

All hikes meet at 8:00 am in the Hallmark Suites Parking Lot
Lincoln Hills Hiking Group Getaway to Cannon Beach, Oregon,
Sunday through Thursday, May 21-25, 2017

Suggested Hikes by Dan Cortinovis, Bring rain gear!

Day 1, Sunday: Arrival, beach walking, window shopping, dining and socializing

Day 2 Monday Morning: Drive 4 miles to Ecola State Park. Take Fir Street to the north end of town, cross the Ecola Creek bridge, and turn left onto East 5th Street, which changes to Ecola Park Road. Pay \$5 entrance fee. Drive to the Indian Beach parking area at the end of the road. Hike the Clatsop Loop Trail, 3 miles total, starting elevation near sea level, gain 800 feet. Highlights of the trail are old growth Sitka Spruces and a possible view of the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse 12 miles offshore. Return to Cannon Beach for lunch or bring a lunch to the park.

Day 2 Monday Afternoon: Drive 8 miles to Seaside. Take US 101 North, turn left on Avenue U at the south end of town, and park near the end of the avenue. Walk The South Promenade, a paved path along the beach, 1 mile to downtown for cotton candy, and bumper cars. Continue another 1 mile on the North Promenade to the north end of town and walk back on the beach. Total possible walking 4 miles, flat. Stay in Seaside for dinner or return to Cannon Beach. Highlights are beach activities and the site where salt was made by the Lewis and Clark Corps.

Day 3 Tuesday Morning: Drive 50 miles to Cape Lookout State Park. Take US 101 South to Tillamook. Turn right on 3rd Street, Oregon 131, which changes to Netarts Highway. After 5 miles, bear left on Whiskey Creek Road. Pass the Campground entrance and continue on Cape Lookout Road (Three Capes Scenic Drive) to the Cape Trailhead on the right side of the highway, about 12 miles from Tillamook. Hike out and back to Cape Lookout, total 5 miles, starting elevation 850, Cape Lookout elevation 400 feet, loss and gain 450 feet. Highlights are forests, possible view of the ocean, possible gnomes. Bring a lunch. We will not complete the hike before lunch.

Day 3 Tuesday Afternoon: Drive to the Tillamook Cheese Factory 2 miles north of Tillamook on US 101 for self guided tour, ice cream, grilled cheese sandwiches. Return to Cannon Beach for dinner.

Day 4 Wednesday Morning: Drive 23 miles to Fort Clatsop Visitor Center in Lewis and Clark National Park. Take US 101 North to SE Ensign Lane, just before Costco, 20 miles north of Cannon Beach, turn right, go 0.8 miles, and then right again on Business 101, Astoria Warrenton Highway. Continue 1.2 miles east to Fort Clatsop Road and right 0.6 miles to Visitor Center on the right. Visit a reconstruction of Fort Clatsop, built by the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery in 1805. Hike the Fort to the Sea Trail to Clatsop Ridge Overlook, up and back, 3 miles total, starting elevation near sea level, overlook elevation 400 feet, with possible views of Columbia River.

Day 4 Wednesday Afternoon: Drive 6 miles from Fort Clatsop to Astoria for lunch and sightseeing. Turn right on Fort Clatsop Road, right on Business 101 to Astoria. Possible visit to Astoria Column, located at 1 Coxcomb Drive, on the hill overlooking Astoria. From Astoria,

return to Cannon Beach on US 101 South, with optional visit to Fort Stevens State Park, off US 101 west of Astoria.

Day 5 Thursday Morning: Check out of the Hallmark Suites. Drive 22 miles to Saddle Mountain Trail. Take US 101 North to US 26 East. After 14 miles on US 26, turn left on Jubilee Rd (Saddle Mountain Rd), 7 miles to trailhead. Hike 5 miles total up and back to Saddle Mountain. Start elevation 1680. Top elevation 3283. Total gain 1603 feet. The trail is steep and difficult and may be slippery when wet. Highlights are possible views of the Columbia River, Cascade Range, Olympic Range. If flying home from Portland, book a late afternoon or evening flight.