



Frequently Asked Questions about visiting Fort Clatsop

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1. When can I visit Fort Clatsop?

For 2005, Fort Clatsop will be open every day of the year, including Christmas.

During the summer from June 13 through Labor Day, park hours are 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

During the rest of the year, park hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

2. Do I have to ride a Lewis and Clark Explorer Shuttle to get to the Park?

No. You can drive to any unit of the park. However, during the peak summer season parking can be limited at some of the areas, including Fort Clatsop and the Lewis and Clark Information Center at Cape Disappointment. The Lewis and Clark Explorer Shuttle provides service to these places and offers you the chance to avoid any parking problems.

Fort Clatsop:

You can drive to and park at Fort Clatsop. Simply follow the signs from Hwy 101 to Fort Clatsop/Visitor Center. During the summer months (June 13 through Labor Day) parking for a visit at Fort Clatsop is at the nearby Netul Landing. Intra-Park Shuttle service runs from Netul Landing to Fort Clatsop every 15 minutes. Park staff is on hand to welcome you to the park, provide information and welcome you to the park. A 3 minute shuttle ride, with an interpretive talk, will quickly have you continuing your exploration of the Fort, Visitor Center, bookstore and local trails.

During the peak summer season parking will be limited and may be full (particularly between 11 AM and 2 PM.) To avoid the crowds, you should plan to come in the morning or afternoon. To avoid any parking problems and simply enjoy the scenery you can ride on the Lewis and Clark Explorer from Astoria, Warrenton, or Fort Stevens. (Ride to Fort Clatsop from one of these communities and receive a token for a free ride on the Astoria Riverfront Trolley!)

3. How much is admission to Fort Clatsop?

- \$5 for adults.
- \$2.50 for children ages 4 to 16.
- Children 3 and under are free.

4. Where do I catch the Explorer Shuttle?

The Lewis and Clark Explorer Shuttle serve most hotels, motels and campgrounds in the region. In Astoria, there is a shuttle stop within a five minute walk of most of the lodging facilities. In Warrenton, the major campgrounds and a number of the motels are served by the Explorer Shuttle.

From Astoria you can catch the Explorer Shuttle at:

- Astoria Transit Center (9th and W. Marine Drive)
- Kentucky Fried Chicken (West Astoria, 324 W. Marine Drive)

From Warrenton:

- Fred Meyer Store (695 South Highway 101; Shuttle Stop between Fred Meyer and the Rite Aide Shopping Center)
- Kamper's West
- Fort Stevens State Park (and KOA Campground)

Please consult the bus map and schedule available at any local visitor's center or bus shelter. This information is also available online at www.ridethebus.org or by calling 1-800-776-6406.

5. How long is a visit to Fort Clatsop?

A visit to Fort Clatsop can be as short or as long as you would like. Most people seem to take about 2 hours to visit the Fort, the visitor center, museum store and talk with a ranger. With new trails around this part of the park even more time could be spent exploring the forest and the banks of the Lewis and Clark River as the Corps of Discovery did.

6. What facilities are available at the Fort Clatsop?

Restrooms are available at there is also a drinking fountain. After visiting the fort replica, take time to explore the Visitor Center, see the exhibits, walk on some of the short nature trails, and browse the museum store where you can find some great souvenirs and Lewis and Clark memorabilia. The new Fort To Sea Trail starts from the visitor center and offers the opportunity for a short ½ mile walk in the woods up to a 4 mile round trip hike to an overlook of the Pacific Ocean. No food service is available at Fort Clatsop.

7. Where can I buy food or snacks?

There is no food or beverages available other than a water fountain at Fort Clatsop. There are picnic facilities. Families often enjoy taking advantage of the tranquil park setting as a picnic site. If you are not bringing a snack or lunch to the Park, please plan ahead and eat prior to coming or soon after leaving. There are many great dining destinations in the region that specialize in coastal Oregon cuisine.

8. Can I bring my pet(s) to the Park?

Leashed pets are welcome, except inside the buildings. They are subject to the shuttle driver's discretion.

9. What is the Explorer Shuttle Schedule to Reach Fort Clatsop?

The Explorer shuttle runs every hour to Fort Clatsop from 8:40 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. See following page for Explorer Shuttle Schedule:

**Lewis and Clark Explorer Shuttle Service To Fort Clatsop
June 13 to September 6, 2005**

Fort Clatsop	KFC	Astoria Transit Center	KFC	Fort Clatsop
		Arrival / Depart.		
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9:05	9:23	9:27 / 9:38 9:38	9:42	10:00
10:05	10:23	10:27 / 10:38 10:38	10:42	11:00
11:05	11:23	11:27 / 11:38 11:38	11:42	12:00
12:05	12:23	12:27 / 12:38 12:38	12:42	1:00
1:05	1:23	1:27 / 1:38 1:38	1:42	2:00
2:05	2:23	2:27 / 2:38 2:38	2:42	3:00
3:05	3:23	3:27 / 3:38 3:38	3:42	4:00
4:05	4:23	4:27 / 4:38 4:38	4:42	5:00
5:05	5:23	5:27 / 5:38 5:38	5:42	6:00
6:15	6:33	6:37 / 6:48 6:48	6:52	---

Note: KFC = Kentucky Fried Chicken by the Astoria-Megler Bridge

From Warrenton/Ft. Stevens (Clatsop Route)

Fort Clatsop	Fred Meyer	Kamper's West	Fort Stevens Museum	KOA Campground	Fort Stevens Campground	Fred Meyer	Fort Clatsop
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9:25	9:34	9:41	9:46	9:51	9:53	10:05	10:15
10:25	10:34	10:41	10:46	10:51	10:53	11:05	11:15
11:25	11:34	11:41	11:46	11:51	11:53	12:05	12:15
12:25	12:34	12:41	12:46	12:51	12:53	1:05	1:15
1:25	1:34	1:41	1:46	1:51	1:53	2:05	2:15
2:25	2:34	2:41	2:46	2:51	2:53	3:05	3:15
3:25	3:34	3:41	3:46	3:51	3:53	4:05	4:15
4:25	4:34	4:41	4:46	4:51	4:53	5:05	5:15
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