

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Submitted on Sunday, August 12, 2018 - 11:53am

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.18

Submitted values are:

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Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Negative

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience:

I was headed to the beach on Sunday morning 8/12/18 and was planning on going down 3rd St to the dune access there. Saw the herd of elk spread out along the dune and near the trail. So, I turned around and went down to the park and saw more of the elk on either side of the Pacific Way dune access. I was dismayed to see a family of about 6 adults and 2 small kids coming up from the beach, split between the herd, stop near the elk to watch them and then at long last head back up to Pacific. In the meantime a mature couple saw the elk, walked down the trail splitting the herd, got way too close to the elk and they watched them for a while before finally heading back up to Pacific.

While I was watching all of this, other visitors were planning to head down the trail to the beach at Pacific without realizing that they were about to walk right into the herd. I advised them to find another beach access point and let them know that they should never split the herd and walk between individual elk.

No one either saw the posted sign on the main signpost right at Pacific or they ignored it completely. I have been happy to see that every beach trail access point has the warning signs staked at the top of the trail. Unfortunately I think people are mesmerized by the sight and expanse of the ocean when they approach from Pacific that they don't pay any attention to the small sign.

I wonder if an additional 1-2 signs could be staked on the gravel path near the fire road so that people are less likely to be able to ignore the warning. Visitors just don't know what risks they are taking. The elk look placid and calm in the dunes. The visitors just don't realize the danger and get way too close.

I am wondering if we might be able to put together a local volunteer team of Elk Elders to mobilize when the elk are near the Pacific Way beach access to inform visitors of the risks and to point out alternative beach access. Maybe we could start with volunteering on the weekends since that is the busiest time in Gearhart. Most of the time the elk are somewhere else, but when they are in that location I think we're going to see problematic human/canine/elk encounters. I'm wondering who would be the logical person/s to advise volunteers that the elk are in that location? I think we could find volunteers who would be willing to step up, I know that I would. Is this something that ODFW or City of Gearhart would champion?

In closing, the elk did absolutely nothing wrong. They stayed calm and tried to evade the people who intruded into their space.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/4391>

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Aug 20

Submitted on Monday, August 20, 2018 - 1:07pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.19

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Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience:

Woke up this morning around 6:30am to see elk in the vacant wooded lot south of our house. The initial elk were calmly munching on foliage in the lot. A short time later the bulk of the herd came stampeding down 9th street through the lot and past our house on 10th. Given their state of alarm, I presume that they had been hazed and herded off the golf course. They hung out on 10th for a time and then headed down towards the creek.

After they left the area entirely we took the doggie out for our morning walk. Much to our surprise a single stray calf bolted across the street and into the scub. No mother was in sight and the herd was long gone.

We walked north on Cottage and noted a single adult female elk on the golf course headed towards Meadow. We wondered if this was the calf's mother. We presumed that they both had become separated from each other and from the herd when they were being herded off the golf course. Given their distance from each other and the herd I am not all certain that they were able to find each other.

I am concerned that the golf course groundskeepers may be too aggressive in herding the elk off the golf course. I have no problems with herding them off, but I do ask that they be mindful to do it in a way that doesn't stress the herd and cause them to bolt headlong into the neighborhoods. A calm, large herd of elk passing through is one thing; a panicked herd is more dangerous.

Our best guess is that there were about 80 elk of which 20 or so were calves.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

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City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Submitted on Thursday, August 30, 2018 - 3:46pm

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Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: It's been an elk kind of day. We had up to about a dozen elk meander around the neighborhood off and on all day. Just had to peek outside first before walking the dog and had to delay my bike ride to the post office a bit. They didn't bother any of our landscaping. No issues.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

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Form submission from: Contact Us

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon to me

Aug 25

Submitted on Saturday, August 25, 2018 - 9:10am

Submitted by anonymous user: 172.16.64.18

Submitted values are:

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Question/Comment:

Regarding the transient tax.

VRBO has informed us they will be submitting the lodging tax directly to you. I need to verify this is correct.

Please respond letting us know if this is correct.

Thank you

Janet Cranston

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/7/submission/4421>