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It's harvest time, and Oregon farms are gathering their bounty. But there's a bumper crop of other great finds to unearth, and it's unbounded by the changing seasons. Toss back a pint, follow trails of public art, or simply wonder at some spectacular rushing rivers and waterfalls. It can be downright inspiring. That's why we like it here. You might too.

For the People. In 1967, Oregon made waves with Governor McCall's [Beach Bill](#), ensuring all 363 miles of the state's coastline were free and open to the public. Fast-forward five decades for a very Oregon-like salute to that momentous occasion: the opening of [Public Coast Brewing Co.](#) in Cannon Beach. A lifelong dream of founder Ryan Snyder, the brewery features pub fare with a coastal twist. Enjoy craft brews alongside the McCall burger, fish 'n' chips, clam chowder and homemade brats, all overseen by executive chef and brewer Will Leroux. Taste from limited edition kegs on "Fermented Fridays," and keep younger visitors happy with homemade root beer brewed on site.

Redefining Rafting. [Climate City Brewing](#) in Grants Pass has raised the bar for river experiences with [The Paddled Pub](#). Float the Rogue River – rapids included – while enjoying a cold one around a pub-style bar on a custom-built raft. Meet at the brewery to purchase craft beers for an afternoon or sunset journey, then kick back and soak up the scenery (and a little splashing) on the seven-mile excursion navigated by a skilled oarsman. No paddling necessary!

Bronze Beauties. It's easier than ever to appreciate the culture and history of Pendleton thanks to a new interactive map and tour of the Pendleton Bronze Trail. Optimized for mobile and tablet devices, www.pendletonbronzetrail.com leads visitors on a tour of 20 bronze statues around town (soon to be 22), complete with audio and written commentary as well as directions. Legendary tribal figures, lawmen, cowboys, cowgirls, community leaders, educators, artists and more provide windows into the region's rich western heritage.

Gorge-ous New Park. On July 26, the Columbia River Gorge welcomed [Punchbowl Falls Nature Park](#) to its arsenal of jaw-dropping scenic locales. Located at the base of Mt. Hood in Hood River County and currently accessed by a logging road, the more than 100-acre wilderness area offers plentiful hiking and fishing – try catching a glimpse of salmon, steelhead and trout in the pristine basin. Established trails and facilities are in the works. In the meantime, take some tips from [Ready, Set, Gorge](#) to get the most from a Gorge visit and help preserve the region for generations to come.

Crush It. The crush is getting underway, and vineyards and wineries are pulling out all the stops to mark this annual rite. Look for celebrations from breakfast until sundown throughout the season at area wineries, including [Coelho Estate Vineyard](#), [Winderlea Estate](#), [Erath Winery](#), [Soléna Estate](#), [Hyland Estates](#), [Patton Valley Vineyard](#), [Montinore Estate](#) and others. Southern Oregon wineries like [Agate Ridge Vineyard](#), [Delfino Vineyards](#) and [Cliff Creek Cellars](#) mark the harvest in late September and early October.