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Cascading terraces at Coast Cabins offer privacy and authentic Northwest forest magic.

The beach shack grows up and goes urban at Coast Cabins, where units have all the necessities of a cottage escape-efficient kitchens, a comfortable couch, good coffee.

••It's the town that time forgot

Beat the summer crowds and let the sea lions and sea spray distract you on the Oregon coast for a little while

PULL OUT YOUR WOOL SOCKS, LONG PANTS, roll-neck sweaters, and hiking boots for a spring weekend on Oregon's coast. Less than two hours from Portland, one of the "greenest" cities around, the village of Manzanita is quite possibly the town that time forgot. Popular Cannon Beach, 14 miles north, draws most vacationers, leaving Manzanita to feel like a world of its own. A walkable community boasting an organic bakery, a sublime wine bar, and a bookstore with coffee, the coastal hideaway also offers an abundance of activities right outside its door. >

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YOUR HOST

Coast Cabins: 800/435-1269 or coastcabins.com

THE SETTING

A variety of shorebirds scamper along Manzanita's wide, 7-mile-long beach, scouring for food in the numerous estuaries. Drive up nearby Neahkahnie Mountain and watch for migrating gray whales this time of yearbring a jacket and binoculars. At Cannon Beach you'll find rock formations called sea stacks, which host colonies of seals and sea lions. Average April temps in northern coastal Oregon are 58 degrees for the high, 42 degrees for the low.

THE COST

From \$125/low season, weeknight; \$395/high season, weekend night

WHAT'S COTTAGE

The cozy shingled cabin compound-five units in allexudes the architectural charm of the Pacific Northwest. With the convenience of a small kitchen inside each bungalow, along with comfortable beds and fluffy down comforters, it's easy to make this cottage rental yours.

FIELD TRIPS

Rent a bike, and ride in clearly marked bike lanes along U.S. Highway 101 for a tough workout rewarded with outstanding overlooks. Walk along Manzanita's pristine beach, cruising for shells and sea glass. Then, head about a mile north of town for a short hike up Neahkahnie Mountain. at the north end of Manzanita's beach. The hike is about 3 miles round-trip and rises 1,600 feet above the sea, through meadows and forests and up to a spectacular view of the coast. After your workout, stop in town at Vino Manzanita (503/368-8466) for a glass of wine and quick bite to refuel. For a heartier option, try Guido's Ristorante (503/368-7778) in Wheeler, 2 miles south of Manzanita. Or, head into the rain forest on Highway 53 and travel about 1 mile for dinner in the countryside at the Nehalem River Inn (503/368-7708 or nehalemriverinn.com).