Sunset Bay State Park

On Cape Arago Hwy, 12 miles off US 101, SW of Coos Bay
89814 Cape Arago Hwy, Coos Bay, OR 97420
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Longitude: -124.3714041 W
Latitude: 43.330784 N

Nature HISTORY Discovery

Sunset Bay

Towering sea cliffs lend both scenic beauty and protection to Sunset Bay State Park’s campground and inviting, sandy bayside beach.

Year-Round Camping
- 29 full-hookup sites (sewer, electricity, water)
- 34 electrical sites with water
- 66 tent sites with water nearby
- Eight yurts (one pet-friendly)
- Paved parking, picnic table, and fire ring at all sites
- Two group tent camping areas
- Hiker/biker camp
- Flush toilets and hot showers
- RV dump station at Bullards Beach State Park, 15 miles south
- Firewood for sale (see park host)

Universal Access
Three campsites (C26, C27, and D34) and three yurts (D, I, and J) are accessible to campers with disabilities.

Other Park Features
- Day-use area next to beach with creekside picnic area
- Hiking trail leading to Shore Acres State Park
- Boat launch area at the north end of the beach
- Reservable meeting hall

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.

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

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

Reserve early! Reserve campsites, yurts and group campsites one day to nine months in advance by calling 1-800-452-5687. Campsites and yurts are also reservable online through www.oregonstateparks.org.

Sunset Bay Campground

Yurts!

Enjoy the year-round comforts of a domed tent with structural support, a wood floor, a lockable wooden door, lights, heating, and beds with vinyl-covered mattresses. A bunk bed sleeps three, and a futon couch sleeps two. A fire ring, a picnic table, and paved parking are right outside. There is one pet-friendly yurt; J; up to two pets (cats and/or dogs only) are allowed for an additional fee per night.

Groups Welcome
We have two group tent camps—one for up to 250 campers and another for up to 25 campers in nearby Cape Arago State Park. Make reservations by calling 1-800-452-5687.

More to See
Shore Acres State Park
- Once the grand estate of lumberman and shipping Baron Louis Simpson, Shore Acres is now a park featuring spectacular ocean views and seven acres of eye-pleasing gardens. A formal garden with restored plants and flowers acquired from around the world, a Japanese-style pond, and two rose gardens make for an impressive floral display. From Thanksgiving through New Year’s Eve, thousands of decorative holiday lights give the gardens a festive seasonal glow. Trails at Shore Acres lead to a secluded ocean cove at Simpson Beach and to viewpoints along rugged sandstone cliffs that make the park one of the best wave and whale watching locations on the Oregon coast. A fully enclosed observation building, popular for storm watching, stands on the former site of the estate’s mansion. Pets are not permitted in Shore Acres State Park.
- Cape Arago State Park borders Shore Acres to the south. Originally part of the Simpson estate, it was used by the Coast Guard and U.S. Army as a radio station and lookout site during World War II. Trails lead to a sandy beach where you can fish, explore tidepools, and see colonies of seals and sea lions.

Day-Use Area Parking Fees
Day-use parking permits are required year-round at Shore Acres. You will need to display a daily permit, a 12- or 24-month permit, an Oregon Pacific Coast Passport, or your camping receipt. A camping receipt is equal to a daily permit for each day you are registered. You can buy a daily permit at the park’s entrance booth or from a nearby vending machine. The Friends of Shore Acres State Park Information Center and major state park offices throughout the state sell 12- and 24-month permits.

Sailors’ Haven
Partially enclosed by steep sandstone bluffs with a narrow passage to the sea, Sunset Bay was once used by fishing boats and other shallow draft vessels as a safe harbor during ocean storms. It may have offered a haven for pirates, too, according to local lore. The bay was named by an early Coos Bay settler.
Please help make camping at Sunset Bay a safe and enjoyable experience by following these and other park rules:

- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
  A curfew for visitors under age 18 is in effect from 12 to 5 a.m.
- All vehicles must be parked on pavement. Two vehicles are allowed per site.
  No overflow parking is available.
- Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow.
  Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent.
  Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed.
  (See our “Pets in Parks” brochure for details.)

Check-in after 4 p.m., Check-out by 1 p.m.

Play it safe on the beach! Stay off logs, know the tide schedule, and don’t turn your back on the ocean.

All information or fees subject to change without notice. This brochure is available in alternative formats upon request. Call 1-800-551-6949. Oregon Relay for the hearing impaired: dial 711.