

# Relocation Guide

COOS BAY - NORTH BEND - CHARLESTON



Welcome to Oregon's Bay Area!

## LOCATION

Oregon's Bay Area – the communities of Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston – is located on the Pacific Coast in Coos County, approximately 110 miles north of the California border and about 115 miles west- southwest of Eugene, Oregon's second-largest city. The area is also known as Oregon's Adventure Coast.

## CLIMATE & ELEVATION

Coos County has a mild marine climate. Rainfall along the coast averages 64 inches per year. The majority of our rain falls November through January, with an average of 10 inches per month. Average temperatures -January: High 53, Low 39; August: High 68, Low 53. We enjoy an average 186 sunny days annually.

## OUR CITIES

There are two incorporated cities within Oregon's Bay Area; they are adjacent to each other with common boundaries. The **City of Coos Bay** is the larger of these cities with a current population of 16,292. ([www.coosbayor.gov](http://www.coosbayor.gov)) The **City of North Bend**, with its magnificent McCullough bridge, is located at the north bend of the Coos Bay channel and has a population of 10,285. ([www.northbendoregon.us](http://www.northbendoregon.us)) Located at the entrance to Coos Bay, the unincorporated community of **Charleston** is the area's largest commercial and sport fishing center. (Pop. 795). **Coos County** (including Oregon's Bay Area), has a population of 64,999. ([www.co.coos.or.us](http://www.co.coos.or.us))

## HOUSING

A typical three-bedroom, two-bath home with a double garage, located within the urban area, sells for approximately \$310,000. This increases dramatically in locations with views or other amenities. Rental housing ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,000 per month depending on size and location of dwelling.

## RETIREMENT

The Coos Bay Area is home to several retirement communities and assisted living facilities, including Evergreen Court, Inland Point and Ocean Ridge. Many assisted living and nursing facilities are available depending upon the degree of care provided.

## LIBRARIES

Three major libraries serve the citizens of the Area: the **Coos Bay Public Library**, the **North Bend Public Library**, and the **Southwestern Oregon Community College Library**.

## OREGON'S SEA PORT

**Oregon International Port of Coos Bay** ([www.portofcoosbay.com](http://www.portofcoosbay.com)) is the largest coastal harbor between San Francisco and Puget Sound, and is Oregon's second-busiest maritime port. The federally authorized and maintained deep-draft navigation channel has been a valuable asset for the Coos Bay Area and southwestern Oregon since the 1950's.

## ECONOMY

Historically, wood products, commercial fishing, and shipping have been the mainstays of the Area's economy. More recently, agriculture and tourism have become increasingly important segments. Economic diversification has brought a greater emphasis on medical, education, retail, and professional services with an increase in the number of services and businesses offering new job opportunities.

## UTILITIES

**The Coos Bay–North Bend Water Board** ([www.cbnbh2o.com](http://www.cbnbh2o.com), 541-269-5370) serves the residential and business users in the two cities and some outlying areas with reliable, potable water. Rates are dependent upon metered usage, at a minimum residential rate for 300 cubic feet per month of \$12.95 inside city limits and \$17.25 outside city limits.

**Pacific Power** ([www.pacificpower.net](http://www.pacificpower.net), 888-221-7070) provides electricity to residential, commercial, and industrial users.

**Coos Bay Sanitary Service** ([www.coosbaysanitaryservice.com](http://www.coosbaysanitaryservice.com), 541-267-6675) and **Les' Sanitary Service** in North Bend ([www.lessanitary.com](http://www.lessanitary.com), 541-267-2848) provide garbage collection and recycling services to the area.

**Northwest Natural Gas** ([www.nwnatural.com](http://www.nwnatural.com), 541-267-5655) provides natural gas to the Bay Area.

## TAXES

**Coos County Tax Department** ([www.co.coos.or.us](http://www.co.coos.or.us), 541-396-7725) Oregon property taxes apply to privately owned real properties such as land, homes, farms, stores, factories, warehouses, and commercial offices.

**Oregon Department of Revenue** ([www.oregon.gov/DOR](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR), 503-378-4988) Oregon has no sales tax, but does have a State income tax.

## CHURCHES

There are more than 50 churches of various denominations in the area. A church brochure is available upon request at the Coos Bay Visitor Center or online at [www.oregonsbayarea.org](http://www.oregonsbayarea.org), under Bay Area Info.

## HEALTH CARE

**Bay Area Hospital** ([www.bayareahospital.org](http://www.bayareahospital.org), 541-269-8111), a 172-bed, publicly owned, acute care facility, is the largest hospital on the Oregon Coast and serves as the South Coast's regional referral center. With more than 140 physicians, Bay Area Hospital is the largest employer in the area with over 1100 employees. As the medical center for Oregon's South Coast, the hospital offers a comprehensive range of diagnostic & therapeutic services. Inpatient and outpatient services include the accredited Bay Area Cancer Center with medical and radiation oncology, the Prefontaine Cardiovascular Center with a full range of cardiology services, mental health, pediatric, obstetrical, surgical, wound care with a hyperbaric chamber and more. Physicians, nurses, & technologists are on duty 24 hours a day to meet the medical and emergency needs of the South Coast residents and visitors.

**Bay Clinic** (541-269-0333, [bayclinicoregon.com](http://bayclinicoregon.com))

**Best Med** (541-305-4224, [bestmedclinics.com](http://bestmedclinics.com))

**North Bend Medical Center** (541-267-5151, [nbmchealth.com](http://nbmchealth.com))

**NBMC Immediate Care Clinic** (541-266-1789, [nbmchealth.com](http://nbmchealth.com))

**North Bend VA Clinic** (541-756-8002, [roseburg.va.gov](http://roseburg.va.gov))

**South Coast Orthopedic Assoc.** (541-266-3600, [scoastortho.com](http://scoastortho.com))

**South Coast Surgery Center** (541-266-3665, [scoastortho.com](http://scoastortho.com))

**Waterfall Clinic** (541-756-6232, [wfall.org](http://wfall.org))

A full list of dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, physical therapists, pharmacies, & a dialysis center serve the health care needs of the area.

## BUSINESS LIC., LAND USE, ZONING, & BLDING

Coos County and the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend have adopted comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances. Business licenses and business occupancy permits are required in specific areas. The Chamber encourages you to write, call, or visit the jurisdiction where you are planning to locate a new residence, business, or industry to ensure you have proper permits.

### City of Coos Bay – Planning Department

([www.coosbayor.gov](http://www.coosbayor.gov), 541-269-8918)

### City of North Bend – Planning Department

([www.northbendoregon.us](http://www.northbendoregon.us), 541-756-8525)

For properties outside the Coos Bay or North Bend city limits, contact **Coos County Planning Department** ([www.co.coos.or.us](http://www.co.coos.or.us), 541-396-7770)

## EDUCATION

Bay Area primary and secondary students are served by public schools in **Coos Bay District #9** (541-267-3104, [cbd9.net](http://cbd9.net)) and **North Bend School District #13** (541-756-2521, [nbend.k12.or.us](http://nbend.k12.or.us)), plus charter and private Christian schools.

The South Coast **Educational Service District** (ESD) (541-269-1611, [scesd.k12.or.us](http://scesd.k12.or.us)), serving Coos and Curry Counties, offers public school districts and their students a variety of special programs and services.

**Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC)** (541-888-2525, [www.socc.edu](http://www.socc.edu)) is the premier provider of job training and higher education on the Southern Oregon Coast. With a number of degree paths and career/technical training programs available, SWOCC offers students small class sizes and world-class opportunities. SWOCC is also home to the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute, SWOCC Athletics, on campus housing, summer family programs and campuses in Coos Bay and Brookings. Walk the beautiful 174 acre campus and enjoy its unique art & lake views.

**The Oregon Institute of Marine Biology** (OIMB) (541-888-2581, [oimb.uoregon.edu](http://oimb.uoregon.edu)) campus of the University of Oregon is located in Charleston, conducting research and offering courses in marine biology and related fields. The **Charleston Marine Life Center** provides a place of discovery for our coastal ecosystems.

## TRANSPORTATION

Taxi and rental car service is available within the community.

**Coos County Area Public Transport** (CCAT) (541-267-7111, [coostransit.org](http://coostransit.org)), the county's only public transportation provider, offers local bus service on a fixed route, demand response services through their **Dial-a-Ride** (for those 62 or older or for those who have a disability), and Intercity connectors to get you around Coos County.

**The Southwest Oregon Regional Airport**, ([flyoth.com](http://flyoth.com), Airport Code: OTH) located in North Bend, provides commercial air service via **United Express** (United.com). Charter service, air freight, and express service are available through private companies also located at the airport.

Freight rail service from the Coos Bay-North Bend area to the entire nation is provided through an interchange between **Coos Bay Rail Line** and **Union Pacific Railroad** in Eugene. **Amtrak** (800-872-7245), the nearest passenger service, is located in Eugene.

Inter-city trucking service is available from motor freight firms that maintain service from the Bay Area.

## RECREATION

**Coos Bay, North Bend, Charleston, marketed as a tourism destination as Oregon's Adventure Coast**, provides almost unlimited opportunities for leisure activities, from hiking, kayaking, surfing, dune riding, and fishing to gaming, antique shopping, theater, art, and music. It's all right here in Oregon's Bay Area! For more information, visit [www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com](http://www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com) and request a Visitor Guide.

## MEDIA

**The World** (541-269-1222, [theworldlink.com](http://theworldlink.com)), is the only local newspaper and publishes on Tuesdays and Fridays. Full stories available online.

**Other Media:** There are several weekly advertising and news publications, plus monthly and/or seasonal cultural and recreational publications available at the Coos Bay Visitor Center. Additionally, more than a dozen locally-based radio stations and one television station originate signals in the area.

Four companies provide cable, on-demand & premium TV stations, internet, fiber and satellite options for the area.

**Spectrum** (888-406-7063, [spectrum.com](http://spectrum.com))

**Zipty Fiber** (866-699-4759, [get.ziptyfiber.com](http://get.ziptyfiber.com))

**Douglas FastNet** (DFN) (541-673-4242, [dfn.net](http://dfn.net))

**Oregon Satellite** (541-267-2175, [oregonsat.com](http://oregonsat.com))

## OREGON DRIVER'S LICENSE

The **Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles** (541-269-9717) maintains an office at 1155 S. 5th Street, Coos Bay. For issuance of vehicle and drivers' licenses.

## EMPLOYMENT

The **Oregon Employment Department/Work Source Oregon** (541-756-8459, [worksourceoregon.org](http://worksourceoregon.org)) is located at 990 S. 2nd Coos Bay.

## STATE OF OREGON

Current elected legislative officials:

**Governor:**

› Tina Kotek

**State Senator:**

› Dick Anderson (R - District 5 - Lincoln City)

**State Representative:**

› Boomer Wright (R - House District 9 - Reedsport)

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Bay Area and Coos County are represented by Senators Jeff Merkley (D) and Ron Wyden (D), and Fourth District Congresswoman Val Hoyle (D).

## CITY & COUNTY

**The City of Coos Bay** – 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay (541-269-1181, [coosbayor.gov](http://coosbayor.gov)) operates under a council manager form of government, with a mayor, six council members, and a full time city manager.

**The City of North Bend** – 835 California St., North Bend (541-756-8500, [northbendoregon.us](http://northbendoregon.us)), is governed by an elected mayor, six council members, and a full time city administrator.

Both cities have well-trained and well-equipped police and fire departments.

Three full-time commissioners, elected at large, constitute the governing body of **Coos County** and may be reached at the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille (541-396-7535, [www.co.coos.or.us](http://www.co.coos.or.us)).

The area is home to numerous government entities including the U.S. Coast Guard, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Oregon State Police, and more.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

The Coos Bay area is home to two of the nine Federally Recognized Indian Tribes of Oregon. Tribal Governments as well as recreational offerings can be found in both Coos Bay and North Bend.

**Coquille Indian Tribe** (541-756-0904, [coquilletribe.org](http://coquilletribe.org)) and The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park (541-756-8800, [themillcasino.com](http://themillcasino.com))

**Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians** (541-888-9577, [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)) and Three Rivers Casino (541-808-9207, [threeriverscasino.com/coos-bay-casino](http://threeriverscasino.com/coos-bay-casino))

## WELCOME TO OREGON'S BAY AREA!

The Bay Area, also known as Oregon's Adventure Coast, consists of Coos Bay, North Bend and Charleston; three very distinct communities that, together, create a truly unique experience. Each has its own special attractions and interests, yet each shares a common community focus.

For all there is to see, do and experience, visit [www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com](http://www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com).

## Coos Bay

Visitor Information Ctr

50 Central Ave  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
(541) 269-0215

## North Bend

Visitor Information Ctr

745 California Ave  
North Bend, OR 97459  
(541) 756-4613

## Charleston

Visitor Information Ctr

91143 Cape Arago Hwy  
Charleston, OR 97429  
(541) 888-2311

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