Temporary camping closure at Cape Disappointment

Part of the park will close in mid-September 2024 through spring 2025.

Cape Disappointment camping — including loops A, B, C and D, Waikiki Beach and the North Jetty will close on Sept. 16, 2024 while we complete renovations and repairs to improve the park. The boat launch will also experience intermittent closures. These closures are tentatively scheduled through March 31, 2025. Reservations will not be available through our reservations system after Sept. 15.

Parts of the park will remain open for day use, including the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, North Head Lighthouse and Beard's Hollow. The lightkeepers' residences at Cape Disappointment and vacation homes at neighboring Fort Columbia will also remain open.

Improvements include:

- Improved traffic flow at the park entrance
- Safer campground road, especially for RVs and campers
- Increased hiking opportunities with new trail
- Restored wetland and habitat protection for wildlife

Long-term benefits of this work include:

- New park entrance will improve flow of traffic
- Campground road will be safer, especially for RVs and camp trailers
- New trail will provide more hiking opportunities
- Restored wetland improves park aesthetics and protects habitat for birds and animals that live there – meaning more birding and wildlife viewing for visitors

While Parks is tasked with the maintenance and upkeep of the lands entrusted to us, including conservation of natural resources and recreation access, we recognize these closures impact the local communities our parks are a part of. As the project progresses, we will look for opportunities to increase access to the park when and where we can.

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