

Top Summer Activities in Lane County

Golf in Lane County www.VisitLaneCounty.org/golf



Discover the course that Peter Jacobsen calls “one of my favorite courses in the world.” Find out how on-site GPS technology can improve your game. Learn about an Audubon-certified course that cares as much about the natural environment as its greens. Shop the largest on-course pro shop in America. Championship courses, challenging holes and Oregon’s stunning natural landscapes will test and inspire you.

Wine Tasting & Touring www.VisitLaneCounty.org/wineries

Area wineries are open year-round for tasting and tours. Enjoy a countryside drive that takes you on a scenic loop to more than a dozen vineyards, from small chateaus to grand estates. Not only proud of their award-winning varietals, many wineries take pride in their organic and sustainable practices. Oregon’s growing reputation as a top producer of quality wines is pairing well with the state’s culinary treasures, from Oregon’s rare truffles to its plentiful hazelnuts.



Water Activities www.VisitLaneCounty.org/waterrecreation



Lane County is home to many rivers, lakes and reservoirs, and borders the Pacific Ocean, providing plenty of opportunities to cool off and recreate. Take a tame canoe or rafting trip on the Willamette River that carves through the metro area. Navigate the pristine waters of the McKenzie River for a white-water rafting excursion, kayaking adventure or a guided fishing trip. Among the local experts—the Helfrich family—famous for their drift boat invention and for leading McKenzie trips for four generations. Sailing, water skiing, jet skiing and wake boarding are accessible at many county parks as close as 15 to 20 minutes from the metro area. Local swimming pools also provide a cool respite from the summer sun with lots interactive play areas.

Dune Buggy Riding & Sandboarding www.VisitLaneCounty.org/dunesadventures



Tour the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area on an adventurous dune buggy ride. Tours provide the perfect way to experience this rare landscape of sand and surf teeming with wildlife and wild rides. Take time for a photo opportunity and then hold onto your hat as you climb and descend the dunes reaching heights of 500 feet in some areas. After the buggies, hit the boards for sandboarding thrills in Florence—home to the world’s first sandboarding park. Get expert advice from a champion boarder for or just try your luck soaring down the soft, sandy slopes.



Oregon Skyway Gondola www.VisitLaneCounty.org/OregonSkyway

Winter time snow sports make way for summer sightseeing in the Cascades aboard the Oregon Skyway Gondola at Willamette Pass ski area near Oakridge. Visitors are transported up more than 6,000 feet for 360-degree views of the Cascades and high mountain lakes. The area is a hot spot for summer mountain biking and hiking on the miles of trails in the Willamette National Forest.



Three Rivers Casino www.VisitLaneCounty.org/casino

Lane County is home to the Northwest’s newest gaming center—Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence. Try your luck at the slots, roulette wheel or blackjack table or get in on some keno or bingo action. The newly constructed casino provides the perfect ocean side getaway for fun, food and games.



Shopping & Dining www.VisitLaneCounty.org/shop-dine

Farmers’ markets, antique districts, boutiques, sports shops and more provide diverse shopping venues—all tax free. The local Nike Store, at the Fifth Street Public Market, is more than a chain in this Track Town. Museum-style displays and the original waffle iron used to make the Nike prototype tell the story of this running giant that began its journey right here in Eugene-Springfield. Local restaurants not only satisfy the appetite, but many eateries offer freshly prepared cuisine using fresh ingredients gathered from local organic farms or farmers’ markets.





Cycling & Mountain Biking www.VisitLaneCounty.org/cycling

Ideal for both road and mountain biking, Lane County offers a variety of city paths and nature trails for cyclists. The metro area alone has over 100 miles of dedicated bicycle lanes and paths, from city streets to riverbank trails. In fact, Eugene has more bridges for bicycles than for cars. Challenging single-track trails cut through lava fields and towering forests in the area of Oakridge, rated among the top mountain biking destinations in the country. Locals are not only crazy about *riding* bikes, they also *make* them. The national headquarters for three cycling manufacturers, Bike Friday, Burley Design Cooperative and Co-Motion Cycles, are all in Eugene—they're even connected on the same bike path.

Arts & Culture www.VisitLaneCounty.org/culture-seeker

From small community theaters to the expansive Hult Center for the Performing Arts, numerous resident companies stage opera, ballet, choral, theater and symphonic productions. World-class music festivals include the Oregon Festival of American Music and the Grammy-award winning Oregon Bach Festival. Numerous art galleries host local and international artists showcased through exhibits and art walks. From local history to space exploration, area museums are both educational and interactive. Sculptures and hand-painted murals can be found throughout city streets, parks and the University of Oregon campus. Springfield is home to some of the most expansive murals. Two campus museums offer one-of-a-kind artifacts. Discover the world's oldest "running" shoes or artwork ranging from Paul Cézanne to Andy Warhol.



Bird Watching www.VisitLaneCounty.org/birding

Avid birders are flocking to Lane County for some of the best bird watching opportunities in the Northwest. The area's diverse landscape is home to hundreds of species. Winged wonders can be spotted throughout the county while enjoying the beauty of Oregon's natural habitats. Numerous bird watching trails have been established in recent years as this popular pastime takes flight in Lane County.

Oregon Crafted & Country Trails www.VisitLaneCounty.org/crafted-trails

Take a look at the creative work coming out of the Northwest. Working studios of hundreds of artists throughout four Oregon counties welcome guests for an up-close look at a variety of art mediums. An *Oregon Crafted Guidebook* lists the participating artists, studios, galleries and art centers, including maps to get you there. Oregon Crafted studios often intertwine with the area's country trails. The Long Tom Country Trail and the Fern Ridge Country Trails are among two routes in the area that lead to farms, wineries, nurseries, mercantile stores, alpaca and wild mustang ranches and other rural stops.



Covered Bridges & Byways www.VisitLaneCounty.org/bridges-byways

Lane County offers the largest collection of covered bridges in the West—20 county-wide. The county's coastal, McKenzie and Cascade regions are spotted with these historic treasures. In the Willamette Valley, the largest concentrations are found off Highway 58 in Lowell and on the Cottage Grove Covered Bridge Tour Route—an official Oregon Tour Route byway. Bridges are just one of features you'll find along the area's scenic byways. Don't miss a trip along three *national* byways that also wind through Lane County. The national McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass Scenic Byway, the West Cascade Scenic Byway and the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway—also name an All American Road, are designated for their outstanding natural landscapes and historic features.



Running Around Track Town www.VisitLaneCounty.org/running

Miles of trails offer diverse terrain for runners of all skill-levels. European-inspired bark running trails are prevalent throughout the city from level pathways to steeper woodland trails. A tribute to late, famed track star Steve Prefontaine, "Pre's Trail," is one of the area's most famous jogging venues. This four-mile trail leads runners alongside grasslands, ponds, woodlands and riverbanks.

For more information, contact the Convention & Visitors Association of Lane County Oregon at (541) 484-5307, (800) 547-5445 or www.VisitLaneCounty.org.

