

Travel Oregon What's New April 2013

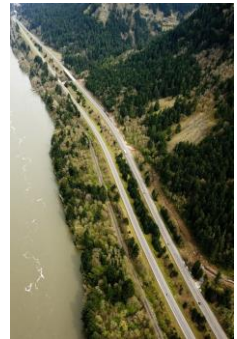
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Oregon is quickly becoming known more for paths than the infamous Oregon Trail. Whether it's creating a world-class mountain biking park on Mt. Hood or restoring cycling routes along the scenic Columbia River Gorge, Oregon is building infrastructure to make it possible for those on two wheels to choose their adventure. Still interested in the Oregon Trail? We've got your wagon covered. Check out details below. Happy trails!

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Biking the Gap

Starting in early fall 2013, cyclists will be able to ride from Troutdale to Cascade Locks via Multnomah Falls on a 10-mile sightseeing route. On the south side of I-84, just west of Bonneville Dam, construction crews are rebuilding the missing piece of the [Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail](#) between Warrendale and Cascade Locks. Walls will be constructed to allow the trail to switch back under the historic Moffett Creek Bridge, where it presently dead ends, providing cyclists with an amazingly scenic alternative to biking on the shoulder of I-84. Check out a video about the project [here](#).



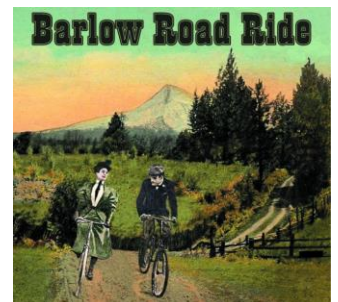
She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain...

Timberline Lodge will begin construction of the [Timberline Mountain Bike Park](#) this summer. The downhill course will be designed by Gravity Logic, the same company that created the world-famous Whistler Mountain Bike Park that is widely considered the industry's gold standard. Set to preview in late summer 2013 and be fully operational by summer 2014, a map of the planned course is [here](#).



The Pioneer Way

Cyclists can go a step, er, pedal further with the [Barlow Road Ride](#), a 100-mile out-and-back course that runs from the End of the Oregon Trail to Government Camp along the Barlow Road – the route taken by pioneers to go around Mt. Hood to reach Oregon City. The second annual century ride is slated for August 17-18, 2013 and will raise funds for the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum.



Anchors Aweigh on the South Coast

Coming in June 2014, the new \$3.5 million [Coos Historical and Maritime Museum](#) will be a marquee piece for the region, rivaling the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria and the San Francisco National Maritime Park. Highlights will include a piece of the [New Carissa](#) (a vessel that crashed off the coast of Coos Bay in 1999); the largest tribal display in Oregon, including artifacts from the Coquille and Lower Umpqua Indians; galleries featuring early cultures, forestry and timber, maritime heritage and local food productivity; and a launching point for group tours of regional oyster and fishing boats to learn about the industry.



Wagons, Ho!

After facing the possible “end” of the [End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center](#) in the height of the recession, the Oregon City facility will reopen in June 2013 with new ways to experience the historic trek. Wagon-style buildings will house interactive spaces and hands-on learning experiences—including making buttermilk and packing supplies – while video projection, iPad applications and kiosks will bring the past to life in a new modern way sure to keep the kids’ attention.

