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On the right track with South Coast Tours

"It's easy to be in the moment, not thinking about what's on your to-do list. You're completely immersed in what's in front of you."

At South Coast Tours, owner Dave Lacey introduces clients to guided adventures on the Southern Oregon Coast: Choose from kayak destinations in Charleston, Bandon, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings. Cruise the Coquille River on the Fun Sway. Or customize an outing with hiking, cycling, water sports and dining experiences.

Lacey is particularly fond of kayak tours, especially the routes accessible only by water. The sensory experience is unique. Sunlight bounces off the water. The sound of birdcall drifts through the air. Kayakers get a close-up look at native plants, birds and wildlife, and local geological features.

"You get to see places you wouldn't get to see if you weren't paddling, because you can't walk there," said Lacey. "It's

a completely different experience. It's just pure nature, no man-made sounds at all."

On land or by water, South Coast Tours offers quick trips and multi-day adventures for every outdoor enthusiast. In addition to scenic kayak tours, options include stand up paddle boarding, hiking and fat tire biking; as well as surf lessons, a motorized river cruise and kayak fishing tours. Tours such as Fat Bikes and Fat Brews combine trail and beach cycling with dining and a hearty sampling of Oregon Coast micro-brews.

Check the online calendar, and make reservations online or by phone. Visit southcoasttours.net, or call 541-373-0487.



In good company at Bandon Brewing

Sidewalk seating catches your eye at the east entrance to Old Town. Chatty guests sit at picnic tables under bright red umbrellas. The sound of music drifts from the open doors along with the unmistakable scent of freshly baked pizza, and you think, "I could go for a bite right about now."

At Bandon Brewing Company & Pizzeria, families duck in for a relaxed meal. Local professionals grab a booth for a working lunch. Reclaimed wood paneling and surfing decor on the walls sync with Bandon's rural, seaside vibe. An open flame stone oven anchors the space— you can watch your meal cooking.

The west wall of the brewery is lined with steel tanks. Owner/brewer Jonathan Hawkins is filling kegs, keeping an eye on the pressure gauge.

The tap menu features Bandon Brewing 1 Eyed Jack IPA, Rio Red Ale and Bandon Lager, plus additional ales, lagers and seasonal selection. Hawkins keeps a couple of taps available

for other Oregon microbrews along with Bandon Rain Hard Cider. Guests can order in a variety of sizes, from a four-ounce flight glass to pitcher or growler.

"I'm hoping to make really light, easy-drinking beers, and I think we're on the right track," Hawkins says.

The kitchen crew preps fresh batches of hummus, pizza sauces and crust. (The pizza dough proofs for a day before it's hand-tossed and baked.) The pizza menu offers classic and build-your-own selections. Diners can also order appetizers, soup, salad, sandwiches and burgers.

Bandon Brewing Company & Pizzeria is at 395 Second St. SE in Bandon, open daily for lunch and dinner, starting at 11 a.m.

Ride through the forest at Whiskey Run Mountain Bike Trails

The first single-track mountain bike destination on the Southern Oregon Coast is located a few miles north of Bandon. Just far enough from town for a sense of escape.

Whiskey Run trails wind through Coos County Forest, home to a wide array of trees and plant species.

The trails are open year round. Cyclists get to experience a working forest and ride beneath trees at various ages and stages of growth. Dense stands of mature trees offer a thick canopy of branches with lush undergrowth. Newer growth lets in more sunlight. Those dusty summertime trails are also the first to dry in the rainy season.

Whiskey Run features more than 10 miles of single-track two-way trails ranging from beginner to intermediate difficulty.

Trail intersections are marked for easy navigation. Riders may use pedal assist e-bikes, but no motorized or throttle bikes. Nearby gravel and dirt forestry access roads are open to cyclists who want to extend their ride.

The gravel parking area is marked by a sign and map; trail access is about seven miles north of Bandon, off Seven Devils Road. Parking and trail access are free. Trails are open all year, but weather and safety conditions may require temporary closure of some trails. Find map and condition updates at [Trailforks.com](https://www.trailforks.com).





Arts. Culture. Bandon!

Touch the past at the Bandon History Museum, with exhibits illustrating early life on the Southern Oregon Coast. Linger in Old Town for Alive After Five Wine Walk as you enjoy refreshments, conversation, art and live music. Choose your favorites in the 2018 Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show, Salmon Dreams, Marshes and Streams. Enjoy a show with Bandon Showcase: The 2018-19 performance series kicks off this fall with award-winning bluegrass artist Molly Tuttle and continues through spring, featuring a contemporary music line-up.

Bandon History Museum
Open Daily June – September
270 Fillmore Ave., Bandon
Admission \$3, children 12 and younger free
Free Sundays through September 2018
bandonhistoricalmuseum.org

Alive After Five
Third Fridays, June – October
Holiday events July, November & December
5 to 8 p.m., Old Town Bandon
Admission \$10
greaterbandon.org

Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show
Memorial Day – mid September
Boardwalk & picnic shelter, 1st St. SE, Bandon
Free outdoor art exhibit
portofbandon.com

Bandon Showcase Performance Series
October 2018 – May 2019
Sprague Community Theater
1202 11th ST SW, Bandon
bandonshowcase.org



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Bandon Cranberry Festival: September 7 – 9, 2018

The longest running festival on the Oregon Coast boasts more than seven decades of family fun with a parade, festival market, street dance and more.

The Bandon Cranberry Festival is a lively introduction to the community as well as a time-honored tradition for residents. The festival celebrates local cranberry farming with something for everyone– live music and performing arts, classic cars and farm equipment, sports, shopping, dining and contests.

Events are staged in Old Town, the Port of Bandon waterfront, Sprague Community Theater and city park, and Bandon High School.

The festival is presented by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. Start planning your festival weekend at bandon.com/cranberry-festival.



Gorse Blossom Festival: February 15 – 17, 2019

This is not your average beer and wine fest. The Gorse Blossom Festival highlights Bandon's heritage and culture with a quirky angle on local horticulture.

Festival vendors fill the Old Town Marketplace on the Coquille River waterfront, featuring Pacific Northwest wine, beer, food, crafts and live music. Sign up for wine or brew-maker dinners at local restaurants. And, raise a glass to the Bloody Mary Stroll, a movable cocktail feast.

Horticultural education may be the most intriguingly green festival element: Visitors can learn about invasive plant species, such as the local gorse plant, and get tips even home gardeners can use to promote healthy local landscapes.

The festival is organized by the Greater Bandon Association. Find event details at gorseblossomfest.com.

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