

Signing at the tip of the headland interpret the life and history of the area. Interpretive activities are scheduled during the summer season. Groups may make arrangements for special programs by contacting the Site Manager at (503) 867-4851 or 265-2863.

### To make your visit more enjoyable . . .

Bring boots, raingear and layers of clothing to keep you warm and dry all months of the year.

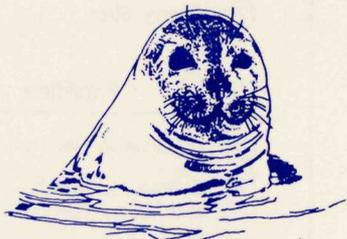
Binoculars aid in viewing the wildlife - and remove the temptation to approach the animals too closely, just for a better look.

Please stay on the asphalt trails and avoid the dangerous cliff edges.

Be careful near the ocean. Large waves, especially with an incoming tide, can sweep you off the rocks or beach.

Remember to lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you when leaving it unattended.

Have a safe and enjoyable visit - and do come back again!!



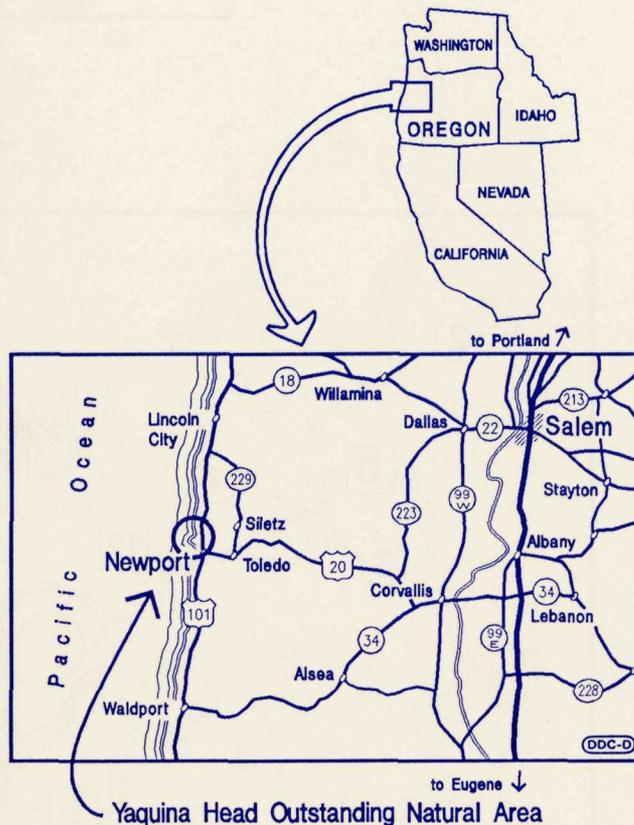
For further information - write or telephone:

### Bureau of Land Management

Post Office Box 936  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
(503) 265-2863

Printed on recycled paper

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is a day-use area - open from dawn to dusk. It is located three miles north of Newport, Oregon, off Highway 101. Lodging and eating facilities plus auto services can be found in the nearby communities. U.S. Forest Service, State of Oregon and privately-owned campgrounds are also available in the greater Newport area.



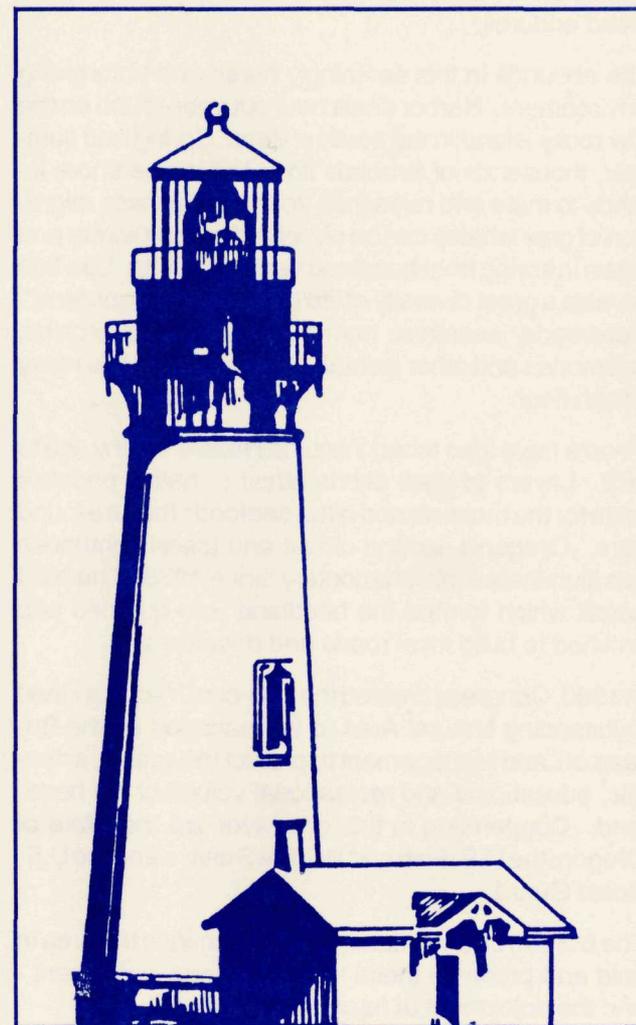
Tax-deductible donations to support the Yaquina Head environmental education and interpretation programs may be accepted by:

Northwest Interpretive Association (NIA)  
c/o Bureau of Land Management  
Post Office Box 936  
Newport, Oregon 97365



Bureau of Land Management  
Salem District - Oregon

## Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area





## The Story of Yaquina Head

Jutting into the Pacific Ocean, Yaquina Head is battered and scoured by the forces of nature. The headland is an ancient volcano whose basaltic lava flows refuse to be worn away as quickly as the surrounding sandstone and other sedimentary rock. Thus the bordering sandy beaches recede rapidly, while Yaquina Head endures.

Life abounds in this seemingly harsh and unforgiving environment. Harbor seals haul out year-round on the low rocky island in the south waters. Spring and summer, thousands of seabirds flock to the nearshore islands to mate and raise their young. The mass migration of gray whales can be observed in early winter and again in spring from headland vantage points. Low tide reveals a great diversity of life in the "marine gardens". Seaweeds, seastars, hermit crabs, purple urchins, anemones and other animals find a home on this rocky ocean floor.

People have also found Yaquina Head a worthy site to visit. Layers of shell debris attest to native people's taste for the mussels and other seafoods that are found here. Oregon's second oldest and tallest lighthouse has illuminated this promontory since 1873. The hard basalt which formed the headland was quarried and crushed to build local roads and driveways.

In 1980, Congress created the 100-acre Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management to protect the scenic, scientific, educational and recreational values of the headland. Cooperating in this endeavor are the State of Oregon, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Bureau of Land Management manages the area to hold and preserve these values for your enjoyment - and the enjoyment of future generations.

