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Hiking From Portland To The Coast: An Interpretive Guide To 30 Trails



Synopsis

A guidebook for both experienced and casual hikers, *Hiking from Portland to the Coast* explores the many trails and logging roads that crisscross the northern portion of Oregon's Coast Range. While showcasing convenient "looped" routes, it also describes complete throughways connecting Portland to the coastal communities of Seaside and Tillamook. Designed to both inform and entertain, each of the 30 trails described includes a "backstory" highlighting the rich histories of Native Americans, white settlers, loggers, and railroad operators. While suitable for hikers, equestrians, and bikers, many of these trails have never been surveyed for recreational use. All are meticulously surveyed and described here, alongside detailed and annotated maps. Some trails are located on private timber holdings, accessible only by paid permit, while access to others is free. In most cases vehicular traffic is not permitted; neither is camping, littering, or making fires. From time to time, access may be restricted due to fire danger or commercial activity. The maps, notes, and tips provided in *Hiking from Portland to the Coast* will be invaluable for those adventurers who wish to wander far from the beaten track. Less intrepid explorers will find plenty of short and scenic exploratory hikes in the forests that parallel Highway 26 to Seaside or Highway 6 to Tillamook.

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I stumbled on this book quite accidentally, and am so glad I did! How it happened: My husband and I were driving along Skyline and saw a gate to a logging road, and we decided to spontaneously hike it. That led to discussions about how many other "trails" might be available, which led to a Google search of "North Tualatin Mountains Hiking", which resulted in Mr. Thayer's Forest Hiker blog, which led to this book! We learned that we would need to purchase a permit to hike the logging roads, which we promptly purchased. We've done four of Jim's hikes the last few weekends, and have not been disappointed! My husband and I have both lived here all of our lives and had no clue any of this existed. Along with perfect trail descriptions, the history that Jim provides about each trail is very interesting and joyful to read. Thank you, Jim, for writing this book. What a wonderful resource!

Great info on area so close to Portland. Also a very difficult place to hike and not get lost. Got book from library, showed friends and had to buy one. Not just hiking but history of the area before ships

and trappers.

Good reading, maps too small to be useful.

This is an unusual hiking guide. Not only does it have 30 completely new hikes between Portland and the Coast (along Highway 26 and Oregon 6), but for each hike there is a historical anecdote researched from local sources that describe events that took place in these remote places during the Indian days, the pioneer days, the heyday of logging, etc. There are some easy hikes and some challenging ones - some for the family and some for the adventurer. It's a compilation of the best hikes described on the author's website: [...] My only criticism is that the maps are too small. However, the intrepid hiker can download printable copies of individual hike maps from the foresthiker.com website, and the OSU Press website. The foresthiker website also has maps of two complete routes connecting Portland to (1) Seaside and (2) Nehalem Bay - plus more fascinating historical anecdotes...

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