Day Trips

EXPLORING
MT. HOOD
and more...
Welcome to Mt. Hood where you have loads of options for fun, exploration and adventure. Hike our glades and forests, fish, golf, bird watch, ski, raft our rivers, or take a few road trips to explore our fascinating territory. Or simply breathe the fresh mountain air, relax and revive. We don’t care if you take advantage of the great outdoors or tuck yourself away in your lodging to read that book. We do care about two things: Be safe and enjoy your stay.

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**Take a Hike!**

Mt. Hood offers many great hikes varying in length and difficulty. Most trailheads require a NW Forest Pass, from May 15th to Oct 1st. Carry food, water, extra clothing and trail maps. Following are a few suggestions for hikes ranging from easy to difficult. Enjoy yourself in our beautiful forested wonderland of lakes, rivers, streams, and exquisite views. Trail maintenance does not start until spring, so many trails may be subject to fallen trees (blow downs), swollen creeks, and erosion. Before you head out please check with the USDA Forest Service at Zigzag Ranger Station, for NW Forest Passes and current updates on trail conditions. Recreation information including trail guides, driving directions, and trail conditions are available at the Mt. Hood National Forest website and the REI sponsored HikingProject.com website:

**Mt. Hood National Forest Recreation**

**Trail Guides for Mt. Hood National Forest**

All mileage is approximate. The green whole number mileposts along the highway are referenced. Use your odometer to go to the nearest one-tenth of a mile.
WILDWOOD RECREATION AREA

This wonderful site has accessible trails meandering through riparian forest along the Salmon River. A boardwalk leads into wetlands and an underwater fish-viewing window on the Cascade Streamwatch Trail is a delight. Watch for wildflowers in the spring.

**LENGTH:** 550-acre park, 2.5 miles of trail. **SEASON:** Year-round. **FEE:** Parking Permit required. Obtain at site. **DIRECTIONS:** Turn south at Hwy 26, milepost 39.3.

BLM Wildwood Recreation Site Guide

OLD SALMON RIVER TRAIL

This trail follows the Salmon River through an awe-inspiring old growth forest. There are some short hills to negotiate, but mostly gentle grades. The trail intersects with the road in places, so there are many spots to access the trail from the road.

**LENGTH:** 5 miles, round trip. **SEASON:** Snow-free most of the year, although you might have to ford swollen streams in winter and spring. **FEE:** NW Forest Pass required May 1-Oct 15. **DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 41.8, turn south on Salmon River Rd, continue for 2.5 miles. 503-622-3191

OLD SALMON RIVER TRAIL Hiking Guide

LITTLE ZIGZAG FALLS

This short trail through moss and fern laden woods follows the enchanting Little Zigzag Creek to the falls. This trail is very kid friendly.

**LENGTH:** 1.2 miles, round trip. **SEASON:** April-October **FEE:** NW Forest Pass required May 1-Oct 15. **DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 48.6, turn north onto Rd. 39 (sign says Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp). Continue approximately 2 miles to the parking lot at the end of the road. 503-622-3191

LITTLE ZIGZAG FALLS Hiking Guide

TRILLIUM LAKE LOOP

An almost flat, accessible trail loops around this lovely lake with fantastic views of Mt. Hood. Catch sight of deer and other wildlife, and enjoy the boardwalk access through meadow wetlands.

**LENGTH:** 2 mile trail loop. **SEASON:** May-October **FEE:** Day use fee required (NW Forest Pass accepted) **DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 56.7, turn south at the Trillium Lake sign and follow Road 2656 two miles, past the campground to the Day Use area or continue to the dam. 503-622-3191

TRILLIUM LAKE LOOP TRAIL Hiking Guide
Medium

5. MIRROR LAKE

This trail is popular year-round, so arrive early. The trail to the namesake lake is 4.5 miles round trip. In summer, this is a popular spot so arrive early. The first ¼ mile of the trail to Camp Creek is paved and barrier free.

LENGTH: 4.5 miles for full loop around the lake. For more challenge, continue to the summit of Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain (8.4 miles round trip) where you will have a superb view and may find huckleberries along the trail.


DIRECTIONS: The trailhead is at the west end of the Mt. Hood Skibowl at milepost 52.6 on the south side of Hwy 26. (Note: If the parking area is full, please revise your plans) 503-622-3191.

Mirror Lake Trail Hiking Guide

Difficult

6. BURNT LAKE TRAIL – NORTH END

Burnt Lake is a popular destination in the Mt. Hood Wilderness that is accessed by the lower section of Burnt Lake Trail #772. A round trip to the lake and back is about 7.5 miles. Views of Mt. Hood are found on the southwest side of the lake. Mt. Hood Wilderness regulations limit groups to 12 people or less, and a self-issuing wilderness permit available at a permit box at the trailhead.

SEASON: Mid-June to early October. Check current high elevation trail conditions at the Zigzag Ranger Station, or the Mt. Hood National Forest website.

FEE: NW Forest Pass required May 1-October 15.

DIRECTIONS: At Hwy 26, milepost 42, turn left (north) on Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18). After 4 miles, turn east at Forest Road 1825 and continue 0.6 miles. Turn right across a bridge and continue another 1.1 miles to a fork in the road. Stay right at the fork and continue 0.7-mile past Lost Creek Campground to Forest Road 1825-109. Turn right onto Forest Road 1825-109 and travel 1 mile to the trailhead at the end of the road. 503-622-3191.

Burnt Lake Trail Guide

7. RAMONA FALLS LOOP

Hikers start out from the Ramona Falls Trailhead on the Sandy River Trail #770 and cross the Sandy River where they connect with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) #2000. The rest of the loop is made up of the Timberline Trail #600 near the falls, and the Ramona Falls Trail #797 on the north side of the loop. Hikers can choose to go clockwise or counter-clockwise. The Ramona Falls Trail has a difficult stream crossing at the Sandy River. Maps are available at Zigzag Ranger Station. Self-issuing wilderness permits are required and obtainable along the trail. Groups are limited to 12 heartbeats or less.

LENGTH: Approximately 7 miles round trip. SEASON: Mid-May to mid-October. The Sandy River Trail section of Ramona Falls Loop has a difficult stream crossing at the Sandy River. Hikers must ford the river.

FEE: NW Forest Pass required May 1-October 15.

DIRECTIONS: At Zigzag, Hwy 26, milepost 42, turn north onto Lolo Pass Road (Road 18) for 4.8 miles. Turn east (right) at the Trailheads and Campgrounds sign onto Road 1825 for 0.8 miles. Stay to the east (right) at the Road 1825/1828 junction and cross over the Sandy River bridge. Continue past the bridge for 1.8 miles and bear left at the Road 1825-100 junction. Follow the road as it turns to Road 1825-100-024 to the trailhead. 503-622-3191

Ramona Falls Trail Loop Hiking Guide
Leave No Trace Principles

Be responsible and help insure a resource for the generations to follow by observing the Leave No Trace Principles of Outdoor Ethics:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Check out Leave No Trace for more tips. While hiking, please adhere to a few guidelines: Pack it in; pack it out. Stay on marked trails to avoid creating erosion. Do not pick wildflowers. Dress appropriately in layers. Carry food, map, compass and water. It is recommended that hikers not leave valuables in their vehicles.

Snow levels and accessibility vary according to elevation and season. Seasonal information is available at the Zigzag Ranger Station. (See Information Resources for locations.)

Most of all, have fun!

Parking, Passes and Permits

The Northwest Forest Pass or an interagency pass is required at many Forest Service sites May 15-October 1, and can be purchased locally at Ranger Stations and many businesses throughout the area. Additional passes are required for visiting some other sites such as Wildwood Park. Sno-Park Permits are required at all winter sports parking areas from November 1-April 30. Daily and annual permits can be purchased at the ski areas and shops throughout the area.

Wilderness Permits are required May 15-October 15 for visitors to the Mt. Hood Wilderness and Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness. Permits can be obtained at free-self issuing permit stations provided at Wilderness boundaries. Each group, or solo hiker, whether they are on a day trip or overnight trip, is required to have their visitor copy of the Wilderness permit with them once they have passed a permitting station and be able to provide it to a Wilderness Ranger upon request.

Family Fun

The Mt. Hood National Forest, with over a million acres of forested mountains, lakes, rivers and streams, offers superlative opportunities for outdoor recreation. There’s fishing, boating, hiking, golfing, rafting, kayaking and a variety of snow sports from inner tubing, snowboarding, downhill and cross-country skiing, to snowshoeing and sleigh rides. Besides outdoor recreation, there are heritage sites with hands-on pioneer activities, fish-viewing windows, and the Mount Hood Railroad. Below are some nearby options.

![Map of Mt. Hood National Forest](image)
1. **PHILIP FOSTER FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Step back in time at this authentic farm on the Barlow Road, the “last leg” of the Oregon Trail. Visit the 1883 farm house, 1860 barn, replica blacksmith shop and Foster’s store. Kids can try pioneer chores grinding corn, doing laundry, or building a small log cabin. Beautiful heritage gardens, a vintage orchard and real covered wagons enhance the experience.

**DIRECTIONS:** 22 miles from Welches. Take Hwy 26, west to Sandy. Turn left onto Hwy 211 for six miles. 29912 SE Hwy 211 Eagle Creek, OR 97022. 503-637-6324. [www.philipfosterfarm.com](http://www.philipfosterfarm.com). Call for hours.

2. **RAINBOW TROUT FARM**

Fish! All ages can catch a fish in these privately stocked ponds. Celebrate events in a Hospitality Room. Wheel chair accessible equipment is provided. There are picnic sites for guests.

**SEASON:** March 1-October 15th, 8 am-to dusk daily. **DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 32.7, turn north on Sylvan Drive and follow the signs. 503-622-5223 [www.rainbowtroutfarm.com](http://www.rainbowtroutfarm.com)

3. **WILDWOOD RECREATION AREA / CASCADE STREAM WATCH**

In addition to its accessible trails including a boardwalk with interpretive signs, this fantastic site has a child’s playground, as well as ball fields, picnic kitchens and picnic shelters with running water, grills and tables — available with advance reservations at 877-444-6777. Spy on fish through a viewing window cut into a stream, or wade in the Salmon River. **SEASON:** Year-round.

**FEE:** Parking Permit required. Obtain at site.

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn south at Hwy 26, milepost 39.3. 503-622-3696 [BLM Wildwood Recreation Day Use Area Park Guide](https://www.blm.gov/oregon/recreation/wildwood/

4. **OREGON TRAIL / BARLOW ROAD**

Along the Villages of Mt. Hood, are eleven interpretive sites from Wildwood Park (Hwy 26, milepost 39.3) to Hwy 35, milepost 60, at Barlow Pass, including the Barlow Road Tollgate maple trees, recently dedicated as state Heritage Trees (found at the Pioneer Bridle Trailhead at Hwy 26, milepost 45.1). Pick up a Barlow Road CD or map at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum or the Zigzag Ranger Station Visitor Information Center. 503-272-3301 or 503-622-3191

5. **MT. HOOD OREGON RESORT**

Croquet anyone? For a fee, there’s lawn bowling, golf, and yes, croquet. If you stay at the Resort you can frolic in their swimming pool as well.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 40.5, turn south at the stoplight at Welches Road, proceed about 1 mile. Turn right on Fairway Ave. 503-622-3101, [Mt. Hood Oregon Resort](http://www.mthoodoregonresort.com)

*ON THE MT. HOOD LOOP* (see map page 4)
**6 MT. HOOD SKIBOWL SUMMER ADVENTURE PARK**

When winter skiing and snowboarding is over, Skibowl is a summer adventure park featuring over 20 attractions, including the 1/2-mile alpine slide, Indy karts, mountain biking, zip line, bungee jumping, batting cages, skateboarding, frisbee and mini golf, etc.

**SEASON:** June-October.  **DIRECTIONS:** Skibowl West is located on the south side of Hwy 26, at milepost 52.6 just before Government Camp. To reach Skibowl East, at Hwy 26, milepost 53, turn north onto the Government Camp Loop and follow the signs. 503-272-3206.

*Mt. Hood Skibowl Adventure Park*

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**7 MT. HOOD CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM**

Discover Mt. Hood culture, geology, history and those who shaped it. The center offers exhibits, art galleries, internet, and visitor information. Open daily 10am-5pm, 7 days a week. Admission is free.

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn into Government Camp at Hwy 26, milepost 53 or 54. The MHCC&M is approximately 1 mile further. 503-272-3301

*Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum*

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**8 GOVERNMENT CAMP AREA MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**

When snows melt in early summer, there are over 15 miles of mountain bike trails around Government Camp linking to Timberline Lodge above the town, and Trillium Lake below the town. Crosstown Trail starts in the Summit Ski Area and travels west to the Glacier View Sno-Park trailhead. Hikers and bikers can also take Maggie’s and Lucy’s trail into the town for lunch or a cool drink. (Camp Creek Trail is a short loop off of Crosstown.) For the more adventurous hikers or bikers, a full loop can be made around town by crossing the highway at the west end of the loop road at the blinking light and continuing on the Summit Trail at the east end of the Skibowl Parking lot. The Summit Trail goes through and around the east side of the Mt. Hood Skibowl area and ends at another blinking traffic light on Hwy 26 across from the Summit Ski Area. Doing the Crosstown/Maggie’s/Lucy’s Summit Trail loop around the entire town is an enjoyable novice 4.5-mile mountain bike route, but use caution when crossing the highway at the two blinking lights. Bring your own mountain bikes, or rent bikes nearby.

**SEASON:** June-October. These trails are great Nordic ski and snowshoe options in the winter.

*Mountain Bike Trail Guides for Government Camp Area*

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**9 TRILLIUM LAKE**

Mt. Hood is grandly reflected in this pristine lake, perfect for fly-fishing and fooling around in boats (non-motorized). Even though the lake is glacier-stream fed, kids love to swim, splash, and paddle in summer. There’s a nice campground, trail and Day Use picnic area.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 56.7, turn south at the Trillium Lake sign and follow Road 2656 two miles, past the campground to the Day Use area or continue to the dam. Day use fee required (NW Forest pass accepted). 503-622-3191.

*Trillium Lake Loop Hiking Guide, Trillium Lake camping information*
**10 TIMBERLINE LODGE AND SKI AREA**

Timberline Lodge, a national historic landmark, built by public workers, contains museum quality original paintings, carved linoleum, mosaic glass, sculpted wood, stone and metal works. Free interpretive tours seasonally. Timberline’s Palmer Snowfield offers the longest ski season in the United States. Skiers and snowboarders of all ages and skill levels are welcome on the slopes. Equipment rentals, ski and snowboard lessons are available. At the 6,000-foot level of Mt. Hood, enjoy outstanding views as well as short hikes once the snow melts.

**DIRECTIONS:** Just past the east entrance to Government Camp, at Hwy 26 milepost 54.2, turn north onto Timberline Road following it 6 miles. Sno-Park permit required Nov 1-April 30. 503-272-3311, [www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com).

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**11 LOST LAKE**

Neat private picnic sites with built-in barbeques dot the lakeshore, so take food (and coals) along and spend the day. Like most mountain lakes, the water is cold, but on hot summer days who cares? Rent rowboats, canoes and paddle boats along with fishing licenses at the small general store. Pets are welcome, but must be on leash. If you want a picnic site, get there early. **Lost Lake Resort**

**DIRECTIONS:** 50 miles from Welches. Drive east on Hwy 26, to Hwy 35/Hood River exit. Follow Hwy 35, 23 miles to the Parkdale/Dee sign and turn left. Follow signs from Dee to Lost Lake. 541-386-6366.

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**12 MT. HOOD MEADOWS SKI RESORT**

Mt. Hood’s largest ski resort offering 2,150 acres of Oregon’s most varied and exciting terrain. Eleven lifts service nearly 3,000 vertical feet, included gated access to expert black diamond terrain. Beginner and kids learning centers with professional instructors and all-inclusive packages makes your ski and snowboard adventure fun and affordable. Ski & snowboard rental center, two retail shops and 7 restaurants. Night skiing offered 5 nights a week.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hwy 35, milepost 63, follow signs. Sno-Park permit required Nov 1-April 30. 1-800.SKIHOOD, 503-337-2222 | [Mt. Hood Meadows](http://www.mthoodmeadows.com)

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**13 MOUNT HOOD RAILROAD**

Ride the historic railroad from Hood River to Parkdale along the Hood River, through the woods and the luscious orchards of the Hood River Valley. Views of Mt. Hood are spectacular and kids will enjoy the special excursions, including the Train Robbery. Open April-December.

**DIRECTIONS:** 40 miles from Gov’t Camp. Go east on Hwy 26, exit onto Hwy 35, follow it to Hood River (milepost 102) where you take a left at the 4 way stop and follow the signs to the railway station. 800-872-4661 | [Mount Hood Railroad](http://www.mthoodrail.com)

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**14 BONNEVILLE DAM**

See the ugliest fish on earth! See ancient sturgeon or watch salmon in large viewing windows at the Interpretive Center.

**DIRECTIONS:** 62 miles from Gov’t Camp. Go east on Hwy 26, exit onto Hwy 35, follow it to Hood River (milepost 102). Follow signs to I-84 west and continue 21 miles to exit 40. 541-374-8820 | [Bonneville Dam](http://www.bonnevilledam.org)

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*ON THE MT. HOOD LOOP (see map page 4)*
Stay a few days and explore the territory! See an active volcano or dazzling waterfalls, watch fish migrate, visit Native American and pioneer historical sites, or ski in the morning and walk the beach in the afternoon! The Mt. Hood Loop leads around the mountain from scenic vistas and forested slopes into orchards and farmland, along the stunning Columbia River Gorge, and back to our wooded wonderland. Sites with a * are located on the recently designated Mt. Hood Scenic Byway which when combined with the Historic Columbia River Hwy and sections of I-84 make a great day trip drive which locals fondly refer to as THE LOOP.

1 **TIMBERLINE LODGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE***

At the 6,000-foot level on Mt. Hood, this magnificent lodge was a 1930's WPA project employing skilled and unskilled craftsmen from around the nation. The lodge is a showcase for Cascadian style architecture, detailing and furnishings, including the massive 98-foot tall stone fireplace. The lodge has two bars serving locally handcrafted brews, and the excellent Cascade Dining Room. A documentary film detailing the building of the lodge is on continuous loop in the main lobby. Free interpretive tours are available during the summer season.

**DIRECTIONS:** Just past the east entrance to Government Camp, at Hwy 26, milepost 54.2, turn north onto Timberline Road following it 6 miles. Sno-Park permit required Nov 1-April 30. 503-272-3311 [www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com)

2 **HOOD RIVER***

There’s plenty of activities from excellent shopping to riverside recreation. It’s the windsurfing capitol of the world, nearly eclipsing the renowned “Fruit Loop,” showcasing miles of luscious fruit orchards and vineyards with great views of Mt. Hood. The historic Mount Hood Railroad features excursions through Hood River Valley (see Family Fun).

**DIRECTIONS:** 40 miles from Government Camp. Go east on Hwy 26, exit onto Hwy 35, follow it to Hood River (milepost 102). 541 386-2000

**Hood River Visitor Information**

*ON THE MT. HOOD LOOP* (see map above)
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**BONNEVILLE DAM & LOCKS***
Spanning the Columbia River, the dam links Washington and Oregon producing hydro-electric power for the region. You actually drive onto the dam to reach the Interpretive Center and fish-viewing windows. There you can see sturgeon and in spring and fall watch migrating salmon and steelhead.

**DIRECTIONS:** 62 miles from Gov’t Camp. Go east on Hwy 26, exit onto Hwy 35, follow it to Hood River. Follow signs to I-84 west and continue 21 miles to exit 40. 541-374-8820. [Bonneville Dam and Locks info.](#)

![Check out sturgeon in the fish window at Bonneville Fish Hatchery](image)

- [Bonneville Falls](image)

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**MULTNOMAH FALLS***
Water cascades 620 feet down the sheer cliffs of the Columbia River Gorge. There are hiking trails, visitor center, plus a gift shop, snack vendors, and a restaurant located in the historic 1925 lodge. To see more marvelous falls and access Crown Point Vista House for breathtaking views of the Gorge, follow the winding Historic Columbia River Scenic Highway.

**DIRECTIONS:** 71 miles from Gov’t Camp. Go east on Hwy 26 past Government Camp, exit onto Hwy 35, follow it to Hood River. Follow signs to I-84 west and continue 30 miles to the well-signed exit. 503-695-2372. [Multnomah Falls USDA Forest Service](#)

- [Multnomah Falls](image)

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**MOUNT ST. HELENS**
Visit the fantastic volcano, which blew its top in the spring of 1980 and is frequently active. There are several visitor centers and interpretive viewpoints.

**DIRECTIONS:** 95+ miles from Welches (several routes). Hwy 26, west to Gresham, right on 242nd, to I-84, exit north on I-205, to I-5 exit 49 at Castle Rock, Washington to SR 504, follow signs. Please check information before visiting. The Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center 360-274-0962, 360-449-7800. [Mt. St. Helens - USDA Forest Service](#)

- [Mount St. Helens](image)

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**PORTLAND**
The largest metropolitan city in Oregon offers terrific shopping, music and theater. Washington Park with acres of roses, the Japanese Gardens, Old Town, the unique Chinese Garden, the trendy Pearl District full of art galleries and restaurants, are just a few of the joys in the city.

**DIRECTIONS:** 39 miles from Welches. Take Hwy 26, west to Gresham, turn right on 242nd and follow it to I-84, going west to City Center. Portland Visitor Center 503-275-8355. [Portland Visitor Center](#)

- [The City of Portland](image)  Photo by KATU

*ON THE MT. HOOD LOOP* (see map page 8
**OREGON COAST**

Our beautiful coastline stretches for 300 miles the length of Oregon. The most prominent towns are Astoria to the north (Lewis and Clark’s encampment site), the beach towns of Seaside with its busy promenade and the artsy village of Cannon Beach, and Newport with bay and oceanfront. For awesome vistas, head to Newport and south.

**DIRECTIONS:** 110+ miles. Check Oregon maps for routes. Generally, from Portland, Hwy 30 to Astoria; Hwy 26 west (Sunset Hwy) to Seaside/Cannon Beach; Hwy 18 to Lincoln City and Newport. Oregon Coast Visitor Information Center 541-574-2679.

**Oregon Coast Visitor Information**

**OREGON CITY**

Once the seat of the Provisional Government of the Northwest Territory, you will find historic homes and museums in the hilltop Historic District. Here, you can also visit Historic Oregon City, the spectacular Willamette Falls and Willamette Falls Locks, the oldest multi-lift locks in the United States.

**DIRECTIONS:** 35 miles from Welches. Take Hwy 26, west to Boring/Oregon City exit onto Hwy 212. Follow Hwy 212 to I-205 south. From I-205 take exit 10 and turn right at the light on Washington Street. This leads you directly to town. For more information call the City at 503-657-0891.

**Oregon City Visitor Information**

**SILVERTON / OREGON GARDEN**

This charming historic town has many antique stores and cafes and is just a mile from the Oregon Garden, 80 acres of unique gardens and the site of legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s Gordon House. Fifteen miles southeast of Silverton is the splendid Silver Falls State Park featuring hiking trails to canyon waterfalls.

**DIRECTIONS:** 65 miles from Welches. Hwy 26, west to Sandy, left on Hwy 211 to Eagle Creek, left on 211/224 through Estacada, Hwy 211 to Molalla, left Hwy 213 to Silverton, follow signs to Oregon Garden or Silver Falls. 503-874-8100.

**Silverton Visitor Information**

**PHILIP FOSTER FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Step back in time at this authentic farm on the Barlow Road, the “last leg” of the Oregon Trail. Visit the 1883 Farm House, 1860 barn, replica blacksmith shop and Foster’s store. Kids can try pioneer chores grinding corn, doing laundry, or building a small log cabin. Beautiful heritage gardens, a vintage orchard and real covered wagons enhance the experience.

**DIRECTIONS:** 22 miles from Welches. Take Hwy 26, west to Sandy. Turn left onto Hwy 211 for six miles. 29912 SE Hwy 211 Eagle Creek, OR 97022. 503-637-6324. Call for hours.

**Philip Foster Farm**

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**Cannon Beach** Photo by Koin TV

Photo by Steve Morgan

Photo by Mt. Hood Territory

Oregon Garden in Silverton

Tour the historic Philip Foster Farm
11 WARM SPRINGS MUSEUM

East of Mt. Hood the sun is often shining when it’s raining on the western slopes. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs created Warm Springs Museum to preserve the traditions of the Warm Springs, Wasco, and Paiute tribes. The collection has artifacts, historic photographs, art, and reconstructed traditional dwellings, including a tule mat lodge, wickiup and plankhouse.

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 26 through the Mt. Hood National Forest, towards Madras to milepost 104. The museum is across from the Indian Head Casino on the south side of the highway. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9am to 5pm. 2189 Hwy 26, Warm Springs, OR 97761. 541-553-3331. [Warm Springs Museum]

12 TOM MCCALL PRESERVE ROWENA DELL OVERLOOK

If outstanding views of the Columbia River Gorge from basalt cliffs are not enough—try it in spring when wildflowers are in bloom! Take in the view from the parking lot or wander easy hiking trails.

DIRECTIONS: 15 miles from Hood River. I-84 east, exit 69 at Mosier and follow “Scenic Loop” signs to the Rowena Crest Viewpoint parking area. 1-800-628-6860 [Tom McCall Preserve at Rowena]

13 COLUMBIA GORGE DISCOVERY CENTER

Perched on the edge of the Columbia River, the museum focuses on natural history, Native American cultures, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the Oregon Trail, with interpretive displays, films, recordings, activities, etc. Call for hours.

DIRECTIONS: 20 miles from Hood River. Go east on I-84, exit 82, follow signs. 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR 97058. 541-296-8600. [Columbia Gorge Discovery Center]

14 MARYHILL MUSEUM OF ART

High on a cliff above the Columbia River Gorge, sits this fascinating castle-like chateau. The 1914 mansion is home to an eclectic collection including Romanian royal family heirlooms, Native American art and artifacts, Lewis and Clark memorabilia, classic art and sculptures. Exceptional views. Call for hours.

DIRECTIONS: 40 miles from Hood River. Take I-84 east to Biggs Junction, follow signs to cross the Columbia River bridge to Hwy 97, then go west three miles on Washington State Road 14 (SR14). 509-773-3733. [Maryhill Museum of Art]
What a View!

Weather permitting, Mt. Hood vistas are awe-inspiring. Below are a few favorite locations. Watch for glimpses of Mt. Hood while driving Hwy 26 up the grade east from Rhododendron or as you return west from Hwy 35. In spring and early summer, you will see a profusion of wildflowers; in autumn, gorgeous fall colors.

MT. HOOD OREGON RESORT*

The small Salmon River Valley is tucked amongst the towering forested foothills of Mt. Hood. Once known as “Billy’s cow pasture” after 1880’s settler Billy Welch, the first nine holes of the golf course is one of the most beautiful in the country. If you don’t golf, you can enjoy the view from Mallards Cafe & Pub—especially in summer on its outdoor patio.

DIRECTIONS: At Hwy 26, milepost 40.6 turn south at the stoplight at Welches Road, proceed about 1 mile. Turn right on Fairway Ave, 503 622-3101, Mt. Hood Oregon Resort

LOLO PASS ROAD*

Breathtaking views of the western slopes of Mt. Hood. The road is paved to the pass, but narrow, so watch for oncoming vehicles. There are several turnouts that allow you to stop and relish the sights. The road is closed by snow in the higher elevations in the winter.

DIRECTIONS: At Zigzag, Hwy 26, milepost 42, turn north onto Lolo Pass Road (Road 18) and look for turnouts on your right in about 5 miles. 503-622-3191

Mt. Hood Oregon Resort

Lolo Pass Road Photo by Applejaminc
3 LOST LAKE
Mt. Hood is reflected in this serene lake. Picnic sites overlook the glorious views, or rent a boat at the general store for unencumbered gazing.

**DIRECTIONS:** 50 miles from Welches. Head east on Hwy 26, exit Hwy 35 toward Hood River. Turn left and follow signs from Dee to Lost Lake. For the intrepid traveler, starting from Hwy 26, milepost 42 at Zigzag, the Lolo Pass Road will take you 30 miles to Lost Lake. It is a spectacular route, but there are 5.5 miles of gravel road to negotiate. This road becomes impassable due to snow in the winter. (541) 386-6366. [Lost Lake Resort](#)

4 TIMBERLINE LODGE*
The splendid National Historic Landmark sits at the 6,000’ elevation on the southern slope of Mt. Hood. At that height there are no trees to impede spectacular views of the Cascade Mountain Range, including Mt. Jefferson and Three Sisters. Don’t forget the heart-stopping, close-up view of Mt. Hood itself! Enjoy unequaled panoramic views of the Cascade Mountain range by riding the Magic Mile Sky Chair as a foot passenger (without skis) in any season, weather permitting.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 54.2, turn north onto Timberline Road following it 6 miles. Sno-Park permit required Nov 1-April 30. 503-272-3311. [Timberline Lodge](#)

5 SUMMIT MEADOW*
This was once a Native American seasonal camping ground and pioneer rest stop. Catch sight of Mt. Hood from the boardwalk located in the glorious grassy wetlands. An interpretive sign and a small pioneer cemetery can also be found here. This area is closed to motorized traffic in the winter and is a popular cross-country and snowshoeing area.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 55, turn south into Still Creek Campground. Proceed slowly for about one mile. Or follow signs to Trillium Lake and take the first right onto the gravel road—it will wind around to Summit Meadow. 503-622-3191

6 TRILLIUM LAKE*
This man-made lake is another Cascade beauty, and much easier to get to than Lost Lake. The reflection of Mt. Hood in the pristine waters is a joy.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 56.7, turn south at the Trillium Lake sign and follow Road 2656 two miles, past the campground to the Day Use area or continue to the dam. Day use fee required (NW Forest pass accepted). 503-622-3191. [Trillium Lake Loop Hiking Guide](#) [Trillium Lake camping information](#)
WHITE RIVER CANYON*

This outstanding scenic canyon begins at an alpine glacier on majestic Mt. Hood and flows east to a desert environment. The pioneers noted in diaries being awestruck when they encountered this fantastic view of Mt. Hood and the river canyon. Here, you can see unique geological features, including past volcanic activity and recent glacial outbursts. During the late summer and early fall, glacial outflow from Mt. Hood turns the river milky white due to suspended sediment concentrations.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 35, milepost 61.8, turn north into the Parking area. Mt. Hood will be on your left, but take in the view to the right as well.
503-622-3191 White River Sno-Park

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JONSRUD VIEWPOINT

This scenic overlook in Sandy, showcases Mt. Hood looming over a pastoral meadow with the Sandy River winding 400 feet below you. The 102 square mile Bull Run Watershed (Portland's water source), Larch Mountain, and Mount Adams in Washington, highlight the 180-degree view. Interpretive signs point out the location of the historic Barlow Wagon Road over Mt. Hood. This very short and worthwhile detour, between Mt. Hood and Portland, is best at sunset, when Mt. Hood turns pink with alpenglow.

**DIRECTIONS:** At Hwy 26, milepost 24 (Tollgate Restaurant intersection) in Sandy, turn north onto Bluff Road for one mile. Viewpoint is on your right.
503-668-5533 Jonsrud Viewpoint

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Other fantastic sites farther afield, including the Columbia Gorge and Hood River Valley, are listed under Road Trips.

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**Information Resources**

**MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST**

www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood

Zigzag Ranger Station
70220 E Hwy 26, Zigzag, OR
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**OREGON’S MT. HOOD TERRITORY**

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Visitors Center
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