

Take In Oregon's Riviera From *Neskowin Creek*

The Oregon coast is a pristine stretch of beauty renowned for its tiny atmospheric bays and spotless beaches, a true American Riviera. One of those little towns is Neskowin, population 170, at the mouth of Neskowin Creek and on the rim of Nestucca Bay.

Just outside of this diminutive charmer is the best place to pull in and experience the joys of the region ... Neskowin Creek RV Resort. Your

arrival here will whet your appetite for natural wonders after driving through the lush evergreen forests along the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway (US Highway 101), full of rugged cliffs and smooth sand dunes.

"What's unique about us is location," related Mike McLeod, president of resort owner Sound Pacific Resorts. "We're a short walk from the most beautiful coastline in America. The beaches are spectacular and delightful to walk on, the water and sunbathing are wonderful, and the fishing, crabbing and clamming are fantastic - we have catch and release fishing in the Creek as it runs through our property." The variety of fish, in the ocean, creeks and rivers, is awesome, including cutthroat, steelhead, Chinook and Coho salmon, bass, halibut, flounder and perch.

The Neskowin Creek Resort features large, full-service, pull-thru sites with

cable TV, an enchanting log-cabin-style clubhouse, a sizable indoor swimming pool, tennis, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes and playground. They've recently added a huge indoor hot tub and will soon have a rental cabin available.

Neskowin, the village, is just half a mile away, and you'll find that it's an alluring slice of Americana, right down to the general store. Make a short drive north, to Nestucca Bay, and you find a fabulous resource

for non-motorized water sports such as canoeing and kayaking. Plus, its mix of grasslands, woodlands, tidal marsh, mudflats and bogs provide the perfect setting for bird watching. The Nestucca Wildlife Refuge is home to six sub-species of geese, including the previously endangered Aleutian Cackling goose and the dusty Canada goose.

To continue the nature vibe, nearby is the Cascade Head Trail that takes you through remarkable stands of spruce and breath-taking views of the ocean. (Speaking of views, the resort itself is surrounded on three sides by picturesque hills.)

The nearby town of Lincoln City is a quaint arts colony, and is a good place to pick up supplies and provisions. You'll also find two 9-hole golf courses here (talk about locales with amazing views!) and a riding stable.

Lincoln City is noted for its sum-

mer-time activities, as well. The beach is known as a magnet for kite flyers, there are great fresh seafood restaurants and the local casino often features name-brand entertainment.

Other things to do in this true cornucopia include cycling, scuba diving and hiking (through old-growth forests), surfing and windsurfing, old-fashioned beachcombing and tide pool trips, and whale watching. The climate is comfortable, with summer temperatures in the 60-70s during day and high-50s at night. Galleries, theaters and festivals lend the region culture, and something that makes it unique is the line-up of lighthouses all up and down the highway.

"We're here for people who enjoy camping, own a RV, and want to experience a place that is remarkable but perhaps a little under the radar," McLeod said. "Our staff is the best, and hospitality, comfort and relaxation are a way of life around here."

Neskowin Creek RV Resort is located at 50500 Highway 101, Neskowin, Oregon 97149. For more information, please visit www.neskowincreekrv.com.

