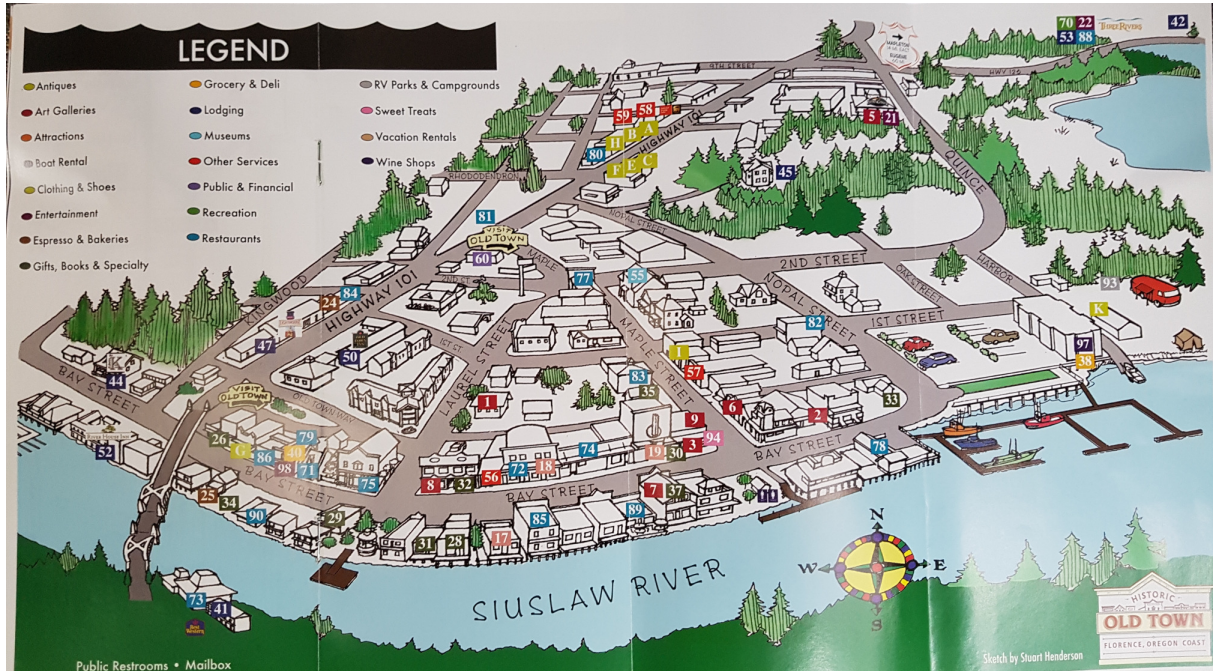


APR 23 - OLD TOWN FLORENCE, OR

Another cloudy day on the Oregon coast but it is not raining. We decided to explore "old town" Florence today. This is the shopping area close to the bridge along the Siuslaw River.



We walked west along Bay Street from the parking lot and stopped for coffee at Siuslaw River Coffee



Roasters, #25 on the map, just by the bridge. Wandering back along Bay Street we marvelled at some of the architecture as well as all the lovely rhodies, flowering bushes, and flowers.

Nestled along the Siuslaw River, Historic Old Town Florence offers lovely, unique, fun shopping and dining to locals and tourists. It's all blended with colorful and creative art galleries, the quaint path through Gazebo Park to the river, and the Siuslaw River Bridge Interpretive Center, where you can sip



a cup of coffee or a cool drink at riverside tables while you listen to the call of the sea gulls flying over the fishing boats as they pass under famous Siuslaw Bridge.

Many of the buildings have fascinating history, and the streets are now enhanced with beautiful flower boxes, ornamental streetlights and benches for relaxing.

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