

The Knoll Open Space



After we hike the little sister headland to Cascade Head, there is a large “hill” north of Lincoln City that is known as “The Knoll.” We will explore the moderate 3-mile loop. We are hoping for those spectacular views of the Pacific coastline.

To reach the trailhead, turn north on NE Devils Lake Blvd from Highway 101. Follow the road past a gate until you reach a cul-de-sac. Park on the street and the trailhead to the Knoll is just beyond the road and takes you through fields and forests.

GPS marker signs are in place along The Knoll trail to allow for emergency responders to locate a distress call and response quickly. Please note, the G1-14 numbers on the yellow marker signs as you hike, and in the event of an emergency, this information will allow you to give accurate location information to first responders

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Trailheads and Parking

This Open Space Trail is one of our most popular hikes. The 3-mile loop includes the Knoll lookout, offering views of Devils Lake, the Pacific Ocean, and Roads End. Prepare for a steep climb to the top.

Please respect the private property access trail to The Knoll. Help us keep our trails connected. Permission to cross may be revoked at any time. Please be advised there are no restroom facilities at this site.

Trail Information

Length: Approximately 3 miles
Route Type: Loop
Dogs: Welcome on a leash
Elevation: 585 ft.
Difficulty: Moderate

Devils Lake Blvd Entrance:

This is the primary parking location and trail entrance. Turn West on North East Devils Lake Blvd from Hwy 101. Follow the road about 1 mile past the gate until you reach a cul-de-sac. There is plenty of parking along the road. The trailhead is just beyond the street.

Pacific Wren

Pacific wrens are relatively common here in the dark forests, but are hard to spot. Usually you will hear them before you see them. They are known for their highly complex songs, sung while poking their little tails up at an odd angle. Otherwise, they tend to dart around in the underbrush, staying well hidden, bedeviling the earnest bird watcher.



Black-tailed Deer

Black-tailed deer are very common in and around Lincoln City's Open Spaces. They take advantage of the safety the forests offer them, and also browse on the grasses and underbrush plants they find in suburban environments. The female pictured here does not grow antlers, but the male grows a new set of antlers every year. The deer's large ears can move independently.



Young Coyote

Coyotes are found in transition areas (for example, the areas where a forest might meet a subdivision). You will typically not see them during the day. They are generally only active during the twilight and nighttime. Coyotes are quite helpful as they help control small rodents and scavenge on dead wildlife. A mated couple will stay together for many years.



Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.

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