

Even with its rapid growth, **Dallas** still maintains its small town charm and atmosphere. Residents and visitors notice the Courthouse Square, the historic downtown and its park system. **Dallas** is well known for its cleanliness, its well-maintained wide streets, and the excellent condition of civic, residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

The Aquatic Center has become the premier family center in the community. The City partners with the Chamber and other community organizations to sponsor seasonal festivals and other community events and projects, such as a summer concert series at the Rotary Performing Arts Stage.

It has been said that 'every time you find a great community, you find a great Chamber of Commerce'. Both have applied to **Dallas** since 1928 when the Chamber was founded. The Chamber operates the Visitors Center, organizes community events and celebrations, and works closely with local government to encourage a thriving business community.

The Chamber hosts the largest event in our area, 'Dallas Summerfest' the last weekend of July, boasting a grand parade, vendor booths, business sales, entertainment and so much more. Come back in October for our Halloween Parade and the first Friday in December to see Santa ride in and light the Tree!

For more information, please visit the **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce** website, www.dallasoregon.org send us an email, or call our office at (503) 623-2564. If you are already in our area, stop by 119 S.W. Court Street, Dallas, OR 97338. We look forward to assisting you soon!

DEPOE BAY

Located between Lincoln City and Newport on U.S. Highway 101.

Depoe Bay is known as the "Whale Watching Capital of the Oregon Coast." In minutes you can be on the open sea fishing, crabbing or whale watching. Carved and shaped by powerful natural forces, **Depoe Bay** is the site of the world's smallest navigable har-



Garibaldi Marina (photo courtesy Karyn Christner, Wikimedia)

bor. Waves run beneath lava beds creating spouting geysers up to 60 feet into the air. Sea caves line our scenic rocky shoreline.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department park rangers are ready at the Whale Watching Center in **Depoe Bay** to answer your questions and help you find whales.

Depoe Bay's annual events include the Fleet of Flowers on Memorial Day and an Indian-Style Salmon Bake on the third Saturday in September.

This beautiful resort town is loaded with fun for the entire family and many natural wonders to see. Fine accommodations and excellent restaurants greet the visitor in **Depoe Bay**.

ESTACADA

Located 18 miles east of Oregon City, on St. Hwy. 224.

Estacada is the last town before Mt. Hood National Forest. The forest contains an elaborate system of well maintained trails with easy day hikes or overnight camping in remote areas for the more advanced backpaker.

The Clackamas River is rated one of the best kayaking rivers in the northwest and it flows majestically through the city of **Estacada**.

Located in the Mt. Hood Forest is Bagby Hot Springs which offers both private and public tubs. Once a sacred healing ground for Indians, hot mineral water is piped

from natural springs into hewn cedar logs.

There are 150 miles of streams and 20 lakes that lie within the timbered boundaries of the forest. The Clackamas River and Mt. Hood National Forest are famous for fishing opportunities. The main stem sports Steelhead and Salmon while the North Fork is packed with pan size Trout.

Estacada is also home to the Civil War Re-Enactment and Bob's Hole Rodeo (a rodeo on kayak). These events bring people by the thousands to enjoy the beauty and benefits of the area!

FOREST GROVE

Located on Hwy. 8 W. of Hillsboro.

Forest Grove offers nice accommodations, restaurants and roadside fruit and vegetable stands. Five wineries and a sake brewery are in the vicinity; all offer tours and tastings.

Forest Grove comes alive in July when the annual Concours d'Elegance Classic Automobile Show is presented on the Pacific University Campus.

In September the City and Pacific University celebrate with a Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival, Founder's Day and Corn Roast Celebration. November is also

a fun time to visit **Forest Grove** and attend the annual Verboort Sausage Festival and Valley Wine Tour.

Close by is Hagg Lake, where you will find forest surroundings in which to enjoy fishing, hiking and cycling.

GLENEDEN BEACH

Located on U.S. Highway 101, south of Lincoln City.

Located in between Lincoln City and Depoe Bay, this small coastal community boasts of one of the finest destination resorts in Oregon.

Make your vacation headquarters here at **Gleneden Beach** where you will find many types of fine accommodations, then travel out to the numerous outdoor activities and enjoy the spectacular beauty of our coast.

GARIBALDI

Located on U.S. Highway 101, north of Tillamook.

Garibaldi is located on beautiful Tillamook Bay and nestled against the Cross Range ridge. It is the closest saltwater playground to Portland. **Garibaldi** is the site of an ancient fishing and whaling village of the Killamook Indians. Pioneers built seafood plants here. Today, it is known as one of the



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Devils Lake (photo courtesy Ryan Kozie)

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The Garibaldi Boat Basin is full of activity all year long for participants and spectators alike. You can charter a world-class fishing or excursion trip, buy fresh seafood, dine or just poke around. For the truly adventuresome, there's scuba diving. Equipment is available from local outlets.

Find a treasure at the antique and gift shops, or go birdwatching, enjoy festivals, hiking, hunting, kite flying and whale watching. Experience the thrills of a lifetime.

GRESHAM

Located on I-84, east of Portland.

Once a quiet farming and lumber village, then a bedroom community, today **Gresham** has come into its own with an identity distinct from its neighbor to the west, Portland. With over 94,000 residents, **Gresham** is the fourth largest city in Oregon and part of the greater Portland Metropolitan area with a population of roughly two million people.

Its proximity to the Columbia River Gorge, expansive views of Mt. Hood and the Boring Lava Domes, and the abundance of rec-

reational opportunities set it apart as a quality place to locate to a new community and businesses.

Gresham has many recreational opportunities just minutes away. Mt. Hood, Oregon's tallest glacial peak, with an elevation of 11,235 feet, is just a 30-minute drive from **Gresham** and offers nearly year-round skiing opportunities.

Multnomah Falls, the tallest year-round waterfall in the United States, is just a 25-minute drive from **Gresham**. Past Multnomah Falls, you will find the Bonneville Dam and some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable in the Columbia River Gorge. Last but not least, it's a little over an hours drive to the Oregon Coast from **Gresham**.

Spend the summer in **Gresham** where you'll enjoy events such as the annual Highland Games in July and the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival in August. Go out for 18 holes at an area golf course.

From wind surfing in the Gorge and skiing on Mt. Hood, to hiking the falls and the rugged Oregon Coast, it's all right here in **Gresham's** backyard. We are sure blessed to live in **Gresham**, Oregon. If you are visiting this area for the first time, you are in for a treat!

LEBANON

Located on I-5 only 45 minutes north of Eugene.

Lebanon has all the benefits of a small town, yet is close to the major cities and the Cascade Mountain Recreation Area. Travel through the lush Willamette Valley that is nationally known in the secondary wood products industry and the commercial grass seed industry worldwide. Within the city, you will find 11 parks, tennis and racquetball courts, 2 nearby golf courses and a beautiful riverbank to stroll along.

The world's largest shortcake is featured in the parade that kicks off the annual Strawberry Festival held during the first week of June. You can enjoy a large selection of restaurants or fast foods, many fine accommodations as well as several well-equipped RV Parks.

DEVILS LAKE

Located near Lincoln City.

Devils Lake, nestled on the western slopes of the Oregon Coast Range, is often the visitor's first glimpse of Lincoln City. The lake was created in 14,000 BC, when sand dunes and beach deposits blocked the lower end of

the valley drained by the D River. Indian Bay was the original name for **Devils Lake**. In the 1800's the lake was renamed, stemming from a legend surrounding the mysterious disappearance of Indian warriors on the lake. According to the legend, a chief endeavored to win the maiden of his choice at the pow wow of the Moon of Abundance. He dispatched his warriors across the waters of Indian Bay, and immediately giant tentacles arose from the lake and swallowed up the canoes. Thereafter annual feasts and sacrifices were allegedly held on the lake's shores to pacify the devil-creature.

The 120-foot D River separates **Devils Lake** from the roaring ocean surf, and it holds the Guinness World's Record as "the shortest river in the world." Today, the lake offers visitors endless recreation ranging from the solitude of bird watching to the exhilaration of windsurfing.

The cool refreshing water on **Devils Lake** beckons outdoor enthusiasts to partake in numerous recreational offerings. Activities include fishing, canoeing, kayaking, bumper-boating, rowing, or water- or jet-skiing. The inland winds over the lake offer novice or intermediate windsurfers a slightly calmer option than the ocean. For those who wish to be only spectators of boating, the Columbia Outboard Racing Association sponsors the Devils Lake Rocky Stone Memorial speed boat races each October.

Throughout the summer, the lake is a comfortable temperature and swimming is always popular. Sandpoint Park, the Regatta Grounds, and Holmes Road Park offer ideal spots to swim. Colorful and graceful sailboats are a common sight on the glistening waters during spring and summer.

Devils Lake provides a spectacular year-round display for bird watchers. The lake is one of the primary wintering areas for waterfowl along the Oregon Coast.

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