

Recreation

Mt. Hood lies about twelve miles south of Outback Farms, as the crow flies.

Mt. Hood Meadows, about 35 minutes away, offers both alpine and nordic ski areas, night skiing, lessons and equipment rentals for the 87 runs in the 2150 skiable acres.

Teacup Nordic, nearby, offers 20 kilometers of groomed trails for the cross country ski enthusiast.

Timberline Lodge, a national Historic Landmark, is about 45 minutes from Outback Farms. It offers all touristic activities, restaurants and rooms in the famous lodge, and skiing and snowboarding twelve months a year on the glacier.

The Mt. Hood National Forest offers many opportunities for all types of outdoor recreation throughout the year. There are water sports on the rivers and lakes: kayaking, rafting, boating and fishing. There are miles of trails to hike, backpack, ride horses or climb. One can camp in tents or cabins or fire lookouts. There are scenic drives and picnic spots galore. In the winter one can go sledding or tubing, or head into the wilderness on snowshoes or skimobile.

The Columbia River gorge offers world-class windsurfing and kiteboarding facilities. The Gorge Windfest is held annually in June, youth windsurfing camps available all summer long, and various windsurfing competitions for

professionals are held in this "Windsurfing Capital of the World." The Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association encourages both experts and novices: their website features local knowledge, webcams of popular put-ins, events, maps of the beaches, and information on lessons.

Mountain biking in the Gorge is some of the best in the United States." Trails wind through old-growth forest, along volcanic plains and across wildflower-covered slopes. There are cross-country rides, freerides, shuttles, climbs, and just about anything else you can imagine. . ." according to thegorgeismygym.com.

Road rides in the Gorge are scenic, challenging and varied, and drivers give full courtesy to bikers. Many choose the miles of paved roads on the popular Fruit Loop among the orchards and wineries of the area. Another popular route is the 70 mile Historic Columbia River Highway between the eastern outskirts of Portland and the end of the Oregon Trail at the Dalles.

The Mt. Hood Cycling Classic is an epic race held in May for both professionals and amateurs from all over the country.

Golf in the area is highlighted by several fabulous 18 hole courses .

Indian Creek Golf Course has been selected by Gold Digest as a four-star course, "Even at 6150 yards the course places a premium in accurate shot making and requires some creativity. Eleven of the holes have water in play and provide sanctuary to a variety of wildlife. The greens are some of the best in Oregon. . ." Relax after a

round on the terrace of Divot's Restaurant. Hood River Golf Club was established in 1923. This rugged course offers challenging shots on tree-lined fairways; the 300 acre property features magnificent views of the surrounding mountains and orchards. The Phelps Creek winery has a tasting room on the premises. The Skamania Lodge par 70 course is tucked into the resort's 175 wooded acres in Stevenson Washington. Amenities include a driving range, practice bunker, putting and chipping greens and a full service golf shop.

The city of Hood River provides the family-friendly Waterfront Park, a large public swimming pool, a skate park, and many tennis courts, ball parks and soccer fields.

Recreation of every imaginable sort is just at your doorstep at OUTBACK FARMS!