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Oral History and Natural Wonder: Coquille River boat tours on the O'Flynn

Sit back and enjoy the view on Bandon's earliest highway. Coquille River tours aboard the O'Flynn take passengers back to a time when the water was the region's most-used transportation system.

"History is a passion of mine, and I can tell you what happened 150 years ago around every turn," said Brian Kraynik, owner of Coos Boat Tours.

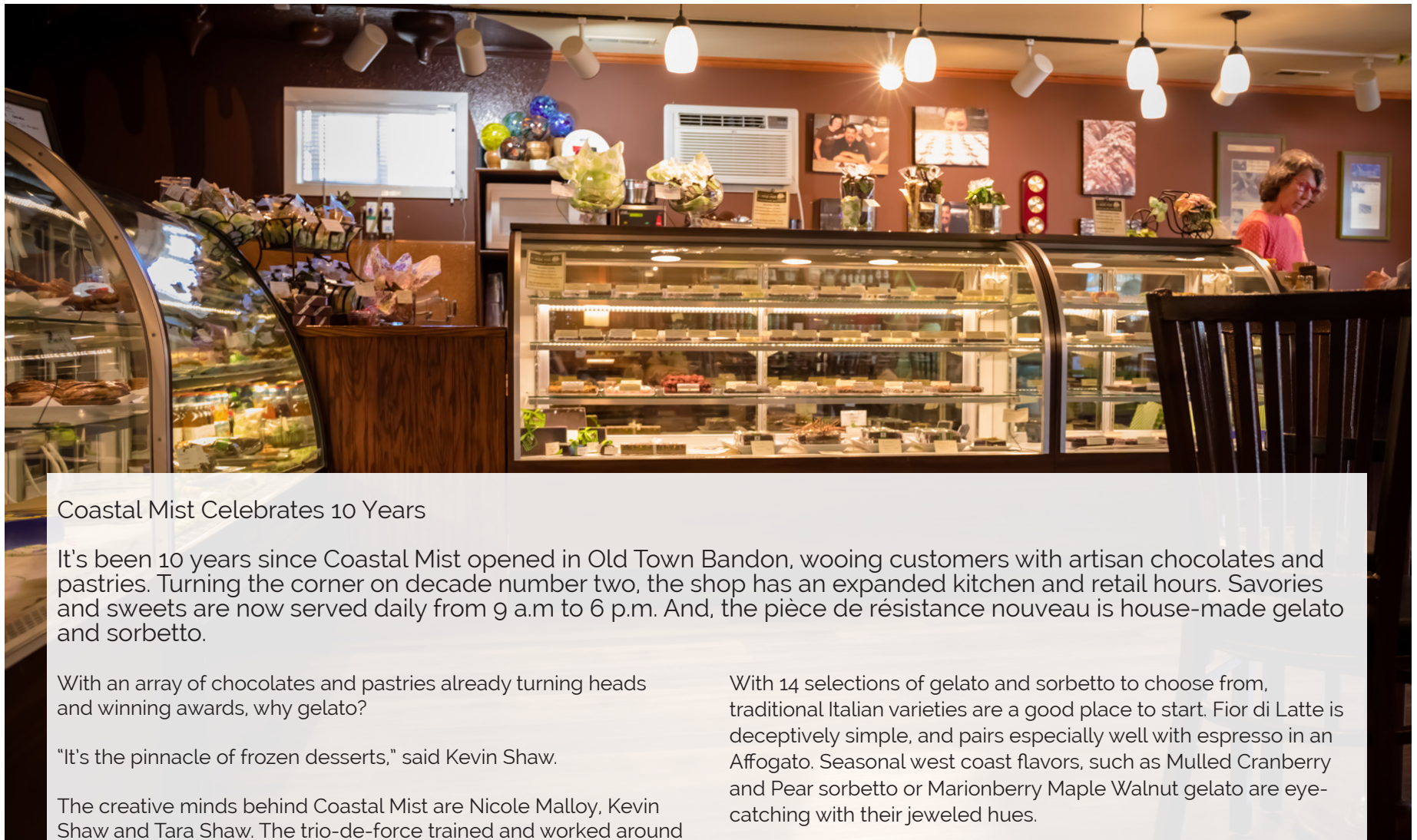
Captain K's living history tour includes before and after glimpses, with historic photos, courtesy of the Bandon Historical Society. He reflects on the number and size of boats built on the river, as well as the ecological wonders of the marsh and riparian habitats on the riverbank.

Conversation starters on the two-hour Coquille tour are countless. Spruce and myrtlewood trees stand sentinel on the bank. Remnants of docks and fishing weirs peek above the waterline. Riparian birds glide overhead or forage in the shallows. The experience is relative to each passenger's frame of reference, observed Kraynik. For some, it's a chance

to unplug and slow down. Others are visibly energized by the open air and oral history.

The 21-foot ranger tug O'Flynn, (a family name also shared by Kraynik's daughter), is the latest addition to the Coos Boat Tours fleet. Coquille River tours start and end at the Port of Bandon. The Fun Sway motor yacht is available for Coos River tours, departing from the dock in downtown Coos Bay. Each boat accommodates up to six passengers over the age of eight.

Make reservations by phone, 541-999-6575, or online at coosboattours.com.



Coastal Mist Celebrates 10 Years

It's been 10 years since Coastal Mist opened in Old Town Bandon, wooing customers with artisan chocolates and pastries. Turning the corner on decade number two, the shop has an expanded kitchen and retail hours. Savories and sweets are now served daily from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. And, the pièce de résistance nouveau is house-made gelato and sorbetto.

With an array of chocolates and pastries already turning heads and winning awards, why gelato?

"It's the pinnacle of frozen desserts," said Kevin Shaw.

The creative minds behind Coastal Mist are Nicole Malloy, Kevin Shaw and Tara Shaw. The trio-de-force trained and worked around the country, and abroad, before settling in Oregon. Coastal Mist recipes retain a European flair. But their west coast style lends a lively atmosphere to the shop, where dessert and pastry cases beckon with seasonal flavors, whimsical shapes and colors.

Coastal Mist opened in July 2009, and their fan base keeps growing. The guest book illustrates customer enthusiasm, with endorsements such as, "Exquisite," "Life-changing," and, "Dream come true."

With 14 selections of gelato and sorbetto to choose from, traditional Italian varieties are a good place to start. Fior di Latte is deceptively simple, and pairs especially well with espresso in an Affogato. Seasonal west coast flavors, such as Mulled Cranberry and Pear sorbetto or Marionberry Maple Walnut gelato are eye-catching with their jeweled hues.

In addition to desserts, Coastal Mist serves savory salads, sandwiches, pastries and quiche, which can be enjoyed in the shop or packaged to go. A boutique selection of retail items caters to food lovers with specialty sauces, custom scented candles and chocolate themed memorabilia.

Take time to browse, indulge in the shop, and save a little something for later. Coastal Mist is located in Old Town Bandon, 210 2nd St. SE and online at coastalmist.com.



Hands-on Art in Bandon

Art is a personal and social experience. Sensory perceptions deepen when artists work in a group setting to explore color, shape, texture, movement or sound.

"Creativity is contagious," said Diana Lloyd, contributing artist at Art by the Sea gallery and studio.

Works displayed at Art by the Sea inspire reflection and conversation. When classes are in session, voices mingle as artists trade ideas and discoveries.

Art by the Sea is one of many Bandon arts and culture groups offering hands-on art experiences. Check out scheduled classes, drop-in sessions or customized workshops in visual and fiber arts, dance and drama.

Painting, Drawing, Jewelry, Mixed Media Art
Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio
145 Fillmore Ave. SE, Bandon
artbytheseagallery.com

Art and Science
Washed Ashore Art to Save the Sea
325 2nd St. SE, Bandon
washedashore.org

Glass Fusing and More
Sage Place
525 11th St. SE, Bandon
sageplacebandon.com

Knit and Crochet
The Wool Company
990 2nd St. SE, Bandon
woolcompany.com

Ballroom Dance
Bandon Oregon Ballroom Dance Association
Odd Fellows Hall
Hwy 42 South and Ohio Ave., Bandon
oregoncoastdance.com

Theater and Stagecraft
Presented by Bandon Playhouse
Sprague Community Theater
1202 11th St. SW, Bandon
bandonplayhouse.org



New forest paths 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 tree and plant species. Returning riders will find new trails to blaze, and new ocean views. Since opening in late 2017, the system has expanded from 10 to 15 miles of trails, thanks to additional public and private support.

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).

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