

### #1 - THE WRECKAGE

(1408 256th Place - At the South side of 256th between Hwy. 103 and N Place)

Guy Allison conceived the inspiration for a log cabin after the breakup of a massive raft of piling poles. The raft, being towed from the Columbia River, broke up on the bar scattering logs from North Head to Lead-better Point. Allison salvaged 48 logs in January 1912, and constructed an authentic blockhouse. The house is built largely from materials salvaged from the beach. The Wreckage is entered on the National Register of Historic Places.



### #5 - HASELTINE COTTAGE

(1209 Bay Avenue - At the North side of Bay Avenue between Park Ave. and N Pl.)

This tiny little gray cottage is one of the oldest buildings in Ocean Park. It was built in 1884 for a Portland businessman, James Haseltine, who helped found Ocean Park. The small-attached garage indicates it was built in a time when cars were narrow and garages were a new architectural development. Faye Beaver, whose grandfather Charles built the first Shelburne Hotel nearly 100 years ago, lived here for over twenty-four years.



### #7 LAMBERSON COTTAGE

(121 262nd Street - Southeast corner 262nd and Park Avenue)

The Lamberson cottage, directly east of the Church, was built in 1883. It is still owned by Lamberson descendants and is the oldest building in Ocean Park. The aged shake on the cottage is indicative of the original look of many beach homes in an earlier time. In 1983 the Lambersons gathered to celebrate the cottage's 100-year anniversary.



### #9 - TAYLOR HOTEL

(1401 Bay Avenue - Northeast corner of Bay Avenue and N Place)

This proud old building has housed not only tourists but also shipwrecked sailors. The Taylors were very much a part of early Peninsula history. William came here in 1876 and for awhile drove the stage from Ilwaco to Oysterville and later became the county sheriff / assessor. They built their hotel around 1887 and it operated as a business until 1940. Today their hotel is a flourishing coffee shop and book store, offering freshly baked pastries, made to order sandwiches & free WiFi.



### #2 - KING'S HAVEN

(1307 258th - At the North side of 258th between Park Avenue and N Place)

James E. Haseltine owned this entire block at one time. He built in 1909 and, being an owner of a hardware store, he used solid brass hardware throughout his new home. In about 1928 the King family obtained the property and eventually added the porthole, from the 1891 wreck of the "Strathbaine," to the front door.



### #3 - PILOT HOUSE

(25915 Park Avenue - At the West End of 260th on Park Avenue)

The Pilot House, in its austere setting, was built in 1895 by L.B. Stearns, a judge in Multnomah County, Oregon. The simplicity of design and construction, with its broad porch and white railing, is well suited for the site. It commands an excellent view of the beach and ocean. Over the years the beach area has built up so the ocean no longer comes to the base of the dune on which the house stands.



### #6 - UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



(1202 262nd Street - Southeast corner 262nd and Park Avenue)

Dedication of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Ocean Park on August 9, 1914 marked a momentous and exciting event. It started in the 1880's with the first camp meetings being held outside and later under tents. Eventually a building on Bay Avenue was remodeled as a chapel. Finally, the church moved to its permanent home where it still stands.



### #4 - THE CHAMBERED NAUTILUS HOUSE

(1210 Bay Avenue - At the South side of Bay Avenue between Park Ave. and N Pl.)

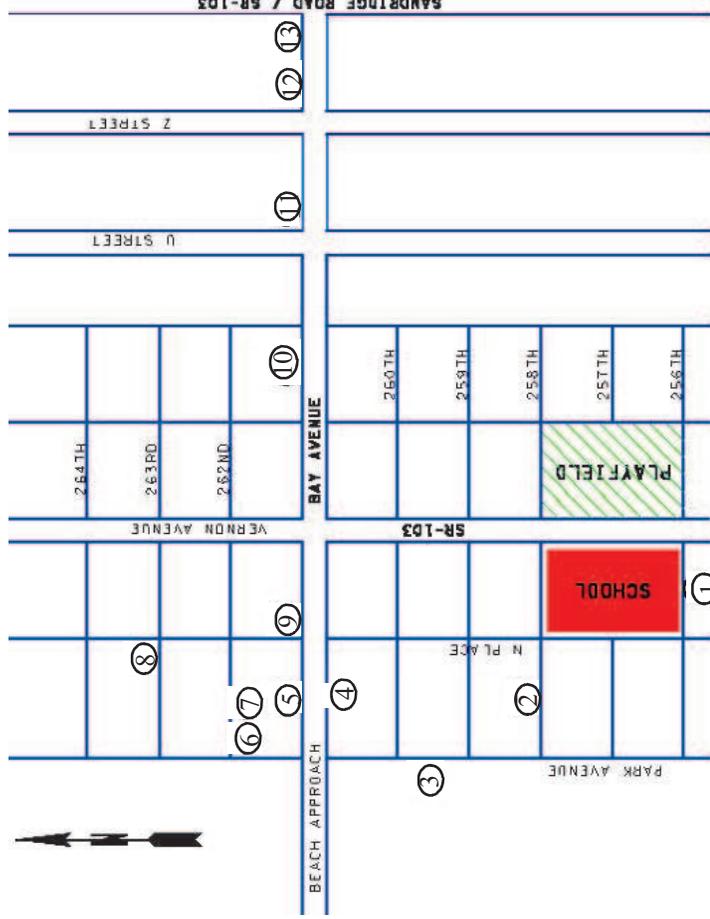
Designed to resemble the interior of a ship, the gambrel roofed, Dutch Colonial style was built by a sailor and his son in 1899. The sailor reportedly died at sea in 1901, the house remained empty until World War II when it was used as a brothel serving the many sailors and fishermen in the area. Various people have lived in the house, most claiming it to be haunted by the spirit of the sailor. To encourage his visits, some even decorated with heavy purple curtains and accents to attract spirits. The house has been remodeled slightly, a fence has been added and the purple accents and drapes have been replaced. The sailor's spirit seems to have gone and the current owners enjoy quiet solitude in their beautiful historic home.



### #8 - GEORGE JOHNSON HOUSE

(26301 N Place - Northwest corner 263rd and N Place)

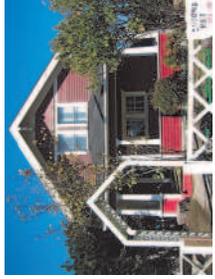
In 1913 George and Mary Johnson laid out the floor plan for their small cottage, including doors and windows, on the beach in the wet sand. There it appeared smaller than what they wanted so they increased the dimensions. Their plans for a "small cottage" ended up being unplanned for a large house. Through the years it has been a well maintained home, regal and distinctive with its columned porch, and curved windows.



### #10 - LOOMIS HOUSE & MURAL

(1607 Bay Avenue - North side of Bay Avenue, second block from 4 way stop)

The Tokeland Oyster Station Mural, painted by Charlotte Davis, is in memory of the oyster stations that once existed throughout Willapa Bay. These stations were living / work buildings constructed on pilings out over the water. Charlotte's father, Roy Herold, was part owner of this station where the family spent their summers. Edgar and Charlotte Davis are now restoring the Loomis house, built in 1908, by Lewis Edwin Loomis, son of Peninsula pioneer L.A. Loomis. They have also written two books on the histories of Peninsula pioneer families.



### #11 - WHALEBONE HOUSE

(2101 Bay Avenue - Northeast corner of Bay Ave. and U Street)

This lively looking house built in 1891 by S.A. Matthews. He designed the house from the memory of a home he enjoyed in Maine. Mrs. Matthews loved to grow flowers on her front porch and eventually had it glassed in to protect her plants. Louise Rice restored the house and named it Whalebone since her husband, Roy, collected whalebones while beachcombing in the 1950's and the name seemed to fit. This place is on the Washington State Register of Historic Places and at certain times of the year, tours are available.



### #12 - WEIGARDT HOUSE

(2607 Bay Avenue - Northeast corner of Bay and Z. 1/2 mile east of 4 - way stop)

This house is a beautiful old Victorian home built in 1897, by Heinrich J. Weigardt, pioneer oyster farmer. The exterior and interior of the house have changed little. Both floors have bay windows with beaded walls and ceilings. The hardware, including porcelain door-knobs, is authentic. A narrow stairway with its curved banister leads to the upper floor. Third and fourth generation descendants still own and maintain the house which is now an art gallery.

### #13 CHARLES NELSON GUEST HOUSE

(26205 Sandridge Road, the east end of Bay and Sandridge)

Charles Nelson was an oysterman, and a cranberry man. Born and raised in nearby Oysterville, in 1929 he decided to build his wife, Donna, a house on the shores of Willapa Bay. They sat down together, and like many couples of the era, ordered a Dutch Colonial home kit from a Sears and Roebuck catalogue. The outcome is a beautiful gray-shingled house that has perfectly withstood the test of time. This beautifully restored house and its gardens is currently operated as a bed and breakfast



**The Heart of the Peninsula**, centered around Ocean Park, includes the communities of Oysterville (the earliest), Nahcotta, Klipsan Beach, and Surfside (the newest). Officially known as North Beach Peninsula, Generally known as the Long Beach Peninsula, this peninsula separates the beautiful Pacific Ocean from pristine Willapa Bay and the Columbia River. Oysters attracted enterprising settlers during the California gold rush, and oysters remain the commercial mainstay today. Upriver folks from Portland and Vancouver quickly discovered the recreational features of the Ocean Park area, and developed it as a summer home community in the 1880's. Some families have kept their ties here for several generations. Memories remain strong of the vacations and holidays spent "at the beach". The sound of the surf, and the wonderful ocean air, make a restful night's sleep your priceless reward.

Klipsan Beach became an important stop for the Clam Shell Railroad due to the Coast Guard's Ilwaco Lifesaving Station that sits on the south side of the Klipsan access road to the beach. The station, built in 1891, was sold to a private party in 1947. Registered as a National Historic Place in 1979, it now stands as a monument to past heroic deeds.

Ocean Park became a reality in 1883 as a vacation area developed by the Methodist Camp Meeting Association. As the years passed it became a resort town that grew along with the Clam Shell Railroad. More and more tourists came to the area; canneries developed, shops opened, and retired folks came and stayed. Ocean Park became the commercial hub of the area with lodging, restaurants, retail shops and other businesses.

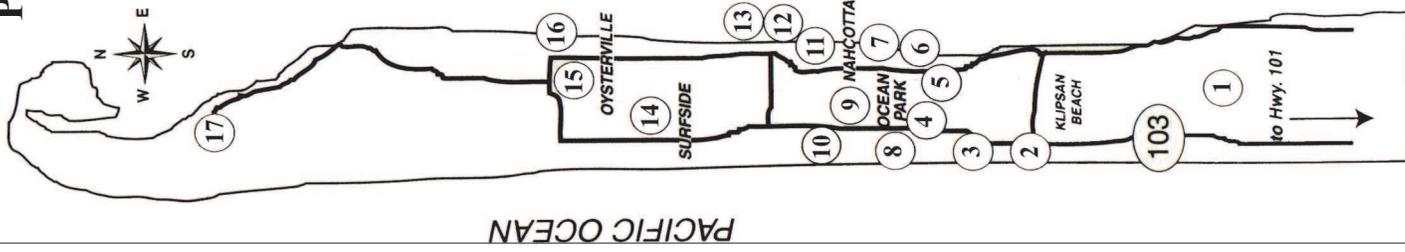
Nahcotta, situated on Willapa Bay, became the crossroads of the bay and the Peninsula and the northern terminus of the narrow gauge railroad. The train tracks extended out over the water and today the old piling can still be seen. Around 1915 fire destroyed the business district from which the town never fully recovered. Now it is mostly residential, with oyster canneries, interpretive centers, post office and restaurants.

Surfside Estates, two miles north of Ocean Park, began in the 1960's and is now a large residential development.

Oysterville, founded in 1854, rapidly became a business and oystering center. In the late 1880's the native oyster industry declined and it became the residential community that it is today. Oysterville is a National Historic District and a walking tour map of the town is available at either the church or store.

## Points of Interest

1. Loomis Lake State Park & Fishing
2. Former Klipsan Lifesaving Station
3. Dunes Bible Camp & Swimming Pool (Public)
4. Ocean Park Post Office
5. Ocean Park Cemetery
6. Nahcotta Interpretive Center
7. Willapa Bay Field Station
8. Ocean Park Timberland Library
9. Ocean Park Wall Mural
10. Pacific Pines State Park
11. Nahcotta Post Office
12. Willapa Oysterhouse Interpretive Center
13. Port of Peninsula-Nahcotta, Crabbing, Fishing & Public Boat Launch Ramp
14. Surfside Estates, Golf Course & Driving Range
15. Oysterville Cemetery & Post Office
16. Oysterville Historical Town - Church, School & Homes
17. Leadbetter Point State Park - Wildlife Refuge



## Attractions

- \*Gorgeous Sunsets
- \* Exciting Winter Storms
- \* Long Driving Beach
- \* Beachcombing
- \* Shops-Artist Galleries-Studios
- \* Leadbetter Hiking Trails
- \* Oyster Harvesting
- \* Golf & Driving Range
- \* Birdwatching
- \* Lots of Clean Relaxing Fresh Air

# Ocean Park Historic Home Tour Guide



With Points of Interest  
For

Klipsan Beach  
Ocean Park \* Surfside  
Nahcotta \* Oysterville

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