

*Binoculars... Boots... Boats...
...Bring All Three*

Beaver Creek State Natural Area is an intimate setting to bird watch, walk in the marshlands and hike in upland meadows. Paddling through the pristine, estuarine marsh brimming with wildlife could be the highlight of your visit.

The marsh is prime habitat for Coho salmon, cutthroat trout, winter steelhead, waterfowl, and a variety of other birds and amphibians. Roosevelt elk, black-tailed deer, coyote and the occasional black bear and cougar are at home in grassy meadows, surrounded by Sitka spruce and alder forest.

Visitor Center

Beaver Creek Visitor Center sits on a hill on the northern outskirts of the park. An ADA-accessible deck looks over the marsh and creek. Interpretive panels describe the area ecology and wildlife. The center is open year-round. Call (541) 563-6413 for Visitor Center hours.



Black-tailed deer



Black twinberry



Osprey



Skunk cabbage



Marsh wren



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For more information:
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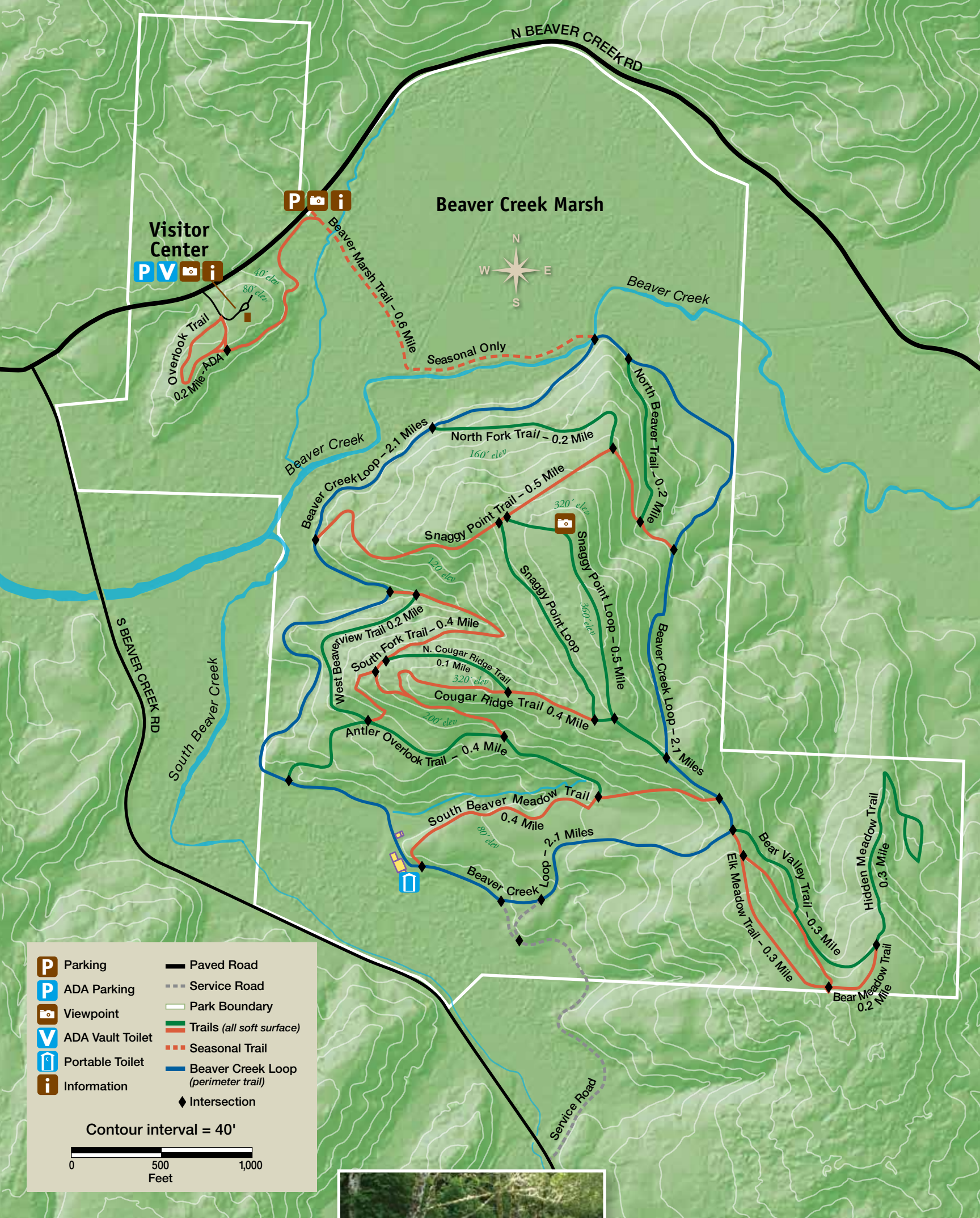
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Trail Guide





Hiking

The Visitor Center is the take-off point for more than seven miles of trekking. The short, 10-minute Overlook Trail starts at the center and heads west, then loops back to the center. Portions of the trail are universally accessible and offer great views of the marsh and hills.

The seasonal Beaver Marsh Trail begins at the parking area and heads about a half mile across the marsh. Bring your waterproof boots. The trail is covered by water during the winter and spring and is closed several months of the year. The trail can be soggy at other times, depending on weather.

The marsh trail meets with Beaver Creek Loop at a small bridge. This is a great spot for paddlers to start their hikes. Beaver Creek Loop is the backbone for a system of



trails that skirt the fringes of the upland meadows. The 160° view of the marsh and Visitor Center on the Snaggy Point Trail may be the best vista in the park. You can see the Pacific Ocean and Ona Beach from the Cougar Ridge Trail.

Paddling

Bring your kayak, canoe or small boat and launch from Ona Beach State Park. The two-mile paddle meanders up the Beaver Creek valley. Look for beaver, river otter, muskrat, nutria, red-legged frog and Pacific tree frog. Don't have a kayak? Consider a guided-kayak tour. During the summer, South Beach State Park supplies the kayaks, paddles, lifejackets and interpretive host guides. Call (541) 867-6590 for prices, dates and times, and reservations.



Pacific chorus frog