

Outdoor Resorts' Pacific Shores

A Newport, Oregon Gem



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If you're planning to visit Marathon's Coburg, Oregon headquarters this summer, why not plan a getaway for a relaxing stay at Outdoor Resorts' Pacific Shores RV Resort in beautiful Newport, Oregon? Whether taking a leisurely stroll on the beach or a refreshing dip in one of two heated swimming pools, three saunas, and two Jacuzzis, or relaxing by the cozy clubhouse fireplace, Pacific Shores offers the ultimate in luxury accommodations and five-star service.

Pacific Shores' guests enjoy spacious lots in a private setting surrounded by lush landscaping and common areas. Individual hookups provide electrical power, water, sewer, cable TV, telephone, and free wireless Internet service. And pets are always welcome! The ultimate year-round RV resort, Pacific Shores offers not only breathtaking scenery, but also amenities such as a six-hole chip-and-putt golf course



and an on-site convenience store, deli, and gift shop.

For more information about this resort, call (800) 333-1583 or (541) 265-3750, or visit their Web site at www.outdoor-resorts.com/ps/.

While staying at Pacific Shores, we recommend you explore the nearby town of Newport, where options abound: swim, build a sandcastle, play golf, whale watch (the best time for whale sightings is in the winter and spring), visit a lighthouse, fly a kite, dig for clams, explore amazing tide pools teeming with marine life, picnic, bicycle, watch the sunset, hike, fish, go crabbing, sail, surf, or dive—the possibilities for fun are virtually endless! And if you get the urge to gamble, Pacific Shores is centrally located between two casinos: Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, and Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence. Pacific Shores also offers shuttle services to many local attractions. While you're in the area, think about visiting the following interesting places.



Oregon Coast Aquarium

Five-hundred species of animals and the chance to get up close and personal with sea life awaits you at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. View natural animal habitats above ground and view underwater sea life that is rarely seen. Watch strange sea creatures in the "Oddwater" exhibit, and meander through "Passages of the

Deep," where you'll become part of a world rarely seen, where sharks, rays, and other creatures of the ocean swim all around you. Watch sea otters, seals, and sea lions at play, and take a leisurely stroll through the largest seabird aviary in North America. And don't miss the fabulous jellyfish display! The aquarium has easy access and ample parking, free car and RV parking, and is wheelchair accessible with wheelchair and stroller rentals available.

The aquarium is open every day of the year except Christmas. Summer hours are from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; winter hours (after Labor Day) are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Find the aquarium at 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, off highway 101 at the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport.

For more information about the Oregon Coast Aquarium, go to www.aquarium.org/.



Two Historic Lighthouses:

Yaquina Head and Yaquina Bay

Built in 1872, Yaquina Head is the tallest lighthouse in Oregon at 93 feet. The lighthouse, which took a year to build, was constructed using more than 370,000 bricks. The original lens is still in operation, but is now illuminated with a 1,000-watt globe that generates more than 130,000 candlepower. Shop for gifts and souvenirs, or browse displays and exhibits about the history and preservation of the lighthouse, as well as intertidal life in the lighthouse's Interpretive Center. The center is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm through Labor Day; from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in September and October; and from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during the winter. Something new this year at the lighthouse are twilight tours, which will be conducted on Saturdays from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm beginning July 15.

The only wooden Oregon lighthouse still standing, the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse was built in 1871 and is believed to be the oldest structure in Newport. It is also the only existing Oregon

lighthouse with the living quarters attached. Decommissioned in 1874, the lighthouse was restored as a privately maintained aid to navigation in 1996. The light is 161 feet above sea level and shines from dusk to dawn. Summer hours through the end of September are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm; winter hours are 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The lighthouse is located in Yaquina Bay State Park at the north end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge (SW Government and 9th Street). But beware—both of these historic lighthouse are rumored to be haunted by several ghostly specters!

For more information about both Yaquina Head and Yaquina Bay Lighthouses, go to www.yaquinalights.org/.

Historic Newport Bay Front

The bustling Newport bay front is home to Oregon's biggest commercial fishing fleet. Watch barking sea lions from the pier or take a sunset cruise, book a sport-fishing excursion, or charter a boat for a bay, river, or ocean tour.



Feast on crab and other seafood delights at any number of restaurants, shop for crab, salmon, shrimp, or smoked fish at Fish Peddler's Market, or catch your own—crab pots, clam shovels, and other fishing gear can be rented at local tackle shops. Browse art galleries or shop for unique gifts, saltwater taffy, or antiques at an array of quaint shops. For a little offbeat fun, visit the Wax Museum or the Ripley's Believe It or Not attractions on Bay Boulevard.

For general information about Newport, including the bay front, go to www.discovernewport.com/. •