

Gulls in Winter Trip

October 30, 2021

Our first stop/meet-up spot is Whale Park at the north end of Cannon Beach. This is where Ecola Creek enters the ocean, and has provided the greatest diversity of gull species on past trips. Meet at the whale sculpture at **9:00 AM** sharp. Parking is along the street, both along 3rd Street and Hemlock Street.

Where we go after the first stop will depend on weather conditions, what species we missed at Whale Park, and what rarities may have been reported in the area. Here are directions to some other possible destinations:

Cannon Beach Wastewater Ponds

At the north end of Cannon Beach, drive east on 2nd Street to the parking lot at the wastewater ponds

Tolovana Beach State Wayside

Take Hwy 101 south to the south end of Cannon Beach and take the exit for Tolovana Park.

Seaside Cove

Take Hwy 101 north to Seaside. Turn west onto Avenue U (the first stop light you come to), then left onto Edgewood. Follow Edgewood and bear left onto Ocean Vista Drive and park across from Seltzer Park. This is our best spot for Heermann's Gull.

Hammond Boat Basin

Hwy 101 north, left onto OR 104, following signs for Fort Stevens State Park. Continue north past the park to Hammond, continuing north through the four-way stop to the Hammond Boat Basin (Seafarer's Park). Park in the little lot overlooking the river.

We will plan to end the trip by 3:00, so people can get back to Portland by 5:00.

Bring a scope if you have one. I am happy to share mine, but I will not be sanitizing it. Masking is advisable if you are sharing a scope.

Please bring food and water. There will be no designated lunch break, so plan on eating on the go. Most of our stops do not include a lot of walking, but wear appropriate footwear just in case. As always, dress for the weather. Public restrooms are located near the Cannon Beach Wastewater Ponds, Tolovana, and Seaside Cove.

Please contact me if you cannot make the trip, or if you have any questions.

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