



Top Ten Reasons to Stay (and Play) in Washington County, Oregon

One of the best-kept secrets of the Pacific Northwest, Washington County, Oregon, is a place that successfully merges the energy of urban city life with the idyllic settings of Oregon's forests, wetlands and agricultural areas. With plenty of sights to see, things to do, and places to go, the region is sure to please even the most discriminating traveler.

With a plethora of options it can be a difficult task to choose a location that is appealing, while still being affordable. In Washington County, the choices are countless; however, we'd like to make it easier for you by presenting our top ten list of reasons to stay, and play, in Washington County.

1. Great Rates - Hotel rates for Washington County, Oregon, establishments are considerably less expensive than those of properties in downtown Portland. Even better, the lodging tax is cheaper, which equals more dollars in your wallet to enjoy the great amenities and attractions of the region.

2. Free Parking - Why pay for parking when most hotels in Washington County offer ample, free parking? The extra cash you save can be better spent at one of Washington County's tax-free shopping venues, or on a fantastic bottle of wine from one of the county's exceptional wineries.

3. Just Minutes from Downtown Portland - Oregon's well-maintained, dependable public transportation system, including light rail, makes traveling to/from downtown Portland and Portland International Airport easy.

4. Easy Access to Attractions - Most locations in Washington County are easily accessible by public transportation, including taxi, bus and light rail. You can easily tour the county by car, or take a trip to Portland via several highways.

5. Unique Hotels and Inns - Only-in-Oregon properties are abundant throughout Washington County. Whether you are looking for a stately, historical lodge, or a quaint inn, plenty of options are available to meet your tastes, needs and budgets.

6. Nationally-Recognized Hotel Properties - In addition to distinctive Oregon-based lodging establishments, some of the best-known brands in hospitality have properties in Washington County.

7. Excellent Restaurants, Scrumptious Cuisine - Tempt your palate at one of the many restaurants in Washington County. From Asian-fusion to elegant High-Tea, there are an abundance of cuisine and restaurant choices to cleanse your palate without emptying your wallet.

8. Tax-Free Shopping - With its bounty of excellent, tax-free shopping options, as well as some of the finest retailers in the entire state, you'll be resting your footsies in no-time-flat at one of the hotels just around the corner from the best retail complexes in the state.

(MORE)

TOP TEN REASONS TO STAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

2-2-2-2

9. World-Class Wineries - As a gateway to Oregon's famous wine country, Washington County boasts 16 excellent wineries and the world's only American-owned sake brewery. Whether a trip to one of the many tasting rooms is an end to a day of sightseeing or a weekend trip unto itself, it's a treat to be able to retire to your hotel room within a short distance from wine country.

10. Close to Nature - Wake up to the sounds of nature, as much of Washington County is within close proximity to tranquil, verdant open spaces, protected wetlands or parks. Even the urban centers of the county seem worlds apart from the hustle-and-bustle of the city.

These are just some of the reasons to stay and play in Washington County. Come see for yourself and come play your way.

ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

Washington County, Oregon, is scenically situated between Portland and the Oregon Coast, and is only minutes away from downtown Portland. The county spans 727 square miles, and includes the growing communities of Banks, Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, North Plains, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville. Washington County is home to world-class golf courses, award-winning wineries, an array of outdoor recreation opportunities, lush, natural and scenic wetlands and wildlife preserves, superb dining and myriad shopping, from boutiques to antiques. Its thriving corporate business parks house some of the largest high-tech and industrial companies in the world, such as Nike, Columbia Sportswear and Intel. For more information on the region, visit the Washington County Visitors Association's website, www.visitwashingtoncountyoregon.com, or call 503-644-5555, toll-free, 800-537-3149.

###

MEDIA CONTACT

Sylke Neal-Finnegan, Communications/PR Manager, Washington County Visitors Association
(503) 644-5555, sylke@wcva.org

April 2008