

## Mount Hood

Rising an impressive 11,240 feet, this majestic peak in the Cascade Mountain Range is a dormant volcano. According to one Native American legend, Mount Hood was a brave warrior named Wy'east who fell in love with Mount St. Helens, a beautiful Indian maiden. Wy'east vied for the maiden's attentions with Mount Adams, Wy'east's rival. Unable to decide between the two braves, Mount St. Helens would occasionally erupt in frustration.

Mount Hood is well known as the home of Timberline Lodge and Ski Area. Boasting the only year-round skiing option in North America and a lodge designated as a National Historic Landmark, it's known locally as "every Oregonian's mountain home." Whether skiing, snowboarding, climbing or just sightseeing, it's easy to see Timberline's appeal to travelers.

Additional ski areas on the mountain's expansive shoulders include Mount Hood Meadows and Mount Hood Skibowl, the largest night skiing area in North America.

*Mount Hood Information Center, 65000 East Highway 26, Welches, OR 97067; 503.622.4822; [www.mthood.info](http://www.mthood.info)*

*Timberline Lodge and Ski Area, Timberline, OR; 503.622.7979; [www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com)*

*Mount Hood Meadows, Highway 35, P.O. Box 470, Mount Hood, OR 97041; 503.337.2222; [www.skibood.com](http://www.skibood.com)*

*Mount Hood Skibowl, 87000 East Highway 26, Government Camp, OR 97028; 503.272.3206; [www.skibowl.com](http://www.skibowl.com)*

## The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Just outside Portland – 14 miles to be exact – the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area offers 292,500 acres of unparalleled scenery and outdoor recreation options.

A leisurely drive on the Historic Columbia River Highway is a popular way to experience the gorge. One of the first stops heading east from Troutdale is the Vista House at Crown Point. Built in 1916 as a monument to Oregon's early pioneers and a respite for travelers, Vista House is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Here visitors soak in panoramic views of the gorge. The old highway features several waterfalls, including Multnomah Falls, Oregon's highest at 620 feet. Hiking trails and picnic facilities are available at several of the waterfall sites.

*Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association; PMB 106, 2149 W. Cascade, #106A, Hood River, OR 97031; 800.984.6743; [www.crgva.org](http://www.crgva.org)*

## **Willamette Valley Wine Country**

Oregon wines have gained international attention because of their delicate flavor, crisp finish and relatively low alcohol content. The success and popularity of Oregon's 250 wineries can in part be attributed to the Willamette Valley's ideal location – the valley sits on the same latitude as France's Burgundy wine region. This region claims several renowned areas such as Yamhill County, Washington County, the Red Hills of Dundee and Eola Hills. The entrance to the Willamette Valley Wine Country is just 20 miles from downtown Portland, and many of the wineries offer a combination of tours, picnic facilities, and/or tasting rooms.

*Oregon Wine Board, 1200 N.W. Naito Parkway, Suite 400, Portland, OR 97209; 503.228.8336; [www.oregonwine.org](http://www.oregonwine.org)  
Yamhill County Wineries Association, P.O. Box 25162, Portland, OR 97298; 503.646.2985; [www.yamhillwine.com](http://www.yamhillwine.com)*

## **The Oregon Coast**

Oregon's rugged coastline is a photographer's dream. A trip down the coast can include stops in historic Astoria, the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies; Cannon Beach, loved by shoppers and art collectors; the Tillamook Cheese Factory, where nearly one million visitors watch the cheese-making and packaging processes each year; Depoe Bay, a popular whale-watching site; Newport, home to the Oregon Coast Aquarium; and Sea Lion Caves in Florence.

*Oregon Coast Visitors Association, 137 N.E. First St., Newport, OR 97365; 541.574.2679; [www.visitheoregoncoast.com](http://www.visitheoregoncoast.com)*

## **Crater Lake**

More than 7,000 years ago a violent eruption blew the top off of Mount Mazama, creating Oregon's most famous natural wonder – Crater Lake. With depths of 1,932 feet, this is the deepest lake in the United States (seventh deepest in the world). Crater Lake National Park is open year-round; however, winter services are limited due to heavy snow. The restored Crater Lake Lodge is open mid-May through mid-October. Seasonal activities include cross-country skiing, guided snowshoeing expeditions, hiking, camping and boat tours of the lake.

*Crater Lake National Park, 541.594.2211; lodge reservations, 541.830.8700; [www.craterlakelodges.com](http://www.craterlakelodges.com)*