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Oregon Parks and Recreation to Hold Open House on Oregon Coast Trail Development

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will hold an open house in Depoe Bay on March 18 for local residents to learn more about a new local Oregon Coast Trail development project and meet with the project manager. The open house will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the City of Depoe Bay City Hall (570 SE Shell Avenue).

The Oregon Coast Trail–Depoe Bay Connections project is currently scheduled to begin in May and be completed by the end of June. Its primary goal is to relocate a current section of the Oregon Coast Trail away from the shoulder of U.S. Highway 101 to ensure the safety of hikers and improve their experience on the trail.

The new route will follow an existing utility corridor and access road on Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) property. When complete, the project will succeed in expanding the statewide trail system in Lincoln County and providing close-to-home recreational opportunities for Depoe Bay residents by giving them access by trail to three state parks.

The project is divided into two sections. The Whale Cove portion of the project encompasses 1.2 miles and will begin at Rocky Creek State Natural Area and extend onto ODOT right-of-way property to S Point Street. The Boiler Bay portion of the project encompasses 1.8 miles and will start at Boiler Bay and extend onto ODOT right-of-way property from Fogarty Creek State Park to Fogarty Ave.

Crews will be constructing a new natural-surface trail a foot and a half to three feet in width. A few small seasonal streams will be spanned with small puncheons (boardwalks). Near Whale Cove, a boardwalk will be constructed to improve safety for pedestrians.





Project Information Sheet

Region 1 – Central Coast District

Beverly Beach Management Unit

Oregon Coast Trail

Depoe Bay Sections (Whale Cove, Boiler Bay)

Project location

The Whale Cove portion of the project begins at Rocky Creek State Natural Area and extends onto ODOT ROW to S Point Street. The Boiler Bay portion of the project begins at Boiler Bay and extends onto ODOT ROW to Fogarty Creek State Park to Fogarty Ave.

Project purpose and need

Project will develop a trail on OPRD and ODOT property to remove Oregon Coast Trail from shoulder of Hwy 101 to enhance safety and user experience. Route follows existing utility corridor on ODOT property with existing utility access road. This work assists in fulfilling an essential part of the statewide trail system in Lincoln County and provides close-to-home trail opportunity for Depoe Bay residents and access by trail to (3) State Parks.

Project overview

Construct natural surface trail 18" to 36" in width. Whale Cove portion is 1.2 miles. Boiler Bay portion is 1.8 miles. Work is planned for M-F from 8 AM to 6 PM. A few small seasonal streams will be spanned with small puncheons (boardwalk). Near Whale Cove a single bent boardwalk (bridge) will be constructed to improve safety for pedestrians.

Cost estimate

- Estimated project cost— \$70,000
- Funding source(s): Lottery Funds & RTP Grant

Key project milestones

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| May 2013 | Begin Project |
| June 2013 | Project End |

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