

GALLERY WALKING TOUR

TAKE A WALKING TOUR OF CANNON BEACH'S TOP ART GALLERIES: To discover why Cannon Beach is known as one of America's 100 Top Art Towns, it only takes a stroll around our compact village to understand why. Here's a suggested walking route that will lead you to all our top galleries, works by nationally known artists, top emerging Northwest talent and even a working glass blowing studio.

1 A LOCAL MASTER & FRESH FINDS NEARBY

Start your tour in the heart of downtown where long-time Cannon Beach painter Jeffrey Hull operates a spacious gallery upstairs in Sandpiper Square and features large-scale watercolor paintings of the iconic Oregon Coast. Leaving the square, turn left on Hemlock Street and left again on 2nd Street to see the bold, contemporary works by up-and-coming artists at Archimedes Gallery.

2 THREE GALLERIES IN ONE STOP

Returning to Hemlock, turn left and look for The Landing where you'll discover three galleries in one scenic courtyard featuring a sculpted bronze fountain. Check out Bronze Coast Gallery where the primary focus is beautiful sculpture; Modern Villa Gallery for vivid dreamlike paintings; and Images of the West, where you'll find color-rich Northwest landscape photography.

3 DISCOVER THE ORIGINS OF OUR LOCAL ART SCENE

Continue north on Hemlock to the crosswalk and cross over to Cannon Beach's longest operating gallery, White Bird Gallery, home to a delightfully eclectic collection of fine art and studio craft. The gallery has been in operation since 1971 and is a cornerstone of Cannon Beach's art community. Leaving the gallery, turn right and then duck down the mural-lined passageway to the right.

4 A SCULPTURE GARDEN AND NORTHWEST MASTERS

Walk through the courtyard to Spruce Street and look for the colorful sculpture garden on the right to find Northwest By Northwest Gallery, featuring some of the Northwest's most notable artists. Here, you'll find photography from Hasselblad

Masters Award-winner Christopher Burkett and sculpture from Georgia Gerber, whose work can also be found in public spaces throughout the Northwest including Seattle's Pike Place Market and surrounding Portland's Pioneer Courthouse.

5 FIND TUCKED-AWAY TREASURE

Turn right upon leaving the gallery and right again on 2nd Street, returning to Hemlock, and cross over 2nd Street. Just off the corner, tucked away in the courtyard is Imprint Gallery, where you'll find a whimsical collection of works in print, paint, photography and sculpture. You might even find yourself joining one of their inspiring print workshops.

6 ENTER A WORLD OF COLOR

Continue south on Hemlock crossing over 1st Street, where you will arrive at DragonFire Gallery and a world of vibrant color and contemporary vision. The gallery itself is a work of art, with walls and ceilings drenched in vivid colors and doorways in unexpected shapes. The featured art here includes work from local and regional artists in an abundance of media including paint, glass, photography, wood carving, sculpture and mixed media.

7 WALK TO MIDTOWN MASTERY

Return to Hemlock Street and turn left for a stroll of less than half a mile to Cannon Beach's Midtown district where you will find the working glassblowing studio of Icefire Glassworks. Here, you'll always find shelves glowing with the light catching work of local glass artists Jim Kingwell and Suzanne Kindland and (if you're lucky!) you may even discover the artists working on their latest piece. To wrap up your gallery tour, walk across Hemlock to Cannon Beach Gallery where the non-profit Cannon Beach Arts Association offers fresh exhibits every month and occasional workshops on a variety of art-related topics.

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DISTANCE: 1.0 MILES | WALKING TIME: 30 MINUTES

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