

SUGGESTIONS OF Things to do in Portland

Portland Gardens

Four world-class gardens. One cultivated weekend. Isn't it time to visit Portland?

You don't need a passport to discover the world's great garden traditions. All it takes is two days in Portland, Oregon. In and around the City of Roses, you'll find four of the most fascinating and diverse gardens in North America. What are you waiting for?

- A Ming Dynasty-style garden, serene and lovely amid the city's clamor
- Eighty showcase acres nestled in the emerald Willamette Valley
- A Japanese Garden of rare authenticity and tranquil beauty
- Terraced rose, fragrant against a backdrop of city and mountains

Portland Classical Chinese Garden

A year-round wonder, the Portland Classical Chinese Garden is an authentically built Ming Dynasty style garden. Covered walkways, bridges, open colonnades, pavilions and a richly planted landscape frame Zither Lake, creating views that are never twice the same. This urban oasis of tranquil beauty and harmony, built by Suzhou artisans will inspire and engage all who visit. Public tours and audio tours are available. A teahouse is located within the Garden.

www.portlandchinesegarden.org

Hours: November – March, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; April – October, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Portland Classical Chinese Garden

NW Third Avenue and Everett Street, Portland, OR 97209

503.228.8131



The Oregon Garden

Discover The Oregon Garden, the Northwest's premier display garden. Stroll or ride the tram through this 80-acre botanical wonder, which showcases thousands of plants in more than 20 colorful specialty gardens. Discover amazing water features, garden art, a unique display of conifers, the 400-year-old Signature Oak tree, wetlands, wildlife, a playful garden just for children and the Gordon House designed by the legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



www.oregongarden.org

Hours: May – September, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; October – April, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Open 7 days a week.

Admission varies with the season.

The Oregon Garden

879 West Main St, Silverton, OR 97381

Call toll free: 877.674.2733

About 1 hour southeast of Portland.

Portland Japanese Garden

Nestled in the scenic west hills of Portland, the Japanese Garden is a haven of tranquil beauty which has been proclaimed one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan. Encompassing five and one-half acres and five separate garden styles, the Garden includes an authentic Japanese Tea House, meandering streams, intimate walkways, and an unsurpassed view of Mt. Hood.

Hours: April - September, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (except Monday: noon - 7 p.m.);

October - March, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except Monday: noon - 4 p.m.)

Admission: Adult: \$8.00, Senior (62+): \$6.25, Students (6-17): \$5.25, College Students (w/ID): \$6.25 Children 5 and younger are free.

Portland Japanese Garden

611 SW Kingston, Portland, OR 97201

503.223.1321

www.japanesegarden.com

[View events happening at the Japanese Garden year-round.](#)



International Rose Test Garden

Portland is home to the oldest official continuously operated public rose test gardens in the United States. Each year hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world enjoy the sights and scents of the gardens. One of the most popular of Portland's Parks & Recreation locations, the garden's spectacular views and more than 8,000 roses make it one of Portland's most notable signature landmarks.

www.portlandparks.org/parks/introsetestgarden.htm

Hours: Daily 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

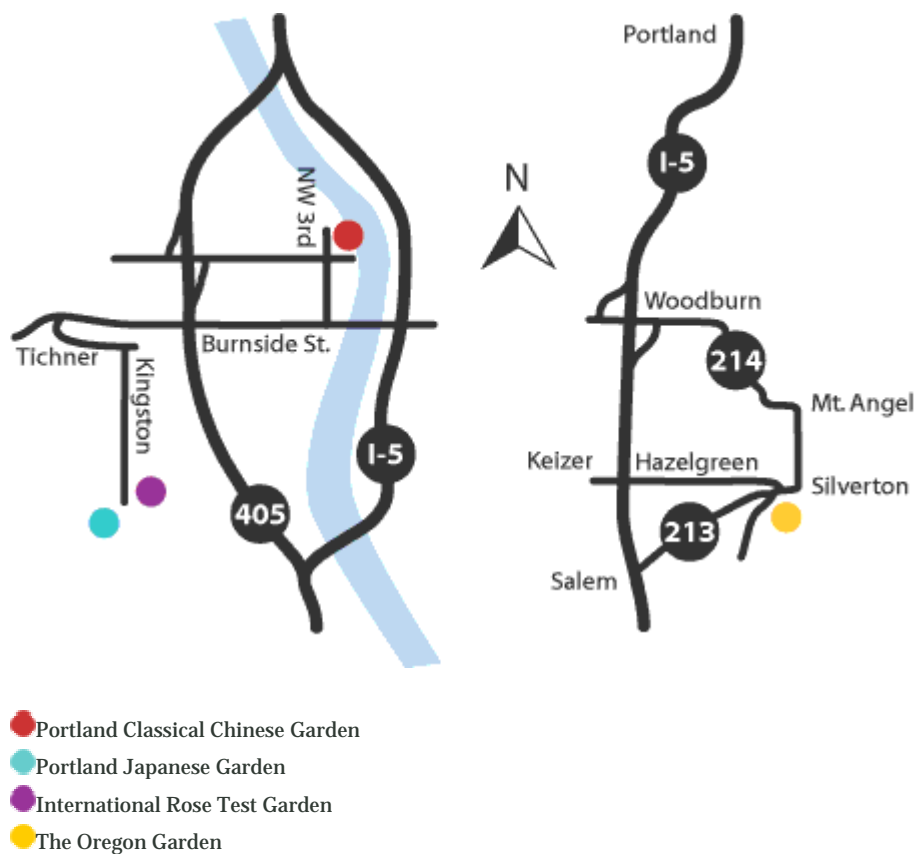
Admission: Free

Portland Parks & Recreation



Washington Park International Rose Test Gardens
400 SW Kingston, Portland, OR 97201
503.823.363

Map



The Grotto

A peaceful oasis in the midst of the city, The Grotto is set among 62 acres of botanical gardens. As an internationally renowned Catholic sanctuary, The Grotto offers a place of peace and quiet reflection for all people. More than 100 beautifully sculpted statues and shrines are nestled among flower-lined pathways winding under towering firs. Peaceful reflection ponds, spectacular cliffside vistas and award-winning architecture offer inspiration for all who visit this natural gallery in the woods. Gardens and gift shop are open daily; group tours and daily Mass are also offered. Open year-round; hours vary.

Sandy Boulevard at N.E. 85th Avenue
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 20008
Portland, Ore. 97294

503.254.7371

www.thegrotto.org

WINE TOURS:

Willakenzie Estate Winery

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Yamhill, OR 97148

Toll-Free: 888-953-9463

Phone: (503) 662-3280

Fax: (503) 662-4829

www.willakenzie.com

Email: tastepinot@willakenzie.com

Willakenzie Estate, located in Oregon's renowned Willamette Valley, makes wine exclusively from its own sustainably farmed vineyards and from the Pinot family of varieties; Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc plus small amounts of Pinot Meunier, Gamay Noir, and Chardonnay

Willamette Valley Wineries Association

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The Willamette Valley, Oregon's leading wine region has two-thirds of the state's wineries and vineyards and is home to more than 200 wineries. Recognized as one of the premier Pinot noir producing areas in the world, the Willamette Valley is home to small, family-owned wineries passionately dedicated to artisanal winemaking. Located close to Portland, the Willamette Valley is the perfect destination to taste from the barrel with winemakers, sample new releases or tour vineyards. With world-class dining, intimate country inns and beautiful scenery, the Willamette Valley is worth exploring - one back road at a time.

Oregon Wine Country Day Trip

100 miles/161 kilometers

Oregon's wine country is to be savored at a leisurely pace.

Plan a day for visiting the tasting rooms of the vineyards and wineries listed below – most are open daily. Or leave the driving to someone else: namely, the experts at Beautiful Willamette Tours, EcoTours of Oregon, Grape Escape Winery Tours, A Great Oregon Wine Tour, My Chauffeur Wine Tours, A Nose For Wine Tours, Sea to Summit Adventures or Wine Tours Northwest.

Visit our online partner directory for a complete list of winery partners.

1. Hip Chicks Do Wine

4510 S.E. 23rd Ave., Portland, Ore. 97202
503.753.6374; www.hipchicksdowine.com
Open 7 days a week 11am - 6pm. Closed on major holidays.

2. Urban Wineworks/Bishop Creek Cellars

407 N.W. 16th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97209
503.226.9797 or 866.467.4668
www.urbanwineworks.com
Open daily; closed on major holidays.

3. Clear Creek Distillery

2389 N.W. Wilson St., Portland, OR 97210
503.248.9470; www.clearcreekdistillery.com
Open: Mon - Fri 9am - 5 pm; Sat 11am - 5pm with tours at 11am and 1pm.

4. Ponzi Vineyards

14665 S.W. Winery Lane, Beaverton, Ore. 97007
503.628.1227; www.ponziwines.com
Open daily; closed on major holidays.

5. Cooper Mountain Vineyards

9480 S.W. Grabhorn Road, Beaverton, Ore. 97007
503.649.0027; www.coopermountainwine.com
Open daily; closed on major holidays.

6. SakéOne

820 Elm St., Forest Grove, Ore. 97116
503.357.7056; www.sakeone.com
Open Mon-Sat; closed on major holidays.

7. Shafer Vineyard Cellars

6200 N.W. Gales Creek Road, Forest Grove, Ore. 97116
503.357.6604; www.shafervineyardcellars.com
Open: Feb-Dec, daily; Jan, weekends. Closed on major holidays

8. Elk Cove Vineyards

27751 N.W. Olson Road, Gaston, Ore. 97119
503.985.7760; www.elkcove.com
Open daily; closed on major holidays.

9. WillaKenzie Estate

19143 N.E. Laughlin Road, Yamhill, Ore. 97148
503.662.3280; www.willakenzie.com



View Map

Summer: Open daily. Jan 15-Dec 15: weekends only.

10. Adelsheim Vineyard

16800 N.E. Calkins Lane, Newberg, Ore. 97132

503.538.3652; www.adelsheim.com

Open by appointment.

11. Chateau Benoit

6580 N.E. Mineral Springs Road, Carlton, Ore. 97111

503.864.2991; www.chateaubenoit.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

12. Amity Vineyards

18150 Amity Vineyards Road, Amity, Ore. 97101

503.835.2362; www.amityvineyards.com

Open, Feb-Dec, daily; closed in January and on major holidays.

13. Archery Summit

18599 N.E. Archery Summit Road, Dayton, Ore. 97114

503.864.4300; www.archerysummit.com

Open by appointment.

14. Sokol Blosser Winery

5000 N.E. Sokol Blosser Lane, Dundee, Ore. 97115

503.864.2282; www.sokolblosser.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

15. Erath Vineyards Winery

9409 N.E. Worden Hill Road, Dundee, Ore. 97115

503.538.3318; www.erath.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

16. Ponzi Wine Bar

100 S.W. Seventh St., Dundee, Ore. 97115

503.554.1500; www.ponziwines.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

17. Argyle Winery

691 Highway 99W, Dundee, Ore. 97115

503.538.8520; www.argylewinery.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

18. Duck Pond Cellars

23145 Highway 99W, Dundee, Ore. 97115

503.538.3199; www.duckpondcellars.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

19. Champoeg Wine Cellars

10375 Champoeg Road, N.E., Aurora, Ore. 97062

503.678.2144; www.champoegwine.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

20. The Four Graces

9605 N.E. Fox Farm Road

Dundee, OR 97115

503.554.8000; www.thefourgraces.com

Open daily; closed on major holidays.

FOR WINERY INFORMATION:

Oregon Wine Board

1200 N.W. Naito Parkway, Suite 400

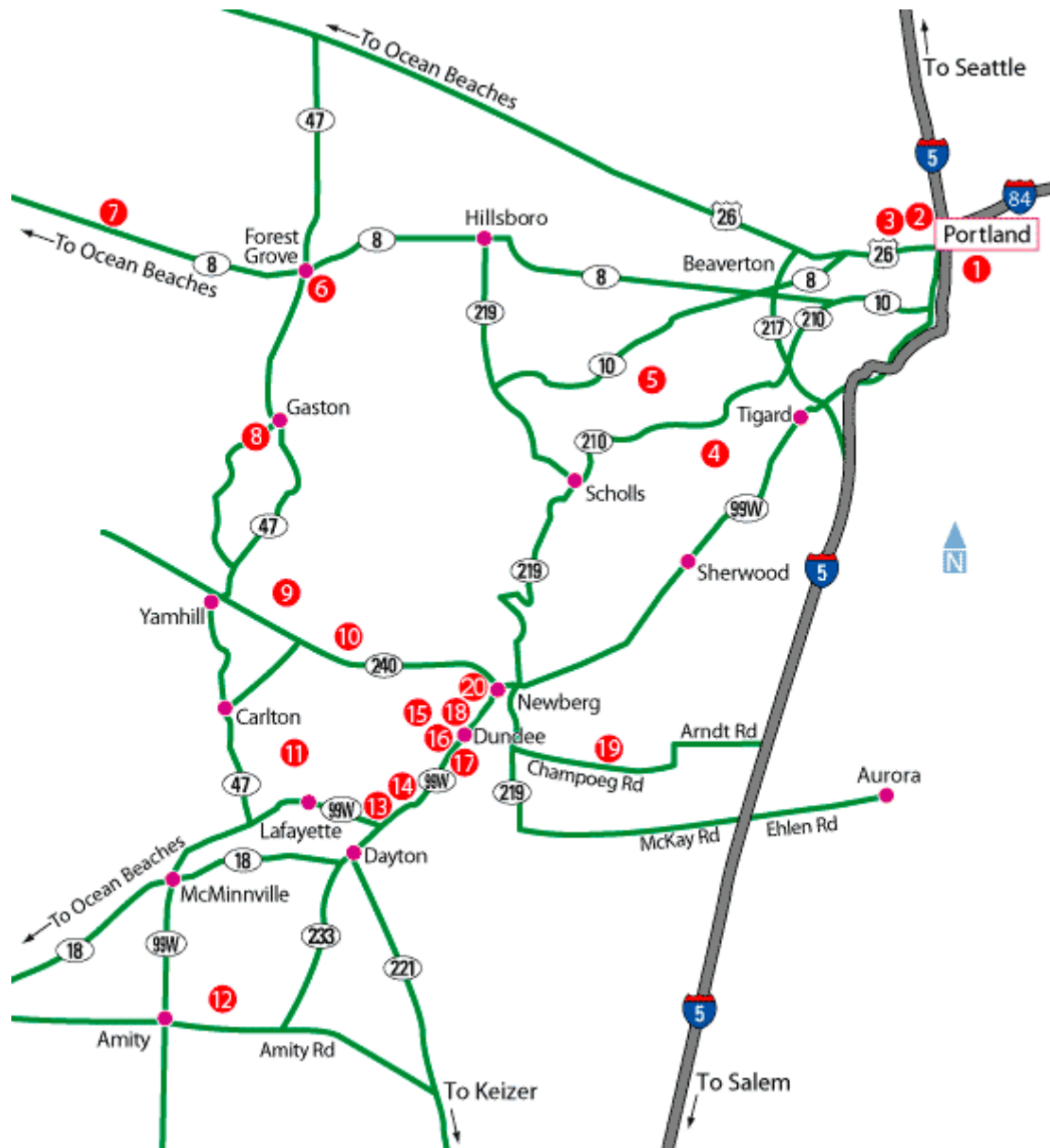
Portland, Ore. 97209; www.oregonwine.org

Call 503.228.8336 to request a free winery guide.

Yamhill County Wineries Association

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503.646.2985; www.yamhillwine.com



Columbia River Gorge & Mount Hood

169 miles/272 kilometers

Experience the soul of the Columbia, the grand river of the American West. This waterway cuts through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, an 80-mile stretch between Portland and the town of Biggs, where basalt bluffs rise 1,500 to 4,000 feet above the water.

One of the most awe-inspiring ways to experience the gorge is to take Exit 17 from Interstate 84 and proceed along the Historic Columbia River Highway. Designated as an All-American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation, this European-style byway features distinctive Florentine viaducts crafted by Italian stonecutters

in the early 1900s. Frequent turnouts afford breathtaking views of many of the 77 brilliant waterfalls that tumble from the glaciers and snowfields of Mount Hood, including Multnomah Falls, Oregon's tallest cataract and America's second highest year-round waterfall.

In the nearby town of Hood River, "the Aspen of windsurfing," windsurfers from around the world congregate on an idyllic stretch of river, their concentration broken only by winds that often exceed 30 mph.

If water sports aren't your speed, more leisurely options abound: Enjoy the jaw-dropping scenery aboard the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge or the historic Mt. Hood Railroad; or play a round of golf at Indian Creek or Skamania Lodge.

Head southwest from Hood River on highways 35 and 26, driving toward Mount Hood, Oregon's tallest peak. Portions of Highway 26 parallel the historic Barlow Road – the original track taken by pioneers traveling the Oregon Trail. Historic Timberline Lodge, nestled in a national forest, offers award-winning snowboarding, nearly year-round skiing and a spectacular view of the Cascade Mountains. A little further west on Highway 26 rests The Resort at The Mountain and its magnificent Three Nines Golf Course and delicious restaurants with outdoor dining overlooking the Salmon River Valley. A variety of lodging opportunities exist at The Resort, which is also located along the historic Barlow Road and has been a popular Oregon destination since the late 1800s.

Or, head east from Hood River to take in fishing and white-water rafting. Close by, The Dalles is the location of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Listen to early river explorers weave stories of discovery, learn about the geologic forces that created the gorge, or, for the active museum-goer, ride the waves on a windsurfing simulator.

On the Washington side of the Columbia River, visit Skamania Lodge, Carson Hot Springs Resort, the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, the Stonehenge Memorial and the Maryhill Museum of Art. End your day sipping wine at Maryhill Winery, which overlooks the Gorge.

The Road Less Traveled

180 Miles - 3 Days

Many pioneers took the Barlow Road around Mt. Hood and you too can follow this "alternative route" to the end of the Oregon Trail.

The Columbia River was a treacherous white water ride to the end of the Oregon Trail, on a wooden raft loaded with wagons and supplies. No wonder it claimed the lives of 10% of its travelers. So, when Sam Barlow and Joel Palmer carved their toll road around Mt. Hood to Oregon City, it was an instant success. The Barlow Road Driving Tour on an audio CD is available at the Regional Visitor Information Centers and many museums in the area.

Day 1

From Portland drive east on I-84 to the windsurfing mecca of Hood River. Wind your way up Highway 35 through the "Fruit Loop," a glorious landscape of green hills and rolling fruit orchards with snowcapped Mt. Hood in the background. The Barlow Rd. sites begin with Barlow Pass Summit on Hwy35 and Pioneer Woman's Grave. Continue to Laurel Hill on the South side of Hwy26, 1 mile before Government Camp. Take a short walk to the upper chute of Laurel Hill, where wagons were emptied and lowered on a pulley.

Day 2

Stay at the historic Timberline Lodge and check out the Palmer Glacier. Joel Palmer climbed this glacier to scout the route to the valley. Ride the Magic Mile chair lift for your own stellar views of the Cascades. Visit the W. Barlow Tollgate before Rhododendron. This was the last tollgate to be operated on the Barlow Rd. Stop in the charming town of Sandy for lunch, antiquing, wine-tasting and more great Mt. Hood views from Jonsrud Point. Drive past rural farming towns to the Philip Foster Farm, a National Historic Register 1847 Pioneer farm, boasting the oldest lilac in Oregon. Here try your hand at pioneer-era laundry, weighing and measuring and building with Lincoln Logs.

Day 3

Next is Damascus and a stop at the Pioneer Craft School, where modern crafters are taught to do things in the old way. Continue to Carver and the oldest pioneer cabin in Oregon. Finally, stop in Oregon's original capital, Oregon City - at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Museum of the Oregon Territory and Willamette Falls Locks Museum for glimpses of early settlers' life on the Willamette River.

Oregon Coast Travel

200 miles/322 kilometers

DAY ONE

Your exploration of Oregon's beaches begins by heading west on Highway 30 to the Oregon Coast's northernmost tip, Astoria. The oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, Astoria holds the distinction of being on the National Historic Trust's 2004 list of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations, an annual list of unique and lovingly preserved communities in the United States.

Here, restored Victorian-era homes dot the hillsides while fresh seafood markets, restaurants and shops pepper the town. Downtown's Hotel Elliott is one of the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America, while the nearby Liberty Theater has been featured on HGTV's *Restore America* series. Other historic sites include the Flavel House Museum; the towering 125-foot Astoria Column, with its breathtaking views and murals depicting Oregon's early history; and the reconstructed Fort Clatsop, where living history demonstrations depict Lewis and Clark's 1805-'06 winter encampment.

Children will delight in the Uppertown Firefighters Museum and Astoria Children's Museum, while the whole family will enjoy the parades, performances and food that enliven the annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival – all capped off with a relaxing ride on the restored 1914 Riverfront Trolley.

The significance of Astoria goes back to the days of Captain Robert Gray, who discovered the mouth of the Columbia River and gave the United States its claim to the territory. Named for tycoon John Jacob Astor, Astoria lost its identity temporarily when it fell in 1813 to the British, who rechristened it Fort George. Settlers eventually reclaimed both the town and its original name.

If your Oregon Coast travels take you south on Highway 101, you'll arrive in quaint Seaside with its two-mile-long oceanfront promenade of Coney Island-like attractions. On Broadway, the End of the Trail Monument marks the westward end of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The neighboring community of Cannon Beach is a picturesque oasis of local theater, surf fishing, beachcombing, art galleries and shopping. On its shores, the surf laps against Haystack Rock, one of the world's tallest monoliths.

DAY TWO

Pick up some saltwater taffy for the 40-mile drive south to historic Tillamook. This coastal town is most famous for its cheese. Sample the goods at the Tillamook Cheese Visitors Center and explore the nearby Tillamook Naval Air Station Museum, which houses World War II memorabilia. For a taste of the dramatic Oregon coastline, drive 10 miles west of Tillamook to Cape Mears, the first top on the popular Three Capes Scenic Drive. Enjoy Cape Lookout and Cape Kawanda before rejoining Highway 101 about a half-hour south of Tillamook.

Continuing south, arrive at the kite-flying capital of the world, Lincoln City, with its popular Chinook Winds Casino. Watch for the world's shortest river, "D" River, and the Tanger Outlet Center, offering more than 65 outlets. Featured at this shopper's haven are Columbia Sportswear, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Gap Outlet, Old Navy Outlet and Coach.

Further south, in Newport, go whale-watching with Marine Discovery Tours. Or come face-to-fins with hundreds of mysterious sharks at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. The acclaimed aquarium, the former home of Keiko, includes sea otters, harbor seals, a giant Pacific octopus and other denizens of the deep. At the end of the day, enjoy a handcrafted beer at the popular Rogue Ales Public House.

After a full day of sightseeing, beachcombing, kite-flying, shopping and picture-taking, you will be more than ready to sample some of Oregon's finest cuisine, from Dungeness crab to wild salmon. Feast on the bounty of fresh seafood, then return to Portland via Highway 18 to Highway 99 through Oregon's Wine Country. Just east of the Wine Country town of McMinnville on Highway 18, you'll find the Evergreen Aviation Museum, home of the famous "Spruce Goose" and the only F-15A Eagle currently in civilian hands.

SPORTS

Portland Spectator Sports

A little old-fashioned competition never hurt anyone, right? Portland hosts a multitude of exciting sports teams and events, including NBA basketball, pre-NHL hockey, minor league baseball and A-League soccer.

The ultra-modern Rose Garden arena is home to the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland LumberJax professional indoor lacrosse team, as well as countless concerts and special events. The Portland Winter Hawks hockey team plays at the Memorial Coliseum, which is located next door to the arena.

Visitors can also cheer alongside Portland's loyal and enthusiastic sports fans at historic PGE Park, whose recent renovation added state-of-the-art amenities without sacrificing the stadium's elegant 1926 design. PGE Park is home to Triple-A baseball's Portland Beavers, an affiliate of the San Diego Padres. The A-League Portland Timbers' soccer games are also played here.

Speed is the name of the game for fans at Portland International Raceway; the track's season is highlighted by G.I. Joe's Presents Champ Car Grand Prix of Portland, the largest auto racing event in the Pacific Northwest. And if you're feeling lucky, place your bets at Portland Meadows, a horse-racing track.

An easy way to see Portland is on two wheels. Good choice, according to *Bicycling* magazine, which recently ranked Portland the United States' top cycling city two years running. For bicycle rentals, visit Fat Tire Farm.

If snow sports are more your style, nearby Mount Hood has all the answers. With four ski resorts and North America's longest ski season (including 90 summer days), this 11,235-foot peak is a mecca for skiers, ice climbers, snowboarders and hikers. The surrounding wilderness boasts spectacular trails for snowshoeing – Oregon's newest winter sports rage – as well as cross-country skiing. Best of all, this adventure zone is just an hour's drive from Portland's city center.

Long recognized as a fisherman's haven, the Pacific Northwest is rich with steelhead, trout and sturgeon. Here, when locals brag of catching a 30-pound sturgeon...chances are, they're not fibbing.