

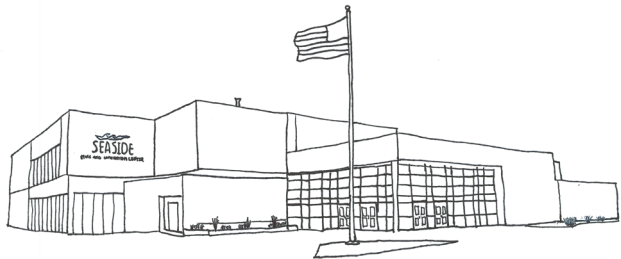
# City of Seaside Tsunami Wayfinding Quest

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Here in Seaside we boast about our beautiful beach, countless attractions and oceanfront Promenade. But aside from exploring the town's activities, or strolling along the 100 year old Prom, our little town has historic sites that step back to the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Today's self-guided Wayfinding Quest takes you right to the center of the activity so you can see for yourself what makes this little town hum. At the same time, you'll gain valuable information about tsunami safety, and the clues in the environment that can help you find high ground.



## **Driving Directions to the Seaside**

### **Convention Center:**

**From South** - Head North on Hwy 101 until you come to Broadway. Proceed two blocks past Broadway to 1st Avenue. Turn West, toward the ocean. The Convention Center is just over the Necanicum River bridge.

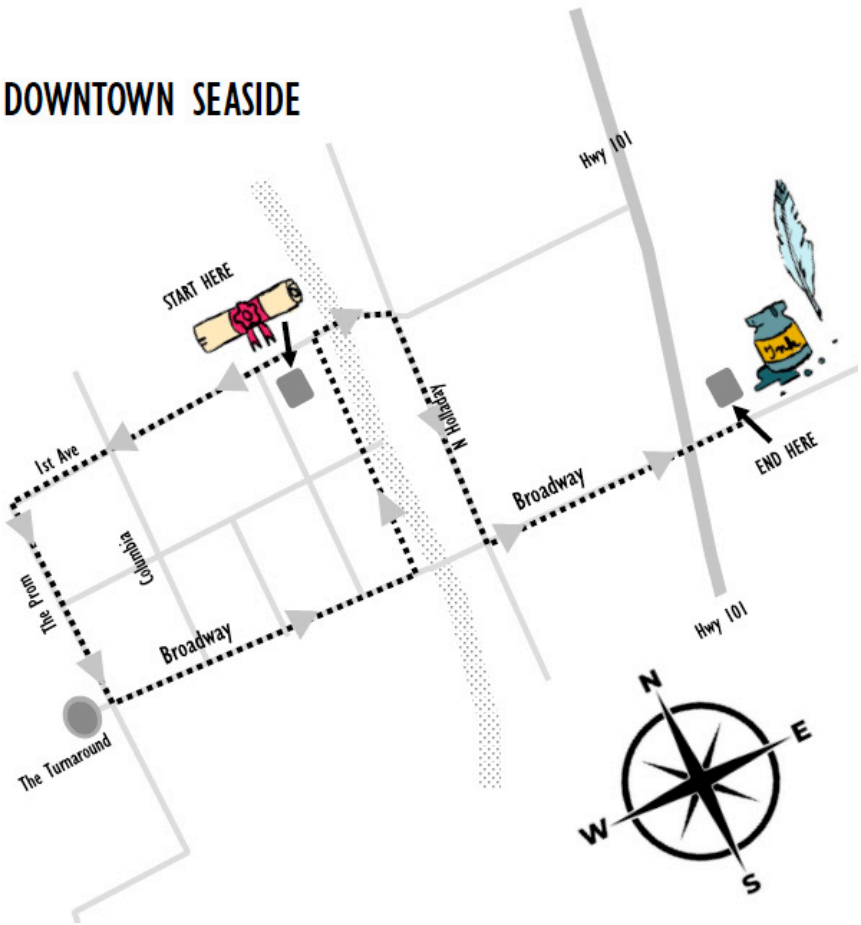
**From North** - Head South down Hwy 101. Turn right toward the ocean at 1st Avenue, two blocks before Broadway. The Convention Center is just over the Necanicum River bridge.

### **Downtown Seaside**

You'll start at the Seaside Convention Center on First Ave and finish at

Use this map to help you solve the Quest. Follow the directions and collect the letter clues to fill the numbered squares on the last page of this Quest. The message you complete will help you find the hidden Quest box.

## DOWNTOWN SEASIDE



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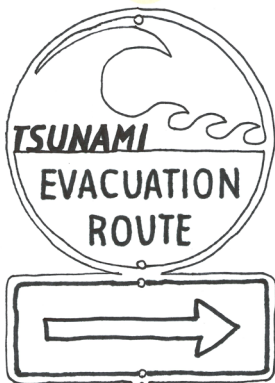
the Seaside Visitors Bureau where you'll stamp and fill in your Quest log book.

The walk takes about one hour to complete and follows public sidewalks that are paved for your walking ease.

## Let's begin!

Begin your Quest in front of the Convention Center.

Stand in front of the flagpole and follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark by heading WEST toward the Pacific Ocean. Your quest is to learn how to recognize an evacuation path anytime you see the soon-to-be-familiar blue signs and road markers. After an earthquake, tsunami waves could arrive within 15 minutes. Right now you are standing right in its path! Together, let's learn how to get to safe ground. READY?



### **Did you know?**

*There are Two Types of Tsunamis*  
**Local tsunami:** A big earthquake that occurs right off the Oregon coast would produce a tsunami that would reach land in minutes and flood low-lying areas. An earthquake is the warning for a local tsunami, and it's important to get to high ground immediately.

**A distant tsunami:** This type of tsunami originates from more than three hours away in tsunami travel time. A distant tsunami wave is relatively small and there is ample time for emergency officials to let people know to get off the beach and evacuate to high ground.

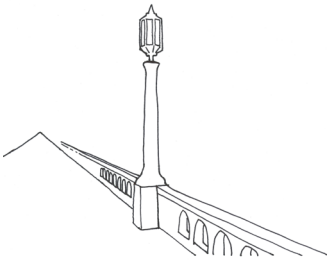
**Head west towards the ocean,  
And to Columbia Street  
Look with your eyes,  
And follow your feet.**

Did you see the blue road markers as you made your way to Columbia Street? The arrow points the direction of travel you would follow if you had to run to safety. Keep this in mind for later!

**The blue signs that you've seen,  
Show the path that you take.  
Follow these signs  
When the ground starts to shake.**

So now you know to look for the blue signs and blue road markers and follow the direction the arrows point. Ready for a clue? You should be standing at Columbia Street facing the Ocean.

Clue #1: Look West toward the ocean, it seems that the end is near for this little yellow sign... The first letter of the sign's second word goes in spaces 7 and 9.



Good work. Let's walk ahead to the 100-year-old strolling sidewalk and make some memories on the Promenade!

**Walk towards the beach,  
And stop at the Prom  
It's a hundred years old,  
And a mile and a half long.**

Clue #2: It's salty, and it's wet; it's warm, and it's cold. You'll encounter all kinds of creatures in it, and it covers 70% of the earth. What could this be? Your letter is the first letter of this wonder, which goes in spaces 3, 11, and 13.

There's lots to see here, the Ocean, the famous Seaside Aquarium that is home to seals and other ocean creatures, and miles of beach to explore. You won't have time to visit these sites now, so save time for a visit later.

**Go to the statue of  
Lewis and Clark.  
It's the end of their trail,  
And a national landmark.**

What a great place to take a picture with our heroes and their best friend Seaman.

See the pup at the feet of the two explorers? After the photo op hit the high street and head down Broadway.



**Your next stop is on Broadway,  
A variety of sights!  
Stop at the theater  
That has all the lights!**

Clue #3: Do you know what beverage was popular during Lewis and Clark's time? Think back to Boston's famous party! It's not coffee, it's...? It's also your letter for space 10.

Head East on Broadway and stop at “The Times.” This marvelous theater was “the thing” in its time and originally opened in the 1940’s. It’s still a place for shows and the lights of Broadway.



Clue #4: Theater? Or Theatre?  
Which one is it? Catch that jumpy letter and put it in space 8.

**Continue on Broadway  
And seek pancakes of perfection.  
Checkered blue tiles  
Will lead your direction.**

Clue #5: Look at the tsunami marker in the middle of street. If the ocean is west, which direction does the arrow on the street point? In space number 2, put the first letter of the direction it points.



**Down Broadway you'll go,  
Where you'll find your next clue.  
It's right by the roof,  
That's green like bamboo.**

You've arrived at the alleyway. Can you spot the blue road marker? Watch for cars! It's in the middle of the road so visibility may be limited. When you find the marker, follow the direction it points!

Clue #6: Put the first letter to these missing words in spaces 4 and 5 of your sentence.

**Not black, but \_\_\_\_, not dry but \_\_\_\_,  
not a shout but a \_\_\_\_, Not tame but \_\_\_\_.** Got it?

**The arrow points east,  
The direction seems wrong  
The bridge seems right  
But it just isn't strong.**



Not all bridges are expected to survive a big earthquake. Therefore, our tsunami evacuation route will take us to a bridge that has been seismically enforced.

**Through the alley you'll go,  
You're heading North  
Return to the flag pole  
From which you set forth.**

Always follow the direction of any blue tsunami markers you see. They always point to the direction of safety! Now, cross bridge and go to the STOP SIGN at N Holladay and 1st Ave.

**Cross over the river,  
You're on the right route.  
Follow the markers,  
In case you're in doubt.**

**Remember this route,  
It leads you to safety.  
This bridge is built strong,  
To withstand a quake.**

Stop at the corner of North Holladay and 1st Ave. You'll see the blue marker that shows you the way.

Welcome to North Holladay! Make sure to stop and be ready to turn. Before you follow the blue road marker, make sure to read your clue!

Clue #7: Can you figure this out? Your letter has three lines, you know all three: A tall straight back and a sideways V. This letter goes in space number 1.

Good job! Now, follow the blue road marker and stop when you reach the intersection with the traffic light.

**Go to the spotlight,  
You've reached Broadway.  
If this were the big one,  
You'd follow this way.**

Now that you're on Broadway, you need to look in the direction that's OPPOSITE from the ocean. Once you've done that, continue reading!

**Look straight ahead,  
You'll see a big hill  
After an earthquake,  
Never stand still.**



That hill is where the blue tsunami markers are leading you! Right now you're at sea level and our Quest will end soon. But if you were evacuating after an earthquake you would want to KEEP GOING up to the hill to get all the way to high ground. It's important to get to high ground when a disaster occurs, and now you know where to go.

**You'd head up the hill  
As fast as you can.  
Put this to memory  
And make it your plan.**

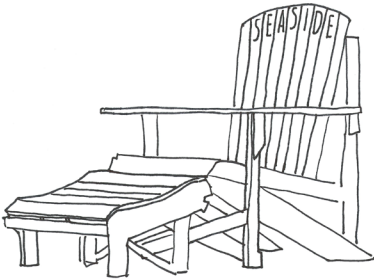
Head toward the hill on the evacuation route. Make sure to stop at the intersection on Highway 101, there you'll get your next clue!

Clue #8: At Broadway and 101, make two lines, high to low.

Connect the lines so they can say hello!? It's also your letter for space 6.

Proceed safely through the big intersection. Watch out for cars!

A visit to Seaside Visitors Bureau to finish your Quest! Be sure to take your picture in the big chair! There are lots of fun activities to see and do around town. Speak to one of the pros inside the Visitors Bureau to get some ideas. We're



glad you're here! Share your memories with others on our City of Seaside Facebook page. But, before you do that, here's your FINAL clue!

Clue #9: This beautiful square is often filled with flowers. What's a place like this called? Your final letter is the first letter of that word, which goes in space 12.

Success! While you enjoy your visit to the Visitors Bureau you can look for your hidden box which you'll find nearby.

Now go and look around the reader board sign, look low, and use letters from squares 1, 5, 10, 12 in your hidden message to help you find the hidden Quest Box.



***Did You Know?***

*Tsunami waves can continue to come ashore for several hours after the initial earthquake. In an actual event, you should plan to STAY on high ground at least overnight.*

*Where could you go to find shelter without going back down into the inundation zone?*

Fill in the boxes with the answers to the clues to solve the Quest.

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**5      6      7      8      9**

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**10    11**

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**12    13**

*When you've found the Quest Box, sign your name and stamp the back of your book to mark your accomplishment. Don't forget to seal the box tightly and return it to its hiding place for the next person to find!*

*For more information about tsunami safety on the coast,  
visit **[www.oregontsunami.org](http://www.oregontsunami.org)***

*If you enjoyed this Quest, check out **The Oregon Coast Quest Book 2023-24 Edition**, which contains maps and directions for this Quest and 29 other clue-directed hunts across seven counties. For more information and to find a bookseller, visit **[seagrants.oregonstate.edu/quests](http://seagrants.oregonstate.edu/quests)**.*