

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	4905 Otter Crest Loop Otter Rock vcty, Lincoln County	historic name:	The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		township/rng/sect/qtr sect:	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	building	height (stories):	1.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1937	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	01/14/2015
primary orig use:	Specialty Store	orig use comments:	Gift Shop, Recreation & Culture: Outdoor recreation, Defense: Fortification
second orig use:	Specialty Store	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Late 19th/20th Amer. Mvmts: Other	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	George Horace Wardner
secondary siding:	Concrete: Other/Undefined	builder:	Don Jarmen
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Oregon State Parks - Heritage Parks	State Park		
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	01/14/2015	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess	None
RLS survey date:		Project(s):	
Gen file date:	08/06/2014	Federal Tax	None
		Project(s):	
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather was built in 1937 along the ocean side of the Oregon Coast Highway (U.S. 101), about eight miles north of Newport, Oregon. Originally constructed as a coffee shop and small-scale restaurant, it became a gift shop early in its history and has remained so ever since. "The Look-Out" is improbably perched on a knobby promontory on the jagged south flank of Cape Foulweather, 453 feet above the Pacific Ocean. This secondary headland is commonly known as Otter Crest, a name also appropriated by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the adjacent State Scenic Viewpoint. The Look-Out is a front-gabled, rectangular, bi-level building comprising two poured-concrete volumes containing a main floor and a daylight basement; the rear volume is stepped down to accommodate the grade drop that characterizes the site. Each volume is topped with a moderately-pitched, metal-shingled, gable roof. A center entrance; a small, off-center gabled bay; and a prominent stone chimney mark the front facade. The building has been lightly altered over the years, but still clearly conveys the Minimal Traditional architectural style with its eave-less roof, shallow moldings, cottage-like decorative features, and residential scale. Dramatic site notwithstanding, The Look-Out features several domestic-scale landscape elements, including a surrounding strip of manicured lawn, paved path, pretty vegetation, and picket gate, all shored up by a massive, basalt masonry retaining wall along the property's north edge. The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather was privately owned from the time of its construction until December 2013, when the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department acquired it. The agency continues to operate the building as a gift shop. It is the only building on the 6,764-square-foot nominated portion of a larger parcel owned by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>The Look-Out on Cape Foulweather (The Look-Out) is historically significant for its association with the growth of the tourism industry along the Oregon Coast during 1937-1963. Built and operated by Wilbur "Buck" and Anna Badley, the business began briefly as the Foulweather Coffee Shop, but soon shifted into a very successful gift shop when the Badleys realized people were most interested in purchasing souvenirs of their visit to the coast. Upon the completion of the Roosevelt Coast Military Highway (U.S. 101) in 1932 and completion of the essential associated bridges in 1936, tourists could more easily travel and visit sites along the Pacific Ocean. The Look-Out is an excellent example of an isolated entrepreneurial venture along the central coast that capitalized on the public investment based upon the urging and support of the citizens of Oregon. The Look-Out is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with commerce and entertainment/ recreation, for tourism along the central Oregon coast. The Look-Out is also significant for its association with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Beach Patrol, which operated in Oregon from 1942 to 1944. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the coastline was considered vulnerable to attack and constant surveillance was considered vital to protect the U.S. from further attacks. The Look-Out was a strategic vantage point from which to watch for enemy invasion. Six men from the Coast Guard resided in The Look-Out to help defend the coast during this period of time. Correspondingly, The Look-Out is also significant under Criterion A in the area of military history.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Title Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	Oregon Department of Transportation
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