

Mt. Hood Area

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, IT'S A MOUNTAIN OF FUN

Beckoning from all corners of the Willamette Valley, and just 50 miles from Portland, is majestic Mt. Hood. For winter sports enthusiasts, this highest peak in Oregon is a dream come true. Outstanding, easy-to-reach snow conditions are the general rule, and the slopes are open most of the year. Four separate venues (**SkiBowl**, **Timberline**, **Summit**, and **Meadows**) provide first-rate lifts and ample space for skiers and snowboarders. For those inclined to look at the joys of winter from a different angle, more than **200 miles of cross-country trails** can afford virtual solitude within minutes of donning skis or snow shoes.

If you'd rather not have to bring your own gear, you'll find what you need at any Mt. Hood area **rental shops**, from skis, boots and snow shoes to sleds and tire tubes. And if you'd prefer to let someone else do the legwork, you can rent a sleigh, or even take a dog sled tour. No matter how much you've exerted yourself, at day's end you can relax in the **cozy lodgings** at Timberline, or in one of the area's many snug cabins, motels and bed and breakfasts.

Just as captivating as winter fun at Mt. Hood are the **sightseeing, hiking, mountain climbing, biking and fishing**

on tap the rest of the year. The famous **Scenic Loop Highway**, with its spectacular waterfalls and dense forests, offers enchanting stops for shopping and dining, as well as natural wonders at every turn. Leave your car for a hike through meadows, or play golf or croquet on manicured greens, or visit

historic Barlow Road, the last leg of the

Oregon Trail. Choose from RV, tent, or wilderness camping as a base for enjoying whitewater rivers, placid lakes or teeming trout streams. **Mt. Hood National Forest's 187,000 acres** also has more than its share of wildlife to see and hear...including deer, owl and osprey.

At a distance, Mt. Hood's chiseled escarpment can at times seem foreboding, but the closer you get to its foothills, slopes and summit, the more you'll savor the scenic and recreational treasures that this "high point" of Clackamas County has to offer.



Enjoy a unique look into the life of fish at the Cascade Stream Watch off of Hwy 26 at Welches. See stream-life in action with a direct look into the stream through a special glass display.



Whether it is hiking, biking, climbing or skiing, Mt. Hood National Forest offers endless recreation for all ages.