



TILLAMOOK COAST WATER TRAIL MAPPING PROJECT COMPLETE WITH FOURTH GUIDEBOOK

Tillamook Estuaries Partnership publishes Netarts watershed guidebook

TILLAMOOK, ORE., 23 SEPT., 2015---The [Tillamook Estuaries Partnership](#) (TEP) announced this month the completion of its fourth and final estuaries guidebook map for Tillamook County, the map of the Netarts watershed. This completes a larger, countywide estuaries-mapping project that encourages the quiet exploration and discovery of the ecological, historical, social and cultural features of Tillamook County from the uplands to the ocean.

The TEP describes the National Water Trails as a recreational and educational experience that promotes and celebrates the value of Tillamook County's waterways with direct benefit to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the county. The Trail establishes an alternative, low-impact way to enjoy and appreciate the wonders of all five county estuaries. The water trail-mapping project offers information that may not otherwise get into the hands of visitors, residents and non-motorized paddlers.

"There is a lot of water, nearly 200 miles of navigable water, in Tillamook County and that's why this project is really important," says Julie Chick, TEP education and outreach coordinator. The map is created for those who use canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and drift boats. "Really, anyone who needs to get from point A to point B can use this map. It's a resource; the map includes water quality issues, habitat restoration, recreation opportunities, public access points and more."

The Water Trail guidebook project was a vision of the late Jim Mundell of Netarts. "The conversation actually started in Netarts. Jim was a visionary for the environment, especially Netarts Bay." Thanks the Tillamook County Water Trail committee volunteers and sponsors such as the Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon State Parks, this vision was realized and now these professional, high-quality, waterproof guidebooks are available for the Tillamook County estuaries: the Nehalem watershed, the Tillamook Bay watershed, the Nestucca and Sand Lake watersheds, and now the Netarts watershed.

The waterproof maps can be ordered online at tillamookcoast.com/kayaking, or downloaded in pdf. Interactive versions of the maps are available at www.tbnep.org.

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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.