Ecola State Park

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Getting here: Enter the park from the north end of Cannon Beach. From 5th Street, head north on Ecola Park Road for 1 1/2 miles to the fee station. At the fee station, turn left to drop down into the Ecola Point parking lot or venture right and drive another 1 1/2 miles to Indian Beach.

Parking: A day-use permit is required to park in Ecola. Daily permits are sold at the park fee station; annual and 24-month permits are sold online at store.oregonstateparks.org and at major state park offices. A state park camping receipt serves as a daily permit for each day that you are registered. Annual and five day Coastal Passports are also accepted.

Parking at Ecola Point and Indian Beach is limited; long lines form during nice days in the off-season and almost daily from June through September. Please note that the road is narrow with no place to turn around, making it unsuitable for RVs and trailers. Parking is also available just off Sunset Boulevard in Seaside, at the Tillamook Head Trail north trailhead.

Overnight parking is prohibited within Ecola State Park.