

Horseback Riding



Best Time of Year:

June through September

Time Frame:

1 hour to all day or overnight camping

Cost:

See text, right

Bring:

For beach rides, wear layered clothing, expect to get a little dirty, and bring your camera!

Directions:

Riding, Carriage, Wagons: From the stoplight at 10th Street in Long Beach, head toward to beach for 2 blocks.

Horse Camping, Rodeo Grounds and Saddle Club: From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Hwy 103, head east on Hwy 101 to the flashing light at Sandridge Road. Turn left and head north on Sandridge approximately 3 miles. The grounds are on your right (west).

For More Information:

Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau
1-800-451-2542 or funbeach.com

Horses have been a Peninsula tradition since its earliest days. In fact, most of the older homes on the Peninsula were built using horse-power. You may have noticed, when crossing the Astoria-Megler Bridge at low tide, old pilings in the middle of the Columbia River, left from the days when horses hauled materials back and forth by barge from Oregon. The Klipsan Beach Lifesaving Station reminds us of a time when horses played an integral role in rescuing people and crafts stranded off shore.

One of the most popular activities for visitors to the Peninsula is taking a horseback ride along the uninterrupted stretches of beach fronting the Pacific Ocean. There are two businesses in the City of Long Beach which will provide horses and trained professionals to lead groups on tours. Unless a visitor brings his or her own steed, all horseback riding on the beach is accompanied by a guide. Following old horse wisdom in this area, local Back Country Wilderness Outfitters and Skipper's Equestrian Center opt to respect the unpredictability of oceanfront beaches and do not send visitors out alone.

A variety of horse adventures await you! In addition to daily guided rides along the beach, visitors can take a faster paced ride into Beard's Hollow, a half-day trip over a hillside, a back country packing trip, a sunset ride by horseback, a hay wagon ride along the beach or an elegant carriage ride through historic Seaview or downtown Long Beach. And you haven't really experienced the beach the old fashioned way unless you take part in a cowboy's cream can dinner amongst the rocks at Beard's hollow. Pony rides are always available for youngsters, and little tykes can ride double with adults on most other activities.

Horseback Riding, Carriage Tours, Wagon Rides, Pack Trips:
Back Country Wilderness Outfitters (360) 642-7176 or 2576
Skipper's Equestrian Center (360) 642-3676

Both are located on the 10th Street Beach approach in Long Beach
On average, horseback rides are \$15/hour.

Horse Boarding and Horse Camping:

Peninsula Saddle Club \$15 per night; 2 horses & 1 vehicle, additional horses are \$5/night. No hookup available. For reservations and more information call (360) 642-8744.
Red Barn Arena \$10 per night per stall. For more information, call (360) 642-2541 days or (360) 642-2680 evenings.

If you bring your own horse to ride on the beach, please observe the following rules:

1. There is beach access at all the approaches and horse paths at 10th Street S. and 2nd Street N.
2. No riding on clam beds during low tide.
3. No horses are allowed on the beach between 10th Street and Bolstad (north) between Memorial Day and September 15.

Veterinarian
Ocean Beach Animal Clinic (360) 642-2232.

Events
Annual NPRA Rodeo, July

