



## **Welcome To Reedsport Oregon**

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Thank you for your interest in the Reedsport and Winchester Bay Area.  
We hope you find most of the information you are seeking within these pages.

If you need additional information, please contact either the  
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# Getting To Know Us - Reedsport, Oregon

## Location:

Reedsport is an incorporated city located on the Central Oregon Coast, approximately 2 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. The unincorporated communities of Winchester Bay and Gardiner are located 4 miles to the south and 2 miles to the north. The combined area of the three communities is referred to as the Lower Umpqua (UM-KWA) Area.

The Lower Umpqua Area is approximately 60 miles from the I-5 corridor, 87 miles southwest of Eugene, 70 miles northwest of Roseburg (County Seat) and 200 miles south of Portland

## Population:

City of Reedsport 4870  
Surrounding Area 1500  
Douglas County 101,805

## Climate:

Elevation 10ft.

Coldest month: January

Average daily low temperature for January: 37 F

Warmest Month: September

Average daily high temperature for September: 70 F

Precipitation Average annual: 76.01 inches Driest month : July

Wettest month: December

## Utilities:

Electricity: Central Lincoln People's Utility District (541) 271-2181

Water/Sewer: City of Reedsport; (541) 271-3603

Telephone: Verizon 1-800-483-4000

Cable Television: Charter Communications 1-800-922-2588

Solid Waste: Homing Brothers Sanitary Service (541) 271-4117

## Medical Services:

Lower Umpqua Hospital: (541)271-2171

600 Ranch Road, Reedsport 97467

This facility has 20 acute care beds and 28 convalescent care beds. The hospital offers physical therapy, obstetrical care, surgery, home health and hospice services. The hospital also has 24-hour ambulance and emergency room service.

Also part of the hospital is a Specialist's Clinic which provides services in Orthopedics, Gynecology, Urology, Ophthalmology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Podiatry and Internal Medicine.

Dunes Family Health Care: (541)271-2163 620 Ranch Road, Reedsport 97467

Reedsport Medical Clinic: (541) 271- 2119 385 Ranch Road, Reedsport, 97467

Douglas County Health Annex: (541) 271- 4835 680 Fir Avenue, Reedsport 97467

## **Emergency Services:**

### **Police:**

City of Reedsport (541)271-2100

Douglas County Sheriff (541)271-4802

Oregon State Police (541)271-2263

The city has a 20 member police department and a 24- hour dispatch center. The department sponsors a DARE program in the elementary and middle schools, has a Senior Volunteer Patrol to assist officers and a reserve program. The department has an active community patrol program.

**Fire:** (541)271-2423

The city has a 40 member volunteer fire department with a part-time paid Fire Chief and a full-time Fire Marshall.

**Ambulance and Paramedic Service:** 911 or (541)271-2171

**U.S.Coast Guard:** (541) 271-2137 Business - (541)756-4141 Emergency

## **Education:**

### **Primary:**

Highland Elementary School: (541)271-3616

Jewett Middle School (in Gardiner): (541)271-3696

Reedsport High School: (541)271-2141

School Administration Office: (541)271-3656 100 Ranch Road, Reedsport 97467

### **Secondary:**

Southwestern Oregon Community College (541)888-7283 1988 Newmark, Coos Bay 97420. This is a two-year certification college with specialized employment job training

for individuals and businesses as well as a variety of outreach classes in Reedsport.

University of Oregon (541)346-1000 - located 87 miles northeast in Eugene

Oregon State University (541)737-1000 - located 108 miles northeast in Corvallis

## **Natural Resources**

**Lakes, Rivers and Ocean:** An outdoor lover's dream. In the Reedsport-Winchester Bay area there are three beautiful and scenic bodies of water, the Smith River, Scholfield Creek and the Umpqua River. There are over 17 fresh water lakes within a 20-mile radius. The ocean and rivers offer a variety of seafood, such as Chinook and Coho salmon, bottom fish, striped and small mouth bass, steelhead. sturgeon, shad, pink tin perch, Dungeness crab, clams and oysters.

**Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area:** Some of the highest sand dunes in the United States are located in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, which stretches forty miles from Florence to North Bend, with Reedsport- Winchester Bay located right in the middle. ODNRA headquarters is located at 855 Highway 101 in Reedsport. (541)271-3611

**Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area:** Located three miles east of Reedsport on Highway 38 is an opportunity to view a herd of Roosevelt Elk in their natural habitat.

**Whale Watching Station and Umpqua Lighthouse:** Located one mile south of Winchester Bay is the Umpqua River Lighthouse. It is one of the few working lighthouses on the Oregon Coast. Tours inside the lighthouse are available during the summer months. Across from the lighthouse is an observation deck for whale watching with interpretive panels and spotting scopes.

**Bird Watching:** The Lower Umpqua Area is a bird watchers paradise. In the forests and marshes watch for the bald eagle, osprey, snowy plover, great blue heron, and great egret. Along the beach you will find plovers, sanderlings. terns, gulls, killdeer and sandpipers.

## **Recreation**

All of our area's resources and facilities accommodate a wide variety of recreation activities, including fishing, crabbing, clam digging, beach play, ATV riding in the dunes, hiking, bowling, golfing, indoor and outdoor swimming, picnicking, and much more.

**Golf Course:** The Forest Hills Country Club offers one of the finest nine hole courses on the Oregon Coast. A beautiful pristine setting, a full time golf professional and reasonable green fees make this a favorite spot for members or visitors year round. (541) 271 -2626

**Parks:** The City of Reedsport has four well developed community parks that offer softball diamonds, tennis courts, covered and open picnic facilities, a variety of play equipment and walking and jogging paths.

**Camping:** The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area has numerous camping facilities to meet all types of camping needs. Available are private, forest service, County and State campgrounds.

**Salmon Harbor:** Located in Winchester Bay, four miles south of Reedsport, is one of the largest and most modern recreational facilities on the Oregon Coast, with 900 moorage slips, 300 RV camping sites, 27 land leases and two boat launch stations.

**Beaches and Dunes:** Excellent beach access and spectacular ocean views from Winchester Bay. This area is located in the middle of the 40 mile stretch of some of the highest dunes in the United States. There are designated area for riding ATV's in the dunes and hiking.

**Umpqua Discovery Center:** Located on the Umpqua River waterfront in Reedsport, this interpretive center offers a variety of exhibits relating to the history and culture of our area, as well as one of the finest gift shops on the Oregon Coast. Open year round. (541)271-4816

## **Getting Together**

**Churches:** There are 22 established churches in the area.

Assembly of God Church, 509 N 19th Street, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3379

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2160 Elm Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-2633

Church of Christ, 3645 Frontage Road, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3907

Church of God, 2191 Birch Avenue (Box 537), Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3928

Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, 2511 Longwood Drive, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3736

Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3771

Grace Fellowship, 480 Greenwood Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-5500

Harbor Baptist Church, 7th and Broadway (Box 1316), Winchester Bay, OR 97467, (541) 271-2023

Highlands Baptist Church, 2500 Longwood Drive, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-4406

Jehovah's Witnesses, 1725 Birch Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3880

Midcoast Christian Fellowship, 392 Fir Avenue Suite 109, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-4946

Reedsport Christian Church, 390 Elm (Box 538), Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3756

Reedsport Foursquare Church, 2900 Frontage Road, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-4414

Seventh-Day Adventist, 680 Ranch Road, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-5141

St. John's Catholic Church, 12 St. John's Way, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-5621

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, N. 2nd Street (Box 177), Gardiner, OR 97441, (541) 271-2683

United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive, Reedsport, OR 97467, (541) 271-3214

**Clubs and Organizations:** There are fraternal and service organizations in the community, e.g.. Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Eagles Lodge, Elks Lodge, AARP, American Legion, Odd Fellows and

Rebekahs, and many more.

Lower Umpqua Senior Center: Located in Reedsport. the center offers a wide variety of activities from lunch to art classes, dancing and other social gatherings as well as providing a comfortable and relaxing place for the watching TV, playing pool, reading or visiting with friends-

Restaurants: There are more than 20 restaurants in our area offering menus, environments and price ranges to suit the “tastes” of everyone.

Festivals and Celebrations: Year round activities range from the annual Ocean Festival, Dune Musers Mail Run, Dune Fest, Smith River Country Fair, Tsalila, Salmon Derby, Fireworks over the Bay, Crab Bounty Hunt, Victorian Christmas and more. See pages 8, 9, and 10 of this document for a complete schedule of events.

Reedsport Public Library 395 Winchester Ave, Reedsport 97467 (541)271-3500

It is impossible to include all the information about our area. If you require specific information not listed, please contact the Reedsport-Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce and/or Reedsport Renaissance. We will respond as quickly as possible.

## **Transportation**

Dial-a-Ride: Transportation in the Reedsport- Winchester Bay area for seniors and disabled (541)271-1234

Taxi: (541)271-3445

Greyhound Bus Line: 1-800-231-2222

North Bend Municipal Airport: A regional air terminal providing freight and commercial passenger air service to other Oregon cities, including national and international connecting flights from Eugene and Portland. (541)756-8531

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad Co: (541)267-2945

Port of Umpqua: Shallow draft barging and docking facilities on the Umpqua Riverfront (541)271-2232

Oregon International Port of Coos Bay: Second largest port for shipment of timber products on the West Coast, located 25 miles South of Reedsport. (541)267-7678

## **Employment**

Largest Employers /Number of Employees

Lower Umpqua Hospital 200

Reedsport School District 105

WICKS Broadcast Solutions, LLC 136

Fred Wahl Marine Construction 45

Labor Market: The area’s labor market within a 25 mile radius includes parts of Lane County to the north, Coos County to the south, as well as parts of Western Douglas County. It stretches to the communities of North Bend, Coos Bay and Florence and encompasses an approximate population of 40,000.

## **Communications**

Newspapers:

The Umpqua Post - Reedsport - (541) 271-7474 - weekly

The Coffee Break - Reedsport (541) 271-3512 - daily

The World - Coos Bay (541) 269-1222 - daily

The Register Guard - Eugene (541) 271-2618 - daily

Radio:

KDUN - Reedsport - 1030 AM (541) 271-1030

KJMX - Reedsport - 99.5 FM (541)271-3300

Television:

KCBY-TV - Coos Bay - (541) 269-1111

Charter Communications - Coos Bay - 1-866-731-5420

Internet Providers:

Preferred Connections Inc. - Lakeside-(541) 759-2647

Harborside - Brookings - (541) 469-8844

## **Housing**

**Apartments:** There are numerous apartments in the area. Several are Government subsidized for Seniors and low income families. There is also a HUD retirement complex near the hospital.

**Mobile Home Parks:** Reedsport-Winchester Bay area has several family and adult mobile home parks.

**Realtors:** The realtors listed below can provide information on homes and mobile homes for sale.

Dune Country Realty (541)271-3607 [www.rwre.com/dunecountry](http://www.rwre.com/dunecountry)

Golden Sands Realty (541)271-3607 [www.goldensandsrealtyonline.com](http://www.goldensandsrealtyonline.com)

Pacific West Realty (541)271-9378 [www.rwre.com/pacwest](http://www.rwre.com/pacwest)

Providence Realty (541)271-2345 [www.providencerealty.us](http://www.providencerealty.us)

**Property Management:** The firms listed below can provide information on rental properties.

Pacific West Realty (541)271-9378 [www.rwre.com/pacwest](http://www.rwre.com/pacwest)

Providence Realty (541)271-2345 [www.providencerealty.us](http://www.providencerealty.us)

## **Government**

**City of Reedsport:** The City of Reedsport is served by a seven member mayor-council form of government and a City Manager. The city maintains its own police and fire departments. The Douglas County Sheriff's Department serves the unincorporated communities of Winchester Bay and Gardiner and each has its own volunteer fire department. Services provided by City Hall include building permits, business licenses, land use information, municipal court, and water and sewer service.

451 Winchester Avenue. Reedsport, OR, 97467 (541)271-3603 or 1-800-236-3605

**Douglas County:** The County Seat is served by a three member Board of Commissioners, and is located in Roseburg, Oregon. 1-800-224-1619

## **Financial Institutions**

Bank of America. 178 N 6th St., Reedsport, OR 97467 1- 800-873-2632

Umpqua Bank 1975 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467 (541)271-2176

Oregon Federal Credit Union 624 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467 (541)271-2145

## **Events for 2003**

### **January thru March - Whale Watching**

One of the most spectacular sights to see on the Oregon Coast is the annual migration of whales. Gray whales are the most frequently spotted as they travel from the cold waters of the Bering Sea to the lagoons of Mexico to breed and give birth. The 10,000 mile round trip is the longest known for any mammal. In Winchester Bay, scout for the migration at the Umpqua River Whale Watching Station adjacent to the Lighthouse. A viewing platform and interpretive signage was constructed in 1989 through the efforts of local volunteer whale watchers known as the Umpqua River Spyhoppers.

### **March 7-9 - Dune Musher's Mail Run**

Dog sled teams from across the U.S. and Canada make the trek over the dunes in a challenging 3-day event. Musher's carry commemorative envelopes that are cancelled at the beginning of the run and again at journeys end. Collectors prize these souvenirs and proceeds help to send an Oregon Musher to the Alaska Iditarod. The stopover in Winchester Bay gives the dogs a chance to rest and is an opportunity for fans to talk to the Mushers and see the teams.

### **March 22-29 - Whale watching week**

The Umpqua Lighthouse whale watching platform will be staffed with volunteers to help you spot the whales. This begins the northern migration.

### **April 5 - Wine and Dine**

Local businesses set up booths to give samples of specialty foods and drinks.

### **April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt**

A great event for kids - prizes found in each egg. Ork Rock Park, Winchester Bay

### **May 23 and 24 - Memorial Day Weekend**

Come and help us celebrate a Memorial Day weekend packed with patriotic celebrations. On Friday night at 7:00 PM The Salem Senate Aires will fill Pacific Auditorium with old fashioned Barbershop Quartet music. Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office and many area businesses. On Saturday come to the parade and join the Marine Corp Twentynine Palms Marching Band along with four Oregon high school marching bands as we celebrate Memorial Day "Sousa" style! Trophies will be awarded and performances will be judged by the Marine Corp band. The parade begins at noon, will start at Reedsport High School, follow Hwy 101 to Hwy 38, and end at the War Memorial and September Eleventh Memorial in Hahn Park. The Marines and all the bands will help dedicate a new sign for Hahn Memorial Park with the performance of the National Anthem, the raising of the Flag, and a 21 Gun Salute. For additional information call the chamber office at 541 271-3495 or 800-247-2155.

### **June 12-15 (Father's Day) - 4th Annual Chainsaw Sculpture Championships**

Professional chainsaw sculpture carvers will gather at Rainbow Plaza in Reedsport. Main event is 17 hours of carving large cedar sculptures with daily timed "quick-carve" events. Come and meet the artists. Super sales on carvings, and a great way to spend Father's Day on the coast!

### **July 4th - Fireworks Over The Bay**

The most spectacular fireworks display on the Coast. Visitors and locals grab a spot, fire up the barbecue or picnic and settle in for a night of fun. A Car Cruise & other events round out your stay.

### **July 18-20 - Ocean Festival**

This annual 3-day event is fun for the whole family. This year's festival theme is "Yo-Ho-Ho and a bottle of fun" and will feature a parade, complete with an Ocean Queen and her court, and a two-day paintball tournament sponsored by Pacific Paintball. Shop with over 150 vendors at bazaars in both Winchester Bay and Reedsport. In Winchester Bay there is always a fabulous Seafood BBQ and plenty of classic, vintage and muscle cars on display by the Kool Coastal Cruisers.

### **August 1-Sept. 14 - Crab Bounty Hunt**

Crabbing is always great fun and the crab is a tasty reward, but during the months of August & September, in Winchester Bay, a whopping \$10,000 makes crabbing VERY rewarding. Crabs are tagged with numbered metal tags. One of those numbers is sealed in the vault of Umpqua Bank. If you register that number before September 14, you win \$5,000. If you register the number on the secret day, you win an additional \$5,000 for a total prize of \$10,000!! The envelopes will be opened during the festivities to be held the weekend of September 13 & 14. Information: 541-271-4471 <http://www.winchesterbay.org/crab.html>  
wbma@harborside.com

### **July 31 to August 3 - Dunefest**

This 3-day event draws thousands of ATV enthusiasts to Winchester Bay, the heart of the Oregon Dunes. Events include drag races, TSD rally, poker run and more. In addition to all the action on the sand, you'll find vendor booths, food, music and exhibitions featuring the latest products and vehicles. Some spectacular "show" buggies and quads are also on display.

### **August 22-23 - Kool Coastal Nights**

The fun starts on Friday with the Tailgate Party, Muffler Rapping Contest, Burn-out and Open Header Contest - hope you like LOUD cars and LOTS of smoke!! Saturday the cars are powdered and permed for the Show 'n Shine and Parade of Champions. There's also a Harbor Cruise for those who are nostalgic for the 50's. Bring your favorite gal or guy and shake your stuff at the Street Dance. Don't forget the famous Sea Food BBQ and the Pancake Breakfast. Come Kool off at the coast and enjoy all the HOT cars!

### **August 25th - Smith River Country Fair**

Old-Fashioned Family Fun is a tradition at this annual event. Kids love the greased pig chase, chicken scramble, sack race and egg toss. A traditional pit BBQ Beef dinner is served at noon. Giant vegetable contest, exhibits and a raffle round out the day. Parking is limited, so please take the free shuttle to the Smith River site. A free bus runs every half-hour from the Safeway parking lot.

### **August 30 - September 1 - Salmon Derby**

Sponsored by Gardiner/Reedsport STEP (Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program) this event is timed to coincide with the fall Chinook salmon run. Daily prizes awarded for biggest salmon. All local tackle shops have registration forms and rules.

### **September 13- 14 - Tsalila**

Pronounced Sa-Lee-La, this festival is part entertainment, part education and lots of fun. Centered downtown at the Umpqua River and Discovery Center with activities focused on watershed restoration and salmon recovery. A complete traditional Indian village is set up with tribal drumming, dancing, storytelling and demonstrations of flint knapping and other native crafts by the Confeder-

ated Tribes of Siuslaw, Coos & Lower Umpqua Indians. Lots of children's activities, food and crafts booths and a traditional alder smoked Salmon dinner.

**November 28, 29, & 30 - Holiday By The Sea**

Merchants in Winchester Bay gussy up their shops, bake up delicious treats, and wrap up some nifty door prizes. Fill your "Dance Card" by visiting each store on the list and receive a goodie bag full of treats. Santa will be available for a photo opportunity with the children the young and not-so-young. A fun time for all.

**December 5-6 - 42nd Annual Holiday Bazaar & Gingerbread House Contest and Show**

A vast array of handcrafted wares awaits you at the Reedsport Community Building, along with homemade holiday food treats. Kids visit with Santa and the Gingerbread House contest awards prizes for bakers in several age categories.

**December 5th - Holiday Moonlight Sale**

6 - 11 pm

