

CANNON BEACH, OR

Cannon Beach has long been popular with Portlanders, especially in July and August, when Oregon's ubiquitous rain clouds make way for what Northwesterners charitably call "sun breaks." This endearing coastal enclave has fantastic restaurants and art galleries and is a short jaunt from miles of forested trails. And while summer crowds begin to dissipate after Labor Day, September's balmy weekends continue to attract urbanites determined to make the most of Oregon's last traces of summer weather. It's a good idea to book accommodations well in advance, particularly if you're visiting on a weekend, when it's not unheard of for the whole town to run out of rooms. —Margot Bigg



57°

Average
September
daytime
high

56.2°

Average
September
water
temp

CANNON BEACH FROM
ECOLA STATE PARK.

BEST BEACHCOMBING

If you're searching for sand dollars or want to see tidepools full of sea stars and anemones, go to Haystack Rock at low tide. *friendsofhaystackrock.org.*

BEST SEAFOOD

A casual alternative to Cannon Beach's snazzier dining options, the Ecola Seafoods Restaurant & Market is the only

strictly seafood spot in town, and the fish is as fresh as you'd expect from a place owned and operated by fishermen. \$\$; *ecolaseafoods.com.*

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

About 2 miles from the busy town center, Sea Level Bakery + Coffee serves French pastries and breads, all baked in-house. \$; *sealevelbakery.com.*

BEST SURF SHOP

With a welcoming staff and a sizable selection of gear for sale and rent, Cleanline Surf is the ideal place to stop before hitting the waves. *cleanlinesurf.com.*

BEST BREAKFAST JOINT

Local takes on classic breakfasts dominate the morning menu at the Wayfarer; think waffles topped with

marionberry-hazelnut butter, and eggs scrambled with the coast's own Tillamook cheddar cheese. \$\$; *wayfarer-restaurant.com.*

BEST SHOPPING

Lovers of curios will adore Found, a cozy boutique selling local crafts, antique furniture, and upcycled creations that incorporate beach materials such as sea glass. (503) 436-1812.

BEST BEACH-SIDE LODGING

Cannon Beach's most lavish hotel, Stephanie Inn has spacious rooms with gas fireplaces, hot tubs, and stellar views of Haystack Rock. *From \$429; stephanie-inn.com.*

BEST LOCAL SECRET

Hug Point state beach, 4 miles from downtown, should be visited when the tide

is out and the ocean retreats to expose a small waterfall. *oregonstateparks.org.*

BEST AUTUMN EVENT

Every September, the owners of the town's historical cottages open their homes to visitors as part of the local history center's Cottage & Garden Tour. \$30; *Sep 13; cbhistory.org/cottage-tour.php.*