



This listing contains some of the dives near Salem, Oregon. The Pacific NW is vast and this is only a small possibility of dive sites available - especially to the self-motivated! Please be sure to check your tide tables when you are planning your salt water dives. Happy diving!

SALT WATER DIVES

Netarts Bay, OR: A very easy and fun dive with a multitude of small life and color. Octopus and Wolf Eels can be seen, along with many crabs, nudibranchs, and variety of small fish. Bring a light and an appreciation for small life. Good dive, even if viz is down. Great for newly certified divers, but do watch your tide tables. ETA from Salem: 1 hour 45 minutes

Garibaldi, OR - Barview Jetty in Tillamook Bay: A fantastic shore dive when conditions are good. Can also be tough, watch those tides! When it's good, it's wonderful! Octopus, Wolf Eels, and colorful anemones. A fun drift dive for more experienced divers. ETA from Salem: 1 hour 50 minutes

Pacific City, OR (offshore) - Haystack Rock: An incredible dive with tons of fish! Great formations of big rocks, ledges, and crevasses. You'll need a boat to get to this site. Often visited by Grey Whales and seals. ETA from Salem: 1 hour

Waldport, OR: Crab dive. The crabbing is often good here. Just remember, crabs like a flat sandy bottom, so don't expect a lot of thrilling scenery. ETA from Salem: 2 hours

Newport, OR: The classic fingers dive off the south jetty can be a nice dive. It can also be tough, due to the unpredictable and varying water conditions. ETA from Salem: 2 hours

Newport, OR (offshore) - North Pinnacles: When conditions are right this is an awesome dive! There are scallops, big octopus, Wolf Eels, fantastic u/w landscape, and so much more! Grey Whales often visit this site! Several Newport charters take divers out, usually for \$50-60 per person. If you get seasick, take good medicine, and take it early. ETA from Salem: 2 hours

Hood Canal, WA: Great diving! Easy conditions and usually good viz. Octopus Hole and Sund Rock top the list of great shore dives. There is a multitude of life here, topped by the Giant Pacific Octopus and the Wolf Eel. Hunting is restricted, except crabbing. Dive sites vary in life and u/w topography. A boat gains you easy access to many other wonderful sites. Many hotels available. ETA from Salem 3.5 hours

FRESH WATER DIVES (May-October only)

Big Cliff at Detroit, OR - between the two dams: Drift dive. One of the most unique dives in the country! Water is let out of the dam, creating a great ride - like flying along in a Wile E. Coyote cartoon! Great topography and rock formations. Life includes Sculpin, trout, crawdads, lost human items, White Fish, and Giant Pacific Salamanders. This is especially great at night, when more life emerges. Water comes from the bottom of the dam, so expect cold, clear waters until Sept. & Oct. (which is the ultimate drift season). Average depth is 30' with a 70-80' hole near the end. Dive ends at Big Cliff boat ramp, which is also a good and easy shore dive. ETA from Salem: 45 minutes

Clear Lake, OR: One of the most beautiful dives anywhere and the clearest known water in the USA! With only the occasional trout swimming by or rowboat passing overhead, many divers pass up this dive thinking it will be boring . . . it's not! The volcanic past, u/w landscape, 3000 year old u/w trees, and true 300'+ of viz make this dive very special! It is ranked the #9 inland dive in the USA! Be sure to dive to the left side of the lake where the best viz is. Max depth is 64' in this area. An incredible night dive when the moon is full! Please enter from the day use area, not the boat dock. ETA from Salem: 1 hour 45 minutes

Cement Bridge - Little North Fork River, OR: A very easy and fun dive. A great way to spend a summer day. Lot's of life for fresh water - Sculpins, Date fish, Salmon, big catfish, salamanders, clams, crawdads, and more. Gets warm in July and August. Good viz and there is usually small treasures to be found. Max depth is 24'. One of the many sites along the Little North Fork. ETA from Salem: 40 minutes

Detroit Lake, OR: A massive lake with many dive sites - some great and some mediocre. Many are accessible by shore, but a boat gains you access to even more sites, like Blowout Canyon. Tumble Creek is an easy shore dive. South Shore is a beautiful dive and you can go deep quick, if you want. Viz is usually good in most spots. Many treasures to be found! Top 40' gets nice and warm during the summer. ETA from Salem: 50 minutes

(On the way back, stop at Giovanni's Pizza in Mill City - it's awesome!)

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