

## Using this Map



This map showcases some Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory of our favorite adventures where you'll find further in Molalla, along the details to start planning. We'd Molalla River, and across the also suggest consulting with surrounding Cascade foothills; official sources before heading recommendations range from out; some wineries may require hiking trails and mountain bike reservations, for instance, paths to wineries and BMX while the Bureau of Land tracks—so you're sure to find a Management and other agency

few fun ideas for your next trip. websites can provide trail maps, amenity information, If you find yourself inspired, details about fees or passes, scan the QR code on this map and other resources for to visit the official website for enjoying your time outdoors.

#### Permits and Passes

Many of the public lands around throughout this map, but Hood National Forest.

require a small day-use fee or require a nightly fee. valid recreation pass. We've

Molalla are managed by the contact the appropriate land Bureau of Land Management, manager (either by calling local Oregon State Parks, or the Mt. offices or visiting their website) to learn more about costs, how to acquire the proper Some trailheads and day- permits or passes, and when use areas on these lands are fees are required. Also note free of charge, while others that campgrounds generally

> CONNECT Enjoy Yourself

the quiet, awe-

inspiring beauty of

nature can not only

uplift your spirits,

it can improve your health. Think

of Oregon's vast

outdoors as your

recharge.

Say Hello

Greet fellow

adventurers

and spark a

conversation. Check

in at a visitor center,

ranger station and/

or local business

to learn from the

locals, grab a map

and gather local

Spread Goodwill

knowledge with

others if it's helpful.

community—eat,

stay local. Stop by

drink, shop and

insight.

Share your

Support the

place to relax and

#### Take Care Out There



CARE

Make Smart

consider what you abilities and what's realistic to do in the time you have. Can you visit off peak to lost.

#### Know your limits and when to stop for the day. Follow the signs; they're there to tell you important stuff like how to avoid

injuries and not get

Be Respectful If you're lucky enough to spot wildlife, use your zoom lens and observe from afar. Share trails with others. Know who manages the land you access and what the rules and regulations are.

Stay on designated trails and areas to protect the landscape. Don't take anything home but your trash—and please, trash with you. Make wildfire

Keep It Natural

cultural centers to learn our history prevention a top and relationship to priority. In addition, several federally designated Wilderness Areas surround Molalla; these U.S. Forest Service lands are managed to protect the natural (wild) character of their respective regionswhich means you won't find any roads or structures within their boundaries. When planning your outings into Wilderness Areas,

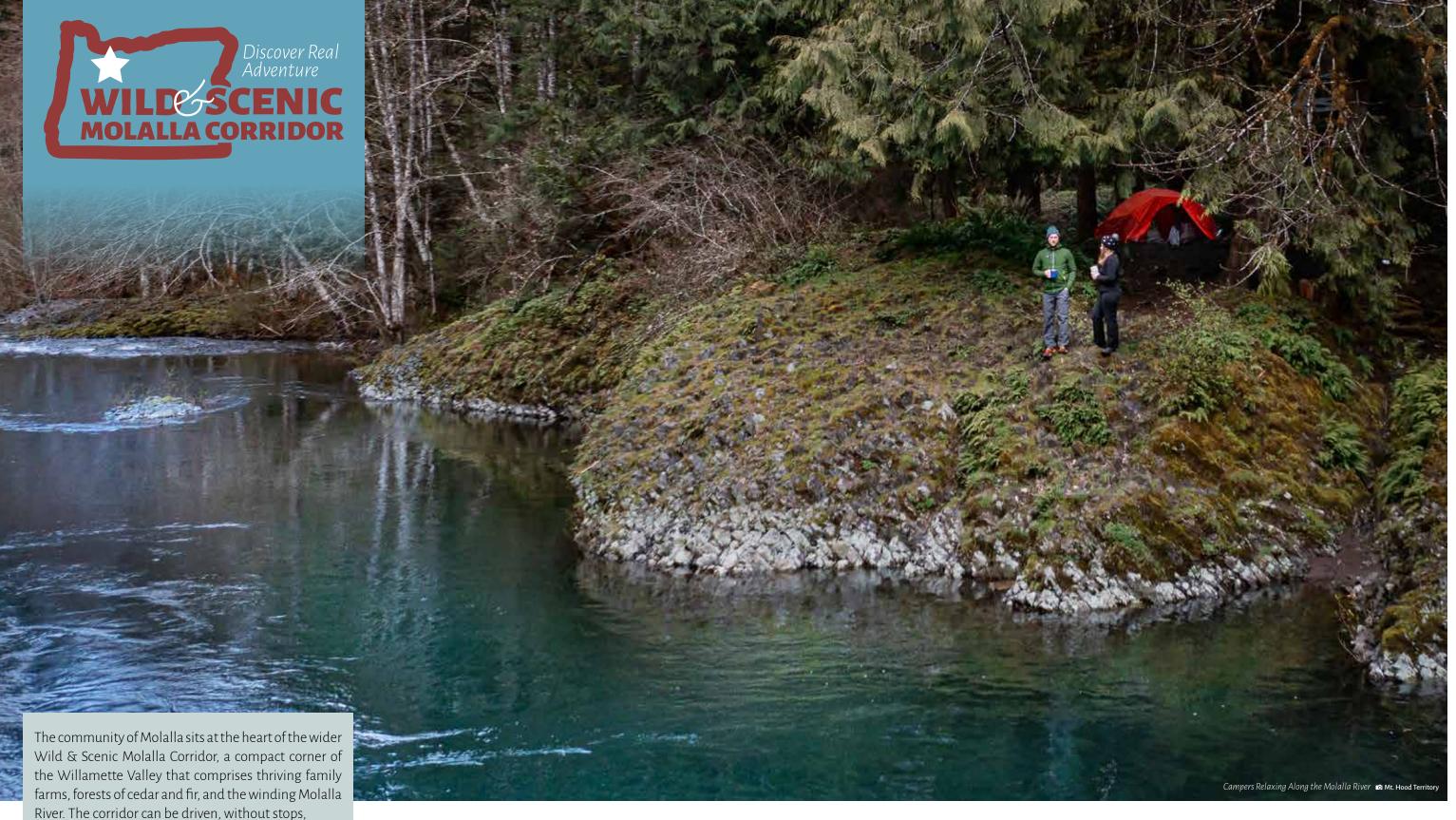
Wherever you go, keep in mind that cell service can be spotty or



a mild climate all year long.

Molalla sits in the foothills of slow season, check ahead the Cascade Range and enjoys with your desired destinations to ensure they'll be open to

between October and April, A few snow flurries may fall so bring water-resistant or around Molalla between waterproof gear if your plans December and Februaryinclude the outdoors. The sun but crisp high temperatures shines bright May through typically hover around 50°F, September, with summer cementing the region as a fouremperatures typically topping season outdoor destination out at a pleasant 85°F; be sure When wintry weather arrives, to pack sunscreen and plenty keep tabs on traffic conditions of water. Note that farms and at TripCheck.com—which nurseries along the South offers webcams, alerts, closure Clackamas Farm Loop may information, and other tripclose between October and planning tools.



### A few of those cherished experiences include:

off what makes the region so special.

Molalla: The city at the heart of our region teems with recreation of all kinds, from miniature train rides through verdant woods to skydiving from up to 18,000 feet—not to mention the Molalla Buckeroo, which has been going strong for more than a century. After a day of exploration, take time to learn about the city's history through fascinating museums and grab a bite to eat at one of Molalla's locally

in as little as 30 to 45 minutes—but doing so

misses out on connecting with regional history,

passionate small business owners, and scenic

outdoor recreation; truly, new adventures await

around every curve in the road and bend in the

That's why we've crafted this map—to introduce

you to the best of the Wild & Scenic Molalla

Corridor and offer inspiration for a memorable

outing. Whether you're here for two hours or

two days, we're excited to share dozens of stops,

along with a few "must-do" highlights that show

- Molalla River Recreation Area: No trip to Molalla is complete without enjoying its namesake river, so we've rounded up a few favorite hiking trails, campgrounds, swimming holes, picnic sites, and other outdoor opportunities for exploring this forested river canyon all
- South Clackamas Farm Loop: Forests gradually give way to farmland near Molalla, creating a lively hub for agriculture—one you can explore along the South Clackamas Farm Loop. Attractions along the self-guided  $tour \, include \, cutting-edge \, creameries, \, scenic \, wineries, \, and \,$ friendly farmers markets. Be sure to show up hungry.

Of course, those are just a few of the many highlights around Molalla—so we've shouted out some of our favorite parks, mountain biking trails, cultural sites, and picnic areas to complete your next trip (and hopefully inspire you to plan another). Whether you're a weekend warrior who rises with the sun or simply love napping in parks on sunny afternoons, you'll find plenty to love about outdoor opportunities across the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor.

We've also included fun facts to help you get to know our region, directions for visiting the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor, what you'll enjoy with each season, tips for passes and permits, and more—all to help make the most of your time here and create

Wherever you go, and whatever you do while you're here, we can't wait to welcome you to the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor.

# CITY OF MOLALLA



You'll find all kinds of adventure in the forests and farms across the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor—and we'll cover those soon enough—but the city of Molalla itself rewards visitors who take time to stroll the cozy downtown core, dive into its historic charms, and embrace a wide range of fun attractions.

Want to ride a miniature train, dive into regional history, or actually skydive from more than three miles up? You can do it all (and then some) in Molalla. Here's a sampling of ideas and attractions to help you plan a memorable trip to the friendly

- Molalla Train Park: Since 1954. Molalla Train Park has offered joyous rides on miniature trains to kids of all ages. Today, the four-acre park features 4,200 feet of track—all of which can be explored with rides that showcase ponds, shrubs, bridges, and impressive forested scenery. Rides typically last 7-10 minutes and are offered May-October.
- ► Escape Molalla: Do you think you and your friends or family can solve all the puzzles and make it out in time? Find out at Escape Molalla, the city's beloved escape room. There you'll be locked in

a themed room—perhaps an Old West-style saloon or a faux

- Splat Action Paintball Park: As one of the oldest paintball parks in the Pacific Northwest Splat Action is a community institution that offers 47 wooded acres teeming with bunkers, buildings, treehouses, and other exciting
- Skydive Oregon: Enjoy views of Mount Hood from above Oregon's tallest peak with an adrenaline-pumping jump through Skydive Oregon. Firsttimers can try tandem jumps with an experienced skydiver—and start their thrilling descents from as high as 18,000 feet. On your way down, epic views include

forests, and the Molalla River winding through it all.

Molalla Museum Complex: Since time immemorial, the Molalla people have hunted, fished, foraged, and lived in and around present-day Molalla. More recently, European-American settlers and farmers moved to the forested foothills of Mount Hood in the mid-1800s. transforming the region forever. Get a feel for that history at the Molalla Museum Complex, which includes several structures, displays, exhibits, and artifacts that cover the area's Native American populations Furopean settlement, the rise and fall of the local timber industry, and other fascinating topics.

► Molalla Buckeroo: The famous Molalla Buckeroo has been showcasing some of the country's best cowbovs and cowgirls for more than a century and remains a regional icon today. Enjoy a dose of small-town charm over Independence Day weekend with an on-site carnival, Molalla's Rodeo Walk of Fame, five days of rockin' rodeo events, and a nightly fireworks display.

Enjoy a filling meal: Chefs all over Molalla source their ingredients from local ranchers and farmers to craft fresh, filling, and flavorful dishes. Enjoy a variety of burgers, sandwiches, and barbecueinfluenced dishes at The Humble Pig Café, Mexican fare from the Taqueria La Silleta food truck, or pies and wings from Bear Creek



### for clues, solving puzzles, and

- science lab—while searching working together to emerge victorious before time expires.
- Willamette Valley farmland, thick

Clarkes General Store & Eatery:

Whether you're looking for a

quick meal between farm stops site food truck, and pick up some or want to grab a few picnic cheese or ice cream for later. provisions, you'll find fresh fare at Clarkes General Store & Eatery. The community institution serves filling pub grub (all of which pairs well with a curated tap list of regional craft beers) and sells a wide range of basic convenience items—such as fresh produce, deli items, snacks, and more.

As you make plans to visit these stops, consider making Molalla your home base for exploration; you're Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and rarely more than 20 to 25 minutes from any of the stops along the South Clackamas Farm Loop.







Just 10 miles from town, the Molalla River Recreation Area sits in a forested canyon and boasts a bevy of outdoor opportunities on (and along) the federally designated Wild and Scenic Molalla River. More than 20 miles of trails crisscross the area, campgrounds welcome overnight visitors, and the river itself-one of the few undammed tributaries of the Willamette River—offers excellent paddling opportunities as it flows from the Cascade Range toward the floor of the Willamette Valley.

Perhaps the area's best-known

River Trail System, where more

than 20 miles of trails—from

roads—wind through the

single-track paths to old forest

are open to hikers, bicyclists,

visitors with stunning forest

nearby Cascade peaks.

and equestrians—and reward

views and wide-open vistas of

Molalla River Valley. These trails

and best-loved outdoor

opportunity is the Molalla

Best of all: The quiet river corridor > Molalla River Trail System: hosts four seasons of fun, remaining mostly snow-free in winter and pleasantly crisp at the height of summer. Between mid-October and early November, maple trees along the riverbanks turn electric shades of red, yellow, and orange. And in spring, winter runoff brings the river to its thrilling, thundering

Start planning your next epic outdoor adventure with these outings along the Molalla River Recreation Area:

landscape in the Cascade foothills, boasting colorful bushes of rhododendron and forests of Douglas fir and western hemlock Several hiking trails enter the rugged wilderness. but plan a summertime trek to Table Rock, the remnant of an ancient lava flow that once covered the wider region; from its summit, nearly 5,000 feet above sea level, views of Mount Hood, Mount Jefferson, and another handful of Cascade peaks await. • Camping: Pitch a tent at the

Table Rock Wilderness:

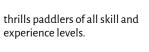
The 5,800-acre Table Rock

Wilderness is a pristine

**MOLALLA RIVER RECREATION AREA** 

scenic Three Bears Recreation Site or Cedar Grove Recreation Site, both offering walk-in campsites with tent pads, campfire rings, barbecue grills and picnic tables—all amid cedar and fir forests near the banks of the crystal-clear Molalla

Paddling: Spend a summer day peacefully kayaking or canoeing through lush forests—or rafting Class III and Class IV rapids past basalt lava flows on the Molalla River, which enchants and



• Easy adventure: Not up for a daunting day hike, overnight camping trip, or heart-pumping thrill ride on the river's rapids? Kick back with a relaxing day along the Molalla River: Head out on a scenic drive, stopping as often as you'd like to savor the views from roadside viewpoints, take a dip to cool off, enjoy a picnic with farm-fresh fare, or stretch your legs with a short walk to the base of Shotgun Falls. Just over a mile south of the waterfall, keep an eye for the Basalt Eve—a sunburstshaped rock formation along the banks of the Molalla River that resembles an eve





Cycling the Molalla River Recreation Area 🛮 🗖 Gabriel

# SOUTH CLACKAMAS FARM LOOP



Sitting in the northeastern corner of the Willamette Valley, where the fertile soils run into the foothills of Mount Hood, the Molalla area is surrounded by dozens of family-run farms—where growers and producers share their life's work through tours, tasting rooms, and other fun attractions.

The South Clackamas Farm Loop, for instance, is a self-guided tour of nearly 20 farm stops where you can develop a deeper appreciation for the area's agricultural output - Alpacas at Marquam Hill Ranch: by sampling some of the many crops grown around Molalla, sipping locally sourced wines, and meeting your favorite farm animals (including, yes, alpacas).

You can't go wrong with any of the nearly two-dozen stops along the South Clackamas Farm Loop—but these are a few highlights:

Molalla Farmers Market: Right

in the heart of town, the Molalla Farmers Market runs on Thursday afternoons between late May and late September—and prides itself on exclusively featuring items grown, harvested, or created

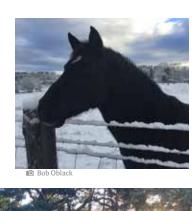
nearby. Vendors are often selling fresh produce, honey, flowers, jams, and jellies.

It's hard not to fall in love with the residents of Alpacas at Marquam Hill Ranch, roughly 100 of which call the farm home. For an additional fee, enjoy an exclusive tour or feed the ranch's alpacas. And if you want to take home a souvenir, an on-site store specializes in items—clothing, varns, rugs, and more—all crafted from alpaca fiber.

TMK Creamery and Distillery: The innovative TMK Creamery and Distillery has earned acclaim in recent years for using leftover whey protein to craft sipping vodka—also known as "cowcohol." Meet the dairy's "cowlebrities" with a tour, enjoy TMK's cheese curds and other dishes at an on-

Forest Edge Vineyard: No trip to the Willamette Valley would be complete without a stop for wine tasting. The sustainabilityminded Forest Edge Vineyard boasts a vineyard and tasting room, open on weekends, where visitors can try pinot noir, chardonnay, rosé, and other wines in a relaxed, laid-back setting.

Vineyard: Even if you've never visited, chances are good you've seen the colorful grounds of the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and Vineyard on social media or in magazines. Every spring, the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival invites visitors from around the world to wander through 40 acres of vibrant tulips—but there's plenty to love the rest of the year, when estate-grown wines are poured in a rustic tasting room and knick-knacks are available in





Residential Property in Dickey Prairie.

# RECREATING **NEAR MOLALLA**

We've covered a few highlights elsewhere in this map, but the wider region from laid-back picnic sites and quiet swimming holes to biking trails and running paths—across the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor.



Dozens of walking paths and running trails crisscross the region, offering a River, where they spawn and begin look at its many landscapes.

If you're staying at Camp Colton, you'll enjoy several miles of trails that cut through a lush forest and open meadows near where two creeks. Whether you're pitching a tent, collide. For an easier walk, visit the parking an RV, or unwinding in historic Scotts Mills Falls—a short, a cozy cabin, you'll find plenty of yet wide waterfall that tumbles scenic stays along the Molalla River over basalt outcroppings in Butte and in the surrounding forests. Creek—at **Scotts Mills Park**. And at



able Rock Trail 🔟 Mt. Hood Territor

### **Hiking and**

**Backpacking** Hike along emerald rivers, through old-growth forests, and atop basalt rock formations in the Molalla area where countless trails showcase the Elsewhere in the forested foothills of region's rugged beauty.

One of the region's most popular Dakota—and cabins, tent and RV hikes is the short, yet strenuous trek sites, and yurts at **Camp Colton**. to the base of **Abiqua Falls**, where a waterfall plunges into its namesake creek in the heart of a dramatic bowl of basalt. To the north, Hopkins Demonstration Forest hosts five miles of hiking trails through a variety of habitats. Along the Molalla River, hike to Annie's Cabin, a small home where volunteers spent time in the early 1990s while clearing trails and cleaning the area. Nearby, the Hardy Creek trail follows an old roadbed through a thriving forest of maple, cedar, ash, and fir. And the hike to the summit of **Table** Rock heads through forests, past summertime wildflower displays, and across a talus rock pile—all before emerging at the summit, where sweeping Cascade views



Cycling the Wild & Scenic Molalla

### Cycling and **Mountain Biking**

Quiet backroads and byways course through the Wild & Scenic Molalla Corridor, offering easy opportunities to escape the crowds and follow a

Start your ride at **Leonard Long Park**, which offers a maintenance station and drinking fountains in downtown Molalla. From there, myriad twolane roads head into forests and past wide-open farmland. A short ride away, South Molalla Forest Road hugs the western banks of the Molalla River, largely under the canopy of towering trees.

Mountain bikers, meanwhile, can tackle the Molalla River Trail System—which boasts roughly 20 miles of paths geared toward riders of all skill levels. And on non-race days, the 1,000-foot track at Molalla River BMX is open to the publicand includes bumps and berms for BMX riders of all skill levels.



Wildlife-Watching Wildlife is abundant wherever

Molalla River Recreation Area

(including the northern spotted owl, bald eagles, osprey, and pileated woodpecker), amphibians (such as the pacific giant salamander), and mammals (such as beavers, river otters, and—rarely—black bears) In autumn, salmon and steelhead Walking and Running swim back from the Pacific Ocean and coastal waters to the Molalla the cycle of life anew

Whether you're paddling the river or enjoying a picnic along its banks, keep an eye out for a variety of birds

### Camping

the edge of Molalla, a relaxing stroll Just south of Molalla, **Feyrer Park** awaits at Clark Park, where paved hosts 20 campsites with water and paths pass through peaceful forests electrical hookups near the shore of the Molalla River; attractions around the forested park, open for day-use year-round and to campers May-September, include a volleyball court, riverside picnic sites, a playground, and a horseshoe pit.

> For a more rustic experience, pitch your tent at Three Bears Recreation Site or Cedar Grove Recreation Site; both campgrounds offer walk-in sites for a quieter experience, along with basic amenities (such as tent pads, campfire rings, and picnic tables) for a laid-back evening under

the Cascade Range, you'll find yurts, cabins, tent sites, and more at Camp



Historic and **Cultural Sites** 

Wherever you are in the Molalla historical or cultural sites. Right in town, for instance, the Dibble House Museum reflects life for early European-American settlers. Nearby, Wilhoit Springs Park sits on the site of a former spa and resort; there, pathways peruse the grounds, and a small deck affords access to the mineral springs that drew visitors in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

#### Water Recreation The Molalla River provides a variety

of exciting opportunities for fun on the water. Put your kayak or canoe in at Feyrer Park and paddle the calm waters nearby; further south, challenging whitewater rapids await at the Three Bears section of the river. Up for a dip? Join the festive fun at **Ivor Davies Wayside** (also known as Party Rock), where deep swimming holes await on sunny summer afternoons. You'll also enjoy easy river access when spending the night at **Cedar Grove Recreation** Site, Three Bears Recreation Site,

and Molalla Retreat. **Accessible Adventure** 

plenty to enjoy around Molalla. In town, Clark Park is home to a few paved paths that traverse several ecosystems. And City Park in Scotts Mills offers flat, paved paths in a scenic forested setting.



Picnic Sites

Enjoy lunch with fresh, locally sourced food at one of the many picnic sites around Molalla. Feyrer Park hosts a few tables (some covered) not far from the banks of you go in the Molalla area—but the Molalla River, Leonard Long is especially common around the **Park** offers picnic tables (along forested **Feyrer Park** and along the with drinking water and restrooms in downtown, and Molalla Train







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