

# CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE KIDS ACTIVITY PACKET



Cape Meares Lighthouse stands 217 feet above the ocean in Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint, ten miles west of Tillamook and U.S. Highway 101. This 38-foot lighthouse, first illuminated in 1890, is the shortest on the Oregon coast. An automated beacon replaced the lamp in 1963.

Trails lead from the main parking area to the lighthouse and viewpoints. Look around... you may see Steller sea lions or nesting seabirds. You may even see a peregrine falcon soaring above your head or a whale playing in the ocean. Take a deep breath of the sea air... feel those ocean breezes, listen to the wind in the trees.

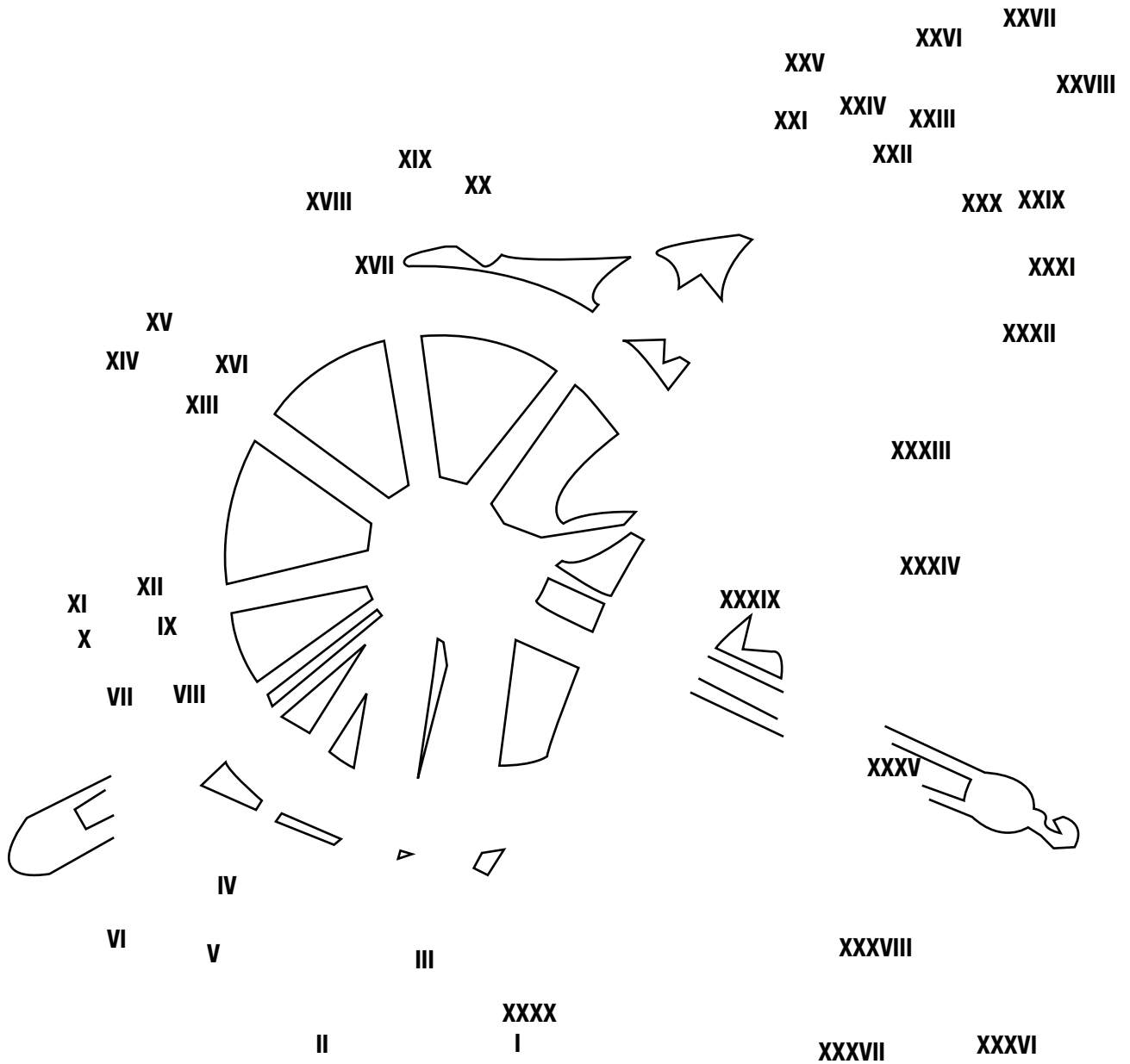
Enjoy our wonderful Oregon coast. We are glad you are here to visit and know you will tread lightly on the land, leaving it clean and beautiful for the next visitors.

What do the following words  
have in common?

Downy ★ Red-tailed ★ COAST  
★ HERMIT ★ Hairy ★ Rufous  
★ Black-capped ★ SURF ★  
Double-crested

They are all descriptions of birds.  
See if you can match the proper description to the appropriate bird.

_____ Woodpecker	_____ Hummingbird
_____ Thrush	_____ Wren
_____ Hawk	_____ Chickadee
_____ Crow	_____ Woodpecker
_____ Cormorant	_____ Scoter



Connect the Roman Numerals to discover who is being guided by the light from Cape Meares.

# Cape Meares Lighthouse Wordsearch

S C E N I C A C E G N O I T A L O S I S  
 B D A U T O M A T I C B E A C O N T H P  
 S H I P S F H R R E K A T E R A C O I A  
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CAPE MEARES  
 COAST  
 LIGHTHOUSE  
 TOWER  
 STATION  
 CLASSIC  
 WILDLIFE  
 CANDLE POWER  
 SCHOONER  
 FRESNEL LENS  
 DWELLINGS  
 LAMP  
 SENTINEL

SCENIC  
 AUTOMATIC BEACON  
 SEA LIONS  
 SHORTEST  
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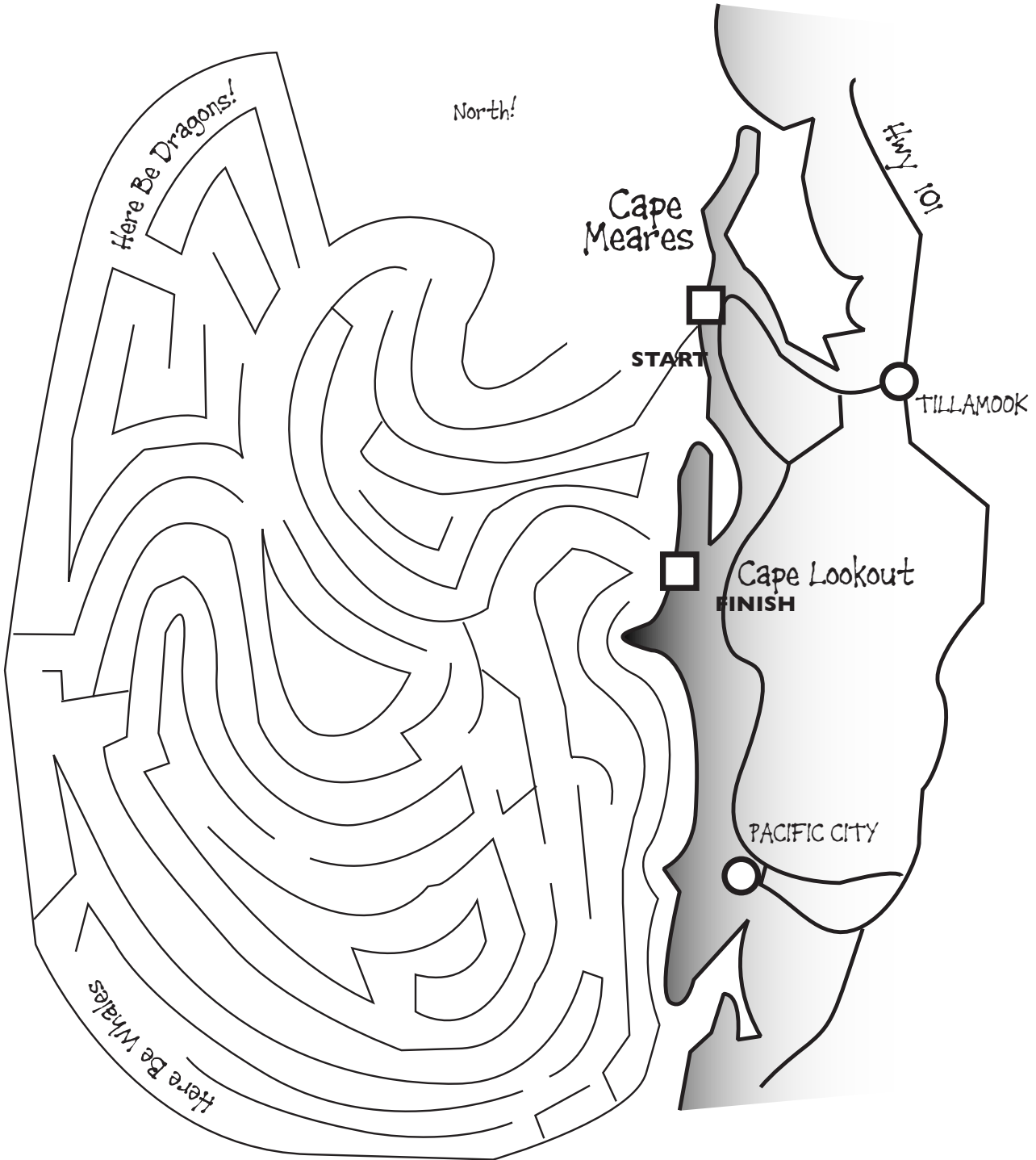
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 TOUR  
 SHIPS  
 SURVEYORS  
 VESSEL  
 TIMING  
 PACIFIC  
 HISTORY  
 FLAME

OREGON  
 PEREGRINE  
 SEABIRDS  
 MARITIME  
 HEADLANDS  
 OREGON  
 STORMS  
 FOG SIGNAL  
 RED FLASH  
 ISOLATION  
 OCEAN  
 VISITORS



Words may be horizontal, vertical, up, down, backward, forward or diagonal. Good luck!

Can you guide the ship from Cape Meares to Cape Lookout?



## What types of plants, trees and things grow in Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint? Well, here goes...

Sitka Spruce and Hemlock - About the only large trees in the park  
Salal, Thimbleberry,  
Salmonberry,  
Huckleberry (two species),  
Twinberry

### **These are “under story” shrubs:**

False Lily-of-the-valley and  
False Solomon’s Seal

### **Under the trees beside the path to the lighthouse and other spots:**

Cow Parsnip  
Pacific Hemlock Parsley - Tall plants among the grasses and rushes  
Skunk Cabbage

### **In a swampy patch about half way from the parking lot to Cape Meares Loop:**

Trillium (possibly two species)  
Miner’s Lettuce  
Redwood Sorrel - Are in profusion at the top of the park close by Cape Meares Loop  
English Daisy

### **Almost everywhere where the grass is mowed and along side the roads leading to the park:**

Daffodil - Beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze  
Seashore Paint Brush -

### **On the cliff face in many places - red and distinctive, if small and distant**

Dandelion, Yarrow, Common Foxglove -  
Imported Weeds  
Pearly Everlastings - In several locations  
Manroot or Bigroot

**This is the vine that wraps around most of the undergrowth and has masses of small white flowers. The ‘fruit’ is a small cucumber-like sphere usually less than a tennis ball in size. Very unpalatable, possibly disagreeable.**  
Yellow Monkey Flower

### **In wet spots, more common along the roadsides and wet ditches**

Tansy  
Chamomile or Pineapple Weed  
Common Foxglove  
Western Coltsfoot

**Along the roads:** A sort of dirty white flower head on a stalk about 8 inches high or so. Leaves become quite large - 6” in diameter and larger.

Fringe Cups -

### **Also along the sides of the road, more common along the Bay Ocean Road:**

Yellow Violets -

**On the banks beside the road in and also along the path to the Big Spruce**  
Goatsbeard

### **More readily observed on the high banks on Bay Ocean Road, an edge-of-the-forest plant:**

Buttercup  
Ferns (two species, at least)  
Various mosses and lichens  
Various grasses, rushes and sedges

They “do their things” at different times of the year! Occasionally, one even spots a wild orchid!

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## NOTES