

Welcome to Winter in Arch Cape

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Noted Hiking Expert to Speak

by John Piatt

Bring a dish to share with neighbors November 19th at 6:00 pm at the Arch Cape Fire Station and learn something new about hiking on the Oregon Coast.

William L. Sullivan, Oregon's hiking expert, will be taking us on a slide show tour of a dozen new trails he discovered while researching the new fourth edition of his book, "100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range." Sullivan spices his talk with notes on the geology, wildlife, and history of the land. Learn more at www.oregonhiking.com.

Sullivan is the author of 18 books about Oregon, including *Oregon Trips & Trails*, *Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters*,

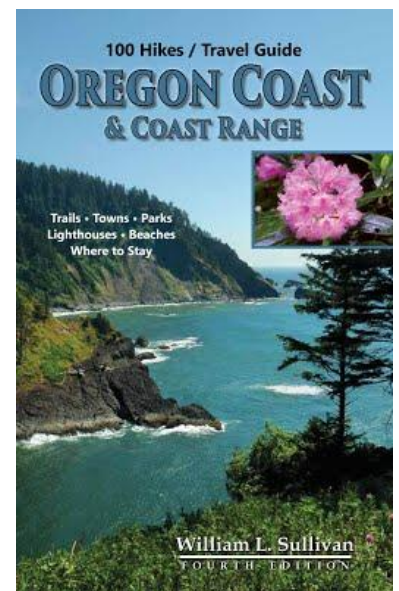
Hiking Oregon's History, and the popular "100 Hikes" series. His journal of a 1000-mile hike he took across Oregon in 1985, "Listening for Coyote," was chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of Oregon's "100 Books," the 100 most significant books in the state's history. He has also written four novels and a collection of short stories, "The Oregon Variations."

Effort to Replace the Arch Cape Historical Marker and Coming Meeting

by John Piatt

The Community Club board has submitted a request for a grant from Clatsop County's Transient Occupancy Tax tourism promotion fund. The purpose of this request is to replace the historical marker located in Arch Cape at the turnout just north of the Arch Cape Fire Station entrance.

This historical marker, affectionately known as a "Beaverboard" because of the beaver emblem at the top, has an interesting history.



In the 1950s, the Cannon Beach Garden Club, which had a number of members from Arch Cape, managed a project to establish the historical wayside in Arch Cape. They took this on after it was learned that Mr. Mel Goodin, who has developed Cannon View Park, was willing to donate the cannon but wanted it moved. George Van Vleet, of Van Vleet Logging Company, donated the land for the historical wayside. The Oregon State Department of Highways prepared the site, moved the cannon and pedestal, and installed the historical marker at the site.

After over 60 years, this historical marker is in need of replacement due to serious deterioration. The Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club has been working with Annie Von Domitz, Heritage & Community Assets Manager of Oregon Travel Experience to see about replacing and updating this historical marker. The update is also necessary to reflect the continuing story of the finding of the three carronades mounted on a part of the hull of the 1846 shipwreck of the schooner Shark that drifted south from the mouth of the Columbia River to the beach in Arch Cape. The original carronade, found in 1898 and initially located at the historical wayside, has since been moved to the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum with a replica placed at the wayside. The other two carronades found in February 2008 are now located in the Columbia River Maritime Museum. These two museums have indicated that they will assist with historical information necessary to update the sign.

Oregon Travel Experience considers replacement of this marker a high priority due to its deteriorating condition. The grant request is for \$7300 quoted by OTE for updating, replacing and installing this historical marker in Arch Cape.

Historical Marker Committee Meeting

The Oregon Historical Marker Committee will be meeting at 2:00 pm on November 4th in the Arch Cape Fire Station, in part to examine the Arch Cape historical marker while they are here.



Annie Von Domitz, OTE's Heritage & Community Assets Manager, will be leading this meeting and indicates that it is a public meeting and all are welcome to attend.



Future of Design Review in Arch Cape, Falcon Cove and Cove Beach

by John Piatt

At its September 28th meeting, the Clatsop County Commissioners voted to dissolve the Southwest Coastal Citizen's Advisory Committee/Arch Cape Design Review Committee as described in **Ordinance No. 16-03**. This ordinance also created a role for "Neighborhood/Community Organizations," non-profit, tax-exempt organizations where membership either comes with property ownership or is available to everyone in the community.

Land-use applicants will now have to hold a neighborhood meeting inviting property owners within a minimum of 300 feet and any existing Neighborhood/Community Organization if the applicant is within its boundaries. The applicant must address many of the same issues required for Arch Cape Design Review. The applicant is responsible for holding the meeting, taking notes, indicating responses to issues raised and submitting this to the county. The development requirements (e.g., height restrictions, minimum lot size, setbacks, etc.) for the Arch Cape Rural Community Residential Zone (AC-RCR) are still in effect.

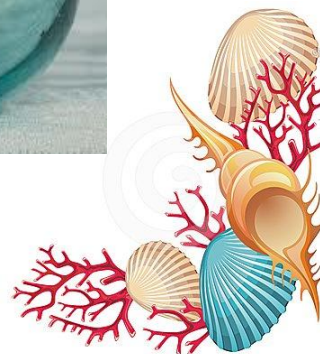
The county will send notice of county public hearings to the applicant, adjacent property owners within 250 feet of the subject property, and recognized Neighborhood/Community Organizations. The applicant must post notice of the public hearing at the property site.

In April the Community Club requested notification of development proposals within the Arch Cape, Falcon Cove and Cove Beach areas. The county designated the Community Club a recognized Neighborhood Association that will receive notification. A member of the board will forward notices received to interested community members who would like to review them. Property owners near the proposed development will be notified as described above.

Link to **Ordinance No. 16-03**

https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners/meeting/2034/doc00270720160921161552.pdf

Vintage photo of the Arch Cape beach and creek from the files of Dave English and Irene English Countryman.



Arch Cape Water District Receives State Recognition

by Phil Chick, District Manager

The Arch Cape Water District was recently designated by the Oregon Health Authority-State Drinking Water Program as being an *Outstanding Performer* in the District's most recent compliance inspection/system survey conducted in August. Water treatment systems are inspected by the Oregon Health Authority every three years.



A water system survey is an extensive examination of a system's sources, treatment, storage facilities, distribution system, operations and maintenance procedures, monitoring, and management. These parameters are all evaluated to determine the system's capacity to provide safe drinking water to the public. Receiving the recent designation means that Arch Cape will have its water system survey frequency reduced from every 3 years to every 5

years. At a cost of just under \$2,000 per survey, this is good news. This is the first time Arch Cape Water District has been named an Outstanding Performer by the Oregon Health Authority. The recognition is a tribute to the commitment that the Board, staff, and community have made to clean, safe drinking water over the years.



In other news, The Water District was recently awarded a \$20,000 forgivable loan to conduct a feasibility study on water sources within the District.

The project will evaluate all potential water sources and prepare a capital plan to develop additional source capacity. Of particular interest will be the development of wells as a secondary source for the District. The project will begin in 2017.



Editors Note: Thanks to Matt Gardner for his help in obtaining the photos of the plants.



Arch Cape History and Recipe

by Marney Beemer

In the 1920's, Arch Cape had a hotel, the "Arch Cape Hotel" and it was located where the home called "Singing Sands" is now located. In the photo below from the David English photo collection, the hotel is the building on the left. The hotel had 7 bedrooms, 50 cents per night.

Two school teachers from Seattle, Elsie and Marie English, operated it every summer. After they bought the "hotel" from Marmaduke Maxwell in 1929, they changed the name to "Singing Sands." Everyone dug clams, raked in crabs, and picked black huckleberries for pies. They used a big wood



stove for cooking and the pancake recipe below was their famous delight. My family has used this recipe exclusively for many years.

My parents and I stayed there for several years in the middle of the summer, in the 20's. We lived in Longview, WA and drove west on the Ocean Beach Highway, took the ferry to Astoria, drove down a dirty very windy road to Cannon Beach where we waited for the tide to go out. Then we drove down the beach around Hug Point to Leach Avenue, the most southern road in Arch Cape, where we drove up the sand on 2x4's and around to the hotel.

ARCH CAPE PANCAKES

1. Soak 2 C. old fashioned rolled oats all night in 2 C. buttermilk

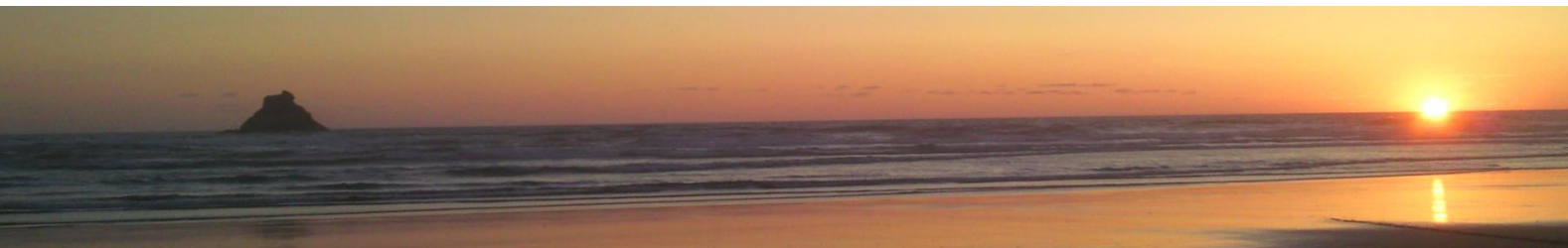
2. In the morning:

Add 1/2 C. whole wheat flour, 1 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, 2 beaten eggs, and 4 Tblesp cooking oil.

Use a 1/4th C. to measure each cake.

Makes 16 pancakes.

Butter and syrup make the cakes taste DELICIOUS! GOOD LUCK.





We're All in This Together

by Lianne Thompson

Last weekend a group of neighbors gathered in Cove Beach to learn from the State Police and State Park officers how to better protect our Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. That's one kind of preparedness. There are other kinds, as for catastrophic events.

I was in Seaside today having a conversation with a nice person named Laura, who said, "We're all in this together." She was referring to the recovery efforts in Manzanita, our neighbors to the south who lost property and trees but didn't suffer injuries or loss of life when the tornado struck. For that, we're all grateful. But it's a sharp reminder of how

suddenly danger can hit us.

Whether the catastrophic event that overwhelms our capacity to cope is wind, flood, fire, earthquake, tsunami, or some kind of human-created hazardous materials spill or terrorism, we face risks.

We've been talking a lot for the past few years about preparation and survival for risks; now we get to think about the third stage, resilience and recovery, and they're a community phenomenon.

We prepare individually and together, so that we have organizations and skill sets. We have Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Teams, ham radio clubs, Medical Reserve Corps, and the Safety Committee of the Community Club.

We can also collect stuff, supplies and equipment, to help us as we "shelter in place." Or we find ourselves in an emergency situation at work or somewhere else, where our go-bags provide emergency stuff. Maybe we end up in a Red Cross shelter. When it comes down to it, our individual effort is essential. We do what we need to do to survive, whether it's heading for high ground or sheltering in place.

Then what? Back to the phrase, "We're all in this together." No matter what the duration, no matter what the circumstance, once we've assured our own survival, we are dealing with other people.

Guess what? The same thing is true in chronic, day-to-day situations, too. We're dealing with differing expectations, goals, and desired outcomes. Especially when circumstances are changing, even more so for high-stakes issues like homes, families, and neighborhood livability issues.

We're facing lots of challenges, lots of changes. Climate changes, cultural changes, populations converging on us in temporary and permanent ways. How do we preserve and maintain what's precious to us? How do we collaborate and cooperate, especially about resilience?

In order to give our county and our neighborhood a seat at the table and a voice in the conversation, I'm co-chairing the Association of Oregon Counties' Resilience Sub-Committee. That puts us in the middle of the action.

The Governor has a new Resilience Officer, Mike Harryman, and he's interested in what we have to say about our chronic and acute emergency situations. He's working with the county commissioners and State agency staff all over Oregon to help us prepare for what will help us not only survive but flourish.

I'm one of those working with him, and I'm interested in what you think about how we can help him help us.



Support your local Cannon Beach/Arch
Cape/Falcon Cove CERT Team

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Dead whale in Arch Cape

by Tara Erben

After being spotted originally by Arch Cape residents as it floated south, this Humpback whale landed on Cove Beach on the evening of September 16. On the following evening, it floated further south to Short Sands beach.

Measuring about 35 ft (minus his tail) it appeared the whale had been dead for quite some time before washing in. Staff from the Seaside Aquarium and Portland State University performed a necropsy. Without stomach contents, cause of death was difficult, however it was determined to be a middle aged male. It was guessed that the tail had been cut after death, possibly by a propeller.

Park staff took the opportunity to give informational talks to visitors since the chance of seeing a whale up close is rare.



Photos courtesy of Tara Erben



Dead Whale Returns to Oregon Coast

by OPB Staff OPB | Sept. 20, 2016 3:26 p.m.

A dead whale that washed ashore near Arch Cape over the weekend found its way to another beach.

Courtesy of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The humpback whale whose carcass washed ashore near Arch Cape over the weekend, and then left with the high tide, is back again. This time, the remains washed up at Oswald West State Park just south of Arch Cape.

State park staff plan interpretive talks at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday about the whale at the park, whether the remains are still there, or not. "The twice-daily high tides predicted over the next few weeks are not expected to be high enough to take it back out to sea, though it is still possible for it to wash out," staff said in a press release Tuesday. Researchers have federal permits to collect samples from the carcass and try to determine why it died.



During warmer months, park staff will often bury the remains of marine mammals that wash up on Oregon's beaches to prevent smell on the busy beaches. But staff intend to leave the 38-foot carcass to decay naturally. "Scavengers and microorganisms will consume and recycle the tissue over the course of several weeks," staff said. Visitors are permitted to observe the whale, but are asked not to touch the remains.

<http://www.opb.org/news/article/dead-whale-oregon-coast-back-oswald-west-beach>

Dead whale washes ashore in Arch Cape

By [R.J. Marx](#)

The Daily Astorian

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FALCON COVE — Arch Cape residents and visitors reported a large whale stranded on a sandbank offshore about 250 yards out Friday.

As night fell, the humpback was driven by waves southward toward Falcon Cove. For more than two hours, the bloated carcass drifted closer to shore as the tide shifted. What had once been a blur on the horizon grew larger and larger. A handful of onlookers came out to view the beaching. They had recently witnessed a Japanese fishing boat from the tsunami wash ashore, but none remembered a whale. Holding flashlights and cell-phones, wading through tide-pools, they tried to capture the image.

Leslie Smith was watching from a bluff before coming down to Cove Beach. "We could see it way out," she said. "There were extremely long flippers."

"We've had baby orcas, but never a big bull like this," Smith added, as her daughter Lindsay Smith snapped a photo.

Cape Falcon's John Erben said, "We see a lot of whales. Most times they're not floating dead."



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Gooch

On Saturday, Seaside Aquarium General Manager Keith Chandler visited the site. He said he had been notified of the whale by the U.S. Coast Guard Friday morning, when the whale was about 4 miles offshore. "It's been dead quite some time," Chandler said. "Its tail has been rotted off."

The big bloat of the whale is gas built up inside, Chandler said. Does it pose a risk? Could it explode? "It could," Chandler said. "They have in the past. Not saying it will, but it's always a possibility."

Humpbacks are more uncommon than gray whales, Chandler said. "We get one every couple of years. We had one in Seaside last January. There have been some live ones in the Columbia too." As for what caused the whale's death, "There was no smoking gun," he said.

Chandler said the tide could move the whale carcass out of the cove and farther south.

"If we can get to it, we'll probably do a necropsy," he said. "But one that has been dead this long — I don't know how much we're going to learn from it, because all the tissues are probably rotting away."

By late Saturday, the humpback remained ashore in Falcon Cove, but neighbors reported the whale had deflated significantly.

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/Free/20160917/dead-whale-washes-ashore-in-arch-cape>

Community Club Donation to Fire Mountain School

Because the Fire Mountain School provides space for community meetings, serves as a Red Cross shelter, provides storage for barrels of emergency supplies for Falcon Cove and Cove Beach residents, and has provided primary education for children of local residents for years; the Community Club made a donation of \$250 for facility maintenance work at the school. A matching grant provided by former alumni doubled the amount available.



Arch Cape - Falcon Cove Beach Community Club

The Community Club meets four times yearly on the third Saturday of May, September, November and February. Membership in the club is \$16 for a household and includes membership as well as a subscription to this newsletter.

Not a member? Please join or renew today.

You can mail to ACFCB Community Club, Attn: Treasurer, 79729 Hwy 101, Arch Cape, OR 97102

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