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10 Coolest Small Towns, Ore.

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A little bit hip and a little bit homey, these up-and-coming towns guarantee a fun detour on your next road trip. You'll be browsing the local real estate pages before you know it.

by Colin Lingle | September 2007 issue

Yachats, Ore.

Population: 617
 Nearest City: Eugene, 86 miles
 In 2005, Dave Thomas and Deb Gisetto left Vermont for Oregon and soon found themselves awestruck by the scenery around Yachats (*yah-hots*). "It was just unbelievably beautiful," recalls Thomas. "And the people were possibly the most friendly in the country." Thomas and Gisetto put down roots by opening **Green Salmon Bakery & Coffee House** (220 Hwy. 101, 541/547-3077). Yachats also has cute shops, like **Raindogs** (162 Beach St., 541/547-3000, raindogsonline.com), and a deli called **Grand Occasions** where you can watch the sea roll in while you eat pie made with blackberries, strawberries, or whatever's in season (84 Beach St., 541/547-4409). After staying in a **Shamrock Lodgettes** beachfront cabin, you may move to Oregon, too (105 Hwy. 101, 800/845-5028, shamrocklodgettes.com, cabins from \$99).

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The beach at Shamrock Lodgettes in Yachats (courtesy Shamrock Lodgettes)

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