

Columbia River Gorge activities

Museums

The Columbia River Gorge has fascinating natural and cultural histories which are highlighted in many museums in the area. For a complete list of museums, please visit the [Gorge Culture webpage](#).

Steamboat tours

Experience the history of the Columbia River Gorge and learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition on a cruise aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler. For more information or to book a trip, please visit [Sternwheeler.com](#).

River rafting

There are many white-water rafting opportunities near Skamania Lodge in the Columbia River Gorge. For a complete list of guided rafting options, please visit the [Skamania rafting webpage](#).

Scenic tours

Skamania Lodge offers scenic tours to discover area attractions from waterfalls to wildflowers. For more information on guided scenic tours, please visit the [Skamania guided tours webpage](#).

Golf and disc golf

In addition to [Skamania Lodge's 9-hole golf course](#) and mini-putt course, the Columbia River Gorge offers many award-winning golf courses. For a complete list of golf courses, [please click here](#). Disc golfers can enjoy an [18-hole disc golf course](#) on the Skamania Lodge property.

Watersports

The Columbia River Gorge is the windsurfing capital of the world. For a complete list of best places to watch windsurfing or to book a lesson, please visit the [Skamania watersports webpage](#). For information about rafting, kayaking and paddleboarding opportunities, please visit [this webpage](#).

Columbia River Gorge fishing

There are many lakes and rivers around Skamania Lodge that offer fishing options for trout, salmon, steelhead, bass, walleye, panfish and more. For information about guided fishing trips in the Columbia River, visit the [Skamania Lodge fishing guide webpage](#).

Columbia River fishing guides:

- [Upper Columbia Guide Service](#) (Shane Magnuson, 509-630-5433)

- Salmon, Walleye, Kokanee
- [Kyle Hall Outdoors](#) (Kyle Hall, 360-921-4866)
 - Chinook, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Walleye
- [Columbia River Fishing Adventures](#) (Buddy Dupell, 503-490-3099)
 - Salmon, Sturgeon, Walleye
- [NW Sturgeon Adventures](#) (Charlie Foster, 503-805-5964)
 - Salmon, Sturgeon, Walleye
- [Twisted Waters Guide Service](#) (Marc Bush, 253-468-0610)
 - Salmon, Steelhead, Walleye
- [Lance Fisher Fishing](#) (Lance Fisher, 503-912-8076)
 - Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon
- [NW Columbia Fishing Adventures](#) (Casey Kelly, 360-910-0612)
 - Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Kokanee
- [Peterson's Northwest Adventures](#) (Aaron Peterson, 425-220-2928)
 - Salmon, Steelhead
- [Austin's Northwest Adventures](#) (Austin Moser, 509-669-3557)
 - Salmon, Sturgeon, Walleye, Kokanee

Washington fishing regulations

The 2023-2024 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet is [available online](#) and at [hundreds of license dealers](#) around the state. Current fishing regulations and emergency Fish Rule Changes for Washington are also available online at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations.

Oregon fishing regulations

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Columbia River Gorge hiking

Skamania Lodge hikes

The Columbia River Gorge is a playground for outdoors enthusiasts seeking hiking options. Skamania Lodge offers [three on-property hiking opportunities](#) including Lake Loop Trail, Creek Loop Trail and Gorge Loop Fitness Trail.

Additional Columbia Gorge hikes

For information about additional hiking opportunities in the Columbia River Gorge area, please visit the [Skamania Lodge hiking webpage](#). For current trail conditions, please visit ReadySetGorge.com. Some hikes may require a [Washington Discover Pass](#) or [Oregon State Parks pass](#) for parking access.

Columbia River Gorge eat/drink

Wine tasting

The Columbia River Gorge is a haven for winegrowers and features 40 miles of unique tasting opportunities. For information on wineries and tours in the Columbia River Gorge, please visit the [Skamania Lodge wineries webpage](#).

Breweries

Located just outside Portland, the Columbia River Gorge features many award-winning breweries. For a complete list of breweries and taprooms in the area, [please click here](#).

Restaurants

The Columbia River Gorge offers many dining opportunities for foodies. For a list of top cuisine options in the Columbia River Gorge area, please see [Eater's recommendations](#).

Southwest WA and Portland activities

Parks and gardens

Portland is home to a sprawling urban wilderness and features over 200 parks and gardens within city limits. For a complete list of parks, gardens, and trails, visit [TravelPortland.com's parks and gardens webpage](#).

Museums

Portland is known for its rich creative community, artists, and artisans. For a list of museums and other educational attractions, please visit [TravelPortland.com's museums webpage](#).

Shopping

From thrift stores and vintage shops to city shopping centers, enjoy a day of shopping with this Portland area [shopping guide](#).

Biking

Pedaling through Portland is a summertime must. The city features over 400 miles of bike paths, allowing visitors to take in the views while navigating Portland's many attractions. For information on biking options in the Portland area, please visit [TravelPortland.com's biking webpage](#).

Kayaking and canoeing

Vancouver is home to many lakes that offer a relaxing kayaking, canoeing or paddleboard experience. Visit Vancouver has a [great guide](#) for paddling rushing rapids or glassy lakes.

Golfing

Golfers of all skill levels will find a course to play in the Vancouver and greater Portland area. The Visit Vancouver has a [full list of golfing options](#) on their webpage.

Southwest WA and Portland hiking

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In addition to the 20 miles of paved hiking trails inside city limits, Vancouver offers many [fantastic day hikes](#) for outdoor enthusiasts.

Mount St. Helens

The Mount St. Helens area offers adventurous day trip activities during the summer. For information, see the [Visit Vancouver Mount St. Helens webpage](#).

Southwest WA and Portland fishing

Rivers and lakes

Southwest Washington features many excellent fishing opportunities for trout, kokanee, bass, salmon, steelhead, walleye and more. For local fishing opportunities in lakes and rivers in Southwest Washington, please visit the [Visit Vancouver fishing webpage](#).

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Coastal fishing charters

Looking to fish the saltwater? Take a drive to Pacific County and experience some of the region's most celebrated fisheries. In Ilwaco, you can charter fishing trips for salmon, tuna, bottom fish and more. For information about fishing charters on the Washington coast, please visit the [Long Beach Peninsula fishing charters webpage](#).

Ilwaco fishing charters:

- [Pacific Salmon Charters](#) – 360-642-3466
 - Species: Salmon, Halibut, Bottomfish, Tuna, Birding Tours
- [Sea Breeze Charters](#) – 360-642-2300
 - Species: Salmon, Halibut, Bottomfish, Tuna
- [Shake N' Bake Sportfishing](#) – 360-562-0333
 - Species: Salmon, Halibut, Bottomfish, Tuna
- [CoHo Charters](#) – 360-642-3333
 - Species: Salmon, Sturgeon, Halibut, Bottomfish

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Southwest WA and Portland eat/drink

Wine tasting

Washington and Oregon's flourishing wine country is featured throughout Southwest Washington and Portland. For information on Washington wineries, please visit [this Visit Vancouver webpage](#). For information about Portland wineries, please visit [this Travel Portland webpage](#).

Breweries

Southwest Washington and Portland have dozens of award-winning breweries and taprooms to explore. For a list of Washington breweries, please visit the [Visit Vancouver breweries webpage](#). For a list of Portland breweries, please [click here](#).

Restaurants

Southwest Washington and Portland are renowned for their culinary options. For a list of hot spots in the Portland area, please visit the [Travel Portland culinary guide](#). For places to eat in Southwest Washington, please visit [Visit Vancouver's top restaurant picks](#).

Greater Seattle Area activities

Space Needle

Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the 605-foot-tall Space Needle is a Seattle icon. For visitor information, please visit the [Visit Seattle Space Needle webpage](#).

Pike Place Market

Witness the famous fish-tossing at Pike Place Market featuring over 225 local artisans and fantastic views of Elliott Bay. For more information, visit the [Visit Seattle Pike Place Market webpage](#).

Washington State Ferries

A ride across the Puget Sound aboard one of 22 Washington State Ferries is a must for individuals looking for an authentic Northwest experience. For ferry schedules and tickets, visit the [Washington State Ferries webpage](#).

Scenic flight tours

Get the best view of the Seattle and Puget Sound with a scenic seaplane tour. For booking information and rates, please visit the [Kenmore Air webpage](#).

Additional activities

Additional activities and things to do in the greater Seattle area is available on the [Visit Seattle webpage](#).

Greater Seattle Area hiking

Seattle hiking

It's impossible to not feel the pull of the mountains when in the Seattle area. There are many hiking opportunities in the area featuring fantastic views, which can be found on the [Visit Seattle hiking webpage](#).

Mount Rainier

Experience the beauty of Mount Rainier with a summer adventure sunrise to sunset adventure. For information trails, gondola rides and dining in the Mount Rainier area, visit the [Travel Tacoma Mount Rainier webpage](#).

Greater Seattle Area eat/drink

Restaurants

From fresh seafood to award-winning Asian fusion fare, Seattle has a diverse and award-winning dining scene. For information on top restaurants in the Seattle area, please access to the [Visit Seattle restaurants and eateries webpage](#).

Breweries

Seattle's Ballard, Fremont and SoDo neighborhoods are packed with some of the top breweries in the country. For a complete list of breweries in the Seattle area, please visit the [Visit Seattle breweries webpage](#).

Wineries

Spend a day wine tasting in Seattle's many urban tasting rooms or take a trip to Woodinville Wine Country for an authentic Washington wine experience. For information on wineries and tasting rooms in the greater Seattle area, please visit the [Visit Seattle wineries webpage](#).

Explore the Pacific Northwest

Olympic Peninsula

Beaches, forests, and an expansive national park await you in Washington's diverse Olympic Peninsula. For information on things to do in the Olympic Peninsula, please visit [The State of Washington Tourism Olympic Peninsula webpage](#).

San Juan Islands

The San Juan Islands are a bucket list item for individuals visiting the Pacific Northwest. Every island offers something a little different. For more information, please access the [Visit San Juans webpage](#).

Central Washington

Central Washington features an abundance of trails, lakes and wildlife watching opportunities. For more information, please visit [The State of Washington Tourism Central Washington webpage](#).

Eastern Washington

A road trip through Eastern Washington features hiking, photography and wine tasting opportunities. For more information on Eastern Washington activities, please visit [The State of Washington Tourism Eastern Washington webpage](#).