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# Fort Stevens

## CAMPGROUND



## Fort Stevens State Park

Off US 101, 10 miles W of Astoria  
100 Peter Iredale Road, Hammond, OR 97121  
503-861-1671



Latitude: 46.18422 N  
Longitude: -123.95682 W

**Reserve early!** Reserve campsites, yurts and group areas one day to nine months in advance by calling 1-800-452-5687. Campsites and yurts are also reservable through [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).

One of the nation's largest public campgrounds, Fort Stevens lies next to the site of a military installation once used to guard the mouth of the Columbia River.

### Year-Round Camping

- 174 full-hookup sites with sewer, electricity, and water (36 pull-through)
- 302 electrical sites with water (11 pull-through)
- 6 tent sites with water nearby
- 15 yurts (one pet-friendly)
- 11 deluxe cabins (one pet-friendly)
- Paved parking, picnic table, and fire ring at all sites
- Hiker/biker sites
- Flush toilets and hot showers
- RV dump station (300 feet east of ranger station)

**Note:** Up to two pets (cats and/or dogs only) are allowed in the pet-friendly facilities for an additional fee per night.

### Universal Access

Four campsites (#77, 78, 89 and 90 in the North loop), eight of the 11 cabins, and all but five yurts are accessible to campers with disabilities.

### Other Park Features

- Day-use area with access to miles of broad, sandy beach
- Two covered, reservable picnic shelters
- Freshwater lakes
- Nine miles of bike paths
- Five miles of hiking trails
- Northern trailhead for the Oregon Coast Trail
- Wildlife viewing platforms

### Camping Rates

Rates are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).

### Driving on the Beach

Motor vehicles are prohibited on the beach from the Peter Iredale access point to the South Jetty from noon to midnight, May 1–Sept. 15. Motor vehicles are allowed year-round between the Peter Iredale access point and the Gearhart beach ramp. Maximum speed is 25 mph.

Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

**Need to cancel** your reservation? Follow these guidelines: If your reservation is for today, call 503-861-1671. Otherwise, call 1-800-452-5687.

### Ships, Waves, and Wildlife

Watch waves breaking and big ships crossing the famous Columbia River bar from the observation platform near the South Jetty on Clatsop Spit. The wildlife viewing platforms on Clatsop Spit, overlooking Trestle Bay, and near Swash Lake are excellent places for birdwatching. **Please note:** All dogs must be on a leash March 15–July 15 (or longer) on a short stretch of Clatsop Spit. Driving and vehicles are also prohibited. Look for signs.

Summertime programs include Junior Ranger activities, evening campfire presentations, and guided bicycle tours.

### Explore the Historic Military Site

**Abandoned fort:** The Fort Stevens Military Reservation guarded the mouth of the Columbia River from the Civil War through World War II. Today you can explore the abandoned gun batteries and climb to the commander's station for a view of the Columbia River and South Jetty. Ask for a brochure with directions for a self-guided walking tour.

**Military museum:** The Military Museum contains artifacts and interpretive displays depicting the history of the fort. Call 503-861-2000 for current schedule.

**Guided tours:** Enjoy guided tours of the unique underground Battery Mishler and a tour in the back of a restored 1954 "deuce-and-a-half" army truck. Group tours may be arranged through the Historic Area Military Museum by calling (503) 861-2000, Monday–Friday. Please allow two weeks' notice. Tours, special events, and museum services are courtesy of the Friends of Old Fort Stevens, a private, nonprofit group.

**Shipwreck remains:** The rusting wreck of the Peter Iredale lies near the southern beach access parking area. The English sailing ship ran aground during a storm in 1906.

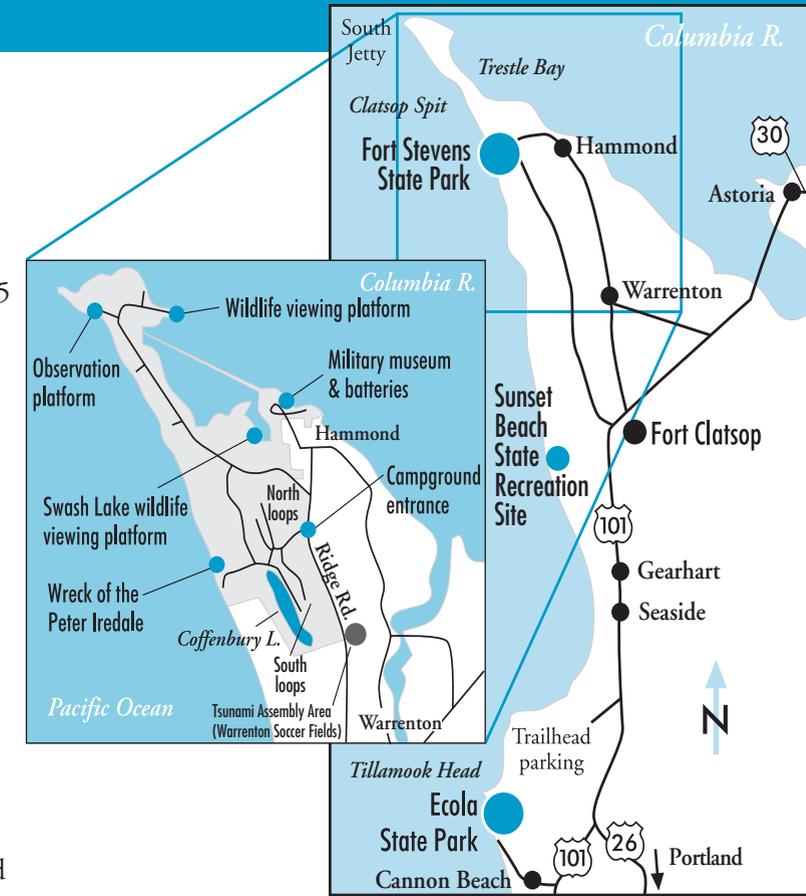
### More History Survives Nearby

You can take a bus from Fort Stevens to the Fort Clatsop unit of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, where the Corps of Discovery spent the winter of 1805–06. Ask for a bus schedule and information at our ranger station.

Astoria, the first permanent European-American settlement west of the Mississippi River, features Fort Astoria, a reconstructed fur-trading outpost; several museums, including the Columbia River Maritime Museum; and historic homes.

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Western snowy plovers nest along some parts of the Oregon coast—watch for special signs during nesting season.

### Visiting for the Day?

Fort Stevens State Park requires a day-use permit year-round to park in the Coffenbury Lake Day-use Area and at the Historic Military Site. You'll need to display either a daily permit, a 12- or 24-month permit, an Oregon Pacific Coast Passport, or your camping receipt. Your camping receipt serves as a daily permit for the days you are registered. You may purchase a daily permit from vending machines in several locations throughout the park. The 12- and 24-month passes are sold at major state park offices.

Coffenbury Lake has two swimming areas, a picnic area, restrooms, and a boat ramp (please respect the 10 mph boating speed limit).

