

# Councils, Clubs, & Societies

## Clatsop Nehalem Language Reclamation Project

[clatsop-nehalem.com](http://clatsop-nehalem.com)

Sharing a strong attachment to their homeland on the northern Oregon coast, the Clatsop-Nehalem people have a strong commitment to maintaining the vitality of their culture and language, and to the well-being of their elders, children and future generations.

## Northwest Old Iron Club

[edgeta.com/branch/branch-159](http://edgeta.com/branch/branch-159)

Members of the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association preserve, restore and display old cars and trucks, and farm and logging equipment, tools and tractors. A summer event in Tillamook, Step Back in Time, displays the large collection.

## Tillamook Swiss Society

[facebook.com/TillamookSwissSociety](https://facebook.com/TillamookSwissSociety)

Founded in 1922, the Swiss Society celebrates the cultural heritage of settlers in Tillamook County that started the dairy farming industry and the beginning of the cheese-making business, Tillamook Creamery, which is now a national brand.

## Tillamook County Pioneer Association

[tcpm.org/tillamook-co-pioneer-association](http://tcpm.org/tillamook-co-pioneer-association)

Founded in 1934, supports the work of the Tillamook Pioneer Museum by collecting and maintaining thousands of genealogical and historical records concerning past Tillamook County residents.

## Tillamook County Historical Society

[tcpm.org/tillamook-co-historical-society](http://tcpm.org/tillamook-co-historical-society)

Formed in 1984, the historical society places historic plaques on buildings and sites in Tillamook County, and supports self-guided walking tours and a geocache trail in historic downtown Tillamook.

## Tillamook County Cemetery and History Preservation

[tillamookcemeteries.org](http://tillamookcemeteries.org)

Volunteers work to clean headstones, maintain landscaping and preserve history of pioneers. Member of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries.

## Tillamook Dairy Women

[facebook.com/Tillamook-County-Dairy-Women](https://facebook.com/Tillamook-County-Dairy-Women)

Volunteers continue the decades-long tradition of celebrating the first baby born in June at Tillamook Hospital, and for sponsoring the June Dairy Princess program.

# Annual Events

- June Dairy Parade - June
- Pacific City Blessing of the Dory Fleet - June
- Tillamook Rodeo - June
- Clover's Day Festival - July
- Dory Days - July
- Tillamook County Fair - August
- The Old Iron Show - August
- Garibaldi Blessing of the Fleet - September



*You could spend an entire year on the Tillamook Coast and not experience everything we value in our cultural heritage, which is very much alive today. Our dairy farms have been cared for by four and five generations. Our interpretive trails go back even farther, sharing the stories of native peoples, first settlers, and modern stewardship. Stop by any museum and discover the history of our land and waters.*

*The effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies - all of the things that quite literally make us who we are.*

— Steve Berry



## Please Keep in Mind

- Our cultural organizations are supported by volunteers; hours of operation may fluctuate as a result.
- Organizations rely on donations and fundraising events; if you can, please donate. Every bit helps.
- If you live in the area, or are a second homeowner, consider becoming a volunteer.



## Brought to you by our sponsors

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# Tillamook Coast CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL







### Nehalem Valley Historical Society

225 Laneda Ave., Manzanita  
[nehalemvalleyhistory.org](http://nehalemvalleyhistory.org)

Located in Manzanita's historic Pine Grove Community Center, the Nehalem Valley Historical Society shares the story of the region's native peoples, pioneer families, and the development of the towns of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler in north Tillamook County. Exhibits include historical photos, archives, maps, letters, books and artifacts from seafaring explorers to fishing and lumber industries.



### International Police Museum

320 S. Highway 101, Rockaway Beach  
[internationalpolicemuseum.org](http://internationalpolicemuseum.org)

Honoring policing from before the 1829 Metropolitan Police Act in England through the modern era of law enforcement, this extensive collection of artifacts is a visual chronicle of the tools and work of police officers. See advances made in uniforms, training, evidence collection, personal protection, and historic items, such as the 1866 Oregon Boot restraint, 1925 tear gas baton, and the 1950s Identakit for creating facial images. Try on a Bobbie helmet, bulletproof vest and taking sample fingerprints.



### Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad

402 S. American Way, Garibaldi and Hwy 101 at 1st Street, Rockaway Beach  
[oregoncoastscenic.org](http://oregoncoastscenic.org)

Enjoy the beautiful Oregon coastline by riding the rails behind a historic steam locomotive. This scenic trip hugs along Tillamook Bay and the Pacific Ocean, giving you a glimpse of what train travel was like in the early 20th century. Special excursions and dinner trains are scheduled throughout the year, including the Fall Excursion trip into the Nehalem River Canyon.



### Garibaldi Maritime Museum

112 Garibaldi Ave. (Hwy 101), Garibaldi  
[garibaldimuseum.org](http://garibaldimuseum.org)

Explore the life of 18th-century sailors, get to know explorer Captain Robert Gray and his historic vessels, and learn about the founding of Garibaldi. The native peoples' exhibit features baskets, tools and arts. With 8,000 square feet of space, the museum offers interactive exhibits, artifacts, photo collections and videos.



### Historic Coast Guard Boathouse

at Pier's End 1209 Bay Lane, Garibaldi  
[savegaribaldipier.org](http://savegaribaldipier.org)

Cared for by the Garibaldi Cultural Heritage Initiative, this historic boathouse built in 1936 was used as a Coast Guard life-saving station to help ships and fishing boats in Tillamook Bay. The boathouse, undergoing a preservation effort, has a gallery of historic interpretive signage and photos, and offers a unique venue for special events. It is one of the most photographed buildings on the Oregon Coast, thanks to its long boardwalk pier where people cast fishing lines and crab pots.



### Kilchis Point Reserve

Off Hwy 101 at Warren Street, Bay City  
[tcpm.org/kilchispoint](http://tcpm.org/kilchispoint)

An area of nature and beauty, this reserve in Bay City that hugs Tillamook Bay is owned by the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, and maintained by its staff and volunteers. Three ADA-accessible trails meander through the forest to the bay, each themed with interpretive signage: native peoples' history, pioneer settlement, and flora and fauna. Benches throughout the trail invite rest and reflection.



### Tillamook Creamery Visitor Center

4165 N Hwy 101, Tillamook  
[tillamook.com](http://tillamook.com)

Home to famous cheese and ice cream, this visitor center is one of the most popular attractions in Oregon. Upstairs, learn how cheese is made through interactive exhibits, from farm to table. Through large overhead windows, you can watch as cheese is packaged and sent to millions of fans. Open daily.



### Latimer Quilt & Textile Center

2105 Wilson River Loop Road, Tillamook  
[latimerquiltandtextile.com](http://latimerquiltandtextile.com)

Located in the historic Maple Leaf school, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center partners with a variety of guilds and groups, including traditional rug hookers, spinners, weavers, quilters and knitters to provide demonstrations and classes. Six exhibits each year feature the work of local and nationally-known artists.



### Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

2106 Second St., Tillamook  
[tcpm.org](http://tcpm.org)

Founded in 1935 by the Tillamook Pioneer Association, the museum began as one room in the old 1905 county courthouse. Today, the collection has expanded to three floors. The Natural History Room is one of the best collections of birds and animals on the Oregon Coast. Displays include histories of native peoples, the first pioneers, logging and the dairy industry. Special exhibits are regularly displayed, and annual events, such as the Festival of Trees, are popular with locals and visitors.



### Cape Meares Lighthouse

3500 Cape Meares Loop, Oceanside  
[stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov)

Built in the 1890s, Cape Meares Lighthouse guided ships to safety along the rugged Oregon Coast long before GPS was a reality. The Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint offers visitors hiking trails, views of migrating whales, the famous and historic Octopus Tree, Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge, picnic areas, and birdwatching at its finest. The viewpoint is open daily, the lighthouse is open in summer, and has a gift shop.



### Tillamook Forest Center

45500 Wilson River Hwy, Tillamook  
[tillamookforestcenter.org](http://tillamookforestcenter.org)

Are you ready for an adventure in the forest? At the Tillamook Forest Center, you can climb a tower and explore what it's like to be a fire lookout. See, hear, feel and smell the Tillamook Burn during the Legacy of Fire movie. Stroll onto the Wilson River suspension bridge and explore the hands-on exhibits that show the resilient, dynamic and productive nature of forests.



### Tillamook Air Museum

6030 Hangar Road, Tillamook  
[tillamookair.com](http://tillamookair.com)

Step back in time to the 1940s and into one of the last remaining World War II blimp hangars. This all-wooden structure is one of the largest in the world. The museum is home to more than 15 aircraft, many wartime artifacts, and interactive exhibits. 'Hangar B' is a one-of-a-kind experience for the entire family.



### Pacific City Dorymen's Association

Cape Kiwanda Beach, Pacific City  
[pcdorymen.com](http://pcdorymen.com)

The only dory fleet in the lower 48 states, the Pacific City Dorymen's Association is history taking place each day from the beach at Cape Kiwanda. You can watch any one of the 300 dory boats catch a wave into the ocean, and return full-speed onto the beach. The association hosts the biggest summer party of the year at Dory Days in July. At the beach is a history and memorial wall honoring dory captains.

### Tillamook County Quilt Trail

Throughout Tillamook County  
[tillamookquilttrail.org](http://tillamookquilttrail.org)

The first of its kind on the West Coast, the Quilt Trail showcases the heritage of historic barns and buildings throughout Tillamook County with handpainted wooden blocks featuring quilt designs, both traditional and modern. Whether by car or on foot, this self-guided tour is a history of dairy farms and coastal culture. The quilt trail is also a geocache treasure hunt.

