

# Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

## September 2010 Schedule of Events



### 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*

### **National Public Lands Day:**

Saturday, September 25

Free entrance to Yaquina Head

For more information:

<http://www.blm.gov/nlcs>

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#### **8-9am. "The Beachcomber Pick-Up"** (SOLV-BLM partnership)

Meet at top of Cobble Beach stairway to comb the beach for flotsam and jetsam or pick up litter at the lighthouse. SOLV will provide trash bags and gloves.

#### **9am-5pm. Oregon's National Landscape Conservation System**

(NLCS) Exhibit. An exhibit celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oregon's NLCS areas will be on display in the Interpretive Center lobby. Yaquina Head ONA is a NLCS area.

#### **10am-1pm. Educational Activities for Families**

Outdoor activity stations for families will be located at observation decks and will focus on natural resources (birds, seals, tidepools). Youth who complete all activity stations will receive fabulous prizes.

#### **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 deck above Cobble Beach. The observation deck behind the lighthouse provides a close look at nesting colonies of common murre, cormorants and pelicans.

#### **Interpretive Center:**

**Open daily 9am-5pm thru Sept 6. Open 10am-5pm starting Sept 7.**

The exhibit hall and gift shop provide visitors with an orientation to the natural and cultural history of Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.

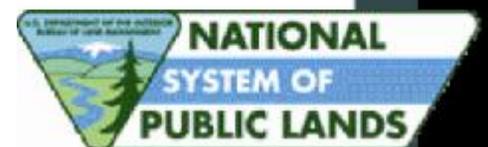
#### **Historic Lighthouse Tours:**

**Open daily 9pm-4pm thru Sept 6. Open 10am-4pm starting Sept 7.**

Rangers dressed in the attire of 19<sup>th</sup> 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)





# Tidepool Discovery

## Low Tide Times for September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>01</b> 9:45 AM-12:30 PM	<b>02</b> 11:00 AM-2:00 PM	<b>03</b> 12:30-3:30 PM	<b>04</b> 1:45 PM-4:45 PM
<b>05</b> 2:45-5:45 PM	<b>06</b> 3:30-6:45 PM	<b>07</b> 4:15-7:45 PM	<b>08</b> 7:15-8:45 AM 5:00-7:00 PM	<b>09</b> 7:15-9:15 AM 6:00-7:15 PM	<b>10</b> 7:15-10:00 AM	<b>11</b> 7:15-10:00 AM
<b>12</b> 8:00-11:00 AM	<b>13</b> 8:30-11:30 AM	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	<b>15</b> 10:45 AM-1:30 PM	<b>16</b> 12:30-3:30 PM	<b>17</b> 1:30-4:30 PM	<b>18</b> 2:30-5:30 PM
<b>19</b> 3:30-6:30 PM	<b>20</b> 4:00-6:30 PM	<b>21</b> 4:30-6:30 PM	<b>22</b> 7:30-9:00 AM 5:15-6:30 PM	<b>23</b> 7:30-9:00 AM	<b>24</b> 7:30-9:00 AM	<b>25</b> 7:30-9:30 AM
<b>26</b> 7:30-10:00 AM	<b>27</b> 7:30-10:00 AM	<b>28</b> 7:45-10:45 AM	<b>29</b> 8:30-11:30 AM	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM-12:30 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 footgear 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.

