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Northern Oregon, USA

The top 20 surf spots in northern Oregon from Cloverdale in the south to the Columbia River in the north.

Includes a journal, partial travel checklist and a map of surf spots along the Oregon coast.

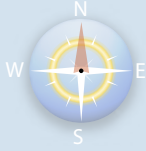
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Columbia

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Tolovana Park

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Bay City

Tillamook

101

Cloverdale



Northern Oregon Surf spots

1. Columbia River South Jetty: There are two breaks here. The first one is a left break at the north side of the beach by the point and it needs a big swell. The other one is by the jetty, peaks and wedges. It's hard to paddle out when the swells are big.

2. Columbia River to Seaside: This is a long stretch of beach about 18 to 20 miles, punctuated by the outflow of creeks and small rivers. You won't see many surfers here because the waves aren't very fun as a rule, but if the breaks are 3 to 6 feet and it's glassy, you might get a good ride to two. When the swells are bigger than that, you can't get out.

3. Seaside Cove: This is a popular spot is best with a 5 to 10 foot swell. There are long lefts and some fun rights.

4. The Point: This is a really good smooth (and popular) long left break 5 to 15 feet with an offshore wind. There is a long paddle over shallow rocks. It's a winter break, best from September to May. A little further out along the rocks there's another smaller but fun break that might be less crowded.

5. Indian Beach, Ecola State Park: There is a protected cove here with good peaks 3 to 6 feet.

6. Cannon Beach: This beach break loses any appeal it might have because of the large off shore rocks and shark attack. However, there are three small breaks near the town worth checking:

a. Vista which is just south of Cannon Beach,

b. the river mouth just north of the town and

c. Haystack Rock.

7. Tolovana Beach: There are big rocks here too, but at low tide there's a break 2 to 6 feet down by the Scenic Overlook.

8. Arch Cape: You'll get some nice tubes here when it breaks 2 to 6 feet.

9. Short Sands: This is a really nice, popular spot. The cliffs are steep in the cove and reflections make fun left bowls. The rights are pretty good too. It's much protected from the winds by the tall cliffs but it closes out at about 8 or 9 feet. Access from Oswald West State Park

10. Cape Falcon: With a big swell, there's a really good right here breaking at the point/reef. Check it first from the top of the hill before hiking in.

11. Manzanita: This is a beach break, 2 to 5 feet, any bigger and it closes out.

12. Nehalem Bay Spit: The waves look great here, but it's unsurfable due to currents and rips.

13. Rockaway: It's a beach break 3 to 6 feet.

14. Barview Jetty: Best with a southerly wind and up to an 8 foot swell; you get good peaks and bowls here off the jetty.

15. Cape Meares North: This is a beach break, nothing special.

16. Cape Meares South: There's an off shore reef, very far out and an inside beach break.

17. Cape Lookout North: This is a protected beach break. Go to the beach at Cape Lookout campground.

18. Cape Lookout South: This is the one you've been looking for – the perfect right point break 5 to 15 feet. To get there, you have to suffer a bit. It's a 5 mile hike south from Sand Lake Dunes.

19. Cape Lookout to Cape Kiwanda: It's about an 8 to 10 mile stretch of beach breaks that get better and deeper as you approach Cape Kiwanda.

20. Cape Kiwanda: There's a big right break 10 to 15 feet on the outside south of the point and on the inside, there's a sandbar/beach break up to 6 feet. Between Pacific City and Woods, there are some good beach breaks 3 to 6 feet. Beware sharks.

Travel Checklist:

Checklist

- Surfboards
- Wetsuits/Booties
- Fins
- Fin Key
- Leashes
- Wax & Wax Comb
- Rash guard
- Board Trunks
- Sun Screen
- First-Aid Kit/Prophylactics
- Your Favorite Hat
- Good Sunglasses
- Camera
- Ding Repair Kit
- Leatherman Knife/Tool
- Tent
- Coleman Stove
- Propane
- Ground Coffee, Melida and Filter & Coffee Cup

- Cooking Pot, Bowl, Fork and Spoon
- 2 Gallon Water Jugs
- Sleeping Bag
- Lantern & Flash Light
- Duraflame Log
- Passport or Identification
- Travel Card (if necessary)
- Auto Insurance
- Credit Card or ATM Card
- Local Currency
- U.S. Cash
- Surf Maps and Books
- Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Towel
- Tooth Brush
- Toolbox (the basics)
- Fishing Pole (and lures)
- Kiteboarding Gear
- Bug Repellant
- Embassy Contact Numbers
- Post Card for Momma

Planning Notes:

Notes:

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone & email: _____

Emergency Contact Information (Embassy, Airline):

Itinerary:

Restaurants:

Places of Interest:

Most Memorable Experience:

Most Interesting Character:

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