

THE BEACH

One reason people enjoy coming to Twin Rocks Friends Camp and Conference Center is its close proximity to the ocean. Not many camp and conference centers are blessed to be so close to an ocean beach – especially one as beautiful as this section of the Oregon Coast. However, this attraction comes with inherent dangers and problems. The following guidelines are written with the intent of helping students enjoy the beach to the fullest while also keeping them safe.



GOING TO THE BEACH

It is a requirement that all people associated with Twin Rocks use the pedestrian overpass (The Bridge) to cross the highway to the beach. Those physically unable to navigate the stairs should coordinate a ride across the highway to be dropped off on Shand Avenue. The code for the bridge is usually posted in the Dining Center or can be obtained through the Guest Services Office in the Welcome Center. Students should not be given the bridge code.



NEIGHBORS

Most residences along this beachfront are permanent – people live there year round. Twin Rocks’ neighbors are extremely kind and supportive of the camp, and deserve our efforts to respect their property and privacy. Out of respect for neighbors, please maintain as much order and quiet as possible going to and from the beach. Please stay on public property at all times.

OCEAN AND BEACH SAFETY

- As with all Oregon beaches, ours is a public beach and students should not be at the beach without adult or staff supervision.
- **All students and staff are to stay out of the ocean waters.** There are dangerous currents and riptides in our area and the cold temperature could cause hypothermia.

BEACH ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

For many students a trip down to the beach can be a highlight of their time at Outdoor School and there are a number of ways to utilize the location. A few ways Outdoor Schools have incorporated beach time include: large group games, exploration time, building sand castles as a cabin group, beach bonfires, or quiet reflection about their time at Outdoor School.

SUPERVISION

- During free time or scheduled beach activities traveling to the beach should be done in groups of 3 or more, with at least one adult in the group.
- Students and staff should not go into the ocean.
- If the teacher or counselor is okay with it, students are welcome to wade in shallow areas of the creeks on the beach away from the ocean and logs. Time should be allowed for students to change and rinse off before the next activity.