

RIVER TO HILLS FARM TRAIL TIPS & HIGHLIGHTS

From the magnificent Columbia River to the rolling foothills of the Blue Mountains, this farm loop is a perfect way to enjoy the area's abundant farm stands, gardens and ranches that provide food for the table and nutrition for the soul. Watching cloud shadows race across wide, rolling prairie and acres of wheat and potatoes, you'll gain a fresh appreciation for what it takes to keep things growing. This trip can be enjoyed in segments, or begin in Boardman at SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Energy) Center, a wonderful place to learn about what is growing along the drive.

If you live in the Northwest and enjoy the sweetest watermelons, creamiest potatoes and tastiest onions, there's a really good chance they come from the Columbia River Basin. Umatilla and Morrow Counties are home to some of the highest yields of produce in the world—and the most mouth-watering! Be sure to check out the local breweries and wineries. Each award-winning producer has a unique craft—and a

story that flows from field to finished product. Soil, sun and water all have a role in creating this region's distinctive flavors.

Take a moment to talk with the wonderful people of this region who put their love and labor into this land that provides us all with so much.



For itineraries and trip ideas:
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VISITOR ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

- ★ Watch for the "Open" sign, or call
- ★ Please read and obey signs
- ★ Closely supervise children
- ★ Ask before taking pets out of your car
- ★ Please stay out of buildings & off equipment
- ★ Be careful not to step on crops



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Century Farms, produce stands and tasting rooms line the scenic routes of the River to Hills Farm Trail. Take time to talk to the farmers and ranchers who are proud stewards of this land and love to share their stories of where our food comes from. Miles of wide open beauty, plus craft brews, wineries and small friendly towns await on this fun driving tour.

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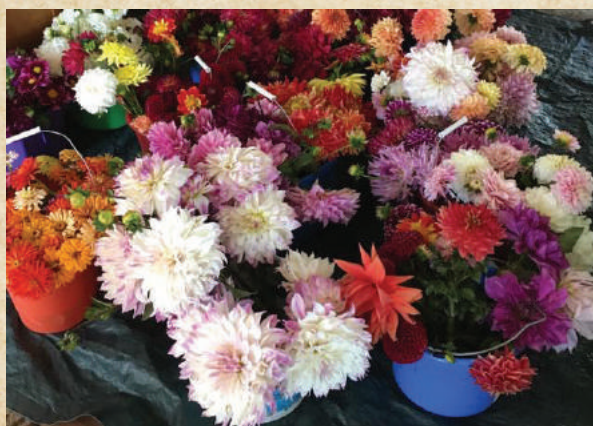


1 **SAGE Center**
101 Olson Road
Boardman, OR 97818
541.481.7243
visitsage.com

This interactive experience highlights the area's sustainable agriculture and energy production. Developed by the Port of Morrow, SAGE provides a fascinating look at farming. Drive a virtual tractor, take a simulated hot-air balloon ride, then treat yourself to a Tillamook ice cream!

2 **Ordnance Brewing**
405 N Olson Road
Boardman, OR 97818
541.481.2231
ordnancebrewing.com

Managing partner Craig Coleman and head brewer Logan Mayfield channel the farmer's work ethic and free spirit to craft tasty beers like Kolsch, IPA and limited editions like Ghost Town Farmer. An old onion plant houses the brewery and taproom. Open Mon. - Fri., 2pm - 9pm; Sat., 12pm - 10pm; Sun., 12pm - 6pm



T & C Flowers & Melons

3 **T & C Flowers & Melons**
450 Laurel Road
Boardman, OR 97818
541.248.9031
facebook.com/TallmanFarm

The Tallmans sell gorgeous dahlias, delicious melons and produce from their farm stand and love to give tours of the adjacent garden. Please look for the farm trail sign or call to schedule a visit. The Farmer's Cup coffee stand opens in 2019.



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4 **Skinny Bull Ag Museum**
240 S First Street
Irrigon, OR 97844
541.571.6308
facebook.com/skinnybullmuseum/

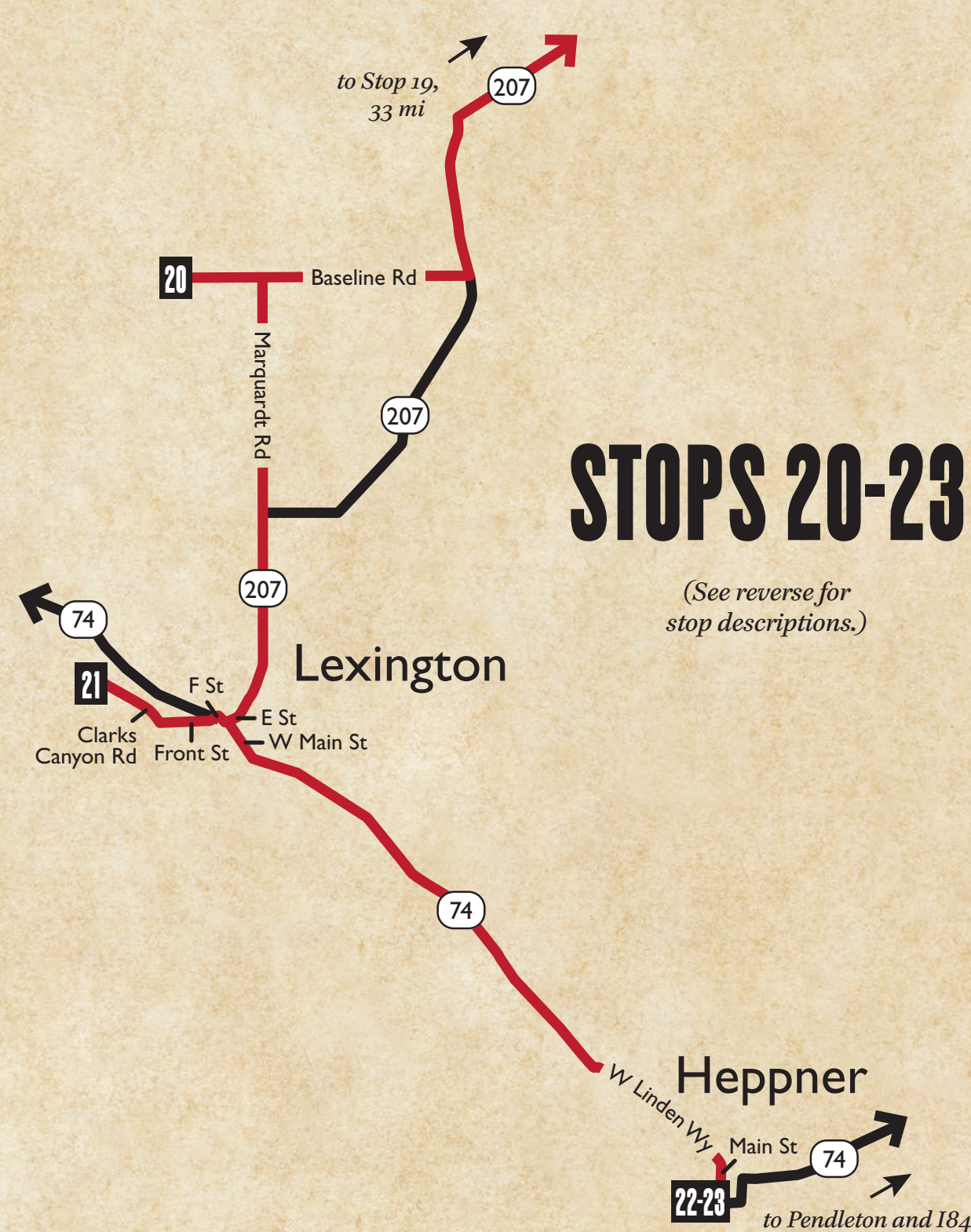
This family-owned collection features vintage farm equipment, military artifacts, and the personal stories that go with them. Visitors find lots of beautifully restored tractors indoors and many rustic ones outdoors. Great for photo opps and equipment lovers! Open Sun., 11am - 4pm, or call to arrange an individual or group visit (usually within minutes).

5 **Peach Tree Produce & Coffee Shack**
81700 Peach Tree Lane
Umatilla, OR 97882
541.922.3033

Pick up fresh produce from the on-site garden and farm stand, 9 to 5, 7 days a week through summer and fall. Grab a cup of coffee, espresso drink, smoothy, tea or treat at the drive-through coffee stand, Mon. - Fri., 6am - 5pm.

STOPS 20-23

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21 **Neiffer Triangle 4 Ranch Farm Store**
Clarks Canyon Rd
Front St

22-23 **Gateway Café**
Main St
to Pendleton and 184

Purple Ridge Lavender



6 Purple Ridge Lavender
29081 Bridge Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.561.3945
purpleridgelavender.com

This beautiful Victorian lavender farm is a pleasure to view and offers wonderful products infused with English and French lavender from the farm. Visitors enjoy a feeling of serenity when gazing into the beautiful, lush purple and white sea of blooms. Call ahead to purchase plants or fresh lavender in 2018.

7 Eveland Farm
78625 Lloyd Rd.
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.314.5106
evelandfarm.com

Eveland Farm's MDGA registered Mini Nubians goats started as two pets. But raising the goats blossomed into a hobby and passion. The breed has exceptional dispositions and milk quality, all wrapped in a smaller, easier-to-handle package. Please call ahead to visit.

K & K Blueberries



8 K & K Blueberries
29555 Minnehaha Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.3146
kandkblueberries.com

Here, you will find a farm stand and 20 acres of Duke Blueberries; an early, large, easy to pick variety. The season typically runs mid-June to mid-July, depending on the weather.

9 OSU Hermiston Agriculture Research Center
2121 S First Street
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.8321
oregonstate.edu/dept/hermiston

The OSU Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Center serves nearly 500,000 acres of irrigated agriculture in Oregon and Washington's Columbia Basin. The center concentrates on discovery and implementation of agricultural and horticultural opportunities and provides solutions to production constraints. Ask about tours.

10 Smith's Tiny Farm & Micro Creamery
2312 NE Chart Street
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.571.3451 or 571.7656
facebook.com/smithstinyfarm/

Smith's tiny farm is just that, tiny. They operate a whole 10 acres of some of the finest ground in Eastern Oregon. Cheese is made Mondays and Thursdays. Visitors are welcome, but please call ahead to make sure the owners are available.

11 Bennett Botanical Gardens & KRISanthemums
32632 E Punkin Center Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.571.2172
krisanthemums.com

Celebrating the beauty in natural elements, Bennett Botanical Gardens is a lovely event venue. Stroll the grounds, see the greenhouse and meet the artist of KRISanthemums, the on-site floral design studio. Please call for an appointment to visit.

12 W4 Caprine Pursuit
33351 E Punkin Center Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.571.8958
w4caprinepursuitmininubians.com

When Jerrod and Julie Winters were looking for quality milk for their household, a neighbor suggested they try her Nigerian goat's milk. It's creamy texture was a hit. Having always admired the long floppy ears of a Nubian, the Winters combined these two breeds to get the best of both worlds. Goats are visible from the road. Please call to arrange a visit.

15 Walker's Farm Kitchen
920 SE 4th Street
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.289.3333
Find us on Facebook

A polished casual "farm-to-table" dinner restaurant. Chef Cynthia features local meats, dairy and produce, as well as Pacific Northwest wine and craft beer. Dinner, Tue. - Fri., 4:30pm to close; Brunch/Lunch, Sat., 9:30am - 3pm

16 Bellinger Farms & Gourmet Store
1823 S OR Highway 395
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.5870
bellingerfarms.com

Jack and Donna took over the family farm in 1999. Today, they farm 750 acres of land, with 300 acres in watermelon and other vegetable crops. They purchased a fruit stand in 2000 and transformed it into a year-round produce and country store. Stop by Bellinger's for fresh local produce, an amazing selection of gourmet foods, decor and Northwest wines. Grab lunch at The Bistro. Mon.-Fri., 8am - 6pm; Sat., 9am - 6pm; Sun., 10am - 5pm

18 Buttercreek Coffeehouse & Mercantile
201 W Main Street
Echo, OR 97826
541.376.5540
Find us on Facebook

For Dana and Pam Reece, opening the coffee shop was the culmination of long held dreams, community assistance and good luck. Built in 1910, the building previously served the town as a butcher store, pub and restaurant. Now, expect home baked goodies, daily lunch specials, scones from Rolling Stone Bakery in Pendleton and coffee roasted by Buckin' Bean Coffee Roasters in Pendleton. Tue. - Fri., 7am - 2pm; Sat., 8am - 2pm

19 Sno Road Winery
111 W Main Street
Echo, OR 97826
541.376.0421
snoroadwinery.com

Taste the winery's fine wine and tour the renovated historic building housing it in the heart of Echo. The furnishings and intriguing decor reflect the couple's world travels and interests. Wed. and Thu., 11am - 6pm; Fri., 11am - 8:30pm; Sat., 12pm - 6pm



Black Acre Farm

20 Black Acre Farm
71634 Baseline Lane
Lexington, OR 97839
541.720.4399
blackacrefarmstead.com

The small hobby farm set between the rolling hills of Eastern Oregon strives to use what is on hand, work within the community, and provide exceptional local goods. The farm store is open by appointment or during special events and offers a variety of farm-made goods. Andrea gives classes on soap making, lavender wreaths and other topics at the farm. Ask about the next farm to table dinner.



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21 Neiffer Triangle 4 Ranch Farm Store
64466 Clarks Canyon Road
Lexington, OR 97839
541.371.7264
grassfedfamily.com

Neiffer Triangle 4 Ranch offers grass-finished beef, pastured chicken and farm raised pork. All meat is frozen and USDA inspected. Look for the big red barn. Mon. & Tue., 1pm - 7pm or call/text for an appointment.

22 Gateway Café
168 N Main Street
Heppner, OR 97836
541.676.6000
facebook.com/Gatewaycafeheppner/

The menu frequently features locally sourced ingredients in the entrées, appetizers and desserts. Open for dinner Fri. and Sat. from 5pm - close.



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23 Morrow County Agriculture Museum
444 N Main Street
Heppner, OR 97836
541.676.5524
morrowcountymuseum.com

The Agriculture Museum has three components: Farming, Ranching, and Forestry. Outdoor exhibit areas are dedicated to crops, raising livestock and cultivation, with operating equipment from the Peck Collection. The outdoor and indoor exhibits provide a unique opportunity for learning about the region's rich agricultural history. Open Mar. - Oct., Tue. - Fri., 1pm - 5pm; Sat. 11am - 3pm. Admission is free. The Morrow County Museum is just a couple of blocks away and includes a video about the tragic Heppner Flood of 1903.



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13 Walchli Farms
32697 E Loop Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.4300
walchlifarms.com

Watch for bison in a pasture on the east side of South Edwards Road. This is part of the extended Walchli Family farms. This family has been growing the famous Hermiston watermelons for five generations. Visit the big blue sheds and find in-season produce in the heart of the farm. Mid-Jul. through Sep.

14 Oregon Trail Honey
79492 Brown Lane
Stanfield, OR 97826
541.379.8625
oregontrailhoneyfarms.com

100% natural raw honey that's always spinner to bottle, with no added water or over processing. Please call to arrange a visit or place an order. Owner Brad's bees pollinate California Almonds in the winter, Oregon blueberries and cherries in Hood River in the spring, and in summer, the hives sit right in the original ruts of the Oregon Trail. This passionate farmer also practices the ancient craft of making mead, "the drink of the Gods."



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17 Echo Ridge Cellars
551 N Thielson Street
Echo, OR 97826
425.749.9073
echoridgecellars.com

The tasting room at Echo Ridge Cellars is housed in a converted grainery beside the winery, which is in a converted former warehouse at the north end of historic Echo. Choose patio or silo seating for a glass of fine wine and to enjoy the setting. Or, time your visit during the series of summer concerts. Wed. - Fri., 2pm to 8pm; Sat., 12pm - 8pm; Sun., 1pm - 4pm



(See reverse for map of stops 20-23.)