

A Oregon Archives Month

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CELEBRATE THE SHORE

DOCUMENTING 100 YEARS OF OPEN BEACHES IN OREGON

Early 1900s

Oregonians used the beaches for transportation, recreation, industry, and tourism. The beaches were especially used as a highway prior to the completion of the Coast Highway in 1932.



1913

Governor Oswald West drafts a bill declaring all of the tidelands from the "Washington line to the California line" a public highway. The bill protected the tidelands from private development and provided a transportation route up and down the rugged coast.



1967

The Beach Bill, championed by Governor Tom McCall and State Treasurer Bob Straub is signed into law. Modeled on the concept of common law, the bill recognizes public recreational rights or easements to the dry sandy beaches all the way to the vegetation line.



Cannon Beach, Oregon



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