# OREGON'S PLENTIFUL GARDENS

Swan Island Dahlias

Oregon is filled with world-class public gardens that will enchant gardeners and non-gardeners alike. We are able to grow a huge variety of plants, crops, flowers, trees and ornamental gardens. All are lovingly cared for by friendly Oregonians, ready to welcome visitors to their cities, towns, neighborhoods, businesses, farms and gardens. Check out some of the highlights from every region of the state!

#### PORTLAND

The public gardens in Portland are world-renowned. The **Portland Japanese Garden** is considered one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan. Across the street is the **Portland International Rose Test Garden**, considered one of the best rose gardens in the USA. Nearby, **Pittock Mansion Gardens** surround the house museum, perched atop a hill overlooking downtown Portland with magnificent views of Mount Hood. **Peninsula Park Rose Garden** opened in 1913 and echoes a formal garden design popular in Europe's bygone days. South of Portland, **Rogerson's Clematis Garden** is home to North America's largest collection of clematis, a flowering plant nicknamed Queen of the Vines.

#### WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley is bursting with public gardens, nurseries and horticulture. Nursery and greenhouse products are Oregon's #1 agriculture commodity, so the countryside is fascinating to explore. Many of the growers welcome the public and have incredible display gardens you can wander, including **Sebright Gardens, Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm**, **Adelman's Peony Gardens, Schreiner's Iris Gardens**, and **Swan Island Dahlias**. Located in Silverton, **The Oregon Garden** is an 80acre paradise packed with experiences for the entire family. Adjacent is **The Oregon Garden Resort**, a charming lodgestyle hotel and events center. **The Allison Inn & Spa** offers a luxurious experience, surrounded by gardens and vineyards.

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Portland International Rose Test Garden

## **OREGON COAST**

All 363 miles of Oregon's spectacular ocean coastline is open to the public, creating endless opportunities to explore. **Seaside's Pocket Gardens** include over 100 mini-gardens that can be explored using a walking tour map. In Lincoln City you'll find the **Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy**. Continuing south, **Darlingtonia State Natural Site** is a fascinating preserve dedicated to carnivorous plants. **Shore Acres State Park** is perched on rugged cliffs above the ocean and includes formal gardens that were once a timber baron's private estate.

#### **SOUTHERN OREGON**

Lithia Park in quaint and welcoming Ashland is a 100-acre jewel with historic gardens, forests, trails, recreation fields and more. Lithia Springs Resort offers a lush garden setting for wine tasting, mineral waters and relaxing accommodations. Palmerton Arboretum in the town of Rogue River contains trees and shrubs from around the world. Experience one of the world's favorite herbs at farms and festivals on the Southern Oregon Lavender Trail.



#### **CENTRAL OREGON**

Lava Cast Forest is the fascinating site of ancient trees that were covered in molten lava over 7,000 years ago. Schilling's Garden Market in Bend is a family-friendly garden center offering classes and events. Worthy Brewing's Worthy Garden Club is an education venue and demonstration garden. Tumalo Lavender and Cascade Lavender offer u-pick fields, handcrafted products and festivals. Central Oregon Community College includes the COCC Arboretum featuring trees, shrubs and plants native to the High Desert.

# FLOWER FESTIVALS STATEWIDE

Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival – March-May Florence Rhododendron Festival – May Portland Rose Festival – June Lavender Daze Festival – July Willamette Valley Lavender Festival – July Annual Dahlia Festival – August



### **EASTERN OREGON**

**SAGE Center** is an interactive visitor center that highlights Sustainable Agriculture and Energy. The **Zumwalt Prairie Preserve**, a joint effort of the US Dept of Interior and The Nature Conservancy, is home to a vast array of birds, wildlife, grasses and wildflowers. Private events at Bennett Botanical Gardens are available through KRISanthemums. Eastern Oregon is home to Laura and Aaron LeBoutillier, the creators of **Garden Answer** with over 3,000,000 enthusiastic followers who learn to garden via free classes on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

## MT. HOOD / COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

One of Oregon's agriculture crown jewels, **Hood River Fruit Loop**, showcases thousands of acres of fruit trees and orchards. **McMenamin's Edgefield** has the most horticulture of all the McMenamin's properties and you can stroll through numerous gardens. **Stave & Stone Winery** overlooks **Hood River Lavender**, combining wine tasting plus lavender with breathtaking mountain views.

# GARDEN TOURS:

**Gardens Dot Tours** (gardens.tours) are local experts specializing in gardens and horticulture of the Pacific NW, available to create a custom tour for your group!

**Meditative Bike Tour** (cordillerantours.com) Experience Portland's gardens on a bicycle tour that will delve into garden design.

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Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival



Hood River Fruit Loop