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Nothing excites the senses like heading to the beach on horseback.

There's the gentle sway in the horse's gait, the scent of saddle leather, the signature clop-clop sound of hooves treading the path from the ranch to the beach. Even the familiar view of the horizon feels different when your companion is a horse and your vantage point is the saddle.

Bandon Beach Riding Stables has treated riders to views of Bandon beaches, sea stacks, tide pools and the Pacific Ocean since 1979. Group rides are accompanied by experienced guides, so even novice riders can feel relaxed and comfortable on horseback. First timers can take advantage of a short lesson before leaving the ranch.

The old-world appeal of beach rides attracts all ages, so call ahead for reservations. Rides start at two hour intervals in the summer and fall, beginning at 10 a.m., and the last ride of the day starts at 6 p.m. Request on-call booking during the winter and spring.

What to know before you go:

All rides are guided.

Cash and checks accepted, no credit card payment.

Dress for the weather in comfortable, casual clothing.

Wear closed-toe shoes, no flip-flops or high-heels.

Helmets are provided, recommended for youth.

Feel free to ask about accommodations for elders or those with disabilities.

Bandon Beach Riding Stables is located at 54629 Beach Loop Rd. in Bandon, 541-347-3423.

Photo by Susan Dimock.

## *Outdoors* Bandon Beach Riding Stables



The question for diners at the Mill Casino Hotel is: Which table to choose? Diners will find distinctly new character to the menus in each of the Mill's five restaurants and bars.

The new PNW groove offers guests unique tasting experiences in each dining area, and pays homage to Pacific Northwest flavors. In addition to locally sourced seafood, meat and produce, The Mill also stocks a variety of Oregon wine, beer and spirits.

Executive Chef Chris Foltz joined the staff in the spring of 2016. He and Greg Duerfeldt, Director of Food and Beverage, started brainstorming new menus right away, with a complete revamp by the start of 2017.

The Plankhouse Restaurant already has a reputation for a great sit-down dinner, and steak is still the rock star here. Foltz especially likes the slow roasted filet mignon, salt and herb crusted, roasted medium rare with a huckleberry demi-glace. He also recommends the Seafood Saffron Sauté. Lamb is new to the Plankhouse menu. The lamb shank is braised in DANCIN Vineyards Pinot Noir and served with seasoned root vegetables.

For a quick, tasty bite at the Mill, consider tapas and cocktails at Whitecaps Lounge, or wings and burgers at Warehouse 101 pub.

The Mill Casino Hotel is open daily at 3201 Tremont Ave., on Highway 101, in Coos Bay, 541-756-8800.

Photos courtesy of the Mill Casino, by Don Frank Photography (top and bottom left), Steven Michael Photography (bottom right).



## *Dining* The Mill Casino Hotel





Shake up your cocktail routine at Speakeasy 33, Bandon's newest watering hole.

The bar's minimalist décor has a rustic glam. Reclaimed wood tables are illuminated by low-hung light fixtures. Bar seating is limited— but that's probably where you want to park, if you like to watch your bartender in action.

The fun starts with a read through the season's drink menu. Choices include original cocktails and the Speakeasy's spin on classic drinks. This summer, guests may opt for the classic Nuclear Daiquiri, with house-made Falernum cordial. Or, order the cocktail without the glass. Prohibition Pops are popsicles for grown-ups, a frozen, single-serving version of the Speakeasy 33 Daiquiri.

The bar is stocked with a variety of Oregon-made spirits plus noteworthy, or hard-to-find, domestic whiskey and rum selections. The beer and wine list features Pacific Northwest labels. House-made syrups, fresh squeezed citrus, and herbs plucked from the garden complete the artisanal experience.

The bites menu includes shareable cheese and charcuterie plates; and soup, salad or sandwiches. And, the bar is open late for an after-hours drink or nibble.

Speakeasy 33 is at 323 Grand Ave. SE in Bandon, 541-329-0389.

Photos contributed by Geneva Miller (top, bottom right), Cornelia Mathis (bottom left).

## *Dining* **Speakeasy 33**



Broken Anchor Bar and Grill fills the niche for lively entertainment and late-night fare in Old Town Bandon.

"People love the live music and that the kitchen stays open 'til midnight," said owner Jessica Neal.

The grill-style menu includes options for a light or hearty meal. Oregon coast flavors spice up the kitchen and bar selections. There are several seafood choices on the menu, plus a poutine appetizer feat. Face Rock Creamery Vampire Slayer curds. Coast brews from 7 Devils Brewing, Bandon Rain and Arch Rock Brewing are on tap.

House cocktails don't stop with the printed list- be sure to check the specials board to see what the Anchor bartenders are stirring up.

"Our margaritas are the most popular thing here, and we do rotating flavors," said Neal.

Musicians are typically booked on weekends. The small stage provides a perfect perch for small groups. Look for local and out-of-town acts performing various styles, from folk and jazz to rock.

Seating is first-come, first-served, except for large parties. Reservations are recommended for groups of six or more. Minors are welcome in the restaurant until 10 p.m.

Broken Anchor Bar and Grill is at 325 Second St. in Bandon, 541-329-2326.

Photos (top left, bottom) courtesy of Bandon Western World, by Geneva Miller; Jessica Neal. (top right).



## *Dining* Broken Anchor Bar and Grill

The Southern Oregon Coast is a haven for artists.

"The environment is inspirational for artists in all different media," said Second Street Gallery owner Candace Kreitlow.

Second Street Gallery sells fine art, jewelry and crafts. And, more than 75 percent of featured artists are Oregon residents. Many of those artists make appearances at the gallery's Meet the Artist series, where visual artists and musicians present live demos and performances.

Art and wine walk events in the summer and fall are like an Old Town block party. Arts enthusiasts who make personal connections with artists appreciate the creative work even more, said Kreitlow.



Make your own art connection at local galleries, studios and public art venues in the Bandon area. Here are a few art stops to explore:

Annual Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show

Public art display on the Coquille River waterfront through the summer

Washed Ashore Art to Save the Sea

Gallery and interactive workshops at 325 2nd St SE, Bandon

Big Wheel General Store

Myrtlewood and wood crafts gallery at 130 Baltimore Ave. SE, Bandon

Second Street Gallery

Retail fine arts gallery, artist presentations and live music at 210 Second St. SE, Bandon

Sage Place & Bandon Discovery Center

Arts and crafts studio workshop at 525 11th St. SE, Bandon

Vines Art Glass

Retail glass art gallery and studio, 47074 Highway 101S, south of Bandon

Hawthorne Gallery

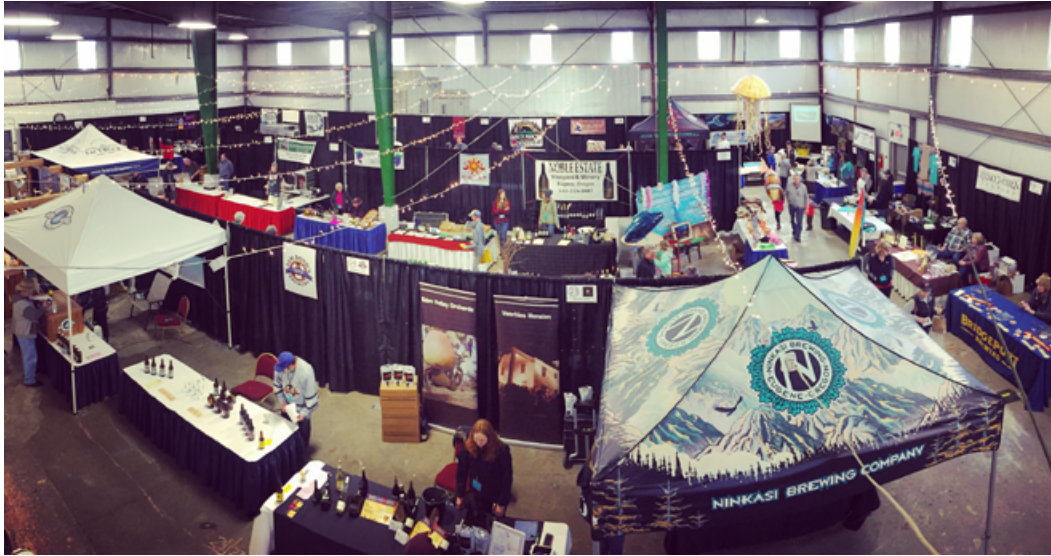
Retail fine arts gallery and sculpture courtyard at 517 Jefferson St, Port Orford

Photos (from left) contributed by Second Street Gallery, Robert Miller, Hawthorne Gallery.

## Arts & Culture

# Local Art Connection





Taste and sip the flavors of the Oregon Coast at the Gorse Blossom Festival in Bandon during President's Day weekend, February 17 - 18, 2018.

Head to the Old Town Marketplace and grab a growler or wine glass. Festival guests will find three days of Oregon beer and wine samples, tasty bites, and live music with Southern Oregon Coast bands. Outside the Marketplace, it's just a short jaunt to Old Town shops. There's time to check out Bandon's scenery and beautiful coastline.

Bandon's Gorse Blossom Festival is a great time to learn more about the gorse plant, also known as Furze. See how local groups are working to restore native plants and abate the invasive shrub.

When the Marketplace closes each evening, the fun continues with wine and brew maker dinners, hosted by Bandon restauranteurs, with Oregon wine and beer experts.

Sunday starts with a breath of fresh air in the Bloody Mary Hangover Stroll through Old Town. Customize your beverage with a variety of spices, sauces and garnishes. Then toast your Sunday morning exercise with our locally made vodka from Stillwagon Distillery.

Find festival event details at [gorseblossomfest.com](http://gorseblossomfest.com).

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## *Event* Gorse Blossom Festival

Grab your grocery bag and hoof it down the farm trail.

The 2017 Wild Rivers Coast Farm Trail includes nine stops, from Bandon to Port Orford, featuring farmers markets, farm stands, U-pick and specialty food sellers.

Meet multi-generation farmers and support recent start-ups: Jensen Blueberries is a century farm. Valley Flora co-owner Zoe Bradbury is a farmer and a published food writer.

If foraging on the trail makes you hungry, several stops serve ready-to-eat goodies.

Business hours and product availability vary by season. Before you go, check business websites or call ahead. Farmers markets are credit card and debit card friendly. Payment options at farms and farm stands may be limited, so bring some cash.

Expect the earliest farm and garden harvest in May, with root vegetables and young greens. As the summer heats up, so does the market and U-pick scene. Some businesses sell frozen berries, meat, seafood, and specialty goods year-round.

2017 Farm Trail List:

[bandon.com/farm-trail](http://bandon.com/farm-trail)

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