

# The Astoria Column *Plan a Trip*

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**We welcome** large and small school and tour groups. The Astoria Column area can accommodate up to 400 youngsters and adults. We have parking for ten tour or school buses, restroom facilities, and there are garbage and recycling cans. We have trained docents to speak to groups as needed and there are picnic

tables on the lawns for meals. Our gift shop offers sundries and merchandise including the popular balsa wood gliders to be launched from the top of the Column viewing platform. If you have questions or would like to order merchandise or an engraving, just give us a call at the phone number below.

### VIEW FROM COXCOMB HILL AND INTO HISTORY

When you are standing at Coxcomb Hill (elevation 600 feet), you share a sweeping vista that has touched millions who have stood on this spot. It is easy to lose yourself in the endless sky and sea and to dream of untold possibilities. Thanks to the renovation, the Column is structurally sound and features a lung-testing 164-step climb on the refurbished interior winding staircase. These steps lead to an open platform where the view includes the mouth of the Columbia River, the Pacific Ocean, the shores of Washington State, Saddle Mountain, Youngs Bay, and far to the east lie the peaks of Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier. For those with physical challenges, the views from the plaza and grounds are also stunning and fully accessible.



**Views from the top, click here:** [Northeast](#), [east](#), [south](#), [southwest](#), [southwest close up](#), [west](#), [Astoria](#), [northwest](#).



*Driving Directions to Astoria:* [MapQuest directions](#)

*To Astoria Column:* [MapQuest directions](#)

503.325.2963

Open dawn to dusk

\$1 per car donation

**Astoria, Oregon** is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies and a visit to this nationally significant historic region offers a bounty of seafood, maritime culture, tremendous natural beauty and heritage. We have provided several links below but also urge readers to visit the excellent Web site of the Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce to find many more opportunities for points of interest, food, lodging and guides that will make your visit an adventure to remember.



Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.oldoregon.com/>

Columbia River Maritime Museum

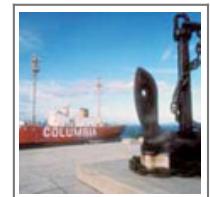
<http://www.crm.org>

Flavel House Museum

<http://www.oldoregon.com/visitor-info/flavel-house-museum>

Fort Clatsop National Memorial (of the National Parks Service)

<http://www.nps.gov/lewi/planyourvisit/fortclatsop.htm>

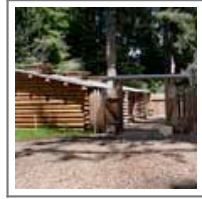


Fort Astoria

<http://www.oregon.com/visitor-info/fort-astoria>

City of Astoria Parks

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