

Munson Creek Falls

The highest waterfall in the Coast Range lies just a mile and a half off Highway 101, at the end of a

MILEPOST 72 hike so short, you can check this worthwhile Oregon landmark off your life list in about 15 minutes (or less, if you're quick). The 319-foot-tall falls slice through a towering Sitka spruce forest, alongside what might be the most heavily moss-laden trees in our considerably moss-laden state. Make the trip on a late August day, when the shady quarter-mile stroll is a soothing salve to summer heat. **► Turn east on Munson Creek Road—road signs help guide the way. Proceed two miles to the trailhead.**



The Cottages at Cape Kiwanda

True, these condos aren't exactly hidden. In fact, they stand front and center on the beach by the foot of Cape Kiwanda. What you likely don't know, however, is that

PACIFIC CITY within this brand-new 18-unit development (most of the units have been sold as time-shares) are six amazingly well-appointed two- and three-bedroom suites reserved for nightly rentals. While everyone else is strolling the beach, gawking at the cape and the dory boats, you can do the same from your private balcony. Loaded with absolutely everything (like fireplaces, a Jacuzzi, an Xbox, and a shower tiled with river stones), these suites make you feel like you're staying in the house of a millionaire, one who just hasn't had time to make it home yet. Rates might be steeper than the giant sand dune outside your window—but when an occasion calls for a splurge, this place is worth it. **► \$399-549; 33105 Cape Kiwanda Dr, Pacific City; 888-965-7001**



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MANZANITA

Watch someone talk about her trip to Manzanita, located 18 miles south of the junction of Highways 26 and 101, and more often than not, her mouth will start to curl into a beaming smile. Perhaps that's because Manzanita has been blessed by the gods of both earth and sun: Locals claim that Neahkahnie Mountain somehow wards off the clouds, keeping their quiet oceanfront town bathed in light even when others are veiled in fog. Whether it's true or not hardly matters; after a day spent hiking to the edge of Bayocean Spit, when you've returned to Manzanita and ordered a glass of chardonnay, you too will be a believer.

STAY

Coast Cabins

Nestled amid a lush perennial garden blooming with lavender, these five artfully appointed cabins with a distinctly mellow vibe are each equipped with a kitchen, a flat-screen TV, and a stereo. Orchids add a meditative touch. **\$125 to \$395; 635 Laneda Ave; 503-368-7113**

EAT

Vino Manzanita

This cozy (and tiny) wine bar, set back from Laneda Avenue, makes for a comfortably familiar touch of urbanity. Cheese plates, charcuterie, and a well-curated selection of European and Northwest wines are a welcome change of pace from more typical coastal fare (i.e., fried food and beer). **387 D Laneda Ave; 503-368-8466**

Bread and Ocean

The racks of this superb coffee and lunch stop are filled with expertly baked treats every day of the week, but none is better than Friday's maple-kissed cinnamon rolls—so good, they're worth making it a three-day weekend. **Closed Mon, Tue; 154 Laneda Ave; 503-368-5823**

