

(Title) The Yaquina Bay Road Scenic Route follows the Yaquina River for thirteen miles to Toledo, a leisurely 25 minute drive. US Highway 20 completes the loop, 7 miles to Newport.

1. Embarcadero Resort  
Continue from the Newport bayfront down Bay Boulevard to the Embarcadero Resort Hotel & Marina, 1000 SE Bay Bv. to begin the scenic tour.
2. Sally's Bend Mileposts 1 – 3  
Low tide gives clam diggers access to extensive tidal lands as the Yaquina River spreads out to create Yaquina Bay, designated an "Important Bird Area". The largest concentration of waterfowl in Yaquina Bay is found here, where in fall and winter widgeons, buffleheads, grebes, scaup, common goldeneye and many others gather. Native Great Blue Herons fish the shorelines. Boaters crab, sail and fish in the bay.
3. Yaquina City MP 4.1 Historical Marker  
The largest town in the area in the 1880's developed here at the terminus of the Oregon Pacific Railroad. Tourists from the Willamette Valley disembarked here to catch ferries into Newport or schooners to San Francisco. The railroad's roundhouse here turned the engines for the trip back to the valley. No trace of the city remains where today Sawyer's Landing offers launching, boat rentals and an RV park with a great view of the river. Look for cormorants sunning on the pilings and the occasional bald eagle.
4. Oyster City MP 5.6  
A marker placed by the Lincoln County Historical Society commemorates a settlement on the south side of the river, established in 1865 by independent oystermen who harvested the delicate native oyster. This beautiful stretch of river is a favorite of fishermen angling for fall run chinook.
5. Oysterville Milepost 6.8  
Located on the site of the town of Oysterville, Oregon Oyster Farms is the state's oldest, established in 1907 on the site of a settlement where coastal schooners sailed into Yaquina Bay in the 1860's to transport lumber and oysters to California. Stop at this halfway mark on your scenic tour to enjoy an oyster cocktail or to purchase fresh oysters. Common loons, Canada geese, herons and gulls often sun on the docks.
6. Boone Family Homestead MP 8.5  
Site of the homestead of George Luther Boone, great-grandson of Daniel Boone, who built a fine house here in 1870 for his family of twelve. Boone helped survey the first road over the Coast Range to Yaquina Bay.
7. Oregon Pacific Railroad MP 8.6  
The pilings trace the route of what was planned to be the western leg of a transcontinental rail route, which was completed as far as the foothills of the Cascades. The railroad was the main transport between the valley and the coast until roads were built. The Yaquina Bay Road replaced the rails between Toledo and Newport in the 1930's.
8. Boone & Nute Sloughs Milepost 8.8  
These grassy areas and fresh waters are home to a wide variety of birds, where Mallards, canvasbacks, western grebes and the native belted kingfisher are often seen.
9. Craigie Point Milepost 9.1 Historical Marker  
Early settler James Craigie, a Scottish immigrant who had worked for the Hudson Bay Company, came to the area in 1866, taking a 42 acre land claim on the Yaquina River, located across the river and just south of the marker. His daughter Mary married Newport pioneer Sam Case.

10. Port of Toledo Paddle Park Milepost 10.1  
New in 2008, the Port has created a non-motorized boat launch with a picnic pavilion and restroom next to prime wetlands. The place to have a picnic on the Scenic Bay Road.
  
10. Port of Toledo Public Boat Launch Milepost 10.4 Recreation  
On the south side of the river, adjacent to Toledo Airport, is a public boat ramp. The Yaquina is fished for perch, flounder and seasonally salmon & steelhead, as well as sturgeon in the deep holes. Pilings still visible in river were placed to control log booms for the lumber mills which once processed the abundant fir and spruce logs in Toledo, the one time "Spruce Capitol of the World". Great white egrets fish the tidal flats mid July through October.
  
11. Sturgeon Bend MP 12  
Site of Fred Wahl Marine Construction. The sheltered harbor is chosen by medium & small boat owners for boat maintenance and repair. Visible across the river is Georgia-Pacific Pulp & Paper operations, on the site of the one time largest spruce mill in the world, built to provide spruce lumber for WW I aircraft.
  
12. Junction Business Loop 20 MP 13  
Turn right to visit Toledo's antique & gift shops, museums, restaurants, & art galleries, ½ mile.
  
13. City of Toledo MP 13.5 Historical Museum  
This historic town built on the hills surrounding the river is situated on the only inland deep water harbor on the central coast. Its five block downtown area is a great place to stroll and shop. Working artists occupy several of historic buildings. 1939 art deco City Hall houses Toledo History Museum. Toledo History Center has historical and visitor information at 208 S. Main.