

OREGON COAST JOURNEY · FREE GUIDE

The Ultimate Oregon Coast Camping Guide

Oceanfront state parks, yurts, and dunes —
how to camp the coast the easy way.

*Where to camp, how to snag the best sites (and yurts), exactly what to
pack for coast conditions, and the know-how that keeps a coast
campout comfortable.*

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Camp the coast

Some of the best oceanfront campsites in the country — if you plan ahead.

Falling asleep to surf and waking up steps from the beach is what Oregon Coast camping is all about. The state park system is superb — tent sites, RV hookups, and the famous **yurts** that make “camping” comfortable even in the rain. The catch: the good spots book up fast. This guide helps you land one and camp it well.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Pick a campground, follow the booking timing, and pack the coast-specific kit. Camping is also the cheapest way to string together a coast road trip.

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Where to camp

A few coast favorites, north to south.

NORTH

Fort Stevens

Huge park near Astoria: beach, a shipwreck, bike paths, a lake, plus yurts and cabins. Great for families.

NORTH-CENTRAL

Cape Lookout

A sandspit campground right on the beach near Tillamook — wake up to the surf. Yurts available.

CENTRAL

South Beach / Beverly Beach

Near Newport and its aquarium and lighthouses; easy beach access and lots of sites and yurts.

SOUTH

Bullards Beach & the Dunes

Bandon's sea-stack coast and the giant Oregon Dunes — sand, sun, and space. Classic South Coast camping.

YURTS: THE COAST'S SECRET WEAPON

A yurt is a round, canvas-walled cabin with a bed frame, heater, and lockable door — dry and warm even in a coast storm. They're a beloved Oregon institution and book up months ahead.

Snag the best site

The coast's good sites are a reservation game — here's how to win it.

- **Book the moment the window opens.** Oregon State Parks release reservations up to **six months** ahead; summer weekends and yurts go fast — be online right at open.
- **Target the shoulder season.** September and early October are warm, uncrowded, and far easier to book.
- **Weekdays beat weekends** for both availability and quiet.
- **Watch for cancellations.** Sites free up as trips change — check back a week or two out.
- **Know your loop.** Read the campground map for beach access, restrooms, and which sites have the most privacy.

Reserve ahead, always

The single biggest coast-camping mistake is showing up without a reservation in summer. Lock it in early — you can always adjust.

The coast camping kit

Coast camping is wetter and windier than inland — pack for it.

Don't-forget gear

- **A weatherproof tent** — a truly waterproof tent (and a footprint/tarp); coast dew and rain are real.
- **Sand/heavy stakes** — extra stakes and guy lines; beaches and dunes get windy.
- **Warm sleeping bags** — warm sleeping bags; coast nights are cool even in summer.
- **Rain gear** — a rain jacket and layers for everyone.
- **Lantern & headlamps** — a lantern and headlamps; campground nights are dark.
- **A good cooler** — a cooler for that fresh crab and marionberries.

COAST CAMPING TIPS

Store food securely (critters and jays are bold), keep a dry set of clothes in the car, and check tide times before beach walks. Firewood: buy local to avoid spreading pests.

Ready to camp the coast?

A few easy next steps — and how I can help.

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