



FROM ABOVE: Haystack Rock just opposite Pacific City's Pelican Brewery; a common area at Headlands; the Salmonberry Saloon's cioppino

rustic hotel situated on the site of the valley's first homestead. Owners Ginger and Brigham Edwards have plans to sell homegrown tea, herb gardens and flowers ring the four-acre property.

Back in town, trailblazers refuel at the **Salmonberry Saloon**. Open this past spring, the restaurant's hyperlocal menu boasts Nehalem River Ranch beef burgers, spicy local greens, and a tight list of Oregon wines. Heading south to Tillamook and beyond? Coastal yeasts add tang to de Garde's "truly wild" beers; the new, 42,800-square-foot **Tillamook Creamery**, meanwhile, is a two-floor dairy temple. The food trail winds next around sleepy Netarts Bay, home to **Jacobsen Salt's** main manufactory (an on-site kiosk offers a rainbow of saline flakes) and **Nevør Shellfish Farm**, where an oyster window vends tørkes, kumamotos, and sweet little Olympias straight from the source. Grill the haul at **Cape Lookout State Park**, where dappled picnic areas hide among the towering hemlocks and spruce.



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CAPE KIWANDA might be the smallest of the promontories studding the **Three Capes Scenic Drive**. But anyone who's sunk toes in Pacific City's mile-long city beach knows this fragile, sandstone behemoth is the real stunner. Overnighters can soak up the splendor from private balconies and patios at the months-old

Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa (rooms from \$450/night, [headlandslodge.com](#))—the North Coast's most luxurious new accommodations. At the hotel's ocean-to-table **Meridian Restaurant**, scarf impossibly fluffy pancakes doused in huckleberry jam, a razor clam "Caesar," and hot-honey-spiked black rockfish. The Headlands' owners are also the folks behind **Pelican Brewery** right across the sandy parking lot; frame the ludicrous-cool views of

Pacific City's own **Haystack Rock** with pints of Kiwanda Cream Ale and Tsunami Stout. You might even sight the local dory boat fleet making for land with the day's catch—something to celebrate with beach bonfires by moonlight. Work up an appetite first, with a nine-mile out-and-back hike north along the **Oregon Coast Trail** to **Sitka Sedge State Natural Area**—Oregon's newest state park, dedicated *just* this past April. —RD [↗](#)

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