

We know that Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline and beaches are a magnet for happy dogs and their people. Dogs are welcome at (almost) all times and places on Oregon's beaches. But please keep in mind that all dogs, even well-behaved ones, can be a threat to birds and wildlife. Some beaches are part of protected nesting grounds of the western snowy plover. During its nesting season (March 15-Sept. 15), certain recreation activities may be restricted or prohibited.

The Bird

The western snowy plover is a tiny shorebird that lives and breeds along some west coast beaches from Washington to southern California. It is a threatened species under the federal government's Endangered Species Act (ESA). Plovers nest in dry open sand, in tiny, shallow scrapes that are very well camouflaged. Not only are nests easy to miss (or step on), but the bird will abandon its eggs if repeatedly disturbed by activities it considers a threat—activities we may see as harmless, like walking a dog, throwing a ball and flying a kite.

The Law

Oregon State Parks is legally responsible for managing recreation on Oregon's ocean shore. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) oversees the ESA and thus the status of the western snowy plover.

What is a management area?

Management areas are stretches of beach that are either known to be occupied by breeding plovers, or places where their presence is significant and the habitat attractive. Not all management areas have recreation restrictions.

What does this mean for beachgoers?

It means that visitors need to watch for special signs or fences during nesting season and follow the rules. Generally, where plovers are nesting, dogs, vehicles, bicycles, camping and fires are prohibited. Pedestrians and equestrians need to stay on wet sand. Potential nesting areas may call for dogs to be leashed and driving to be curtailed.

Beach Behavior We Love

- Walk around birds instead of through their flocks.
- Leash your dogs before they chase birds.
- Respect restricted areas set aside for endangered or nesting species.
- Stay away from birds and marine mammals that look sick or unable to get away from humans.
- Always clean up after your dog.
- Always keep your dog on a leash or under voice control.



Watch for restrictions during nesting season
March 15- Sept. 15

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Western Snowy Plover South Coast Beaches

Places to Play with your Dog





Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park
Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint

Western Snowy Plover Management Areas

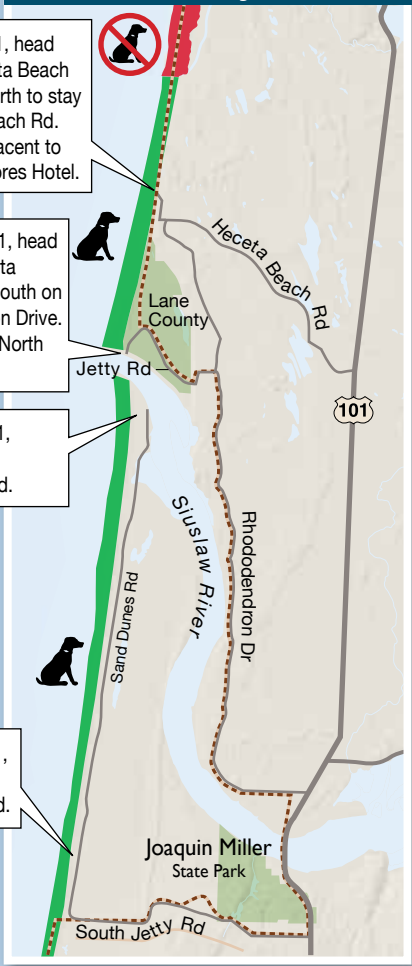
Watch for Seasonal Restrictions During nesting season, March 15 – Sept. 15

Florence Jetty Access

From Hwy 101, head west on Heceta Beach Road. Turn north to stay on Heceta Beach Rd. Parking is adjacent to Driftwood Shores Hotel.

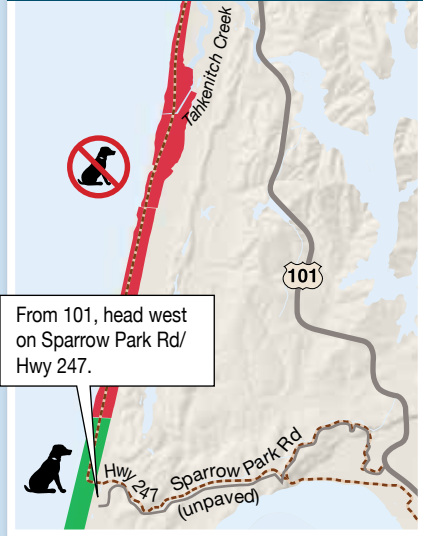
From Hwy 101, head west on Heceta Beach. Turn south on Rhododendron Drive. Turn west on North Jetty Rd.

From Hwy 101, head west on South Jetty Rd.



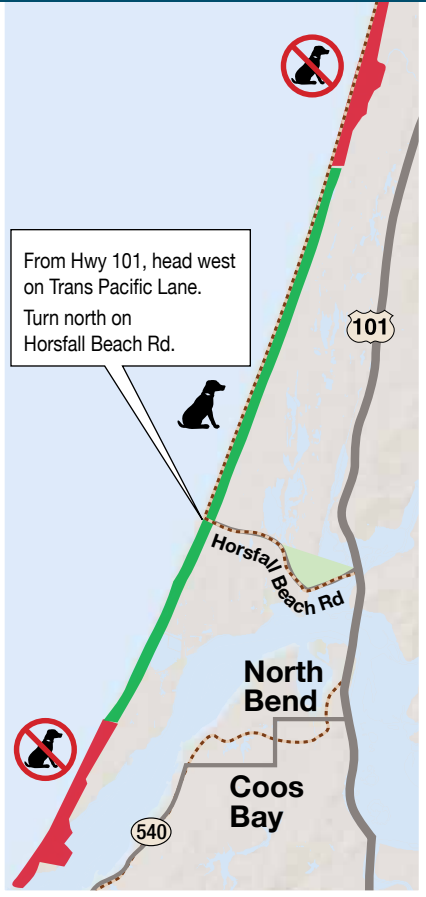
Sparrow Park Access

From 101, head west on Sparrow Park Rd/ Hwy 247.



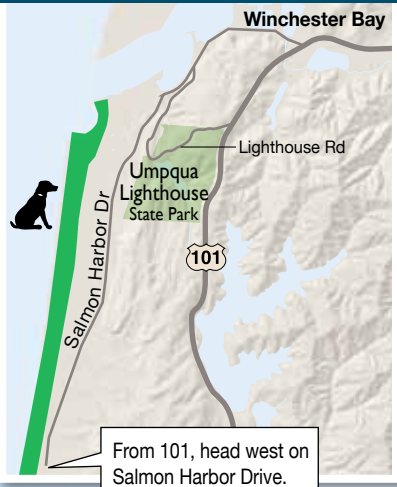
Horsfall Beach Access

From Hwy 101, head west on Trans Pacific Lane. Turn north on Horsfall Beach Rd.



Umpqua River South Jetty

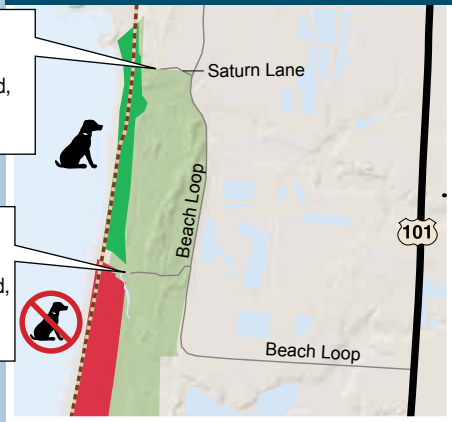
From 101, head west on Salmon Harbor Drive.



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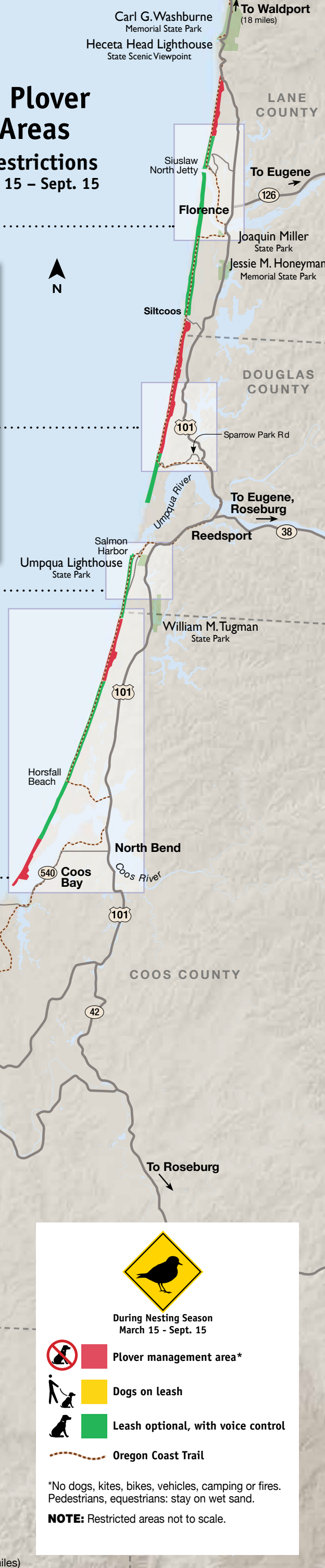
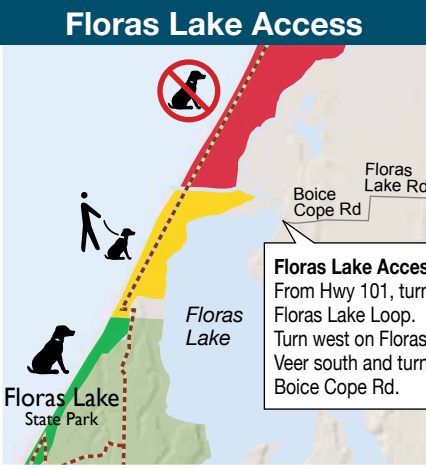
Devil's Kitchen Parking Access
From Beach Loop Rd, turn west on Saturn Lane.

China Creek Parking Access
From Beach Loop Rd, turn west on China Creek Access.



Floras Lake Access

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From Hwy 101, turn west on Floras Lake Loop. Turn west on Floras Lake Rd. Veer south and turn west on Boice Cope Rd.



During Nesting Season
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Plover management area*



Dogs on leash



Leash optional, with voice control



Oregon Coast Trail

*No dogs, kites, bikes, vehicles, camping or fires. Pedestrians, equestrians: stay on wet sand.

NOTE: Restricted areas not to scale.