- Take your time and look closely. Many of the tidepool creatures are very small, well camouflaged, or well hidden. The slower you go, the more you will see!

Tidepool etiquette:

- Look at the tidepool creatures in their environment; removing them from the water or pulling them off rocks may injure or kill them.
- Help protect the mussel beds by walking around them, not on the mussels.
- Collecting animals, plants, and natural beach debris is prohibited. Animals, shells, and beach cobblestones are part of the protected marine garden, and must be left for others to enjoy.
- To protect marine life and seabirds, dogs are required to be on a 6 foot leash. Dogs are not permitted in the grass fields that surround the lighthouse or in the tidepool areas.
- Please do not throw rocks into tidepools. They may land on animals and plants living in the pools.
- Harbor seals are frequent visitors to Yaquina Head. If you come across a live seal please maintain at least a 300 foot distance as seals on shore are easily disturbed. Also, should you encounter a lone seal pup report it to the nearest ranger and do not attempt to remove the seal. The mother may be out foraging, or have been frightened away by human presence and will shortly return to reclaim her pup.

