

MEDIA ALERT

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OREGON'S TILLAMOOK COAST: SPRING BREAK CENTRAL 2016

Blog post published "Top 10 Spring Break Adventures" on the Tillamook Coast

WHEN: Spring Break occurs at different times depending on the location:

• Portland, Salem, Eugene, Bend, Ore; & Boise, ID: March 21-25

• Olympia, Vancouver & Tri-Cities, WA (Kennewick, Pasco, Richland): April 4-8

• Seattle, WA: April 11-15

WHERE: Tillamook Coast, Oregon (Barview, Bay City, Beaver, Brighton, Cape Meares,

Cloverdale, Hebo, Garibaldi, Manzanita, Nehalem, Neskowin, Netarts, Oceanside, Pacific City, Rockaway Beach, Sandlake, Tierra Del Mar, Tillamook, and Wheeler)

PHOTO OPPS: While we can't guarantee that people will be there to photograph, we are confident that these are some of the best and most likely places for vacationers to be for recreation-based photo opportunities on the Tillamook Coast.

- 1. Hiking: all ages and abilities will enjoy hiking at Kilchis Point Reserve, a 2-mile interpretive trail near Bay City, and Munson Creek Falls in Tillamook, with a view of the county's highest waterfall. Pick up a copy of <u>Oregon Coast Hikes</u> by Paul Williams and learn about hikes at Neahkahnie Mountain, the Nehalem Bay to Barview; the 4-mile round-trip Cape Lookout hike; a 5-mile round-trip beach hike from Oceanside to Netarts; and 10-mile round-trip Netarts Spit trek.
- 2. **Climbing Cape Kiwanda Dune:** the tall dune in Pacific City is a 240-foot high trek, but it's a lot more fun coming down run, scoot or roll.
- 3. **Fishing:** Active on all the rivers for steelhead, esp. the Wilson (Mills Bridge, people fish off the gravel bar) and Nestucca rivers; trout fishing on Cape Meares Lake.
- 4. **Crabbing or Clamming:** Pick up a shellfish license and head down to Kelly's Marina in Brighton, just north of Rockaway Beach, or to the Garibaldi Marina's public crabbing dock, famous for its long pier. Either from the dock or in a boat, crabbing is a fun way to gather your own dinner.
- 5. **Tillamook Air Museum:** a new kids' adventure play area opened this year to accompany the vintage planes, 1950s diner and gift shop.
- 6. River & Estuary kayaking: from the bays and towns of Wheeler and Nehalem, plus in Pacific City on the Nestucca River. Call Kayak Tillamook for a guided kayaking adventure.
- 7. **ATV** <u>dune riding</u>: Sand Lake Recreational Area, north of Pacific City. Rent ATVs from <u>Sandlake Tsunami ATV Rentals</u>.

- 8. **Stand-up** <u>paddleboarding</u>: SUP Manzanita, 144 Laneda Ave., Manzanita; Pacific City on the <u>Nestucca River</u>
- 9. **Dairylands Tour:** Stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory or Blue Heron French Cheese Company, then take a guided tour to a dairy farm with <u>Tillamook Eco-Adventures</u>
- 10. Whale-Watching Viewpoints: <u>Cape Meares Lighthouse</u>, Cape Lookout, Neahkahnie Mountain

WHO: Spring-breakers throughout the Pacific Northwest are invited to enjoy the wealth of

activities available on Oregon's Tillamook Coast, including hiking and nature-based

activities, adventures and coves, fishing and seafood gathering.

WHAT: To help plan your trip, Visit Tillamook Coast has put together a list of some "can't miss"

outdoor activities on the Tillamook Coast. Here is our list of "Tillamook Coast's Top 10

Spring Break Outdoor Adventures!"

www.tillamookcoast.com/top-10-spring-break-adventures/

WHY: Local vacation, a.k.a. "staycation" and day trip ideas for family vacationers

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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 Nehalem Bay and Manzanita in the north to Pacific City and cozy Neskowin in the south. For more information and to plan your natural choice getaway, visit www.tillamookcoast.com.