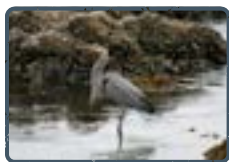




# THERE'S MORE BENEATH THE SURFACE

## DISCOVER THE NATURAL WONDERS OF OREGON'S OCEAN



The rocky shores of the marine reserve and North MPA host some of the most biologically diverse rocky intertidal habitats found anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. Underwater, the reserve and MPAs are dominated by sand and gravel habitats. The site also features a deep, isolated rocky reef home to a wide diversity of groundfish and invertebrates. Upwelling, followed by periods of relaxation, create highly productive waters around the Cape Perpetua area.

## VISIT CAPE PERPETUA MARINE RESERVE



Visitors have many opportunities for wildlife viewing and other outdoor recreational activities in and around this area. Hike, explore tidepools, or find views overlooking the reserve at the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area. Adjacent to the reserve is protected old growth coastal rainforest. This area also boasts Oregon's highest concentration of marbled murrelets, a threatened seabird that nests in old growth trees on land. Other attractions include Sea Lion Caves, where you can view Steller sea lions, and the Heceta Head Lighthouse.

### BEACH ACCESS

[Neptune State Scenic Viewpoint](#)  
[Cape Cove Beach](#)

### VIEWPOINTS

[Cape Perpetua Stone Shelter](#)  
[Heceta Head Lighthouse Viewpoint](#)  
[Sea Lion Caves](#)  
[Muriel O. Ponser Memorial State Scenic Viewpoint](#)  
[Accessible Access Points at Siuslaw National Forest](#)  
[Ocean Beach Picnic Area](#)  
[Tokatee Klootchman State Natural Site](#)

### TIDE POOL AREAS

[Strawberry Hill](#)  
[Bob Creek Wayside](#)  
[Smelt Sands](#)  
[Cape Cove Beach + Devils Churn](#)  
[Yachats Ocean Road State Natural Site](#)

### TIDE POOL INFO

[Learn more about Oregon's Tidepools](#)

[Download the etiquette guide](#)

## STATS

**14.3 SQ MI**  
Marine Reserve

**19 SQ MI**  
Marine Protected Area



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The Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve is Oregon's largest marine reserve. The site is located off the central Oregon coast stretching between the towns of Yachats and Florence. The site includes a marine reserve, two Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and a Seabird Protection Area.

## EVENTS

[Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve Events Listings](#)

## PHOTOS

[Cape Perpetua Collaborative Flickr](#)  
[Oregon Marine Reserves Flickr](#)  
[Oregon State Parks Flickr](#)

## GET INVOLVED

[Cape Perpetua Collaborative](#)  
[Surfrider Foundation \(Oregon Chapter\)](#)  
[Oregon Beach Ambassador Program](#)  
[Audubon Society of Portland](#)  
[The Nature Conservancy](#)  
[Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians](#)  
[US Fish & Wildlife: Oregon Coastal Program](#)  
[Siuslaw National Forest - Cape Perpetua](#)  
[Oregon State Parks](#)

## BE A COMMUNITY SCIENTIST

[Sea Star Surveys](#) (June - August)  
[Marine Debris Monitoring](#) (Monthly)  
[Seabird Monitoring](#) (June - August)  
[Marbled Murrelet Survey & Training](#) (July)  
[BioBlitz / iNaturalist Monitoring](#)  
[Black Oystercatcher Monitoring](#)  
[Pelican Monitoring](#) (May & September)  
[King Tides Photo Initiative](#) (Winter Minus Tides)



## STATS

**2012**  
Monitoring Began

**0 - 164 FT**  
Depth Range



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## RECOMMENDED HIKES

[Yachats State Recreation Area](#)

[804 Trail](#)

[Neptune State Scenic Viewpoint](#)

[Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park](#)

[Hobbit Trail](#)

[Cape Perpetua Scenic Area \(USFS\):](#)

[Restless Waters Trail](#)

[Cape Cove Trail](#)

[Devil's Churn, Trail of the Restless Way, Captain Cook Loop](#)

[Amanda Trail](#)

[St. Perpetua Trail](#)

[Oregon Coast Trail](#)

[Ya'Xaik Trail & Gerdemann Preserve Loop](#)

[Heceta Head Lighthouse Trail](#)

## ACTIVITIES

[Whale Watching](#)

[Agents of Discovery App \(for kids\)](#)

[Color the Ocean](#)

[Color the Tidepool](#)

[Tidepool Scavenger Hunt](#)

[Heceta Head Lighthouse](#)

[Sea Lion Caves](#)

## POINTS OF INTEREST

[Heceta Head Lighthouse](#)

[Sea Lion Caves](#)

[Thors Well / Cooks Chasm](#)

[Cape Perpetua Day Use Area](#)

## VIDEO

[Oregon's Ocean Legacy](#)

[Cape Perpetua Collaborative](#)

[YouTube](#)

## VISITOR CENTERS

[Cape Perpetua Visitor Center](#)

(541)547-3289

[City of Yachats Visitor Center](#)

(541)547-3530

[City of Florence Visitor Center](#)

(541)997-3128

## PARKING / PERMITS

[Oregon State Parks Pass](#)

(offers one-day, 12-month, and 24-month passes)

[Oregon Coast Pacific Passport](#)

(offers 5-day and 12-month passes)



## MORE INFORMATION