

## BIKING ETIQUETTE

### BEFORE YOU RIDE

If this is your first ride, please take a few minutes to read through the introductory information to better prepare for a safe and enjoyable riding experience.

All Seaside Visitor Bureau mountain bike ride routes are located on the Lewis & Clark Timberlands, a private tree farm owned by Greenwood Resources. **All recreational users entering the Timberlands are required to have a Recreational Access Permit** visibly displayed on their bike or clothing. Permits can be obtained at the Greenwood Resources Office location shown below or at the Greenwood Resources web site <https://permits.greenwoodresources.com>. There is no charge for the permits and they are good for one year. A single permit may also be used for entry by a spouse or minor children. Do not enter the Timberlands if you do not have a permit.

The entry gate is normally open from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday and otherwise closed and locked. Unauthorized motor vehicles are not permitted inside the entry gate except during hunting season in the fall. Recreational users are permitted in the Timberlands even if the entry gate is closed. If you have driven to the gate, park your vehicle in the parking area on Lewis & Clark Road **outside** of the gate making sure that it does not interfere with vehicle access to the gate.

In conditions of high fire danger, the Timberlands may be closed to public access. If this occurs, "Area Closed" signs will be posted at the entry gate and at other locations around the perimeter of the Timberlands. If these signs are posted, **do not enter** the Timberlands.

When riding in the Timberlands, yield the road to any vehicles encountered. If a vehicle is approaching you from the front or from the rear, pull off of the road, stop, and allow it to pass before resuming your ride.

Timber harvesting operations and related activities are normally done Monday through Friday but may occur on weekends as well. Never enter an active work area. Temporary warning signs are displayed on the roads leading into these areas. If a work area is on a side road you may be able to pass, but if the road you are on enters the work area, do not proceed.

Logging operations are interesting to watch, but only from a safe distance.

If you have any questions about the Seaside Timberlands, please visit the Greenwood Resources Office at 85892 Lewis and Clark Road which is on the north side of Lewis and Clark Road 1.4 miles east of Wahanna Road.

Detailed maps of the Timberlands are also available for sale at this location.



## GETTING THERE

All Seaside Visitor Bureau mountain bike ride routes begin and end at entry gate #71 on Lewis & Clark Road.

Ride or drive 2.5 miles east of the intersection of North Wahanna Road and Highway 101 on the north end of Seaside. This is the first right turn immediately after crossing the Neawanna Creek Bridge on Hwy 101. Look for North Coast Family Fellowship Church at the corner of Wahanna Road and Lewis & Clark Road. If you choose to ride to the entry gate there is a 420 foot hill between Seaside and the entry gate requiring a 1.5 mile climb on pavement at an average grade of 5%.



## RIDE ROUTE CONDITIONS AND SAFETY

When riding in the Timberlands, you are responsible for your own safety.

With the exception of the Lewis & Clark Mainline Ride Route, all ride routes involve at least some moderate climbing. Each individual route map provides the route distance, elevation gain and an estimation of the amount of physical effort, riding skill and time required to complete the ride.

All of the ride routes are considered “Gravel Rides” as they are done almost entirely on gravel roads. Some routes include technical sections which may include steep climbs, steep descents, rough surfaces or overgrown conditions. Route conditions can change over time depending on logging activity, weather and vehicle traffic. Greenwood Resources invests a lot of effort and resources replanting harvested areas and controlling erosion. Off-road riding can damage these sensitive areas and is prohibited.

Your bike should be in good working condition with good tires and reliable brakes. If you have a breakdown that you are not prepared for, you may be faced with a long walk back to the entry gate. Carry a basic bike repair kit including spare tube, tube repair kit and tire pump. A bike computer is also recommended to keep track of the distance traveled.

It is always a good idea to ride with a companion. Let someone not riding with you know where you plan to ride and when you expect to return from your ride. Cell phone service is poor or nonexistent in much of The Timberlands but is usually available on the tops of ridges and the western ridge slopes facing Seaside. Food and drinking water are not available in the Timberlands, so carry an adequate amount of both to make sure that you can keep yourself fueled and hydrated.

**Please Don't litter.**

**WILDLIFE**

The Timberlands has a wide variety of wildlife. Deer and Elk are frequently spotted. Occasionally coyotes and black bears may be spotted. On very rare occasions, riders have reported encountering bobcats and mountain lions.

Wild animals will almost always try to avoid people. All wildlife should be viewed from a safe distance and not approached. This is particularly true if there are young animals in the area. Even a generally timid cow elk may become aggressive if approached when she has a calf nearby.

Never attempt to feed wild animals.

**WILD FLOWERS AND PLANTS**

In late spring and early summer the Timberlands offers a colorful variety of wildflowers. The flowers are beautiful to look at but some like the very abundant Foxglove plant are also toxic and should not be handled. Scotch Broom is very common in the Timberlands so allergy sufferers be aware.

In summer and early fall, huckleberries and wild blackberries can be found throughout the Timberlands and are a sweet snack for riders. Wild mushrooms can be found in dark, shady areas. If you know your mushrooms, some of these are edible. Other than wild berries and mushrooms, no other plants should be disturbed or removed from the Timberlands.



**FINDING YOUR WAY**

Road signage in the Timberlands is minimal. Vertical signs at the start of a road mark most main roads and some side roads. A number or name may also be shown on the reverse side of a road sign indicating the intersecting route. Mileage markers on most main roads, which may be signs or simply numbers spray painted on trees or rocks, indicate the approximate miles from the start of the road.

There are hundreds of side roads or spur roads in the Timberlands. Most of these roads are unmarked and are not maintained. If you plan to explore roads that are not on one of the ride routes it is a good idea to purchase and carry a Greenwood Resources Timberlands map. A GPS receiver is also useful although GPS signal reception may be poor in canyons and heavily wooded areas.

## **WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

We would appreciate your feedback on your riding experiences. Please let us know if you found any of the ride route information to be incorrect. We would also welcome your suggestions on how to improve the rides or if you have any recommendations for new routes. Send feedback to: [info@SeasideOR.com](mailto:info@SeasideOR.com).