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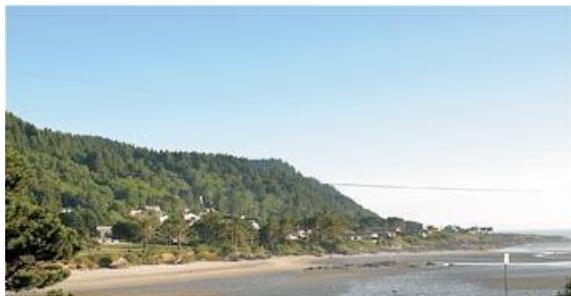
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Community

Yachats named one of "10 Coolest Small Towns" by Budget Travel Magazine
By Barbara Covell For the News-Times



A view of the coastline from Yachats Village. (Photo by Barbara Covell)

Imagine the luxury of living on Oregon's central coast, with tropical climate, captivating scenery and a generous, friendly population. For journalists with Budget Travel Magazine, Yachats, the "gem" of the Oregon coast, is a remarkable, up-and-coming kind of place you'd want to seek a home spot on your next visit. Yachats is so remarkable, they named it one of their "10 Coolest Small Towns" in their September 2007 issue.

For South Lincoln County residents, spoiled by the good life in premiere coastal hotspots, Yachats is a peaceful refuge. Offering quality arts and live music that sizzles with blues, jazz, rock and country beats; Yachats also provides a blend of lodging accommodations that includes first class, cozy and rustic. Food options are plentiful and healthy, the Green Salmon Café, a local favorite. Grand Occasions, a deli that specializes in local pies of blackberries, marionberries, strawberries - or whatever is in season - also offers its guests an unparalleled view of the ocean in it's tidal transitions. Raindogs, a shop that offers gifts for people and dogs, is a delight for locals and tourists new to the area. All three of these Yachats businesses are mentioned in the Budget Magazine review of south county's own delicate gem.

The Oregon coast is definitely a place that draws people to come and put down new roots. The chamber of commerce lists an ample number of businesses that signify economic growth, in addition to a local health clinic, Waldport public schools, and a number of adult learning opportunities. Eddie Taylor, P.A., clinical coordinator of the Yachats Community Health Clinic, recently moved to Yachats from Washington State with his wife and young son. "I've never seen a place where there have been so many Ph.D.s and interesting people. This is quite a diverse population of very friendly, community-minded folk," he said.

Of course, there's the age-old question of whether to keep Yachats a secret from the rest of the world. Until the world knows, Yachats will continue to grow at a steady pace, along with other South Lincoln County communities.

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