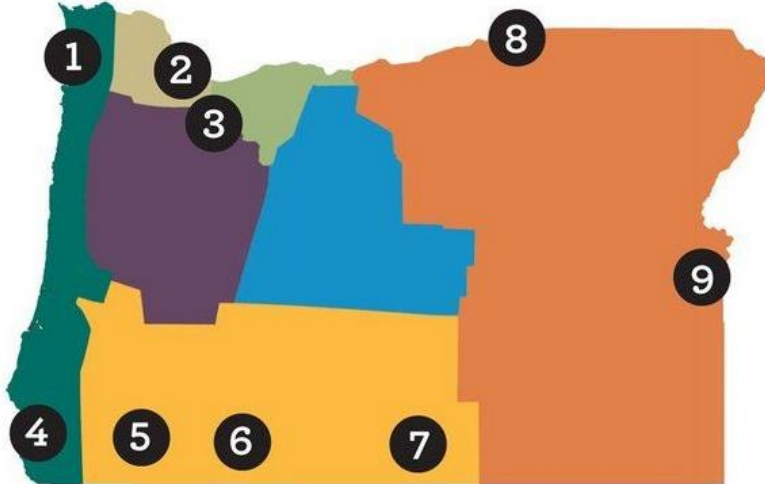


Seaside, Cannon Beach, Astoria help get visitors info they need



Oregon Welcome Centers, as listed in numerical order: Seaside, PDX Airport, Oregon City, Brookings, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Umatilla and Ontario

The map shows the locations of Oregon's official Welcome Centers. (traveloregon.com)



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Oregon has a new No. 1, at least on the map of the state's official Oregon Welcome Centers.

Seaside has replaced Astoria as the official tourism center on the northern Oregon coast in Clatsop County. Astoria's visitor information center is undergoing remodeling and thus passes the baton to Seaside.

The state's nine official Welcome Centers have more printed information available for dissemination than the other 140 or so drop-in visitor centers. Being an information center for the state, Seaside will have more info now on places in eastern and southern Oregon, as well as for the Oregon coast.

The designation came the first week of May.

Tourism information centers are always good places to stop when getting away for a vacation, or even just a weekend. They have information on lodging, dining, things to do and events.

Locals who staff the centers love sharing their knowledge of their home towns, too.

They also know what's new in town, including the kayak launch in Seaside at Broadway Park. You can launch a kayak without getting wet, almost guaranteed. Just watch the video.

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Down in Cannon Beach, the visitor center reports that three of the city's major lodging properties, Stephanie Inn, Surf Sand and Hallmark, have undergone recent remodelings that keep them among the best places to stay on the Oregon coast.

Up in Astoria, the visitor info center reports a new must-stop in town, Frite and Scoop Ice Cream, 175 14th St., Suite 150, on the downtown waterfront. The city also has a new hotel since last spring, the Hampton Inn and Suites at 201 39th St. E.

Here's how to get more information:

Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, 111 W. Marine Drive, 800-875-6807,
travelastoria.com.

City of Seaside Visitors Bureau, 7 North Roosevelt, 888-306-2326, seasideor.com.

Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, 207 N. Spruce, 503-436-2623,
cannonbeach.org.