

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area
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Halloween at Yaquina Head Lighthouse

Learn how lighthouse keepers and their families celebrated Halloween in the early 20th century. Join park rangers dressed in tradition costumes as they reenact a 1916 Halloween at the lighthouse from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

While all children are welcome to visit the bottom of the lighthouse, children wishing to climb the lighthouse stairway must be 42 inches tall and accompanied by an adult.

The interpretive center will be open during normal hours from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM for trick or treating. Historically, at the lighthouse Halloween parties, a trick was performed and rewarded with a treat. Keeping with this tradition, children who tell a joke, funny story, or perform song or magic trick for the rangers at the interpretive center will receive a treat. Rangers will provide jokes and tricks to youth who need one.

In celebration of Halloween, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area will be offering free admission on Friday, October 31st.

For more information about these and other activities at Yaquina Head, contact the BLM at 574-3100 between 8AM and 4PM daily, or visit the Yaquina Head web site at www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/yaquina/index.htm.

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Dressing in the clothing of other family members was a Halloween tradition in lighthouse families of Scotch and Irish decent at the dawn of the 20th century. The Bureau of Land Management invites the public to join contemporary lighthouse keepers (BLM park rangers) on Halloween as they carry this Yaquina Head tradition into the 21st century.