

Things to do in and around Portland, OR

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For the Outdoor Enthusiast

1. Johnson's Ridge Observatory, Mt. St. Helens

http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/MSH/NatMonument/PointsInterest/johnston_ridge.html

Located 5 miles from the crater with incredible views of the volcano.

Exhibits, theater, trails.

Directions: Take I-5 North to Exit 49 (Hwy 504). Head East about 55 miles until road ends at Johnson's ridge.

2. Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, Mt. Hood,

<http://www.timberlinelodge.com/>

a classic Alpine Ski Lodge and Mt. Hood Landmark. Skiing, dining, tours, trails, and much more. For those who remember the movie The Shining with Jack Nicholson, the outside of Timberline Lodge was the lodge in the movie.

Directions: Take HWY 26E to Mt. Hood. Left onto OR-173, Timberline HWY

3. Columbia RiverGorge <http://www.crgva.org/>

Beautiful, scenicGorge. To view from the Oregon side take I-84 East (Major hwy). To view from the Washington side take HWY-14 East (2 lane scenic road). If on the Oregon side, detour off onto Scenic HWY (exit 35, Bridal Veil) to view many full year falls, including the famous Multnomah Falls, the 5th largest all year falls in the US cascading over 600 feet.

<http://www.multnomahfallsllodge.com/> Dining, hiking & gift shop.

4. Oregon and Washington Coast.

Too many options to mention all but if you want to have breathtaking views of the rugged Pacific Ocean, head to Cannon Beach's Ecola State Park <http://www.cannon-beach.net/recreation/cbecola.html>.

Directions: S. on I-5 to I-405 West and take Hwy 26 West to 101. Head South on 101 for about 5 miles and take Cannon Beach exit.

5. Portland Spirit River Cruise Dining and Columbia River Adventures

<http://www.portlandspirit.com/>

Your riverboat dining experience aboard the Portland Spirit vessels includes [fresh Northwest cuisine](#) prepared in our on board galleys, superb service, beautiful views of [Portland's](#) downtown skyline, stunning vistas in the Columbia Gorge, and live entertainment and narration. A [lunch cruise](#), [brunch cruise](#), or [dinner cruise](#) on one of our [vessels](#) is perfect for entertaining out-of-town guests or for celebrating your special occasions.

6. Fishing in the Portland area

<http://www.trails.com/activity.aspx?area=15114>

With the Columbia River, Willamette River and numerous lakes and streams in the area, there is no shortage of fishing.

7. Biking in Portland

<http://www.portland.com/biking.php>

Portland is known throughout the country and the world as being ranked as one of the best cities to bicycle. The city has accommodated those who bike through the town by establishing forward-thinking accessories and building an infrastructure that not only caters to bicyclists, but embraces them and promotes their use. A listing of bike rentals can be found at:

http://www.bing.com/local/default.aspx?what=biking+rentals&where=Portland%2c+Oregon&s_cid=ansPhBkYp01&mkt=en-us&ac=false&q=biking+rentals+in+portland&qpvt=biking+rentals+in+portland&FORM=LARE

Portland Culture & Entertainment

- 1. If here on Saturday or Sunday, the Portland Saturday Market is a must see.**

<http://portlandsaturdaymarket.com/>

operating since 1974 the Portland Saturday Market is the largest continually operating outdoor arts and crafts market in the nation. Centered in Portland's historic Old Town the Market is one of the most popular shopping destinations for local handcrafted goods.

- 2. Portland Art Museum**

<http://www.portlandartmuseum.org/>

The oldest museum on the West coast, the Portland Art museum's collection of more than 42,000 objects is distinguished for its Native American art, English silver and the graphic arts.

- 3. Portland Chinatown**

<http://www.OLDTOWNCHINATOWN.NET/>

Authentic Chinese Food (Dim sum) and shopping. Commemorates more than 135 years of Chinese history in Oregon. Seventy-eight dragons and 58 mythical characters adorn the ornate Chinatown Gateway. From the gate, it's an easy walk to explore Chinatown. Located at 4th and W. Burnside.

- 4. Japanese Garden in Washington Park**

<http://japanesegarden.com/>

covering nearly 5.5 acres, the Japanese Garden is a combination of five gardens, with exquisite plants, arranged stones and restful pools. The Garden is located in the west hills of Portland, Oregon, directly above the

International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park. Our street address is 611 SW Kingston Avenue, Portland, OR 97205.

5. Pittock Mansion

<http://pittockmansion.org/>

Completed in 1914 by Henry and Georgiana Pittock, their Portland mansion creatively incorporates Turkish, English and French Designs. Henry Pittock took ownership of the weekly Oregonian newspaper in 1860, changed its format to the daily paper that is still in circulation today. The Pittock estate is situated on 46 acres of land with an incredible view of downtown Portland and Mt. Hood.

Directions: Take I-5 South to I-405; follow the signs carefully to the W Burnside exit. Turn right onto W Burnside. Travel West on W Burnside. About 2 miles past NW 23rd you will see a sign for the Pittock Mansion at a yellow flashing light. Turn right here onto NW Barnes road. Follow the green and white signs into the Pittock Acres Park.

6. Oregon Zoo in Portland

<http://www.oregonzoo.org/>

The Oregon Zoo is known for its efforts to help breed and rear endangered condors. In addition, 27 Asian elephants have been born at the zoo since 1962, establishing the zoo as one of the foremost elephant-breeding facilities in the world.

Directions: Follow the signs for Beaverton and get on US Highway 26 West. Go through the tunnel and up a gradual hill. Look for the zoo signs and exit 72. It's the first exit you'll see on Highway 26.

7. Pioneer Courthouse Square – Portland's Living Room

<http://pioneercourhousesquare.org/>

Pioneer Courthouse Square is the most visited site in the city. Open, clean and relaxing, Portlanders come to site, enjoy a bite and relish their city. The Square hosts more than 300 events each year that range from large-scale concerts to cultural festivals.

Directions: Pioneer Courthouse Square is located in the heart of downtown Portland at 701 SW 6th Avenue bordered by SW Yamhill, SW Morrison and SW Broadway. All TriMet MAX lines centrally converge at Pioneer Courthouse Square as do countless bus lines. For convenient access, there are nearly a dozen parking garages, ample bike parking, within a three block radius of the Square.

- 8. For more arts and theater, Portland has an extensive Theater District and information can be found at:**

<http://www.gonorthwest.com/Oregon/Portland/theater.htm>

- 9. Golf in and around Portland**

<http://www.oregongolf.com/destination/portland.htm>

Oregon and SW Washington have the most picturesque golf courses in the world.

- 10. Local professional sports include the Portland Trailblazers basketball (<http://www.nba.com/blazers>), Portland Timbers soccer (<http://www.portlandtimbers.com/>) & Portland Winterhawks hockey (<http://www.winterhawks.com/>).**

