

Oregon City

AN EXPERIENCE OF AMERICA'S HERITAGE YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE

Perched on bluffs overlooking thundering Willamette Falls, Oregon City was the destination for thousands of **Oregon Trail** pioneer settlers in the 1840s. With its rich heritage and natural beauty, “**The City at the End of the Oregon Trail**” continues to lure visitors seeking a direct connection to the nation’s pioneer past.

The heart of Oregon City’s unique appeal is its historic district. The district is dotted with inviting museums such as the **Ermatinger House, Stevens-Crawford, and Rose Farm**, documenting life as it was lived in horse-drawn wagon days.

Overlooking the Willamette River is **The Museum of the Oregon Territory**, which has on exhibit the original plot map for the fledgling town of San Francisco. The **McLoughlin House**, built in 1850, has the distinction of being the first National Historic Site in the West. (You may prefer to tour these and other Oregon City sights aboard **the old-fashioned trolley, “Helen II”**).

Downtown Oregon City’s restaurants and shops can be reached via the only vertical street in North America, the **Oregon City Municipal Elevator**.



Oregon City’s Municipal Elevator is one of only four municipal elevators in the world. The glass-enclosed observation deck offers a pleasant view of the Willamette River.

Once you’ve made the descent, you’ll find lively streets adorned with colorful murals and additional historic markers. Downtown also hosts an **Annual Open Air Antique Fair** on the last Sunday of August, with over 130 vendors selling their wares. Only a block east of city center, anglers ply one of the Willamette River’s most popular and productive “hot spots”, near the base of the majestic Falls.

The newest addition to the community’s cultural life opens in September, 2001, with the renovation of the old Carnegie Library into the **Carnegie Center Art Gallery and Children’s Museum**. The museum will feature local visual and performing artists, and the staple of Northwest life, an espresso café. Oregon City is also home to the **End of the Oregon Trail**



Tour the Historic McLoughlin House, home of the “Father of Oregon” Dr. John McLoughlin, and view restored authentic furnishings from the 1850s.

Interpretive Center, identified by the three big covered wagons. Here, unique displays and a powerful multi-media presentation allow visitors to relive the 2,000 mile journey west. Add the simple beauty of tree-lined streets and small-town walkways and you’ll understand why this remarkable community

is deservedly known as **Oregon’s “City of Firsts.”**