



## NEWS RELEASE

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### 10 Things To Do Indoors In The Winter On The Tillamook Coast

*Locals Top Recommendations!*

**Tillamook County, ORE., 11 JAN. 2016**—People from the Northwest, and certainly from the Tillamook Coast, never let a little rain keep them from enjoying the outdoors. After all, that's why Gortex® was invented. However, there are winter days when being indoors is an equally fun (and drier) experience. Here's what the locals recommend:

- 1. Explore naval air history.** [Naval Air Station Tillamook](#) played a major role in U.S. defense during World War II. Blimps were built here, and the one remaining blimp hangar now houses vintage airplanes and WWII memorabilia. The building itself is a treasure; it's the largest freestanding wooden building in the U.S. You can't miss it - big AIR MUSEUM letters guide you there, just south of the town of Tillamook. [www.tillamookair.com](http://www.tillamookair.com)
- 2. Step back in time.** While some of the county's historic centers are closed in winter, the [Tillamook County Pioneer Museum](#) is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday, with revolving and permanent displays. Guest speaker programs, art shows and special events happen every month. Visit [www.tcpm.org](http://www.tcpm.org)
- 3. See a film at a classic movie theater.** The Coliseum Theatre was restored to its 1940s glory last year, but with very modern digital film equipment and sound system. It shows first run films plus the occasional classic film fest. So put down your 3" smartphone and go see movies as they are meant to be seen: on a big screen with your fellow film buffs. Check the schedule at [www.tillamookcoliseum.com](http://www.tillamookcoliseum.com)
- 4. Go beer and wine tasting.** The [brewery scene](#) is heating up in Tillamook County. [The Pelican Pub](#) ([www.yourlittlebeachtown.com/eat-drink/pelican-pub-brewery](http://www.yourlittlebeachtown.com/eat-drink/pelican-pub-brewery)) has two outposts: the original Pub and restaurant in Pacific City and the newer Taproom in Tillamook. De Garde Brewing ([www.degardebrewing.com](http://www.degardebrewing.com)) is stationed at the Port of Tillamook, and in just two years has gained an international following for its "wild fermentation" brewing. But way before these beer brothers came on the scene, Nehalem Bay Winery ([www.nehalembaywinery.com](http://www.nehalembaywinery.com)), tucked between the towns of Wheeler and Nehalem, has been pouring for years. Once known for fruit wines (which have come a long way from their sweet origins), Nehalem Bay Winery now bottles Oregon pinot noir, pinot gris and other favorites.
- 5. Taste 70 miles of clam chowder.** Ask 10 locals what their favorite chowder house is on the Tillamook Coast, and they'll give you 10 different answers. However, we boiled the choices

down to 5 favorites. Wherever you go, you can't go wrong. Chowders here are made with clams plucked from the shore. Here's the list: [www.tillamookcoast.com/top-5-must-try-clam-chowders](http://www.tillamookcoast.com/top-5-must-try-clam-chowders)

**6. Smile and say cheese.** If you haven't been to the Tillamook Cheese Factory ([www.tillamook.com](http://www.tillamook.com)) in recent years, go now while the summer crowds have gone home. Tillamook has not only unveiled several new cheddar cheeses, but also many new ice cream flavors. You can try them all at the factory. Just down the street is the Blue Heron Cheese Company ([www.blueheronoregon.com](http://www.blueheronoregon.com)), where you can taste lots of other types of cheeses, plus mustards, jams, dressings, sauces, etc. Both are fun and mouth-watering pastimes, so go and go often.

**7. Attend a play, concert or lecture, or take an art class.** With more than 300 artists calling Tillamook County home, the chance of catching a performance, art show, concert or reading - or learning to draw or throw a pot - is almost every day! Check out the Hoffman Center in Manzanita ([hoffmanblog.org](http://hoffmanblog.org)), the North County Recreational District in Nehalem ([www.ncrd.org](http://www.ncrd.org)), Tillamook Association for the Arts ([www.tillamooktheater.com](http://www.tillamooktheater.com)), Neskowin Chamber Music ([www.neskowinchambermusic.org](http://www.neskowinchambermusic.org)), and [Sitka Arts Center](http://www.sitkacenter.org)([www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org))

**8. Say ahhh for a spa day.** There's nothing like working the winter blues out of your body than a massage and a soak. Spa Manzanita ([www.spamanzanita.com](http://www.spamanzanita.com)) is just the place to get pampered. The Inn at Cape Kiwanda offers spa services too, with an ocean view, and all the [comforts](#) of a [cozy room](#). ([www.yourlittlebeachtown.com/things-to-do/ocean-view-spa-services](http://www.yourlittlebeachtown.com/things-to-do/ocean-view-spa-services))

**9. Enjoy high tea.** Instead of grabbing a burger, one day sit yourself down at a proper high tea. [La Tea Da](#) in Tillamook is the antidote to a rainy day. Select from an array of small sandwiches, soups and teas, and feel what it was like to live at Downton Abbey. ([www.facebook.com/LaTeaDa.inc](http://www.facebook.com/LaTeaDa.inc))

**10. Storm watching.** Let it rain and blow, then wait for soft sunshine after the storm. You'll watch the action from the comfort of a cozy room. There are so many choices: every village has lodging with ringside seats to Mother Nature's wintery moods. Go to [www.tillamookcoast.com](http://www.tillamookcoast.com) and click on Places to Stay.

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### **About Visit Tillamook Coast**

Oregon's Tillamook Coast is one of the state's natural wonders. Picturesque bays, inland waterways, forests, farmlands, rivers and ocean beaches offer visitors a wide range of nature-based activities from surfing, kayaking, fishing and clamming to beachcombing and hiking. Fresh seafood from river, bay, ocean to table is Tillamook's forte, as is world-famous cheese to casual breweries and wine tasting. The Tillamook Coast includes several villages, each with their own unique heritage, personality and charm sprawling from northern Nehalem Bay and Manzanita to southern Pacific City and cozy Neskowin. For more information and to plan your natural choice getaway, visit [www.tillamookcoast.com](http://www.tillamookcoast.com).