



Oswald West State Park

Pack it in, pack it out. Please don't litter. More park information is on the web at: www.oregonstateparks.org

Nature HISTORY Discovery



Campground Amenities

(Open March through October)

- 30 walk-in tent sites
- Wheelbarrows (provided at roadside parking area)
- Picnic tables and fire rings at all sites with water nearby
- Flush toilets

Enter the Forest

Park your car in a spacious lot by Highway 101, unload your camping gear into a wheelbarrow and follow a trail into another world. It's a green world, crowded only by giant old-growth Sitka spruce, Douglas-fir, western hemlock and western red cedar trees that extend all the way to a cove-sheltered beach. The dense forest of "highrisers" shelters the park's campsites, which lie along the trail corridors midway between the highway parking lot and the beach, both approximately one-third of a mile away.

Camping Rates

	Oct. 1- Apr 30	May 1- Sept. 30
Primitive	\$10	\$14
Extra vehicle	\$7	\$7

(subject to change)

Play on the Beach

Popular with surfers and boogie boarders, Short Sand Beach is always alive with activity. Opportunities include kayaking, kite flying and clamming as well as surf fishing. You will also discover a feeling of seclusion conducive to just relaxing and enjoying the scenic pleasures.

Explore the Trails

Inside the 2,500 acre park, a 13 mile stretch of the Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) connects two small communities (Arch Cape and Manzanita), and two prominent coastal headlands

(Cape Falcon and Neahkahnie Mt.). Between these two headlands, you will find Short Sand Beach in Smugglers Cove.

A trail along Short Sand Creek links the OCT and the beach access with the day-use parking on Hwy. 101, and from here the OCT continues on to Neahkahnie Mt. At the bridge, the trail begins to climb 1700 feet over the next 3.8 miles to the mountain summit. The top provides inspiring views of the Pacific Ocean, as well as vistas of the Nehalem Bay and miles of shoreline stretching southward.

From the northern parking area on Hwy. 101 the trailhead starts a 2.4 mile hike to Cape Falcon. It winds past old growth Sitka spruce trees, that measure up to 12 feet in diameter and 200 feet high. You will discover why the cape is a well known navigational landmark when you reach the tip and see its spectacular views seaward and back into Smugglers Cove.

Enjoy More Inviting Beaches

North of Oswald West, a trio of state park day-use areas offer access to more beaches along the inviting shoreline between Cape Falcon and Cannon Beach. Before the highway was built, stagecoaches used to roll along the beach and around a shoreline cliff at nearby Hug Point State Recreation Site. Walk along the original trail where it was carved into the rock at the base of the cliff, "hugging the point."

North of Hug Point, enjoy the wide, sandy beaches at nearby Arcadia Beach and Tolovana Beach state recreation sites. From the Tolovana Beach parking lot, you're only a short stroll away from the base of Haystack Rock, the formation that dominates the offshore scenery by Cannon Beach.

Enjoy a closer look at the tidepools and abundance of wildlife, but please don't climb the rock. It's a wildlife refuge. For more information call 1-800-551-6949, or visit our Oregon State Parks website: www.oregonstateparks.org.

North of Cannon Beach, Ecola State Park, with its many trails and viewpoints from Tillamook Head, is always worth the effort and the time.

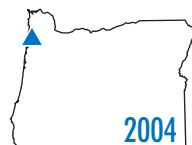


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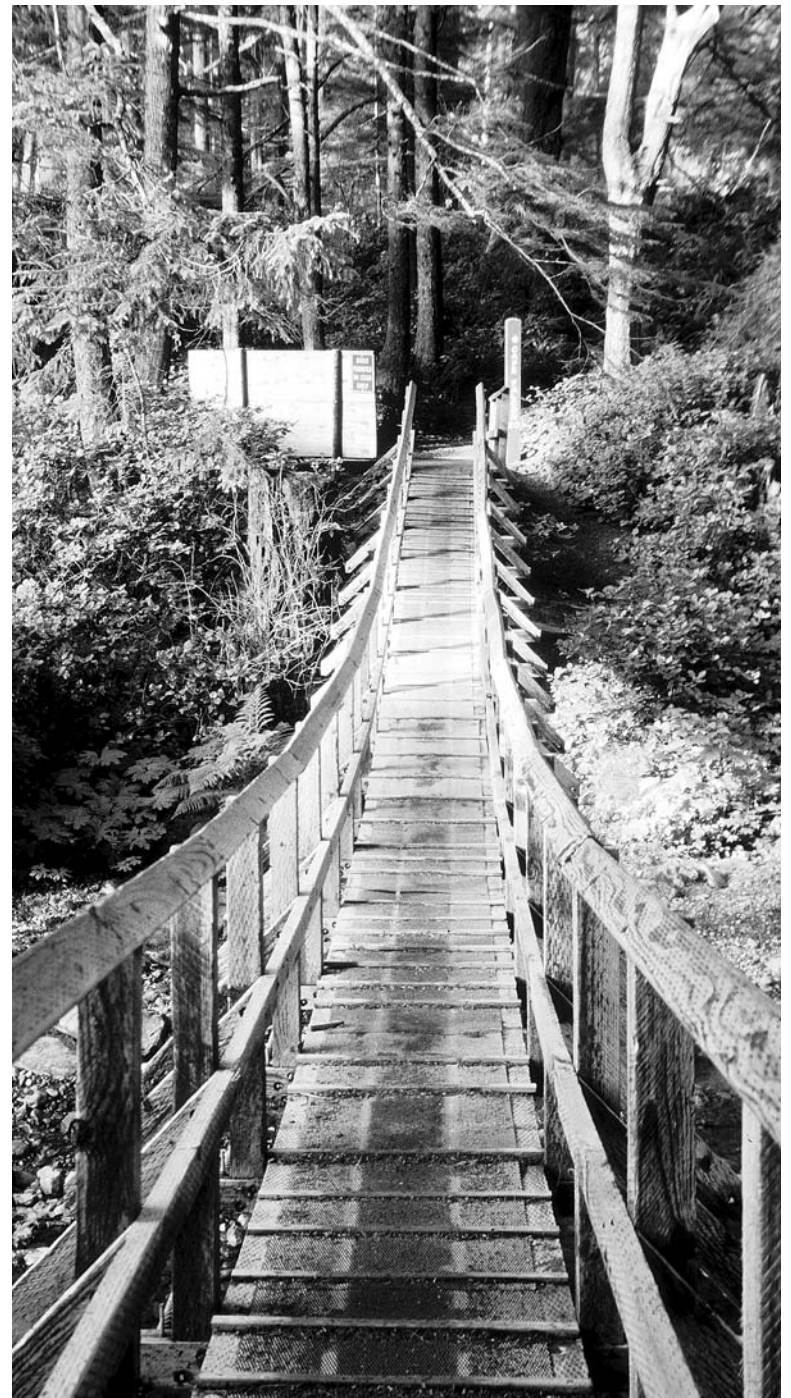
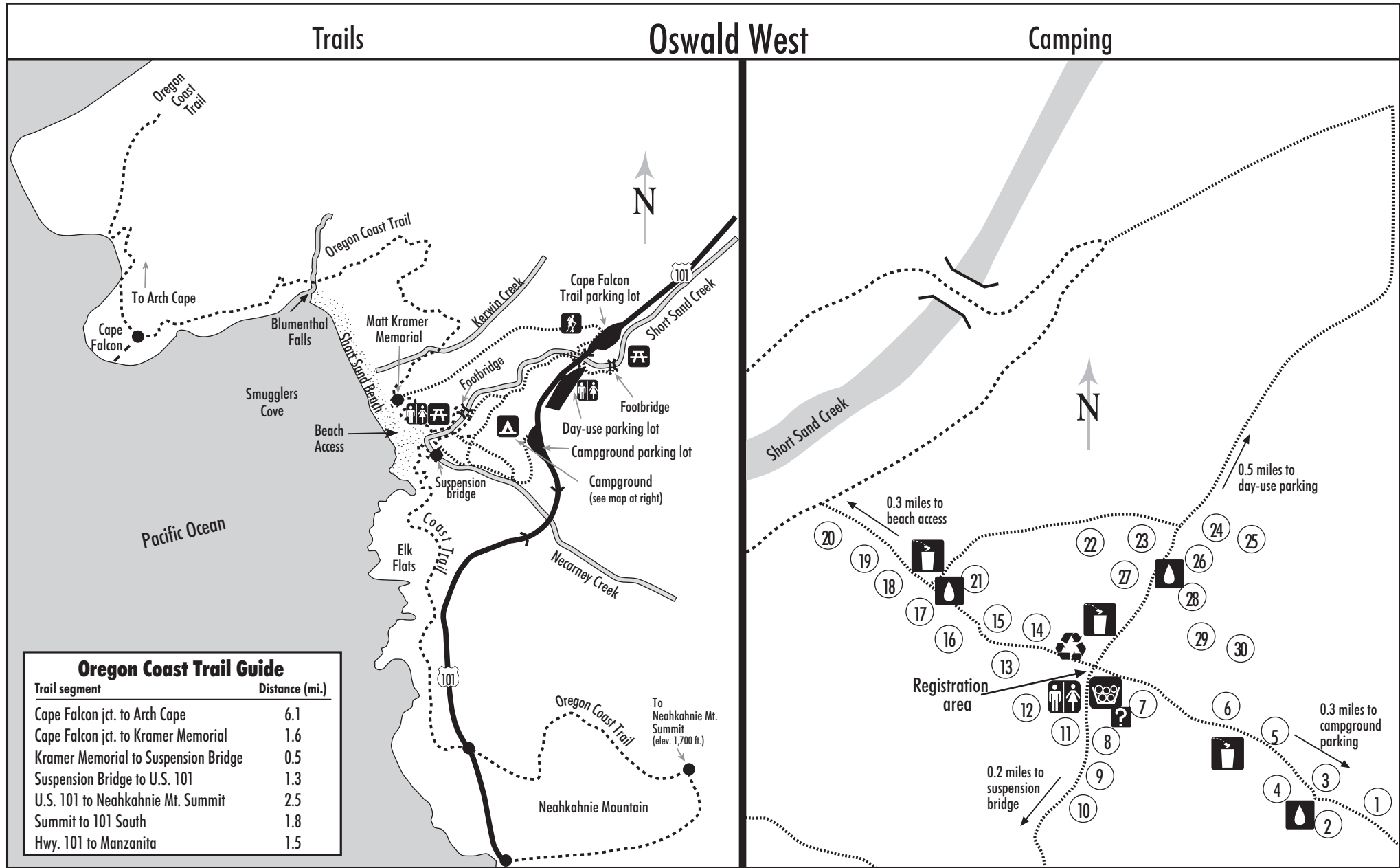
Info: 503-368-3575
Toll-free: 1-800-551-6949

US 101, 10 miles S of Cannon Beach

Latitude: 45.775274 N
Longitude: 123.945556 W



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Suspention bridge over Necarney Creek.

- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Please return wheelbarrows to the designated areas so they can be used by others.
- Trails are for pedestrian use only. Please stay on developed trails to prevent erosion and the destruction of native vegetation.
- Pets must be under control at all times (max. six-foot leash) and wastes properly removed.
- **Play it safe on the beach! Stay off logs, know the tide schedule and don't turn your back on the ocean.**

This publication is available in alternative formats upon request. Write to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301-1271; or call 503-986-0707 (for the hearing impaired: 1-800-735-2900).