City Parks & Recreation Areas

Les Shirley Park – 5th and N Hemlock Street: Located on the north side of the Ecola Creek estuary, the park offers beach access, an expanse of lawn and picnic areas. Features include restrooms, public parking, picnic tables, interpretive signs and shuttle stop.

Ecola Creek Park – Fir Street and Beaver: A small natural area on the shore of Ecola Creek.

Whale Park – 3rd and Hemlock: Viewpoint of Ecola Creek and the ocean with beach access. A bronze whale sculpture commemorates the visit by an expedition party from Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery in 1806 to see a beached whale near this location. Features include interpretive signs and shuttle stop.

City Park – Spruce Street and 2nd: The downtown park offers lawn and athletic fields, picnic tables, playground equipment, tennis courts, half-court basketball court and skateboard park. Features include parking and picnic tables, restrooms and shuttle stop located across 2nd street.

Elk Run Park – 1st and Spruce: A shady nook park and picnic area.

Madison Park – Spruce and Madison: A small nook park and picnic area.

Tolovana Wayside – Hemlock and Warnen: Tolovana Wayside offers public parking and beach access just south of Haystack Rock. The park offers beachfront benches, picnic areas, restrooms, shuttle stop and playground equipment. Beach access is ADA accessible.

Natural Areas

The Beach

Cannon Beach offers nearly four miles of sandy public beach with 44 public beach access points. Four main public beach access points offer nearly beach access.

TOLOVANA PARK: Public parking at the Tolovana Wayside with beach access (ADA accessible) on the west end of the parking lot.

DOWNTOWN: Public parking at Hemlock and Gower Street with beach access at the west end of Gower.

LES SHIRLEY PARK: Public parking on the north side of Ecola Creek with beach access on the south side of the parking area.

Haystack Rock

This monolith towers 235 feet over the beach at water’s edge. Haystack is protected as a State of Oregon designated Marine Garden and is part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Tide pools can be viewed at low tides and during the spring and summer, tufted puffins and other seabirds nest here. Climbing or collecting is strictly prohibited. The nearest public parking and beach access is in Midtown at Gower Street.

Ecola State Park

Perched on the edge of Tillamook Head at the north end of Cannon Beach, Ecola State park offers dramatic views, picnic areas, hiking trails and paved walkways. This is a day use park and the Tolovana Wayside.

Interpretive Signs: ADA accessible interpretive signs are at Les Shirley Park and Whale Park.

Public Restrooms: ADA accessible public restrooms are at Tolovana Wayside and Beach.

Plaques: ADA accessible picnic tables are at Les Shirley Park and Beach.

Restrooms: ADA restrooms are at Les Shirley Park, 2nd and Spruce Street, Madison and the Tolovana Wayside.

Beach Viewing: ADA beach viewing is available at Arch, just north of 2nd Street and at Gullane at the south end. Tolovana Wayside offers ADA beach access.

ADA Accessible Amenities

Shuttle Stops: ADA accessible shuttle stops are at Les Shirley Park, Madison, the Tolovana Wayside and Ecola State Park.

Parking: ADA vehicle parking is available at Les Shirley Park, City Park and the Tolovana Wayside.

Interpretive Signs: ADA accessible interpretive signs are at Les Shirley Park and Whale Park.

Picnic Tables: ADA accessible picnic tables are at Les Shirley Park, City Park and the Tolovana Wayside.

Playgrounds: Playgrounds approved by the ADA are at City Park and the Tolovana Wayside.

Restrooms: ADA restrooms are at Les Shirley Park, 2nd and Spruce Street, Madison and the Tolovana Wayside.

Beach Viewing: ADA beach viewing is available at Arch, just north of 2nd Street and at Gullane at the south end. Tolovana Wayside offers ADA beach access.

Beach Driving Permits and Beach Wheelchair: ADA permits for beach driving or access to Ecola Creek Forest Reserve are available at the Cannon Beach Police Department 503-436-2811. Beach Wheelchairs are available for check out at Bahama Boards. Call 503-436-4317 for more info or to reserve.

To schedule Dial-a-Ride, please call 503-861-7433 two to three business days prior to the date a ride is needed. Dial-a-Ride vehicles are fully wheelchair and ADA compliant.