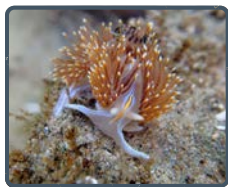




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At Cape Falcon the seafloor is dominated by sand providing ideal habitat for crabs and other animals that like soft bottom habitats. In shallower waters, the reserve has small isolated patches of rock where we find black rockfish, lingcod, kelp greenling, and buffalo sculpins. Along the shore, you'll find rocky intertidal habitats to the north and south ends of Short Sand Beach and at the north end of Neahkahnie Beach where you can spot sea stars, anenomes and other tidepool wildlife.

VISIT CAPE FALCON MARINE RESERVE



The marine reserve is located just offshore from the popular Oswald West State Park. Hiking trails atop the Cape provide views out over the reserve. Visitors can look over the marine reserve from the Neahkahnie Mountain Highway 101 overlooks, or from several hiking trails. They can also enjoy beach walking, ocean sports, and viewing wildlife from Neahkahnie and Short Sand Beaches. Nearby towns and ports include Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Manzanita, and Garibaldi.

BEACH ACCESS

[Manzanita Beach](#)
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TIDE POOL INFO

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RECOMMENDED HIKES

[Oswald West State Park:](#)
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VIEWPOINTS

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VIDEO

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VISITOR CENTER

[Manzanita Visitor Center](#)
(503)812-5510

STATS

12.4 SQ MI
Marine Reserve

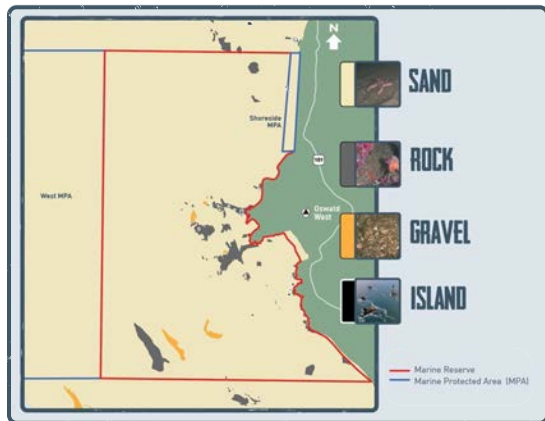
7.6 SQ MI
Marine Protected Area

2014
Monitoring Began

0 – 164 FT
Depth Range



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The Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is located on Oregon's north coast, just off of Oswald West State Park near the town of Manzanita. This is Oregon's northernmost site and includes a marine reserve plus two MPAs.

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[Cape Falcon Marine Reserve Events Listings](#)

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[Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve](#)
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