

The wonders of Oregon are calling

The Columbia River Gorge was designated a National Scenic Area — the largest in America — for good reason.

You'd be hard-pressed to find vistas as stunning as these. At the western end of the Gorge, the view from Crown Point is a front-row seat to the mighty Columbia as its unfurls and cuts through the Cascade mountains. From there dozens of aweinspiring waterfalls spill from basalt cliffs, lining the Historic Columbia River Highway, like the famous Multnomah, Bridal Veil, Latourell

Bring your sense of adventure because the Gorge is made for exploring. Walk along a waterfront, discoverhidden waterfalls, follow the

and Horsetail falls. The landscape seems to

grow bigger, grander and brighter as it rolls east.

or challenge yourself with a trek up Dog Mountain.
Cycle the roads around
The Dalles or in the Post
Canyon mountain bike network. And it's hard to resist water sports on the Columbia, especially when Hood River is known as the windsurfing capital of the world.

But the Columbia River Gorge isn't just spectacular scenery. There's plenty of hand-crafted beer and farm-fresh dining too. Thanks to its unique geography, the Gorge boasts a world of wine — from pinot noir and chardonnay in the cool western hills, to tempranillo and syrah in the drier, sunnier east.



See the Columbia River Gorge for yourself, and then you'll understand all the hype.

Mt. Hood's perpetually snowy peak — crowned by eleven glaciers, one for every thousand feet it rises above sea level — can be seen from miles and miles away. It's home to a total of six ski areas, making it a great base camp for skiers.

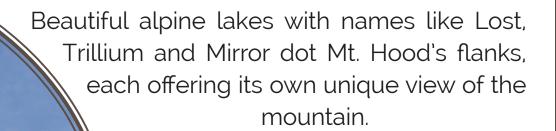
Historic Timberline Lodge, a WPA project built between 1936 and 1938, hosts some of the only year-round skiing anywhere on earth.

The lodge's design mirrors the lines of the mountain and was

lines of the mountain, and was constructed out of stone and wood from the surrounding forest. It's also a great place to sit by the fire, have a glass of wine and marvel at the massive

peak outside.





Forests and valleys fill with lavender and wildflowers in the spring, and apples and pears and berries in the summer and fall — so much so that the epic drive between the mountain and the town of Hood River is called the Fruit Loop.





From high atop the rim of Crater Lake, you can see what a wonder the world really is.

Cater Lake - also a sight to behold in the winter months



A hike down to the water reveals new wonders. The water is so blue, so deep, it's no surprise it's the deepest lake in America, and one of the deepest on earth. That's why it's one of the 7 Wonders of Oregon.

Surrounded by cliffs almost 2,000 feet high and boasting a picturesque island a violent volcanic past, Crater Lake is also home to hikes in old-growth forest and cross-country ski trips in the winter months. Many of the roads and facilities close during the winter, but the park is open and accessible all year long.

Crater Lake is located in Southern Oregon, which is also home to the world-renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the stunning Rogue River, the Oregon Caves and vineyards, chocolatiers and cheesemakers galore.



Here in Oregon we don't call the beach the beach; we call it the Coast. And our coast is lined with hiking trails, lighthouses and some of the best golf courses in the world. But of all the wonderful things about our Coast, the best is that all 363 miles are free and open for all of us.

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