

FACTS

At 85 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep, the Columbia River Gorge is one of the largest waterways on the continent and cuts the only sea-level route through the Cascade Mountain range.

Mt. Hood, the highest mountain in Oregon, offers North America's longest ski season and includes a myriad of alpine hiking trails and mountain biking trails in summer.

The "Infinity Loop" is ideal way to admire some of Oregon's most dramatic scenery, from the snowcapped Mt. Hood to the shimmering waters of the Columbia River Gorge.

EXPLORE THE REGION

West Columbia River Gorge

Known for breathtaking beauty and abundance of waterfalls, panoramic views of the majestic Columbia River Gorge, small towns, hiking trails, bronze art and artists. The area is home to many of the native tribes who have lived here since time immemorial.

Hood River Valley

A playground for outdoor enthusiasts, the area is considered the windsurfing capital of the world. With a booming culinary scene, the Hood River Valley is and is also known for the Hood River Fruit Loop, a 35-mile scenic drive through the valley's orchards, forests and farmlands.

The Dalles

This historic Native American trading area boasts over 300 sunny days per year, and offers wildflower hikes, rivers and waterways for fishing and swimming, epic cycling routes, and immersive culinary experiences for wine lovers and foodies.

Mt. Hood Territory

Offers diverse geography from the towering slopes of Mt. Hood to the picturesque countryside that invites adventures, travelers will enjoy kayaking, white-water rafting, winter sports, hiking and biking. Food and wine enthusiasts will be inspired by inviting tasting rooms and an array of farm-to-table restaurants.



THINGS TO DO

River Activities

Windsurfing, Kite boarding, White Water Rafting, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Fishing, Kayaking

Outdoor Pursuits

Hiking, Golf, Ziplining, Mountain Biking, Camping, Cycling, Windsurfing, Rail biking

Wine Tasting

Savor top-notch wines from scenic valley wineries

Wildlife Watching

Peak at fish swimming up a fish ladder, or visit one of many wildlife refuges for birdwatching. Watch over two dozen bald eagles roost at The Dalles Dam every January

Snow Sports

Skiing, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiling, Snowboarding, Snow tubing

Waterfalls

More than 70 waterfalls, one of the largest concentrations in North America

GETTING THERE

Drive time from Portland is approximately 30 minutes, or 30 miles (48 km). Getting to the region car-free is a convenient option with a selection of shuttles and busses including the Mt. Hood Express, Columbia Gorge Express, the Waterfall Trolley, the Multnomah Falls Trolley and Sasquatch Shuttle.

CLIMATE

The region has three distinct ecosystems: lush and green old growth forest, abundant orchards and valleys, and high desert landscape. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 30°F to 87°F. Summers are warm, dry and mostly clear. Winter can be cold and overcast with possible snow. At 11.245' feet. Mt. Hood averages 430 inches of snow during the winter season.

Road Trip

The "Infinity Loop" Road trip is an ideal way to explore the region's top sights and hidden gems, from Mt. Hood to the historic Oregon Trail

Wellness

Spas, Rejuvenating in the Great Outdoors, Yoga

Explore Charming Towns

Hood River, Cascade Locks, Dufur, Mosier, the Villages of Mt. Hood, Sandy, Estacada, Boring, Troutdale

History and Culture

Learn about geology, flora, fauna, and the 10,000-year history at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, buy native caught fish from an indigenous-owned market

Culinary Scene

Enjoy authentic dining experiences sourced by family-owned farmers, Native fishers, innkeepers, brewers, bakers and local makers who call this region home are featured in Tastebound, a FREE culinary tour of Oregon's Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge.

LODGING

Mt Hood and the Columbia River Gorge offers a range of accommodation experiences to welcome guests, from a grand historic ski lodge, to motels, charming bed and breakfasts, tiny houses, historic hotels and upscale hotel properties.

