

TRIP



IDEAS

**FORAGING THE SOUTHERN OREGON COAST
WITH WILDCRAFT - BROOKINGS**



This itinerary can be taken heading north or south, and is best experienced over multiple days using Gold Beach or Brookings as your basecamp.

WELCOME WILDCRAFTERS!

We're so excited you're coming to the Southern Oregon Coast for a WildCraft foraging adventure. We've put this together to ensure you make the most of your time in Brookings. If you haven't been to the Southernmost stretch of the Coast you are in for a treat. Expect warmer than you might expect weather along with magical coves, rainforest capes, arch rock formations and dramatic overlooks along one of the most rugged and jaw-dropping stretches of the Pacific coastline. So if you're thinking maybe I should add a few days to my trip, good thinking!

BASECAMP BROOKINGS

Brookings and its Harbor, just across the Chetco River, share a port and uniquely balmy weather, which make the parks and gardens abound with seasonal flowers. In town, you'll find eclectic shops, great sushi, seafood and other eats, plus a martini bar and brewery.

FOLLOW THE BIRDS

Just north of downtown Brookings, Harris Beach State Park boasts sandy beaches, craggy rock formations, teeming tide pools and outstanding bird watching. At the south end of this beach, Arch Rock shelters an intertidal area designated as one of Oregon's seven Marine Garden protected areas. Just off shore you'll spy Goat Island, also known as Bird Island, a nod to the massive seabird population it hosts during the nesting season (estimated at more than 100,000).



Meyers Beach by Susan Dimock



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SAMUEL H. BOARDMAN STATE SCENIC CORRIDOR

This stunning 12-mile stretch of coastline has multiple wow vistas, trailheads and beautiful, secluded beaches. You can easily spend an entire day exploring just this scenic corridor. Hiking trails connect all of the viewpoints along the way, so you can choose just about any length of hike you're up for, or car hop between the best lookouts.

PICNIC AT ARCH ROCK

Arch Rock picnic area is a must-stop. A short loop trail leads around this promontory with captivating views north south and west. Arch Rock can be seen from the western end of the loop trail just offshore. The north and south vantage points showcase small islands whose miraculous Sitka Spruce trees teeter on the edge of sheer rock walls which plummet to the ocean.

THUNDER ROCK COVE

Just a mile from Arch Rock is the trailhead to Thunder Rock Cove (mile marker 345.8). A short trail rewards adventurers with a mysterious cove whose arched openings give way to a small promontory with ocean views. Continuing further north on this trail leads about three-quarters of a mile to Miner Creek and secluded Secret Beach.

WHERE TO STAY:

Bandon offers a range of great lodgings, from campgrounds to historic lodges to private vacation homes.

Tu Tu Tun Lodge is nestled on the banks of the Rogue River and offers golf, a spa and houses.

The Beachfront Inn is as advertised, right on the beach and also offers a complimentary breakfast, pool and is pet-friendly.

The Ocean Suites is close to everything and offers affordable rooms with kitchens.

The Spindrift Motor Inn is also right in town and great for travelers on a budget.

There are also lots of private rental houses like the Brookings Beach Rental which features fantastic ocean views.

Private rental homes abound—many with ocean views. See some of them here.

WHERE TO EAT:

The Black Trumpet Bistro is a relaxed, family-owned eatery presenting refined New American dishes with a strong Italian influence.

Zola's on the Water has wood-fired pizza pies with hand-tossed dough, wings and a vast selection of craft beers.

Superfly Martini Bar and Grill offers modern New American eats, craft beer and martinis made with house-distilled spirits.

Catalyst Seafood Restaurant and Lounge serves local seafood right from the docks and their own canned tuna to go.

The Hungry Clam offers a low-key counter service of fried fish platters, sandwiches, burgers, chowder and hot dogs.

Fat Irish Kitchen and Pub is a locally-owned joint with a festive atmosphere.





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WINDSURFERS AT MEYERS BEACH

Meyers Creek Beach is just a five-minute drive to the south with easy beach access points from roadside pullouts for viewing or exploring the scenic, intertidal rock formations. This is one of the top spots for windsurfing on the Oregon Coast, so you're likely to catch some of the action if the winds are right.

EPIC SITKA SPRUCE HIKE TO BEACH

The hike from Cape Sebastian's south lot down to Hunters Cove is well worth the trek. Gorgeous vistas give way to thick stands of Sitka spruce rainforest, then to the edge of the rock cape. It's about a three-mile down and back. Or for a real adventure, hike all the way south to the Pistol River and ride horses on the beach with Hawk's Rest Ranch.

NATURAL BRIDGES

Natural Bridges is another easy stop, approximately a quarter-mile further south. Just a few steps from the parking area are views of a fairytale-like cove framed by a basalt rock wall with two arches that open to the sea and create natural bridges. Just to the south, parking areas offer additional trail access for hikes to secluded China Beach; a viewpoint of the Thomas Creek Bridge, one of the highest highway bridges in Oregon spanning the 350-foot Thomas Creek Canyon; and Indian Sands, a curious geological phenomenon of rolling dunes perched on a bluff high above the ocean.

LONE RANCH

The southernmost stop in the Boardman Corridor is the Lone Ranch Picnic Area (mile-marker 352.6), one of the most accessible stops along this stretch of coastline. A paved trail leads to the beach with views of many offshore and intertidal rock formations. Plan your visit for a low tide to explore tidepools or walk the extended beach north toward Cape Ferrelo or south toward Black Point. A trailhead to the north climbs Cape Ferrelo where you can connect with its loop trail.

RIDE THE ROGUE RIVER

Jerry's Rogue Jets offers a variety of different ways to enjoy the Wild and Scenic Rogue River. Before accessible roads, mail was delivered by boat, and you can enjoy a tour on one of the few remaining mail boats. Tours leave from the Port of Gold Beach and run well into October.

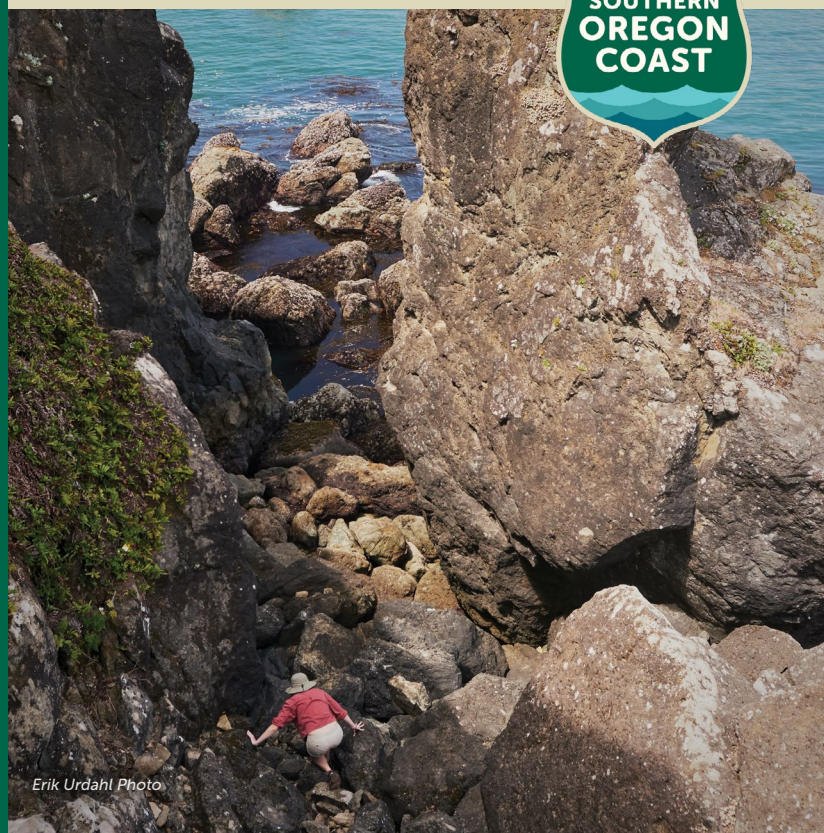
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