Yaquina Head Interpretive Complex

Newport, OR



A beacon to illuminate nature and history

Home to Oregon's tallest and second oldest working lighthouse, Yaquina Head is a spectacular coastal site that is naturally and culturally significant. AldrichPears worked with the Bureau of Land Management to conceive and design exhibits across the site. Exhibit areas include the lighthouse, an interpretive center and an extensive trail system.

Inside the center, APA created interpretive experiences that showcase Yaquina's human and natural history from unusual perspectives. A cross section of the lighthouse reveals its inner workings. A large mural presents an underwater view of gray whales. And a film shows a voyage to Yaquina from the open sea. Along the trails, visitors use viewscopes, explore a weather station and touch objects embedded in graphic panels to gain new understandings of the environment.

APA provided full design service on the project. Our firm worked from concept, schematics and detailed design to construction supervision.

