

# BANDON, OR Itinerary Information and Contacts

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*All businesses welcome tours and FIT business and look forward to working with tour and receptive operators. All hotels offer a group welcome reception, competitive group rates (group hotels have 24 double queen or double double guestrooms), complimentary breakfast, luggage service at nominal fee, and individual comp or discounted policies for motor coach driver and tour operator.*

## **Southern Oregon Visitors Association / Travel Southern Oregon**

Sue Price, Independent Tour Manager

[sue@southernoregon.org](mailto:sue@southernoregon.org)

541-890-5472

Medford, OR

For general tourism information: [www.southernoregon.org](http://www.southernoregon.org)

For suggested tour itineraries: [www.southernoregon.org/tours](http://www.southernoregon.org/tours)

## **2011 BANDON INFORMATION AND ITINERARY**

Bandon, a charming town known for its lighthouse, quiet beaches with giant sea stacks, terrific vantage points for winter storm watching, world-class golf courses, fine dining, and luxurious accommodations. Bandon was rebuilt after a devastating 1936 fire destroyed the entire business district and most of the residences. A brick chimney on the site of the old bakery stands as a memorial just off Hwy 101. Today the Old Town district is a thriving tourism community. Bandon's "Historic Old Town," located on the marina is filled with galleries, culinary specialties, restaurants, boutiques, and souvenir shops. South of town, Hwy 101 passes through some of the richest cranberry bogs this side of New England.

Stay in Bandon and enjoy shopping, beachcombing, birding, surfing, golfing, crabbing, fishing, mushroom picking.....and so much more!

*For your group and FIT clients visiting Bandon, we have created a list of recommended businesses including contact information for sample ideas of tours, attractions, outdoor adventure, restaurants, and hotels. This is only a sample list. For a complete list of retail stores, attractions, art galleries, hotels, restaurants, festivals, and events visit [www.bandon.com](http://www.bandon.com).*

## **Bandon Chamber of Commerce**

Julie Miller, Executive Director

[bandoncc@mycomspan.com](mailto:bandoncc@mycomspan.com)

300 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-9616

[www.bandon.com](http://www.bandon.com)

### ***HOTELS OFFERING TOUR AND FIT RATES***

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#### **Bandon Inn**

*"Overlooking Old Town to the Pacific"*

Molly Smith-Bemetz, Manager and FIT and Tour Group Contact

[bandoninn@msn.com](mailto:bandoninn@msn.com)

Ed and Peggy Backholm, Owners

[bandoninn@msn.com](mailto:bandoninn@msn.com)

PO Box 1409

355 Highway 101

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-4417 Fax: 541-347-3616

[www.bandoninn.com](http://www.bandoninn.com)

*Every room offers balconies with stunning views overlooking Bandon's historic old town. Every room is furnished with refrigerators, microwaves, in-room coffee, Wi-Fi, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards. Shop at the Inns unique gift shop located off the main lobby. Complimentary continental breakfast and evening treat offered to all guests. The Inn Has been completely renovated and is totally non smoking. A private walking path will lead you to Bandon's historic old town and access to restaurants, sightseeing, marina, and shopping.*

#### **Best Western Inn at Face Rock Hotel and Suites**

*Beachfront views and located directly across from beach access and miles of ocean beaches.*

Marc Dryden, CHA, Managing Partner

[marcdryden@gmail.com](mailto:marcdryden@gmail.com)

3225 Beach Loop Drive

Bandon, Or 97411

541-347-9441 Fax 541-347-2532

Cell: 541-206-2183 (Tour Group Contact number)

[www.innatfacerock.com](http://www.innatfacerock.com)

*73 deluxe rooms and ocean view fireplace suites. Remodeled in 2010. On property: indoor pool, outdoor Jacuzzi hot tub, outdoor Jacuzzi hot tub, lawn and gazebo area for group activities, 9-hole Old Bandon Golf Links offering "hickory" golf, Bandon Bill's Seafood Grill, and banquet room group options. The restaurant can arrange off site catering and box lunches for field trips.*

#### **Sunset Motel**

Denise Skillman, Sales and Marketing Director

[sunset@sunsetmotel.com](mailto:sunset@sunsetmotel.com)

1865 Beach Loop Drive

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-2453 Fax 541-347-3636

[www.sunsetmotel.com](http://www.sunsetmotel.com)

*Beautifully situated on high ground overlooking a sandy beach, majestic sea stacks and the Pacific Ocean, Sunset Oceanfront Lodging offers beach access and a variety of accommodations in four motel buildings and beach cottages along the ocean front. Most with ocean view, balconies or patios, some kitchenettes and fireplaces. Indoor pool/spa, guest laundry, Wi-Fi, conference room seating up to 20 people, and adjacent Lord Bennett's restaurant. Options for group meals and off site catering available.*

For **Vacation Home Rentals** for families or groups staying minimum of 2 -3 days offering discounted FIT rates visit [www.bandon.com](http://www.bandon.com)

## *Group Tours*

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### **ART CLASSES, EDUCATION, and PHOTOGRAPHY – “You Be The Artist”**

#### **Sage Place**

Anne Sobotta

[sagegallery@mycomspan.com](mailto:sagegallery@mycomspan.com)

525 11<sup>th</sup> St. SE

Bandon,OR 97411

[www.sageplace.com](http://www.sageplace.com)

*Sage Place offers hands on 2- 3 hour personalized workshops for groups and individuals. We will design 2-3 hour sessions to help you capture memories of your trip to Bandon....beading, stained glass, jewelry, mosaic, mixed media, photography and more. Bring in your agate and other beach treasures and we'll teach you to wire wrap one- of -a kind pendants or create a unique stained glass piece. You'll be impressed. Anne Sobotta has been teaching art classes for over 20 years and welcomes your group to Sage Place. Contact directly for group rates.*

#### **Second Street Gallery and Gifts**

*Hand-crafted art from the Pacific Northwest & beyond*

Richard A. Rahmlow & Patricia Nash, Executive Directors

[info@secondstreetgallery.net](mailto:info@secondstreetgallery.net)

210 Second St. SE (located in Historic Old Town)

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-4133

[www.secondstreetgallery.net](http://www.secondstreetgallery.net)

*The gallery showcases a variety of art including paintings, drawings, art prints, photography, jewelry, pottery, metal art, glass, woodworking, home and garden items, books and cards. Various artists offer small group classes at the gallery or in the privacy of their own location. You can contact the gallery for a list of potential artists.*

### **Artula Institute and Art 101**

*For Arts and Environmental Education*

Angela Haseltine Pozzi, Director

[admin@art101bandon.org](mailto:admin@art101bandon.org)

Cell: 541-250-1140

P.O. Box 1139 (Approximately 6 miles south of Bandon)

Bandon, OR 97411

Main Phone: 541-347-9123 Fax 541-347-9529

[www.artula.org](http://www.artula.org)

[www.washedashore.org](http://www.washedashore.org)

*The Artula Institute focuses on art and environment education providing opportunities to express and teach environmental issues through the arts in southern Oregon. Fish are eating it. Turtles are drowning in it. Birds are dying from it, Seals entangled in it, and our children are playing in it....In Bandon, artist Angela Haseltine Pozzi leads hundreds of volunteers in gathering, washing, sorting, and constructing giant sculptures out of plastic pollution from the ocean. The Washed Ashore project forms a national touring art exhibit teaching people about the perils of plastics in the marine environment. FREE weekly art workshops at ART 101. Call for individual group classes. Classes and/or outings may consist of collecting beach debris, organizing and cleaning debris at institute, and/or creating art using reclaimed materials, etc. depending on the needs, weather, time restraints and interest of group. Their showroom, located on Hwy 1010, 7 miles south of Bandon, is a gallery of various art displays chocolates and is open seasonally. Call for hours.*

### **Conservation and Eco Tourism Tour – “Shoreline Adventures”**

Bill and Joan Russell

[Bill-r@sea-edu.org](mailto:Bill-r@sea-edu.org)

541-347-3683

[www.sea-edu.org](http://www.sea-edu.org)

*A combined 3 – 4 hour tour with Free Flight, Shoreline Education for Awareness”, and Wildlife Refuge Park. Step on Guides, Bill and Joan Russell, will take you on a “Shoreline Adventure.” Exact tour will be subject to weather conditions. Example of stops: Simpson Reef and Shell Island Overlook, South Slough Interpretive Center, Shore Acres State Park, Bandon Coquille Point lookout, Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Tide Pool (tide dependent), Coquille River Lighthouse, New River Area (BLM - critical environmental concern), and beach combing. Donations are gladly accepted (suggested \$75 - \$150.) Lunch may be included at an additional cost and can be arranged through Bill and Joan Russell. For best experience a morning tour is suggested. In case of bad weather conditions indoor options will be provided.*

### **Organic Agricultural Tours**

#### **Merritt Lavender Farm**

*Located 6 miles south of Bandon*

Sherri Merritt, Owner

[sherri@lavenderladyfarm.com](mailto:sherri@lavenderladyfarm.com)

87450 McTimmons Lane  
Bandon, OR 97411  
541-347-7190

[www.lavenderladyfarm.com](http://www.lavenderladyfarm.com)

*This aromatic organic farm tour offers complimentary group tours and one-of-a-kind lavender handmade items for sale in its gift store. Sherri takes pride in growing beautifully fragrant lavender using organic growing practices. The ceiling of the gift store is covered with hanging lavender. The aroma as soon as you walk in will excite your senses. Open 11:00am to 4:00pm daily June through October, closed Wednesdays and Sundays. Call for private off season appointment and/or group tour. Tours are welcomed.*

### **Vincent Cranberry Farm**

Tye Vincent, owner and farmer

[tye@vincentcranberries.com](mailto:tye@vincentcranberries.com)

541-347-2245

[www.vincentcranberries.com](http://www.vincentcranberries.com)

*Bandon is known as the Cranberry Capital of Oregon. The Vincent Cranberry Roots' go back to 1957 when their grandfather, Elmer Robison, cultivated his first Cranberry 'Bog' 1 ½ miles from the beautiful Bandon Coastline. Grandpa Robison along with his wife Grandma Velna raised four children on his Cranberry farm. Three of those children have carried on the family tradition with their own sustainable and responsible Cranberry farming operations. The Vincent Cranberry farm sits on over 80 acres of planted farmland.*

*Vincent Cranberries and Juices are sold in stores throughout the Pacific Northwest and voted "Best Beverage Artisan in 2010." The best time of year to tour the farm is August through mid November. Advance reservations necessary. Meet with Tye and sample his product and learn how the farm operates. Hear their story, "Small independent family farms are a rare find in today's world. We've been that rare small farming family since 1957... and we intend to keep it that way."*

### **Woods of the West**

Tom Olive, Owner

[tom@woodsofthewest.com](mailto:tom@woodsofthewest.com)

47611 Hwy 101

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-9915 Fax 541-347-9916

[www.woodsofthewest.com](http://www.woodsofthewest.com)

*Woods of the West has an onsite factory where they create beautiful pieces made out of myrtlewood, redwood, and Alaskan birch. Woods of the West is the only wood factory which creates wooden jewelry in the United States. Their clients are from all over the world. Brose through the gift store, warm up by the outside fire pit, and then treat yourself to a tour of the factory with owner Tom Olive. His stories and history will keep you wanting more.*

*Across the street from Woods of the West is Whistling Gallery. Groups often incorporate this gallery into their tour stop.*

### **Whistling Gallery**

Vickie

87456 Whistling Dr.

541-404-7336

[www.whistlinggallery.com](http://www.whistlinggallery.com)

### **Bandon Beach Riding Stables**

Karen, Owner

[bandonbeachrides@aol.com](mailto:bandonbeachrides@aol.com)

Karen's cell: 541-260-1437

54629 Beach Loop Road

Bandon, OR 97411

Riding Stables: 541-347-3423

[www.bandonbeachridingstables.com](http://www.bandonbeachridingstables.com)

*One of two beach access riding tours on the Southern Oregon Coastline. Since 1979 **Bandon Beach Riding Stables** has escorted horseback rides on Bandon's scenic beaches taking their riders across creeks viewing picturesque caves and rock formations. Rides are 1 to 1 ½ hours and are limited to 10 people. Seniors and handicapped riders welcome. Make your dreams come true.*

### **West Coast Game Park Safari**

Brian Tenney, Owner

[info@gameparksafari.com](mailto:info@gameparksafari.com)

46914 Hwy 101

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-3106

[www.gameparksafari.com](http://www.gameparksafari.com)

*The **West Coast Game Park**, the original walk thru Safari, was established in 1968. A place where visitors meet, pet, film, and walk among hundreds of **FREE** roaming wildlife. Pet a cub, a pup, or kit, enjoy and meet the many and varied species of youngsters presented by park attendants for an extra special, visitor interaction with nature's wildlife.*

*While hand-raising and presenting the wild has been their specialty, visitors can expect to see an extensive array of majestic adult lions, tigers, leopards, bears, chimps, black panthers, cougars, lynx, bison, camels, zebras, elk to name a few. Visitors of all ages are amazed, entertained and astonished by the original and innovative way of meeting, mingling, petting and seeing wildlife, offering an unsurpassed adventure in meeting the wild and a one-of-a-kind, lasting, exciting memory in getting to know the wild.*

### **Prowler Charter Boat Services**

Ken and Wayne Butler, Owner

[prowlercharters@frontier.com](mailto:prowlercharters@frontier.com)

Bandon Marina

541-347-1901

[www.prowlercharters.com](http://www.prowlercharters.com)

*Welcome aboard the Prowler. Your group can choose the activity: Crabbing, river site-seeing adventure, or wildlife photography expedition. Organize a Sunset Cruise reception, catered lunch or dinner on board. Reservations Required. Tour is determined by weather conditions, if food arrangements have been made, alternative meal location options will be provided. See list of restaurants and caterers under "Restaurants" or ask Wayne at Prowler Charter for other alternatives. Seating for a meal is maximum 25 people. For a site-seeing adventure maximum 40 people – in and outside seating. For larger tours we suggest half of your group takes a cruise while the others tour and shop in Historic Old Town then visa versa. Or give options for tours...some go on the Charter Boat, some shop, some go for a horseback ride, or perhaps enjoy eco tours for example. Either way a charter boat ride in Bandon should be high on your list.*

## **CULINARY SPECIALTIES**

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### **Cranberry Sweets, Bandon**

*Handmade fruit candies and chocolates since 1962.*

Shawn – manager Bandon location

[manager@bandon.com](mailto:manager@bandon.com)

*Store in Bandon:* Located in Historic Old Town Bandon

*Factory Location:* 1005 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420

Bandon Store: 541-347-9475

[www.cranberrysweets.com](http://www.cranberrysweets.com)

*The store in Bandon welcomes tours and with prior notice will arrange special tastings. In 2012 Cranberry Sweets will be celebrating its 50 year anniversary.*

### **Coastal Mist**

*Catering and Chocolatier*

[tara@coastalmist.com](mailto:tara@coastalmist.com)

230 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE

Bandon, OR 97411

For catering 541-347-4938. For retail shop questions call 541-347-3300

[www.coastalmist.com](http://www.coastalmist.com)

*Coastal Mist offers European style desserts, artisan chocolates, fresh made sandwiches, artisan breads (on weekends), and drinking chocolate and caramel. Full catering service at off-site locations is available.*

### **Bandon Fish Market**

240 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Bandon, OR 97411

541-347-4282

*The market is located on Bandon's waterfront boardwalk featuring fresh fish fillets, Alaskan halibut, Pacific cod, rockfish snapper or ling cod (all fish subject to fisherman's luck!), fresh shrimp and crab cocktails, mouth watering clam chowder, smoked fish, Albacore tuna, salmon sticks, and fresh caught fish of the day and chips.*

**Misty Meadows Jams and Jellies** (located 6 miles south of Bandon).

Mike and Tracy Keller

[kellers@wildblue.net](mailto:kellers@wildblue.net)

48053 Highway 101

Bandon, Or 97411

541-347-2575

[www.gotjam.com](http://www.gotjam.com)

*The Keller family began making jam more than 30 years ago, using their own family-developed recipes. Most products are made from local wild berries – including blackberries, huckleberries, and salalberries – or from northwest berries such as marionberries, cranberries, gooseberries, loganberries, boysenberries, and red, black, and yellow raspberries. Visit their store just 6 miles south of Bandon on Hwy 101. With prearrangements complimentary beverages and snacks will be available to groups upon arrival.*

## ***Suggested GROUP RESTAURANTS***

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**Bandon Bill's Seafood Grill**

*Ocean View Dining. Located at the Inn at Face Rock.*

Marc Dryden, CHA, Managing Partner

[marcdryden@gmail.com](mailto:marcdryden@gmail.com)

3225 Beach Loop Drive

Bandon, Or 97411

541-347-9441 Fax 541-347-2532

Cell: 541-206-2183 (Tour Group Contact number)

[www.innatfacerock.com](http://www.innatfacerock.com)

[www.bandonbillsgrill.com](http://www.bandonbillsgrill.com)

*Unparalleled ocean view dining. Featuring wood fired fresh seafood and steaks, slow applewood smoked prime rib, fresh Dungeness crab, oysters, and whole live lobster, when available. Enjoy Sunday's "Barbeque and the Blues." Bandon Bill's has a banquet room featuring on and offsite catering for large groups. Conveniently open seven days a week.*

**Lord Bennett's**

*Ocean view dining adjacent to Sunset Motel.*

Beach Loop Drive

Rich Iverson, Owner

541-347-3663



*Enjoy a selection of local food products, wines, cocktails, and lounge entertainment in a relaxed atmosphere offering panoramic views of Oregon's spectacular coastline. For large groups Lord Bennett's will occasionally close for private parties so guests can enjoy an intimate restaurant atmosphere. The chef is available for outside catering upon request and will provide gourmet box lunches for tour outings.*

### **Wheelhouse Restaurant and Lounge**

541-347-9331

Web site not available.

*Located across from the marina in Bandon's historic old town. Seafood, steak and dinner house.*

*Banquet room available.*

### **Alloro Wine Bar and Restaurant**

*Italian Coastal Cuisine in Bandon's Historic Old Town*

Lian Schmidt

allorawinebar@yahoo.com

375 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE

Bandon, OR

541-347-1850

[www.allorowinebar.com](http://www.allorowinebar.com)

*Inspired by the modern Italian enoteca, Alloro Restaurant's goal is to serve simple, authentic Italian meals using the freshest seasonal produce, seafood, and meats paired with some of the finest wines available from Italy and Oregon. Maximum seating 45 guests. Advance reservations needed. The tour director will hand select items for the group starting with appetizers, salad, pasta selection, and a choice of three main entrees. You are in for an exceptional dining experience.*

## ***GOLF***

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### **Old Bandon Golf Links**

Troy and Kim Russell

3235 Beach Loop Drive SW

Bandon, OR 97411

541-329-1927

[www.oldbandongolflinks.com](http://www.oldbandongolflinks.com)

*Old Bandon Golf Links is a challenging 9-hole 2200 yard public course. The course sits beside the Inn at Face Rock and is the western most golf course and one of the oldest in Oregon. Built in the 1920's adventurous players may choose to rent original hickory clubs ("hickory gutta percha golf") and authentic golf balls as used in the early 1900's. Sheep roam the course and take you back to a time where time stood still and the only the sound was the ocean breeze behind your back, the strike of the ball, the swoosh of your club and the ocean were to be heard. Golf Shop, casual dining with a fine selection of PNW beer and wines, and standard rental equipment are also available. Groups may arrange to join in the reception area for wine tasting and appetizers to celebrate their successes.*

### **Bandon Crossings**

*This 18-hole top ranked challenging course offers the best in golf - Blind corners following contours of ancient sand dunes, high rough, meticulous greens, and deep bunkers. Stay in the fairways and enjoy a great day of golf! Named top 10 new courses in 2007 by **Golf Magazine**.*

541-347-3232

Located on Hwy 101 at Dew Valley Lane

Bandon, OR 97411

[www.bandoncrossings.com](http://www.bandoncrossings.com)

### **Bandon Dunes**

***Bandon Dunes is true to the spirit of Scotland's ancient links. Sweeping, untamed shores stretch for miles.*** This exclusive championship golf resort offers top ranked golf at four individual 18-hole courses: Bandon Dunes, Pacific Dunes, Pacific Trail, and Old Macdonald – the newest of the courses which opened in 2010. Perhaps Golf Odyssey summed it up best: "it is here, on this remote stretch of the wildly stunning Oregon coast, where the finest golf courses in the whole world quietly await you." Advance Reservations. Restaurant selections; The Gallery Restaurant, McKee's Restaurant, The Bunker Bar, Trails End Restaurant, and banquet facilities available.

888-345-6008

[www.bandondunesgolf.com](http://www.bandondunesgolf.com)

## **Sample 3 Night Tour Itinerary BANDON, OREGON**

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### **EXPERIENCE BANDON – FOOD, SURF AND NATURE... TOSSED WITH FUN**

#### **Day One**

3:00pm Arrive Bandon. Check into hotel or inn of choice. Relax in your room or take a stroll on the beach or Bandon's Historic Old Town. Each hotel offers pre-assigned rooms and key packets, step on greeter, hosted welcome reception, group rates, and complimentary continental or full breakfast. Refer to [www.bandon.com/tours](http://www.bandon.com/tours) for list of amenities and hotel contact information for rates and comp policies.

5:30pm – 7:30pm Group **Dinner** at one of Bandon's restaurants offering local cuisine and views of the coast.

#### **Day Two**

Breakfast at hotel at your leisure

8:30am – 12:30pm Eco Tourism Tour and Lunch – "**Shoreline Adventures**" [www.sea-edu.org](http://www.sea-edu.org)

1:00pm – 2:30pm **West Coast Game Park Safari** [www.gameparksafari.com](http://www.gameparksafari.com)

3:30pm – 5:30pm Tour and Shop at Bandon’s Historic Old Town [www.bandon.com](http://www.bandon.com) **OR** Wildlife River Photography [info@secondstreetgallery.net](mailto:info@secondstreetgallery.net) Cruise on the Prowler (min. 8/max. 20 people) [www.prowlercharters.com](http://www.prowlercharters.com) **OR** Horseback Ride on the Beach (max. 10 people) [www.bandonbeachridingstables.com](http://www.bandonbeachridingstables.com)

6:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner at **Alloro Wine Bar and Restaurant** [www.allorowinebar.com](http://www.allorowinebar.com)  
*Italian Coastal Cuisine in Bandon’s Historic Old Town*

### Day Three

Breakfast at hotel at your leisure

8:30am – 12:30pm Creative Art Class at **Sage Place Art Studio**. [www.sageplace.com](http://www.sageplace.com) Includes catered lunch.

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1:00pm – 4:00pm **Agricultural and Environmental Tour**

Merritt Lavender Farm [www.lavenderladyfarm.com](http://www.lavenderladyfarm.com)

Vincent Cranberry Farm [www.vincentcranberries.com](http://www.vincentcranberries.com)

Artula Institute [www.artula.org](http://www.artula.org)

Misty Meadows Jams and Jellies [www.gotjam.com](http://www.gotjam.com)

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4:00pm – 5:30pm **Woods of the West** – Store and Factory Tour. [www.woodsofthewest.com](http://www.woodsofthewest.com)

6:30pm – 8:00pm Group **Dinner** at one of Bandon’s recommended restaurants offering local cuisine and views of the coast.

### Day Four

*Upon departing Bandon check out the following places along your journey.....*

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**Umpqua Valley Wine Appellation** (East 1 ½ hours )

[www.umpquavalleywineries.org](http://www.umpquavalleywineries.org)

**South Slough Interpretive Center** (North 45 minutes)

[www.SouthSloughEstuary.org](http://www.SouthSloughEstuary.org)

**Shore Acre State Park** (North 45 minutes)

[www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)

**Dune Bugging Rides** (North 45 minutes)

[www.ridetheoregondunes.com](http://www.ridetheoregondunes.com)

**Jerry’s Rogue Jets and Mail Boats** (South 1.5 hour )

[www.roguejets.com](http://www.roguejets.com)