



## Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail on the Long Beach Peninsula

Pacific County, Washington

**Length:** 8.5 miles

**Elevation Gain:** 15 ft., Highest Point: 45 ft.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

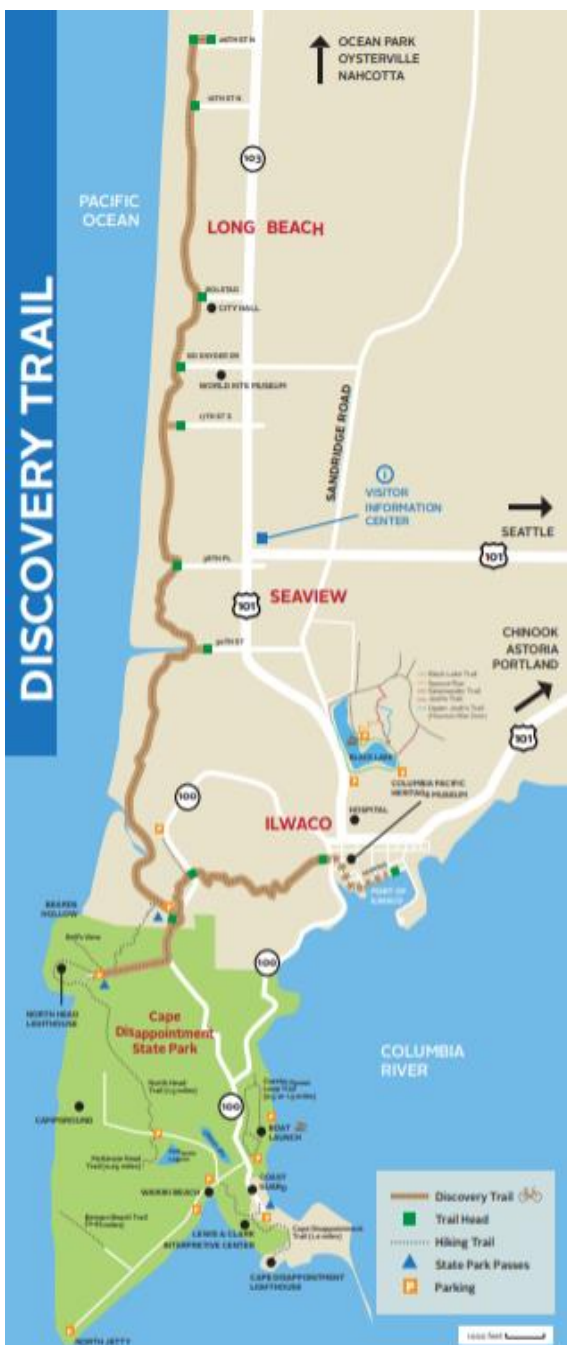
**Trail end points:** 26th St. NW just west of Sea Crest Ave. (Long Beach) and Port of Ilwaco

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt (one short gravel stretch)

**Trail activities:** [Walk](#), [Hike](#), [Bike](#), [Run](#), [Inline Skating](#), [Bird](#), [Wildlife and Whale Watching](#), [Photography](#), [Wheelchair Accessible](#).



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This paved, 8.5-mile trail is ideal for families with its benches, restrooms, water, ocean views, and enough turns and dips to make it fun and accessible for all ages. The Discovery Trail features hiking and biking coastal beauty on the Long Beach Peninsula in SW Washington. The trail is named after the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery. Their journey ended on the Long Beach Peninsula, and there are several art installments and interpretive panels dedicated to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The Discovery Trail is one of the most scenic in the Pacific Northwest with outstanding views of the ocean, grassy dunes, transitional wetlands and forest groves. In homage to Lewis and Clark's explorative trek you'll find several bronze sculptures along the path that commemorate the expedition. The trail also offers a collection of other impressive public art that adds to the trail's natural beauty. This peninsula—bound by the ocean, the Columbia River to the south, and Willapa Bay to the east—is comprised of several distinct ecosystems and home to a diverse array of wildlife. Hikers and bikers may see deer, bald eagles, shorebirds and other wildlife on the trail. Whale-watching and bird-watching are two very popular pastimes here; the visitor's bureau can provide you with information on migratory patterns and viewing locations. At Seaview Trailhead (mile 3.6), take 38th Place to the visitor's bureau for information.

The trail begins in Ilwaco and forks at North Head Road. Head south at the fork to enter Cape Disappointment State Park, Lewis and Clark National Historic Park and enjoy the state park's beaches, hiking trails and two lighthouses (each more than 100 years old). The Beard's Hollow ocean overlook is especially impressive. Visitors can learn about the expedition of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery at the park's Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Alternately, take the North fork along the beach, through Seaview and Long Beach, at one point paralleling the city's extensive wooden boardwalk from Bolstad Ave. to Sid Snyder Drive, and terminating at a bronze sculpture: [Clark's Tree](#), a sculpture in memory of Clark's northernmost trek on the beach. <http://www.visitlongbeachpeninsula.com/things-to-do/recreation/discovery-trail/>

**Parking and Trail Access:** Ample trail access points, parking options and public transportation available (Check Pacific Transit System for current schedule)

### SW Washington Coast Location:

112 Miles from Portland, OR (2.5 hour drive)

171 Miles from Seattle, WA (3.5 hour drive)