



DAY TRIP TO BAYOCEAN

From Tillamook · Tillamook County, Oregon



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AND COMPANY



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COUNTY DAY-USE AREA

The spit is a Tillamook County day-use area with a parking fee. The town itself is gone.

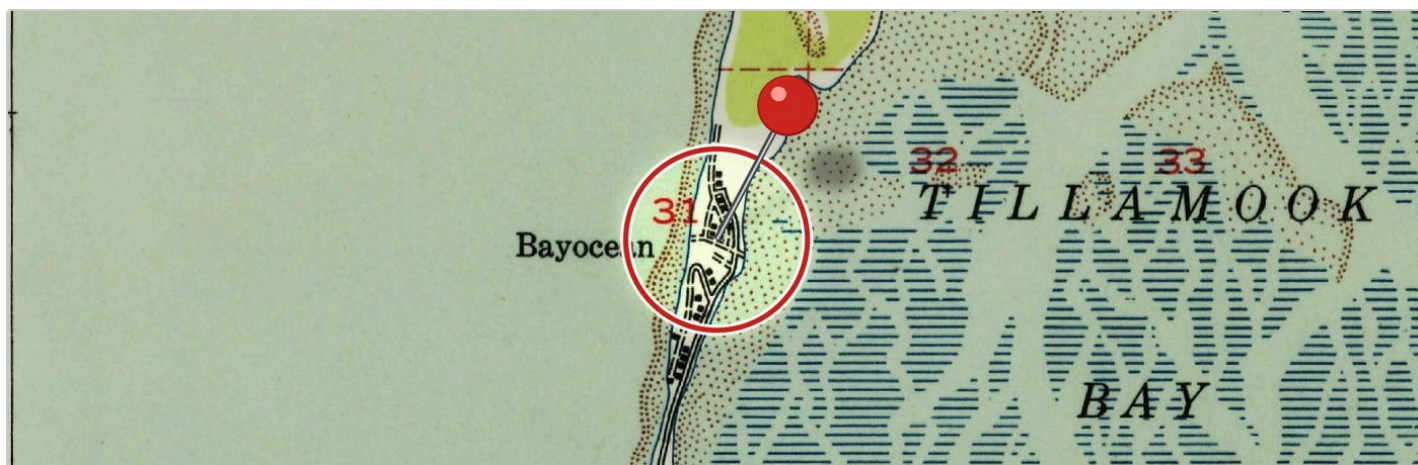
The spit is 15 minutes from Tillamook. The town is gone, so the trip is a beach walk along the spit with the story in mind. The full loop is 7.8 sandy miles; a walk up the beach and back can be as short as you like.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9 a.m. | Leave Tillamook west on OR 131, then north on Bayocean Road. |
| ☐ 9:15 a.m. | Park at the Bayocean Peninsula lot and buy the day pass by card. |
| ☐ 9:30 a.m. | Walk north up the ocean beach past where the town stood. |
| ☐ Midday | Finish the loop or turn back. Look for the commemorative sign at the park's south end on the way out. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The beach.** Wide shots of the long ocean beach and the surf show how exposed the spit is.
- **Then and now.** Bring a copy of an old Bayocean postcard and compare it with the bay and the hills across it today.
- **Drones.** Not on plover beaches from March 15 to September 15 (Oregon State Parks).



USGS topographic map, 1937 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	8 mi, about 15 min each way from downtown Tillamook. From Portland: 80 mi, about 1 h 57 min.
OPEN	Day use. Non-campground day-use areas close at 10 p.m. (Tillamook County).
FEE	\$10 single-day parking pass per vehicle, credit card only at Bayocean Peninsula. County annual passes are also valid.
WALKING	A 7.8-mile sandy loop around the peninsula starts and ends at the parking lot (Wikipedia).
WILDLIFE RULE	March 15 to September 15: no dogs (even leashed), bikes, vehicles, kites, drones or camping on the plover beach, and stay on the wet sand (Oregon State Parks).
RESTROOMS, FOOD AND WATER	The county lists none for Bayocean Peninsula. Bring them from Tillamook.
WHAT'S THERE	The county lists it as a historical and heritage area and wildlife preserve, with beach access, south jetty access, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
WEBSITE	tillamookcounty.gov/1496/Day-Use-Areas

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 45.52760, -123.95235 • 45°31'39"N
123°57'08"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oregon/bayocean/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.