



Exploring Gearhart

Y2336 – Rated 1B

5 km/10 km

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Driving directions to start: US 101 to traffic light in Gearhart. West (toward ocean) onto Pacific Way. Continue straight at 4-way stop at Cottage Avenue. Park along Pacific Way to the West of the post office (546 Pacific Way, 97138).

Restrooms: Public restrooms are located at the tennis courts (corner of Pacific Way and N Marion Ave).

NOTE: An elk herd, which numbers over 100, roams freely throughout the city and downtown. Please read and observe the tips from Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) (attached).

Two 5 km route options. (1) Follow instruction 1 through 25. (2) For the Little Free Library Special Program, walk west along Pacific Way (toward the ocean) to N Marion Ave and start the directions at # 25.

1. Walk back along Pacific Way toward Cottage Avenue (4-way intersection).
2. CROSS Cottage Ave and continue on Pacific Way to pass the Fire Station.
3. RIGHT at crosswalk in front of City Hall to CROSS Pacific Way. Then LEFT to continue on Pacific Way on sidewalk.
4. CROSS LEFT in crosswalk to go up Summit Ave.
5. RIGHT on Ridge Drive.
6. RIGHT on 5th St.
7. RIGHT on Kershul Circle, following it back to 5th St.
8. LEFT on 5th St to Summit Ave (stop sign).
9. LEFT on Summit Ave to return to Pacific Way.
10. CROSS Pacific Way. Then LEFT for a short distance to Woodland Ave.
11. RIGHT on Woodland but walk on the LEFT facing traffic.
12. RIGHT on G St, walking on the LEFT facing traffic.
13. Stay LEFT at the curve to continue straight on G St.
14. LEFT on Hager Ave.
15. LEFT on H St to view The Lodge. (No Trespassing. It is private property)
16. Turn around, returning to Hager Ave.
17. RIGHT on Hager Ave.
18. RIGHT on F St. Then quick LEFT in crosswalk onto the Ridge Path.* (Dog bag station)
19. Stay on this path as it crosses 5 streets (E, D, C, B, A), all unmarked at the trail.
20. CROSS Pacific Way in the crosswalk and find the Ridge Path between the modular building and the Police Department.
21. Continue on this path as it crosses several streets, all unmarked at the trail.
22. The Ridge Path currently ends at 10th St at the end of the boardwalk.
23. LEFT on 10th St to the stop sign at Cottage Ave.
24. CROSS Cottage Ave (carefully – no crosswalk). Turn LEFT to walk in the bike lane on the right-hand side of the road
25. RIGHT on Pacific Way at the 4-way stop (5 km at Pacific Way and Cottage Ave)
26. CROSS N Marion and turn RIGHT to walk on the LEFT side of N Marion.
27. CROSS 1st St and find the Little Free Library on the LEFT.
28. Continue on N Marion to 10th St
29. CROSS N Marion in the diagonal crosswalk and continue to McMenamin's Gearhart Hotel. Lunch?
30. Exit Hotel and to LEFT back to 10th St
31. RIGHT on 10th St but walk on the LEFT.
32. LEFT on Neacoxie Blvd
33. Just before the wooden fence, go LEFT onto what looks like a gravel driveway, then turns into a path. The street to the stop sign is 8th St.
34. RIGHT on N Marion Ave
35. RIGHT on 5th Street
36. LEFT on N Ocean Ave.
37. At 1st Street, CROSS the park and Pacific Way to continue on S Ocean Ave
38. LEFT on G Street (at the dead-end sign)
39. RIGHT on S Marion. At the end of the street, continue straight on the path through the dunes.
40. At "T", go RIGHT a short distance to a clear view of Necanicum estuary, where 3 waterways – the Neacoxie, Neawanna, and the Necanicum – flow into the Pacific Ocean.
41. Return to "T" and bear RIGHT to follow wide path
42. LEFT at another "T" up a small hill to a small parking area.
43. Slight RIGHT and straight on Wellington Ave (sign at corner)
44. LEFT at F St, through barrier, and downhill to Nita Ave (no sign)

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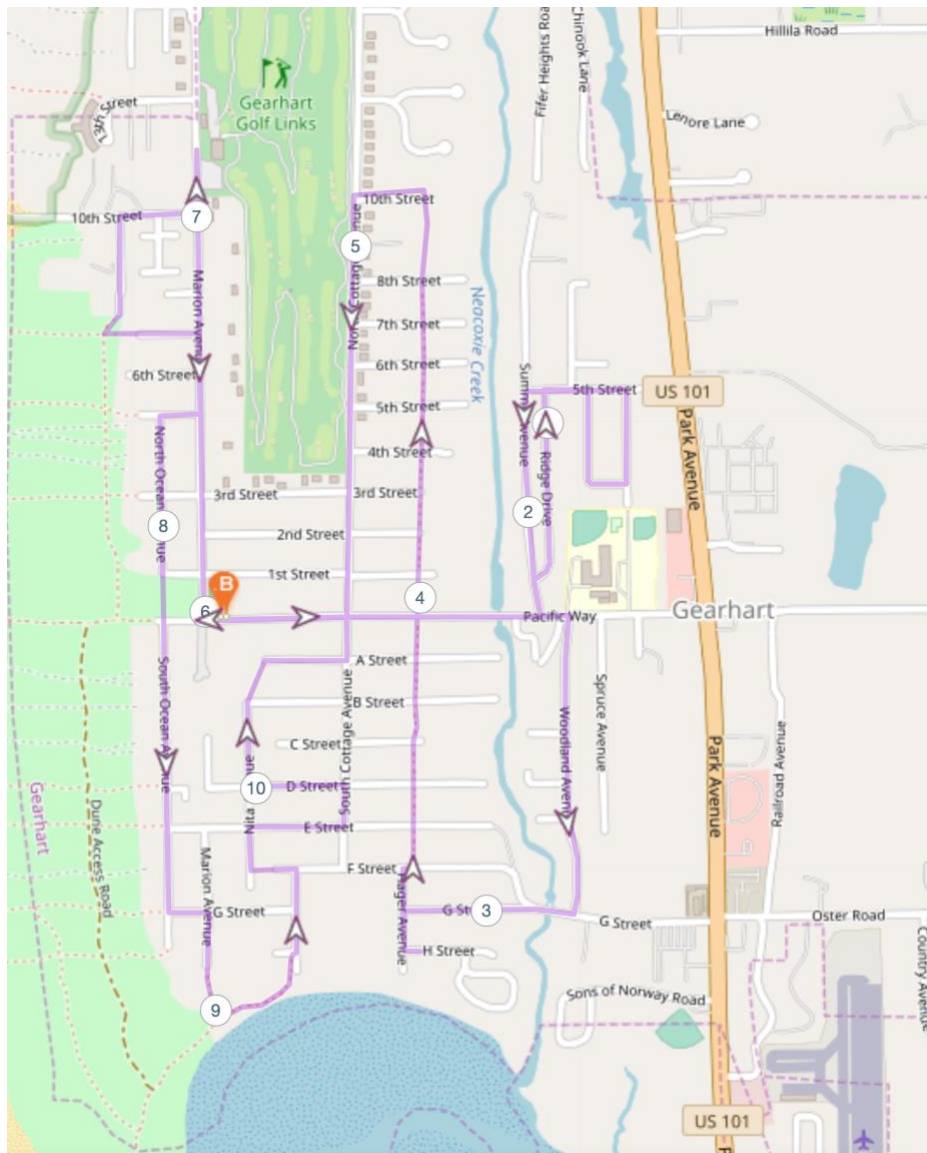


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45. RIGHT on Nita Ave
46. RIGHT on E St (#498 was the home of James Beard, noted American chef and cookbook author)
47. LEFT on Cottage Ave
48. LEFT on D St
49. RIGHT on Nita Ave
50. STRAIGHT to pass Breakaway Lodge, formerly a Young Life Camp, now a family compound.
51. CONTINUE on gravel, then RIGHT at the pole to A St (marked at Cottage Ave)
52. LEFT on Cottage Ave to Pacific Way.
53. LEFT on Pacific Way to where you parked.

* In the 1880s, the Ridge Path was the principal byway through the dune meadows. Between E and D streets on the left is the first house built in Gearhart, erected in 1892. The earliest Gearhart homes were built along the path, an area which offered some protection from the often severe winter storms from the south.





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The ODFW provides the following tips when encountering elk:

ENJOY WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE. Keep pets leashed at all times. Try to not disturb elk with sudden movement or loud noises. They are large animals and can pose danger to themselves and others when startled.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS to avoid surprising a herd of elk by walking into the middle of them. Don't be aggressive.

Elk are most active at dawn and dusk and most aggressive during breeding and calving seasons. Watch out for them at dawn and dusk along roadways and migration routes. **Stay away and keep pets away at all times**, but especially during the breeding season (September/October) and calving season (May/June) when elk become more territorial,

NEVER PICK UP AN ELK CALF OR ANY OTHER YOUNG WILDLIFE. It's against the law and bad for the animal. If you encounter a young animal alone, leave it be. If it is in distress or you are concerned, call the police or ODFW.

For more information, contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 503-947-6000.