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Friends of Haystack Rock

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ABOUT US



Friends of Haystack Rock is a non-profit organization with the mission of providing guidance and financial support for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) together with the City of Cannon Beach. Friends of Haystack Rock is guided by a volunteer board of directors and advisors consisting of committed community members.

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Haystack Rock and Labor Day Weekend Crowds

HRAP 2011 Season Highlights

Supported by the City of Cannon Beach and the Friends of Haystack

Rock, HRAP staff and volunteers were out at Haystack Rock in every season of 2011. The year kicked off with snow during February's Yoga Festival; shifted to cold, heavy rain for June's Sandcastle Day; and offered a dazzling sunshine finale for September's Labor Day weekend - the busiest in 10 years! In return, HRAP received nearly \$4,500 in beach donations; over 10,700 public "thank you's"; and the chance to see two more Black Oystercatcher chicks successfully fledge, among other wildlife wonders. [Click here to read more.](#)

Photo above is courtesy of HRAP Coordinator, Nala Cardillo

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Become
an HRAP Volunteer



By connecting to HRAP and supporting the Friends of Haystack Rock, you ensure that the unique ecosystems surrounding Haystack Rock continue to excite and inspire our visitors.

You may contact the HRAP Program Coordinator at :
cardillo@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

Help Us
With Your Contribution



Your tax-deductible contribution to Friends of Haystack Rock directly supports the Haystack Rock Awareness Program as it continues its crucial role in the education of the growing number of visitors from around the world.

[Click here to contribute](#)

Or, you can just mail your contribution to the Friends of Haystack Rock at the address below.

**HRAP 2011
Season Statistics
196 Beach Programs**

Creature Feature: Leather Star

Photo is courtesy of Gary Hayes of Pelican Productions, Inc.

**LEATHER STAR
(Dermasterias
imbricata)**

If you were a Stromphia didemon, or swimming anemone, the touch of a leather star would frighten you into detaching from your rocky home and thrashing wildly through the water to escape from being sucked inside and digested. Luckily,

neither you nor I are in danger of such a fate, as leather stars only eat anemones, sea cucumbers, purple sea urchins and occasionally sponges, hydroids, sea pens and other invertebrates.

Some of us were lucky enough to see this uncommon sea star at the first Needle during the low tides this summer. It is quite distinctive in appearance, having rather fat, short arms, a smooth, slippery-feeling surface (like wet suede leather, hence its name), and a pattern of blue-gray reticulations over a reddish brown background. Its fat little arms are often turned up at the tips and at its largest is 25 cm (10") across. It is found from Sitka, Alaska to Baja, California, the largest specimens living at the northern end of its range. It has a peculiar smell, some say like garlic, others like spent gunpowder or sulfur. It can be found from the low intertidal to a depth of 300 feet.

Article written by Susan Glarum

Click on the picture to see more cool tide pool creatures from Haystack Rock.



63,500 Personal Contacts
60 Visiting Groups
3,817 Visitors redirected from trampling wildlife
1,086 Visitors redirected from harrasing animals
541 Visitors redirected from collecting tidepool creatures
871 creatures returned to their homes



Volunteers and Partners Are Keys to Success

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program succeeds in large part due to the caring dedication of its 120 amazing community volunteers. For the 2011 beach season, these volunteers served 1,777 hours on

the beach at Haystack Rock. They also served 1,627 hours "behind the scenes", supporting HRAP's mission through efforts such as fundraising, event planning and equipment maintenance. While every volunteer is sincerely appreciated for their contribution, no matter how large or small, several received special recognition at HRAP's year-end celebration.

A huge thank you went to staff and volunteers from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, who provided 834 hours of beach presence in support of HRAP in 2011. This includes the season's "MVP Beach Volunteers" John and Sandi Wicklund who provided 265 and 262 beach hours, respectively! Their names will be added to the plaque at City Hall, honoring "Jerry & Evelyn Fitzpatrick Award" winners dating back to 1998 who have "given unselfishly of their time in support of the beach program schedule." Other USFWS supporters included: Dawn Grafe, Jennifer Winston, Lindsay Raber, Dan Huckel, Kolleen Irvine, Gretel Oxwang, Tim Halloran, Rebecca Bulls and Sarah Gray.

[Click here to read more](#) Photo is courtesy of Donna Lenius



"World of Haystack Rock"

Lecture Series for 2011 - 2012

The Friends of Haystack Rock and the Cannon Beach

Library will be hosting the 2011-2012 World of Haystack Rock Lecture Series, starting in November of 2011 and ending in April of 2012. All lectures are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Cannon Beach Library which is located at 131 N. Hemlock from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For the first lecture on November 3rd, April Silva, who is the lead ecologist for the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, presented a talk titled "Do Salmon Eat Sea Slugs? Exploring

the Connection Between the River and the Tidepools". Silva's talk focused on the connections between salmon and ocean/intertidal habitat conservation and restoration. Admission to the lectures is free and delicious refreshments are provided by the library. This series entertains, informs and inspires. The talks have become very popular with visitors and the local community. They also serve as valuable off season training for HRAP staff and volunteers. The photo above, provided by George Vetter, is from a lecture with Shawn Stephensen, USFWS, talking about last season's Tufted Puffin Survey. **Click on the photo to see a printable flyer** for the entire lecture series. Lecture dates are also listed below in the Coming Events section.

Friends of Haystack Rock Partners With Cannon Beach Yoga Festival

The Friends of Haystack Rock has partnered with the Cannon Beach Yoga Festival to put on an educational conference for yoga practitioners to be held on March 2 - 4, 2012. There will be a curriculum of Master yoga teachers, with optional classes in art, music, and local marine habitat and conservation.

[Click here to learn more about the Yoga Festival](#)

Upcoming Events

"World of Haystack Rock" December 1, 2011 7:00 pm Cannon Beach Library
Library Lecture Series January 5, 2012 131 N Hemlock St., Cannon Beach
February 2, 2012
March 1, 2012
April 5, 2012
Friends of Haystack Rock
Cannon Beach Yoga Festival March 2 - 4, 2011 Cannon Beach



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