



# PORTLAND

## VISITORS GUIDE

FROM NATURAL  
WONDERS TO  
CULTURE AND  
CUISINE, THIS  
IRRESISTIBLY  
GREEN REGION IS  
THE ESSENCE  
OF THE PACIFIC  
NORTHWEST.

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# WELCOME

**WHAT MAKES PORTLAND SO SPECIAL?** Some will tell you it's all about the trees, fresh air and proximity to the mountains, rivers and ocean. Others think the indie music and arts scenes define our particular brand of cool. We're also partial to the amazing food and drink you'll find here.

How can one place have so much going on? Come find out for yourself.

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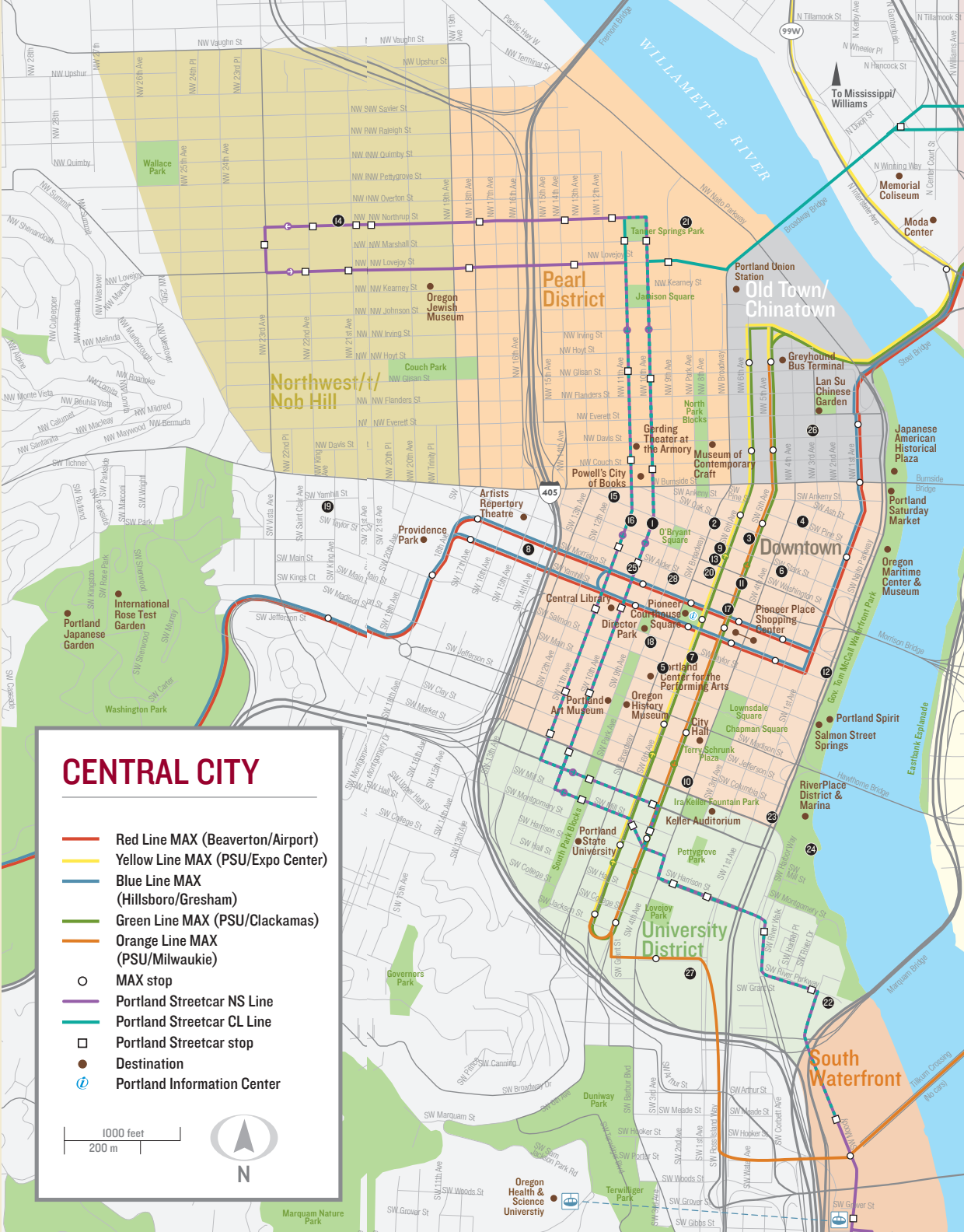
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# ABOUT PORTLAND

**ORIENTATION** The city is divided by the Willamette River and Burnside Street into quadrants: southwest, northwest, southeast and northeast. A fifth region, North Portland, is bounded roughly by the Willamette and Columbia rivers and Williams Avenue.

**POPULATION** Portland is home to more than 619,000 residents; 2.2 million people live in the Portland metropolitan area.

**WEATHER** The region enjoys a temperate climate, with an average temperature of 76 F (24.4 C) in July and 39.6 F (4.2 C) in January.





The Portland Streetcar  
in the Pearl District

# TRANSIT

*When you arrive in Portland, you'll immediately notice the sheer ease of getting around. Portland's public transit system, modern streetcar line, aerial tram, beautiful bridges and pedestrian-friendly downtown are as much a part of the city's identity as roses, microbrews and bicycling.*

**PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PDX)** Just 10 miles (16 km) from downtown, PDX is served by 15 airlines with nonstop service to more than 50 cities, including Amsterdam, Tokyo, Reykjavik, Frankfurt, Calgary and Vancouver. [flypdx.com](http://flypdx.com)

**AMTRAK** Train service via Amtrak is available at Union Station in Old Town Chinatown, with daily trips to points along the West Coast and across the country. [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com)

**MAX LIGHT RAIL** Portland's public light rail system includes the Red Line that runs from the airport to downtown in less than 40 minutes. MAX also connects downtown Portland to the Tualatin Valley to the west, Gresham to the east, the Portland Expo Center to the north and Milwaukie to the south. The Orange Line, opened in fall 2015, also serves inner Southeast Portland via Tilikum Crossing, the United States' longest bridge dedicated to transit, bike and foot traffic. [trimet.org/max](http://trimet.org/max)

**PORTLAND STREETCAR** The sleek streetcar line connects downtown, the Pearl District, Northwest Portland, and (on the east side) the Oregon Convention Center and OMSI. MAX tickets are accepted on the streetcar. [portlandstreetcar.org](http://portlandstreetcar.org)

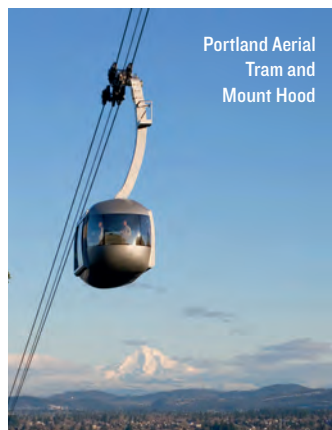
**TRIMET: BUSES AND MORE** TriMet, the regional transit authority, operates a network of buses, light rail and streetcars. Find maps, fare information and riding tips at the Travel Portland Visitor Information Center (see inside back cover) and online. [trimet.org](http://trimet.org)

**WALKING** A personable downtown with half-size city blocks and plentiful public spaces makes Portland ideal for exploring on foot. Walking maps are available at the Travel Portland Visitor Information Center; learn about walking tours at [travelportland.com/walk](http://travelportland.com/walk).

**BICYCLING** Portland offers one of the nation's most progressive bicycle transportation programs, boasting hundreds of miles of bikeways and bike-friendly buses and trains. To learn more, visit [portlandonline.com/transportation](http://portlandonline.com/transportation) and click on "Get Bike + Walking Maps" or visit [travelportland.com/bike](http://travelportland.com/bike).



Cyclists rest along  
one of Portland's  
many bike trails



Portland Aerial  
Tram and  
Mount Hood

**PORTLAND AERIAL TRAM** Portland's tram, which runs between the South Waterfront district and Oregon Health & Science University, offers stunning views of mountains, the Willamette River and the downtown skyline. [portlandtram.org](http://portlandtram.org)

*Photograph of streetcar by Basil Childers;  
aerial tram by Tim Jewett*



# PARKS & GARDENS

*In a city as green as Portland, it's no wonder that some of the top attractions are found outdoors. Hikers and gardeners — or anyone who wants a breath of fresh air — will find inspiration among the city's green gems.*

**WASHINGTON PARK** Located atop the hills west of downtown, Washington Park is one of the oldest, best-loved and most well-used parks in Portland. Its grounds include the International Rose Test Garden, Japanese Garden, Hoyt Arboretum, Oregon Zoo, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holocaust Memorial, World Forestry Center and the Portland Children's Museum. *Head of Southwest Park Place, one block west of Vista Avenue; [washingtonparkpd.org](http://washingtonparkpd.org)*

**INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN** The oldest continuously operated, official public rose test garden in the United States attracts visitors with spectacular views and more than 10,000

rose bushes. The best viewing months are May through October. *400 S.W. Kingston Ave. (in Washington Park); [rosegardenstore.org](http://rosegardenstore.org)*

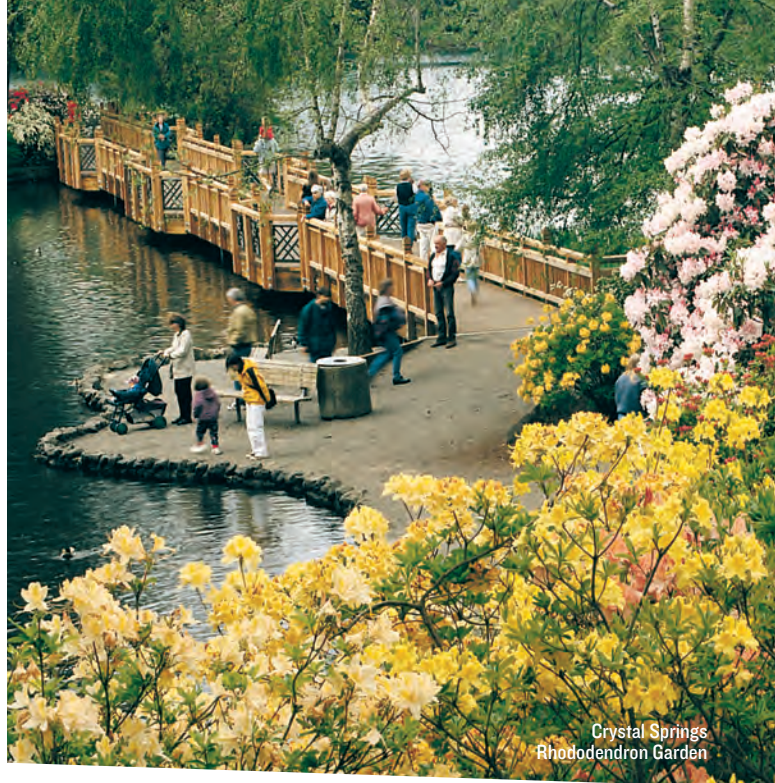
**LAN SU CHINESE GARDEN** Covered walkways, bridges, open colonnades and a richly planted landscape frame a small lake, creating ever-changing views. This urban oasis of tranquil beauty was built by artisans from Suzhou, Portland's Chinese sister city. Admission charged. *Northwest Everett Street and Third Avenue; [lansugarden.org](http://lansugarden.org)*

**FOREST PARK** Northwest of downtown, this eight-mile-long (13 km) "forest in the city" provides a respite from urban

life and supports hundreds of different bird and mammal species. Forest Park contains 70 miles (113 km) of trails. *Northwest 29th Avenue and Upshur Street to Newberry Road*



Lan Su Chinese Garden



Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

**PORTLAND JAPANESE GARDEN** One of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan is nestled in Portland's scenic West Hills. Encompassing five separate garden styles, the grounds include meandering streams and views of Mount Hood. Admission charged. *Closed Sept. 2015–March 2016. 611 S.W. Kingston Ave. (in Washington Park); [japanesegarden.com](http://japanesegarden.com)*

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN** This southeast Portland park features nearly 2,500 rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as 94 species of birds. Best viewing times are spring (blooming rhododendrons) and autumn (fall foliage). Admission charged during peak times from March–August; free otherwise. *Southeast 28th Avenue, one block north of Woodstock Boulevard*

**MILL ENDS PARK** At 24 inches (61 cm) in diameter, this is the world's smallest dedicated park. Located in the median of a busy street, Mill Ends was created in 1948 when a journalist planted flowers in the pothole below his office window. *Southwest Naito Parkway at Taylor Street*

Visit [portlandparks.org](http://portlandparks.org) for more parks information.

*Photograph of Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden by David Falconer; Lan Su Chinese Garden by Scott Steele*

# ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

*Step back in time, take in expansive city views and get hands-on with science and nature at Portland's museums. The city's creative side shines at arts institutions and monthly gallery walks featuring local artwork.*



**OREGON ZOO** The West's oldest zoo, located just minutes from downtown in visitor-friendly Washington Park, is home to 2,200 animals, including a herd of Asian elephants. 4001 S.W. Canyon Road; [oregonzoo.org](http://oregonzoo.org)

**PORTLAND ART MUSEUM** Founded in 1892, the museum is noted for its Native American art, extensive permanent collection, outdoor sculpture garden and ambitious special

exhibitions. 1219 S.W. Park Ave.; [portlandartmuseum.org](http://portlandartmuseum.org)

**OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Across the verdant Park Blocks from the Portland Art Museum, this institution introduces visitors to Oregon's intriguing past with an impressive collection of artifacts, artwork and interactive displays. 1200 S.W. Park Ave.; [ohs.org](http://ohs.org)

**MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFT** One of Portland's oldest cultural treasures, this museum houses more than 1,000 craft objects, as well as exhibition space and a retail craft gallery. 724 N.W. Davis St.; [museumofcontemporarycraft.org](http://museumofcontemporarycraft.org)

**OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY** This hands-on museum (OMSI to locals) features fun exhibits, the Northwest's largest planetarium and the USS Blueback, a decommissioned U.S. Navy submarine. 1945 S.E. Water Ave.; [omsi.edu](http://omsi.edu)

**WORLD FORESTRY CENTER DISCOVERY MUSEUM** In Washington Park, interactive, family-friendly exhibits educate visitors about the wonder and beauty of forests both in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. 4033 S.W. Canyon Road; [worldforestry.org](http://worldforestry.org)

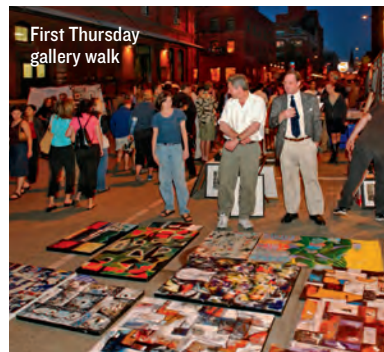


Pittock Mansion

**PITTOCK MANSION** This historic estate perched above downtown was the home of Portland pioneers Henry and Georgiana Pittock from 1914 to 1919. The mansion offers a glimpse into the city's history and boasts idyllic views from its manicured gardens. 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive; [pittockmansion.com](http://pittockmansion.com)

**FIRST THURSDAY GALLERY WALK** On the first Thursday of every month, galleries and shops in Old Town, the Pearl District and downtown stay open late, inviting the public to mingle with the artists and explore the city's vibrant and dynamic art scene. [firstthursday.org](http://firstthursday.org)

**LAST THURSDAY ART WALK** Northeast Alberta Street's art walk turns the sidewalks and the street itself into a spirited open-air party on the last Thursday evening of each month. [lastthursdayonalberta.com](http://lastthursdayonalberta.com)



First Thursday gallery walk

*Photograph of Oregon Zoo by Brock Parker; Pittock Mansion by Mr. Jānis Miglavs; First Thursday by Edis Jurcys*



# FESTIVALS

## PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL — FEBRUARY

The biggest of Portland's 20-plus annual film festivals features premieres of more than 100 films and draws an audience of more than 35,000 attendees annually. [nwfilm.org/festivals/piff](http://nwfilm.org/festivals/piff)

**PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL — JUNE** Portland's oldest festival offers three weeks of family events, including the Grand Floral Parade, a waterfront carnival, dragon boat races, concerts and fireworks. [rosefestival.org](http://rosefestival.org)

**OREGON BREWERS FESTIVAL — JULY** More than 90 craft beers, including international offerings, are on tap during this five-day festival — North America's largest gathering of independent brewers. [oregonbrewfest.com](http://oregonbrewfest.com)

**FEAST PORTLAND — SEPTEMBER** This international culinary festival celebrates Oregon's bounty of ingredients in dinners, tastings and events featuring both renowned Portland chefs and culinary stars from around the world. [feastportland.com](http://feastportland.com)

See p. 23 for music festivals. Visit [travelportland.com](http://travelportland.com) for more event listings.



Feast Portland

Oregon Ballet Theatre



# PERFORMING ARTS

*Portland's sophisticated cultural offerings come from high-profile music, theater and dance groups — and from unique smaller companies. Visit their websites for venue information and find performance listings on the calendar at [travelportland.com](http://travelportland.com).*

## MOVEMENT

**OREGON BALLET THEATRE** The Oregon Ballet Theatre (OBT) has developed a distinctly American repertoire and style, performing the classics of ballet as well as contemporary and premiere works. [obt.org](http://obt.org)

**BODYVOX** This innovative dance troupe explores movement with a focus on graceful athleticism and theatrical elements. [bodyvox.com](http://bodyvox.com)

*Photograph of Feast Portland by Zurriel Ebron, courtesy of Feast; photograph of Oregon Ballet Theatre by Basil Childers*



**DO JUMP! EXTREMELY PHYSICAL THEATER** A team of “actorbats” presents a unique blend of theater, dance, aerial work, acrobatics and live music. [dojump.org](http://dojump.org)

**WHITE BIRD DANCE** This group brings world-renowned dance companies to Portland’s stages. [whitebird.org](http://whitebird.org)

## MUSIC

**OREGON SYMPHONY** More than 300,000 people each year enjoy performances of works from classical to pop under the direction of Carlos Kalmar. [orsymphony.org](http://orsymphony.org)

**PORTLAND OPERA** One of America’s top opera companies, the Portland Opera takes an anything-but-stuffy approach to opera and musical theater. [portlandopera.org](http://portlandopera.org)

**PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC** Portland is home to the oldest youth orchestra in the United States, also considered one of the world’s best. [portlandyouthphil.org](http://portlandyouthphil.org)

**PORTLAND TAIKO** For more than 20 years, this Asian American drumming ensemble has woven rhythm, melody and movement together into an exhilarating experience. [portlandtaiko.org](http://portlandtaiko.org)

**PORTLAND BAROQUE ORCHESTRA** Led by award-winning British violinist Monica Huggett, PBO presents effervescent early music on historical instruments. [pbo.org](http://pbo.org)

## STAGE

**PORTLAND CENTER STAGE** Portland’s premier professional theater company presents classic and contemporary plays in the Gerding Theater at the Armory, a sustainably renovated historic building. [pcs.org](http://pcs.org)

**ARTISTS REPERTORY THEATRE** This company presents plays of depth and vibrancy in an intimate environment and also hosts productions from several other groups. [artistsrep.org](http://artistsrep.org)

**MIRACLE THEATRE GROUP** Since 1985, this nonprofit group has celebrated Latino art and culture through its performances and special events like September’s La Luna Nueva arts festival. [milagro.org](http://milagro.org)

**IMAGO** This small theater troupe blends elements of movement, mime and visual illusion. [imagotheatre.com](http://imagotheatre.com)

**PROFILE THEATRE** Each year, Profile showcases a single playwright, providing the opportunity to enter a writer’s world for a full season — one of only two American theater companies with this focus. [profiletheatre.org](http://profiletheatre.org)

**SOJOURN THEATRE** This multi-ethnic ensemble creates unique, often site-specific performances in Portland and around the nation. [sojourntheatre.org](http://sojourntheatre.org)

**BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA** The biggest Broadway hits — from “Book of Mormon” to “Wicked” — take the stage at Portland’s Keller Auditorium. [broadwayacrossamerica.com/Portland](http://broadwayacrossamerica.com/Portland)



An audience at Portland’s Keller Auditorium

Photograph of Portland Taiko © 2002 Rich Iwasaki Photography;  
Portland Baroque Orchestra by Torsten Kjellstrand



# SHOPPING (TAX-FREE!)

*In Portland, you'll find everything you expect from world-class shopping — except the sales tax.*

**DOWNTOWN** In addition to anchors like Nordstrom and Macy's, downtown is home to a growing number of independent retailers. Pioneer Place shopping center includes stores like Apple, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co. Locally owned boutiques and shops, many clustered in the West End, round out the mix.  
*downtownportland.org*

**PEARL DISTRICT** Amid this former warehouse district's art galleries, restaurants, designer boutiques and major brands, you'll find Powell's City of Books — the world's largest independent bookstore.  
*explorethepearl.com*



Portland  
Saturday Market

**PORTLAND SATURDAY MARKET** Saturdays and Sundays from March through December, the nation's longest-running open-air crafts market offers items from more than 350 artists and craftspeople. Southwest Ankeny Street and Naito Parkway; *portlandsaturdaymarket.com*

**NORTHWEST** Shoppers flock to this district's main streets (Northwest 23rd and 21st avenues) where boutiques sell clothing and housewares from local and international brands, and fine-dining options abound.  
*nobhillbiz.com*

**LLOYD CENTER** Portland's biggest shopping center houses 150+ stores, a 10-screen movie theater and an indoor ice rink. Located near the Oregon Convention Center, Lloyd Center is only seven minutes from downtown Portland on MAX light rail.  
*2201 Lloyd Center; lloydcentermall.com*



Shopping in  
Portland

**WASHINGTON SQUARE** This shopping center is home to five department stores, including Nordstrom, and more than 170 specialty shops. 9585 S.W. Washington Square Road; *shopwashingtonsquare.com*

**CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER** Located southeast of Portland and easily accessed by highway or MAX light rail, the region's most-visited mall features 185 stores, a 20-screen movie theater and the largest collection of eateries in Oregon. 12000 S.E. 82nd Ave., Happy Valley; *clackamastowncenter.com*

**WOODBURN PREMIUM OUTLETS** The largest tax-free outlet center in the West is just 30 minutes south of Portland. Find big-name brands and outlet savings at 110 stores, including Nike Factory Store, Columbia Sportswear and more. 1001 Arney Road, Woodburn; *premiumoutlets.com/woodburn*

For more shopping destinations, see pages 24–27 and 34.

*Photograph of Saturday Market by Barbara McIntyre*





Dinner at  
Paley's Place

# DINING

*Portland is surrounded by fertile farmland; local chefs make the most of the bounty, tailoring their menus to focus on the freshest offerings from the farmers' market.*

## SOUTHWEST (DOWNTOWN)

**HIGGINS** offers Northwest cuisine in a setting inspired by classic French bistros. Chef Greg Higgins pioneered the farm-to-fork philosophy that defines Portland dining today. *1239 S.W. Broadway; higginsportland.com*

**CLYDE COMMON** is a lively European-style tavern in the Ace Hotel that offers a regional take on classic dining. *1014 S.W. Stark St.; clydecommon.com*

**IMPERIAL** explores heritage cooking methods using local ingredients and a custom-made wood-fired grill. *400 S.W. Broadway; imperialpdx.com*

**DEPARTURE** takes a modern approach to Asian cuisine in a sleek setting with great views and rooftop decks atop the Nines Hotel. *525 S.W. Morrison St.; departureportland.com*

**LUC LAC** serves traditional Vietnamese dishes using fresh, local ingredients and stays open until 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. *835 S.W. Second Ave.; luclackitchen.com*

## PEARL DISTRICT

**DESCHUTES BREWERY** pours 26 beers and serves a wide range of food at its popular Pearl District brewpub. *210 N.W. 11th Ave.; deschutesbrewery.com.*

**ANDINA** is renowned for its upscale New Peruvian cuisine and cocktails served in a lively space filled with music and art. Gluten-free menu available. *1314 N.W. Glisan St.; andinarestaurant.com*



Andina in the  
Pearl District

## NORTHWEST

**BAMBOO SUSHI NW** has a fishery-friendly menu that includes house-cured wild ivory salmon and a seafood charcuterie board. *836 N.W. 23rd Ave.; bamboosushi.com*

**PALEY'S PLACE**, an early pioneer of the Portland ethic of local, sustainable cuisine, serves upscale, French-inspired meals in a historic Victorian house. *1204 N.W. 21st Ave.; paleysplace.net*

## SOUTHEAST PORTLAND

**LE PIGEON** boasts a bold menu with unexpected dishes like truffled brioche, sweetbreads and foie gras profiteroles in a charming setting. *738 E. Burnside St.; lepigeon.com*

**OLYMPIA PROVISIONS** showcases house-cured charcuterie and Mediterranean-influenced dishes. *107 S.E. Washington St.; olympiaprovisions.com*

**NOSTRANA** draws rave reviews for its flavorful wood-fired pizzas and rustic Italian dishes prepared with Northwest ingredients. *1401 S.E. Morrison St.; nostrana.com*

*Photograph of Andina by Gen Sasaki*



Dinner at Le Pigeon

**AVA GENE'S** Roman-influenced cuisine inspired *Bon Appétit* to name it the No. 5 best new restaurant in America in 2013. 3377 S.E. Division St.; [avagenes.com](http://avagenes.com)

**POK POK** is world-famous for its authentic Thai “drinking food.” Chef Andy Ricker has two other eateries, Whiskey Soda Lounge and Sen Yai, nearby. 3226 S.E. Division St.; [pokpokpdx.com](http://pokpokpdx.com)

## NORTH/NORTHEAST PORTLAND

**NED LUDD** crafts seasonal, farm-to-table cuisine; every dish is prepared in a wood-fired oven. 3925 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; [nedluddpdx.com](http://nedluddpdx.com)

**OX RESTAURANT** uses Argentinian grilling techniques to prepare everything from rib eye steaks to artichokes. 2225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; [oxpdx.com](http://oxpdx.com)

**BOLLYWOOD THEATER** serves authentic Indian street food in a casual setting; a second location is on Southeast Division Street. 2039 N.E. Alberta St.; [bollywoodtheaterpdx.com](http://bollywoodtheaterpdx.com)

**AVIARY** offers inventive small plates that unite Asian, Middle Eastern and American flavors. 1733 N.E. Alberta St.; [aviarypdx.com](http://aviarypdx.com)

## MORE FOOD FINDS

**FOOD CARTS** number in the hundreds and are clustered in “pods” throughout the city. Many are located downtown and serve cheap, authentic eats. [foodcartsportland.com](http://foodcartsportland.com)

**PORTLAND DINING MONTH**, every March, features more than 100 restaurants offering three-course meals for one low price. [portlanddiningmonth.com](http://portlanddiningmonth.com)

**VOODOO DOUGHNUT**, a quirky, 24-hour shop where offerings include a maple bar topped with real bacon, is a must-see. 22 S.W. Third Ave. and 1501 N.E. Davis St.; [voodoodoughnut.com](http://voodoodoughnut.com)



Food carts in downtown Portland



**PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET** has three weekly locations in downtown, where — from late spring to early fall — you'll find the freshest local produce and prepared foods. The Saturday market at Portland State University is open year-round. [portlandfarmersmarket.org](http://portlandfarmersmarket.org)

**BLUE STAR DONUTS** tops brioche dough with sophisticated flavors like blueberry with bourbon and basil, salted caramel and hazelnut dulce de leche. Four locations; [bluestardonuts.com](http://bluestardonuts.com)

*Photograph of Le Pigeon by Robyn Lee; food carts by Jamie Francis; farmers market by Jim Fullan*



# BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

*Portland's acclaimed cuisine tastes best when accompanied by the region's outstanding craft beer, Willamette Valley wine and distilled spirits.*

## BEER

For more than two decades, Portland has been the epicenter of America's craft-brewing renaissance. Nicknamed "Beervana" and "Munich on the Willamette," Portland has upwards of 65 breweries — more than any other city on earth.

### BRIDGEPORT BREWING COMPANY

Oregon's oldest craft brewery offers tastings, tours and a gastropub in the Pearl District. [bridgeportbrew.com](http://bridgeportbrew.com)



**HOPWORKS URBAN BREWERY** This brewpub serves only organic beers and combines Portland's love of beer and bikes with an on-site cycle repair station. [hopworksbeer.com](http://hopworksbeer.com)

**BASE CAMP BREWING** Enjoy Base Camp's beers on its dog-friendly patio or on the river — their unbreakable aluminum bottles are ready for adventure. [basecampbrewingco.com](http://basecampbrewingco.com)

**CASCADE BREWING BARREL HOUSE** The go-to spot for sour beer features 18 rotating taps with inventive barrel-aged beers. [cascadebrewingbarrelhouse.com](http://cascadebrewingbarrelhouse.com)

**MC MENAMINS** More than 50 of these funky, family-friendly neighborhood bars, movie theaters and historic inns dot Oregon and Washington. [mcmenamins.com](http://mcmenamins.com)

**WIDMER BROTHERS BREWING** Started as a tiny operation in 1984, Widmer has grown into Oregon's largest brewery, winning many awards for its American take on hefeweizen. [widmer.com](http://widmer.com)

Learn more about local breweries, brewpubs and the city's many beer festivals at [travelportland.com/beer](http://travelportland.com/beer).



Wine tasting in Portland

## WINE

Prime growing conditions and favorable soils have fostered Oregon's rapid emergence over the past 35 years as one of the world's finest wine-growing regions. While more than 40 varietals are grown in Oregon, pinot noir is the state's signature grape. Oregon also consistently earns top honors for other cool-climate varieties such as Dijon clone chardonnay and pinot blanc.

The scenic Willamette Valley wine country is a 30-minute drive from downtown, making winery tours a popular activity for Portland visitors (see p. 33 for details). You'll also find more than 15 wineries in Portland (see [pdxurbanwineries.com](http://pdxurbanwineries.com)). For a complete guide to Oregon wineries, visit [oregonwine.org](http://oregonwine.org).

## CRAFT SPIRITS

Inspired by local brewing and winemaking traditions, the Portland area's dozen or so craft distillers produce top-notch, small-batch spirits, all with distinctly local flavors. From eau de vie to whiskey, these products are meant to be savored. Many local bars feature made-in-Portland spirits on their cocktail lists.

Several distillers are concentrated on Portland's inner eastside, in an area dubbed Distillery Row ([distilleryrowpdx.com](http://distilleryrowpdx.com)). On weekends, visitors can taste samples from all of these artisans in a single walking tour. A passport ([distilleryrowtours.com](http://distilleryrowtours.com)) offers savings on tastings, plus other local deals.





Arlene Schnitzer  
Concert Hall

# LOCAL MUSIC

*Portland's trademark eclecticism is on full display in its live music scene — from jazz at Jimmy Mak's to indie rock at the Doug Fir — which is embraced both by local fans and the many noted musicians who call Portland home.*

## VENUES

**ARLENE SCHNITZER CONCERT HALL** Originally built as a vaudeville house in 1928, the “Schnitz” is a National Historic Register property whose marquee is crowned by a “Portland” sign illuminated with 6,000 lights. Home to resident companies like the Oregon Symphony, the venue regularly hosts touring artists, from Norah Jones to Tom Jones. *1037 S.W. Broadway; portland5.com/schnitzer*

**McMENAMINS CRYSTAL BALLROOM** This renovated 1914 dance hall plays host to many national acts and “rocks” with its unique floating dance floor. *1332 W. Burnside St.; crystalballroompdx.com*

**DOUG FIR LOUNGE** Located next to the hip Jupiter Hotel, this restaurant and club anchors the burgeoning East Burnside district, attracting indie acts from around the globe to its fir-walled, acoustically impeccable basement music venue. *830 E. Burnside St.; dougfirlounge.com*

**JIMMY MAK'S** Recognized by *Down Beat* magazine as “one of the world’s top 100 places to hear jazz,” this Pearl District club features terrific house bands and regular appearances by acclaimed national jazz acts. *221 N.W. 10th Ave.; jimmymaks.com*

**REVOLUTION HALL** Opened in 2015, Rev Hall hosts touring musical acts, speakers and other events in a renovated high school auditorium. *revolutionhallpdx.com*



Doug Fir Lounge

## FESTIVALS

**PORTLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL** Each February, this 10-day festival features national, regional and local artists in more than 150 events, with dozens of free performances. *pdxjazz.com*

**WATERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL** Portland’s blues fest is the second largest in the nation. Every Fourth of July weekend, more than 120,000 attendees enjoy 100-plus performances and a fireworks display beside the river. *waterfrontbluesfest.com*



Pickathon

**MUSICFESTNW** Rocking Portland since 2000, this beloved music festival showcases more than a dozen bands during two days of outdoor concerts at Waterfront Park each August. *musicfestnw.com*

**PICKATHON MUSIC FESTIVAL** This eco-friendly festival in late July or early August features folk, indie rock and alt-country bands in an idyllic setting southeast of Portland. Each performer plays two shows and attendees camp on-site. *pickathon.com*

*Photograph of Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall by Larry Geddis; Doug Fir by Alicia J. Rose; Pickathon by Eli Duke*



Downtown Portland's  
Director Park

# NEIGHBORHOODS

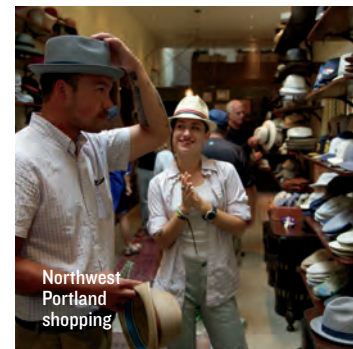
*You'll find Portland's spirit in its vibrant, diverse neighborhoods. Restaurants, parks, shops and food carts are clustered in districts with distinct personalities: The stylish Pearl District, artistic Alberta and food-focused Division/Clinton are just a few members of this family of neighborhoods.*

**DOWNTOWN** Portland's compact, walkable downtown offers easy access to great food, green spaces, cultural offerings and tax-free shopping. Hotels and museums are interspersed with the city's most diverse mix of stores, as well as its biggest collection of food carts. Attractions like Washington Park and the Oregon Convention Center are a short MAX light rail ride away.  
[downtownportland.org](http://downtownportland.org)

## OLD TOWN CHINATOWN

This river district adjoining downtown and the Pearl District is Portland's oldest neighborhood. Today, it's a bustling arts and entertainment district, home to the Portland Saturday Market, Ankeny Alley (a car-free block that contains the famed Voodoo Doughnut) and the tranquil Lan Su Chinese Garden.  
[oldtownchinatown.net](http://oldtownchinatown.net)

**NORTHWEST PORTLAND** Located at the base of Portland's West Hills, this area's streets are lined with turn-of-the-century Victorian houses, many converted into whimsical boutiques. Restaurants, pubs and cafés with sidewalk seating offer top-notch people watching. The trails of Forest Park are just minutes away.  
[nobhillbiz.com](http://nobhillbiz.com)



Northwest  
Portland  
shopping



Readers flock  
to Powell's City  
of Books

## PEARL DISTRICT

This upscale neighborhood adjacent to downtown was once an uninviting industrial zone. In the mid-1990s the Pearl began a tremendous makeover, its warehouses and factories gradually converted into mixed-use buildings that hold condos, art galleries and mouth-watering eateries. Boutiques, major retailers and Powell's City of Books make the Pearl a top shopping destination.  
[explorethepearl.com](http://explorethepearl.com)

*Photograph of Director Park & Goorin Bros. by Jamie Francis;  
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Southeast Division Street

### CENTRAL EASTSIDE

Just across the Willamette River from downtown, the burgeoning Central Eastside blends shopping, dining and other attractions with easy access to river recreation. This industrial district, home to the family favorite Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), has seen an influx of restaurants, coffee roasters, breweries, distilleries and after-hours hot spots. [travelportland.com/central-eastside](http://travelportland.com/central-eastside)

### DIVISION/CLINTON

This pair of close-in Southeast Portland streets features block after block of must-eat destinations, plus vintage shopping and neighborhood charm. You could plan a week's worth of meals on Southeast Division

Street — named one of America's 10 Best Foodie Streets by *Food & Wine* magazine — and still not hit all of the essential restaurants. [divisionclinton.com](http://divisionclinton.com)



Bagdad Theater & Pub on Hawthorne

### HAWTHORNE/BELMONT

Hippies and hipsters mingle on these eastside streets where eclectic is the norm. Amid the relaxed, casual atmosphere, you'll find bars, vintage shops, cafés and boutiques. Food carts dot Hawthorne and are centralized at the Good Food Here pod on Belmont, while Hawthorne's retail offerings include two outposts of Powell's Books. [thinkhawthorne.com](http://thinkhawthorne.com); [belmontbusiness.org](http://belmontbusiness.org)



Shopping on North Mississippi Avenue

**MISSISSIPPI/WILLIAMS** Across the Willamette River from downtown, these streets have seen an influx of local businesses over the past 15 years. The ReBuilding Center, a vast emporium of recycled materials, outfitted many of the restaurants, bars and boutiques along North Mississippi Avenue. Nearby, North Williams Avenue boasts a growing collection of acclaimed eateries, brewpubs and shops. [mississippiave.com](http://mississippiave.com)

**ALBERTA ARTS DISTRICT** This neighborhood is a multicultural hot spot with Asian and Latino businesses, African-American galleries and grassroots arts studios, as well as trendy boutiques and restaurants. The Last Thursday Art Walk (held the last Thursday evening of each month) features art in galleries, studios and cafés, with performers and vendors adding a carnivalesque atmosphere. [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org)



One of many murals along Northeast Alberta Street

Photograph of Division Street by Amy Selleck; Mississippi Avenue by Jamie Francis; Bagdad Theater and Alberta Street by Julia Grieve





Clackamas River

# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

*Outdoors enthusiasts will find plenty of options in the greater Portland region. You don't have to go far to find yourself paddling on a secluded bay, hiking a forested trail or observing native wildlife.*

**OAKS BOTTOM WILDLIFE REFUGE** This 140-acre (57 ha) wetland just east of the Willamette River is a birdwatcher's paradise. Many species are attracted to the marshes of Portland's first wildlife refuge, including the city's official bird, the great blue heron. *Southeast Seventh Avenue and Sellwood Boulevard; portlandparks.org (search for "Oaks Bottom")*

**HOYT ARBORETUM** This 187-acre (75 ha) living museum of trees and plants from around the world is just west of downtown Portland in Washington Park. A place of beauty and serenity in all seasons, the arboretum is easily accessible by car, bus or MAX light rail. *4000 S.W. Fairview Blvd. (in Washington Park); hoytarboretum.org*

## PORTLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY NATURE SANCTUARY

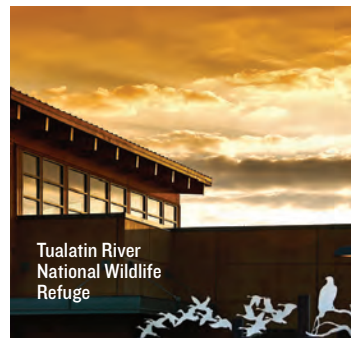
This 143-acre (58 ha) wildlife nature sanctuary offers 4.5 miles (7.2 km) of maintained trails winding through a mixed coniferous forest, past streams, ponds and native vegetation — all within minutes of downtown Portland. *5151 N.W. Cornell Road; audubon portland.org*

**SAUVIE ISLAND** On the outskirts of Portland, this Columbia River island is a rural oasis, where visitors can pick seasonal fruits and vegetables or sample local treats from field stands and farmers' markets. Parks, beaches and wetlands attract wildlife and nature lovers alike. Fall brings bright colors, pumpkin patches — even a couple of corn mazes to weave through. *sauvieisland.org*

**CLACKAMAS RIVER** Approximately one hour outside of Portland, the Clackamas River is one of the state's most beloved rafting and kayaking runs. The river, ranked Class III/IV+ (easy to very difficult), provides a fun ride for experts and beginners alike. For more information, visit *mthoodterritory.com*.

**TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** Located 15 miles (24 km) southwest of downtown Portland, this urban national wildlife refuge provides safe haven to a wide variety of birds and other animals. *19255 S.W. Pacific Highway, Sherwood; fws.gov/tualatinriver*

**SCAPPOOSE BAY** Paddle your way through serene wetlands rich in cultural history and home to a variety of migratory birds, beavers, herons and eagles. This peaceful oasis is located 30 miles (48 km) north of downtown Portland. The guides of Scappoose Bay Paddling Center are particularly adept at helping paddlers of all experience levels explore the waters. *nextadventure.net*

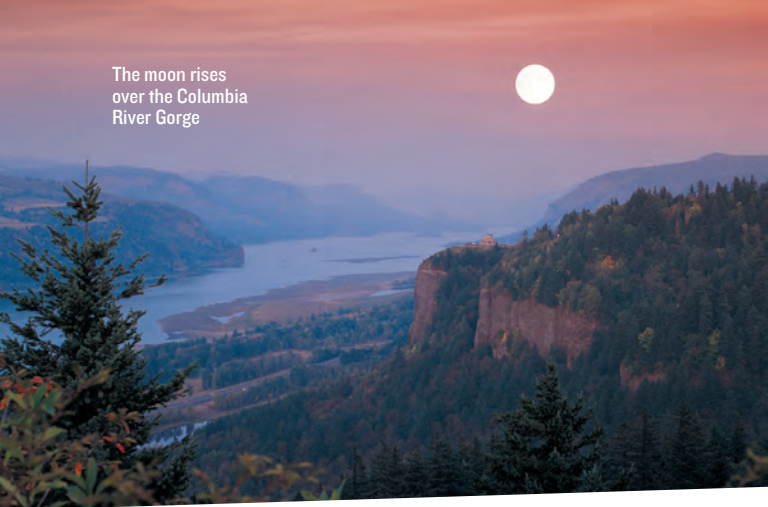


Photograph of Clackamas River courtesy of Blue Sky Rafting; cyclists on Sauvie Island by Tim Jewett; Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge courtesy of Washington County Visitors Association, © Paul Loofburrow



Sauvie Island

The moon rises  
over the Columbia  
River Gorge



# COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

*One of the West's mightiest rivers carved the majestic basalt bluffs of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, an 80-mile (129 km) stretch east of Portland rife with hiking options.*

**HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY** This byway features viaducts crafted by Italian stonecutters in the early 1900s, and leads to picnic tables and paths near several of the gorge's 77 waterfalls. Also on the highway, the Vista House commands a superb view of the gorge. [traveloregon.com/hrch](http://traveloregon.com/hrch)

**MULTNOMAH FALLS** The double-tiered waterfall — Oregon's tallest — drops a dramatic 620 feet (189 m) and draws nearly two million visitors a year — more than any other public destination in the state. [friendsofmultnomahfalls.org](http://friendsofmultnomahfalls.org)

**HOOD RIVER** This windsurfing mecca offers winds in excess of 30 miles (48 km) per hour. The nearby "Fruit Loop" driving route and Mount Hood Railroad wind past orchards, wineries and spectacular Mount Hood views. [hoodriver.org](http://hoodriver.org)

**THE DALLES** This town east of Hood River is home to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, where visitors can hear stories of exploration, learn about the geologic forces that created the gorge or ride a windsurfing simulator. [thedalleschamber.org](http://thedalleschamber.org)

# MOUNT HOOD

*Southwest of Hood River stands Mount Hood, Oregon's tallest peak at 11,235 feet (3,424 m). It takes just over an hour to get from a sidewalk café in Portland to a chairlift at one of the five ski areas on the mountain's expansive shoulders.*

## TIMBERLINE LODGE AND SKI

**AREA** Located at 6,000 feet (1,829 m), Timberline Lodge is a National Historic Landmark, constructed in 1937 by local artists and craftspeople using mammoth timbers and native stone. Timberline Ski Area boasts North America's longest ski and snowboard season. [timberlinelodge.com](http://timberlinelodge.com)



**MT. HOOD SKIBOWL** The largest night-skiing area in North America offers 34 lighted runs. In summer, it's transformed into an adventure park with more than 20 attractions, including an alpine slide, bungee jumping and a mountain bike park. [skibowl.com](http://skibowl.com)

**MT. HOOD MEADOWS** Located on the eastern flank of Mount Hood, the mountain's largest ski resort offers 2,150 acres (870 ha) of varied terrain for advanced skiers, accessible via 12 chairlifts. [skihood.com](http://skihood.com)

**MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST** At a whopping one million acres (404,685 ha), the forest is dotted with clear alpine lakes and remote campgrounds. The Clackamas River is a popular venue for summer fun; in winter, cross-country skiers and snowshoers glide over 200 miles (322 km) of trails. [fs.usda.gov/main/mthood](http://fs.usda.gov/main/mthood)

**MT. HOOD NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY** This 105-mile (169 km) loop around the mountain connects three of Oregon's unique natural wonders: Mount Hood, the Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls. The route can be driven in as little as three hours, but the lush forest and quaint villages along the way call out for a more leisurely pace. [traveloregon.com/mt-hood-scenic-byway](http://traveloregon.com/mt-hood-scenic-byway)

*Photograph of the Columbia River Gorge by Mr. Jānis Miglavs; Timberline Lodge courtesy of Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory*

# HISTORIC OREGON CITY

*Overlooking thundering Willamette Falls, Oregon City was the destination for thousands of Oregon Trail settlers in the 1840s and the original capital of the Oregon Territory. With its rich heritage and natural beauty, Oregon City continues to lure visitors seeking a direct connection to America's native and pioneer past.*

**END OF THE OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER** Learn about the pioneer experience through activities like choosing supplies to pack for your own "Oregon Trail journey." The visitor center offers free travel materials, local products and historic exhibits. 1726 Washington St., Oregon City; historic [oregoncity.org](http://oregoncity.org)



Kayakers at  
Willamette Falls

## **WILLAMETTE FALLS**

Crucial to Native American culture and survival for thousands of years, these horseshoe-shaped falls also played a vital role in the growth of Oregon as a territory and state. Visitors can kayak, paddleboard or ride a jet boat to the base of the massive falls, which are

the second largest in the U.S. by volume. [wfhheritage.org](http://wfhheritage.org)

**OREGON FARM LOOPS** Explore the wide open countryside of Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory along the Farmlandia, Canby and Molalla Country farm loops. Sample fresh local produce, wines, milled grains and farm-to-table dinners as you discover a new farm adventure at every turn of the road. [oregonfarmloop.com](http://oregonfarmloop.com)

For more information about these and other attractions in the area, visit [mthoodterritory.com](http://mthoodterritory.com).



Grapevines at  
a Tualatin Valley  
vineyard

# THE TUALATIN VALLEY

*Oregon's Washington County: The Tualatin Valley mixes urban, high-tech businesses with natural and agricultural settings. Just west of Portland, the area is easily accessible, with MAX light rail service from Portland International Airport to cities including Beaverton and Hillsboro. Learn more at [tualatinvalley.org](http://tualatinvalley.org).*

## **WINERIES**

Home to more than 30 wineries, the Tualatin Valley is the gateway to the world-renowned Willamette Valley wine country. The welcoming vineyards provide the perfect setting for sampling Oregon's signature grape, pinot noir. Here are a few to visit:

**ÁRDÍRI WINERY AND VINEYARDS** This destination winery is known for its outstanding views of the valley and its award-winning wines. 35040 S.W. Unger Road, Cornelius; [ardiriwine.com](http://ardiriwine.com)

**COOPER MOUNTAIN WINERY** A pioneer in biodynamic wine-making, Cooper Mountain produced the first organic wine in America. 20121 S.W. Leonardo Lane, Beaverton; [coopermountainwine.com](http://coopermountainwine.com)

*Photograph of Willamette Falls courtesy of eNRG Kayaking;  
grapes courtesy of Ponzi Vineyards*



**MONTINORE ESTATE** Established in 1982, Montinore Estate is one of Oregon's largest organic and biodynamic wine producers. 3663 S.W. Dilley Road, Forest Grove; [montinore.com](http://montinore.com)

**PONZI VINEYARDS** Founded in 1970, Ponzi Vineyards is regarded as one of the masters of New World pinot noir. 19500 S.W. Mountain Home Road, Sherwood; 14665 S.W. Winery Lane, Beaverton; [ponziwines.com](http://ponziwines.com)

**SAKÉONE** The world's first American-owned saké brewery offers daily tours of its *kura* (brewing facility) as well as tastings of this traditional Japanese beverage. 820 Elm St., Forest Grove; [sakeone.com](http://sakeone.com)

## GOLF

For those who like to drink in idyllic scenery while golfing, the Tualatin Valley has 12 semi-private and public courses, including:

**THE RESERVE VINEYARDS AND GOLF CLUB** This prestigious course hosts hundreds of tournaments yearly and offers gourmet dining. 4805 S.W. 229th Ave., Aloha; [reservegolf.com](http://reservegolf.com)

**PUMPKIN RIDGE GOLF CLUB** Known for its stellar scenery and resort amenities, this club is home to two highly acclaimed courses, Witch Hollow and Ghost Creek. 12930 Old Pumpkin Ridge Road, North Plains; [pumpkinridge.com](http://pumpkinridge.com)



Bridgeport Village

## SHOPPING

Find treasures to take home at the Tualatin Valley's national retailers and eclectic shops.

**BRIDGEPORT VILLAGE** features a variety of upscale shops in an open-air setting. 7455 S.W. Bridgeport Road, Tigard; [bridgeport-village.com](http://bridgeport-village.com)

**THE STREETS OF TANASBOURNE** is a spacious shopping center boasting more than 50 stores. 19365 N.W. Cornell Road, Hillsboro; [streetsoftanasbourne.com](http://streetsoftanasbourne.com)



Haystack Rock at the Oregon Coast

*For more about destinations, activities and lodging throughout the state, visit [traveloregon.com](http://traveloregon.com).*

**THE OREGON COAST** Oregon's 363-mile (584 km) public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to evergreen forests to dunes and sandy beaches. Highlights include delicious seafood, historic lighthouses and a world-class aquarium. [visittheoregoncoast.com](http://visittheoregoncoast.com)

**CENTRAL OREGON** With 300 days of sunshine a year and mountains of fresh powder come winter, this high-desert country is a recreation lover's paradise. Equally impressive are the selection of restaurants and breweries, unique lodging and a growing arts scene. [visitcentraloregon.com](http://visitcentraloregon.com)

**EASTERN OREGON** The spirit of the West thrives in the home of the Painted Hills, breathtaking Willowa Mountains, colossal Steens Mountain and Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in North America. The indelible footprints of Native Americans, explorers and pioneers still color the area's culture. [eova.com](http://eova.com)

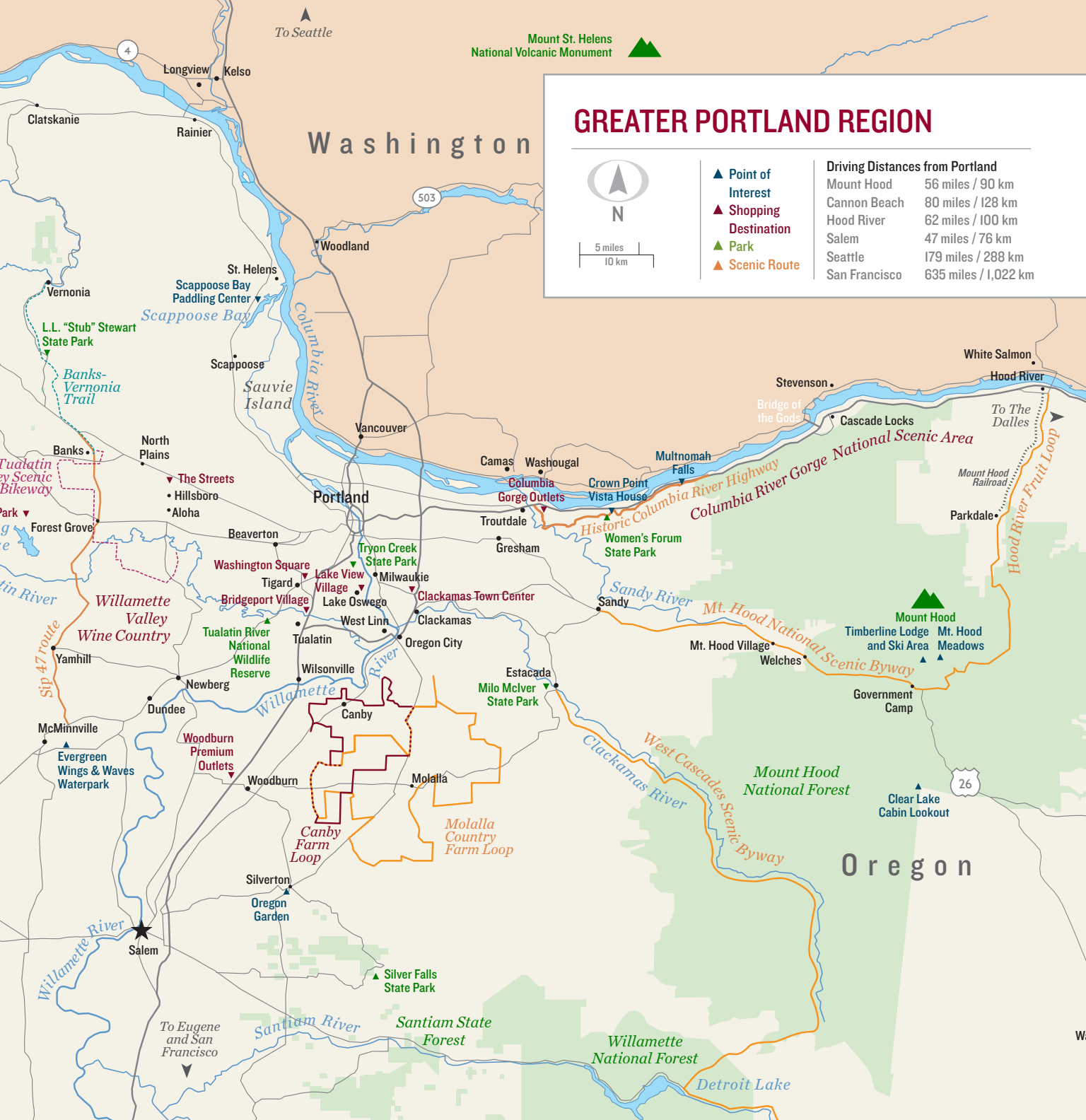
**SOUTHERN OREGON** Home to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Crater Lake National Park, site of the deepest lake in the United States, Southern Oregon boasts majestic scenery, vineyards, and world-class fishing and rafting. [sova.org](http://sova.org)

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY** The heart of Oregon's agriculture country, this valley stretching south of Portland is home to covered bridges, farmers' markets and bicycle-friendly terrain, as well as more than 200 wineries. [oregonwinecountry.org](http://oregonwinecountry.org)

*Photograph of Bridgeport Village courtesy of Washington County Visitors Association; Oregon Coast by Larry Geddis*







# GREATER PORTLAND REGION



5 miles  
10 km

- ▲ Point of Interest
- ▲ Shopping Destination
- ▲ Park
- ▲ Scenic Route

Driving Distances from Portland	
Mount Hood	56 miles / 90 km
Cannon Beach	80 miles / 128 km
Hood River	62 miles / 100 km
Salem	47 miles / 76 km
Seattle	179 miles / 288 km
San Francisco	635 miles / 1,022 km



## PORTLAND'S VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

At the Travel Portland Visitor Information Center you'll find brochures, maps and expert advice for your stay in the greater Portland region — all in the heart of downtown at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Within easy walking distance of downtown hotels and served by MAX light rail, the square also houses TriMet, where you can buy transit tickets.

**LOCATION** Pioneer Courthouse Square, Southwest Sixth Avenue between Southwest Yamhill and Morrison streets

**HOURS** Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Sunday (May–October only) 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**CALL** 503.275.8355 or toll-free 1.877.678.5263



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## FIND YOURSELF HERE

*Portland is located on Oregon's northern border, 65 miles (105 km) west of the mountains of the Cascade Range, 78 miles (126 km) east of the Pacific Ocean and 166 miles (267 km) south of Seattle's SeaTac airport.*

### NORTH AMERICA



### OREGON



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