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.

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TIDE POOL INFO
Learn more about Oregon’s Tidepools
Download the etiquette guide

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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.

**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)
**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

**Points of Interest**

- Heceta Head Lighthouse
- Sea Lion Caves
- Thors Well / Cooks Chasm
- Cape Perpetua Day Use Area

**Activities**

- Whale Watching
- Agents of Discovery App (for kids)
- Color the Ocean
- Color the Tidepool
- Tidepool Scavenger Hunt
- Heceta Head Lighthouse
- Sea Lion Caves

**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**

www.oregonmarinereserves.com

ODFW Newport - (541) 867-4741