

Newport to Florence: Oregon's Central Coast

March 12-14, 2021

Tentative Trip Itinerary

Friday, March 12 We will meet at Boiler Bay at 8am to try for seabirds. This stop is heavily dependent on the weather and sea conditions. After a quick stop at Devil's Punchbowl where we hope to see Rock Sandpiper, we will head into Newport trying for Black Scoter en route. At the Marine Science Center we will walk the trail; there are always some interesting birds. Brant should be visible from there. In the channel we will look for gulls, grebes and loons, Harlequin Duck. We will also have time to visit both jetties. Overnight in Newport.

Saturday, March 13 Our first stop will be South Beach State Park just south of Newport which is where we will meet in the morning at 7am. On the way south we will hit One Beach/Beaver Creek, Seal Rock, Alsea Bay and Yachats. In Florence we will work both jetties for waterfowl, grebes and loons and shorebirds. A big target bird for the day is the endangered Western Snowy Plover and we have a few spots to check for these cuties. Overnight in Florence.

Sunday, March 14 This morning will try to see a Wrentit! The meeting place will depend on the most recent sightings. Otherwise we will spend time to "clean up" and look for regular coastal species we may have missed the previous 2 days. On the way back we will make a stop at Fern Ridge near Eugene where we target White-tailed Kite and Acorn Woodpecker. Back in Portland by about 6:30pm

Note: You will need an Oregon State Parks Pass for this trip.