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# WHAT'S NEW in OREGON

Winter 2026

From snow-dusted peaks to evergreen trails, Oregon is a prime destination for winter adventures. Glide through pristine forests on Nordic skis or snowshoes, or try snow camping in a cozy yurt under the stars. Along the coast, mountain bike forested trails or join a surf-and-yoga escape. Indoors, explore museums, savor Michelin-star chef dinners and Oregon's top wines, or experience Hood River's mocktail trail on a road trip with mountain views.

## AWARD-WINNING WINE AND NON-ALCOHOLIC HOT SPOTS

Oregon's Willamette Valley uncorked major accolades in 2025. Forbes named **Domaine Drouhin Oregon** to its **World's 50 Best Wineries** list, while the annual **World's 50 Best Vineyards** recognized **Brooks** and **Maysara**. Adding to the region's momentum, Wine Spectator's **Top 100 Wines** of 2025 featured **Cristom Vineyards**, **Lingua Franca**, **Penner-Ash Wine Cellars**, **Stoller Family Estate** and **Ken Wright Cellars**.

Hood River is embracing consumer demand for alcohol-free experiences with a new "**Mocktrail**." Featured along the way is **Draper Girls Country Farm**, known for its non-alcoholic ciders. The mountain town is also elevating its zero-proof game with inventive mocktail menus at spots like **Ferment Brewing Co.** and **Solstice Wood Fire Pizza**. Look for kombucha from local faves like **Blue Bus Cultured Foods** and **One Breath**.

## DESTINATION DINING

Celebrating five years of business, Portland's **Cafe Rowan** launched **A Culinary Harmony**, a chef series that runs through May. The program brings Michelin-starred and acclaimed chefs from across the country for two-night residencies. Each guest chef will collaborate with chef Spencer Ivankoe on menus with wine pairings from expert sommelier Ron Acierto.

Forage for native truffles with **Black Tie Tours** and **First Nature** during guided forays led by trained truffle dogs this February — recently proclaimed Oregon Truffle Month by the Oregon Legislature. Continue the celebration at the 20th **Oregon Truffle Festival**, where you can taste the newly

designated **Oregon black truffle** and enjoy wine-paired truffle dinners and events.

In Central Oregon, pair culinary delights with outdoor adventure this winter and spring. **Mt. Bachelor** offers a flurry of ski classes and a series of new **Moonlight Dinners** — a feast at **Pine Marten Lodge** followed by the thrill of skiing under the stars. **Wanderlust Tours** hosts an enchanting **Snowshoe & Fireside Dinner** in the Deschutes National Forest with partner **Luckey's Woodsman**. Plan ahead for **Forage to Table**, a four-course feast set for late spring.



*Wanderlust Tour's Forage to Table*

## SNOWY ADVENTURES

Embrace winter magic on snowy adventures. Go stargazing after snowmobiling to your remote yurt with **Eagle Cap Mountain Guides**. Based in Eastern Oregon, this outfitter hosts catered overnight stays in the beautiful Western Wallowas. Enjoy a peaceful alpine retreat with Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and sauna time.

Snow bunnies, get ready to hit the slopes. **Mt. Ashland** debuted Bumblebee, its first new ski trail in four decades, perfect for developing skiers looking to level up. The resort also rolled out a **Lower Lift Day Ticket**, making mountain fun more affordable for families and newer skiers. See more affordable, all-inclusive ski lessons [here](#) at resorts across the state.

## NEW MUSEUMS AND CREATIVE PLAY

Portland's new **Northwest Museum of Cartoon Arts** offers cool comics, workshops and author talks. In Salem the **Gilbert House Children's Museum** opened a Science Lab, where kids explore STEM learning through creative play. Coming in spring, the **Crown Point Country Historical Society** opens in Corbett, highlighting early settlers and Indigenous tribes of the Columbia River Gorge.

## NEW SKILLS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Embrace the new year in community with others. Join Sip, Savor, Explore Oregon for **Seasonal Surf** day trips pairing yoga and surfing. Start your morning with sun salutations in Portland, then head to the Coast to catch some afternoon waves. **AdventurUs** offers women's weekends, like a skiing and snowshoeing **retreat** in January at the luxe **Silvies Valley Ranch** in Eastern Oregon, and a June **adventure camp** in Bend. Or get crafty in Corvallis with **Tarweed Folk School**, where classes range from woodworking and fiber arts to basketry.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING, RIVER RAFTING

Ready to roll? Add these trails to your 2026 bucket list. Near Pacific City, the **Buzzard Butte Trail Network** in the Siuslaw National Forest, will offer new downhill, cross-country

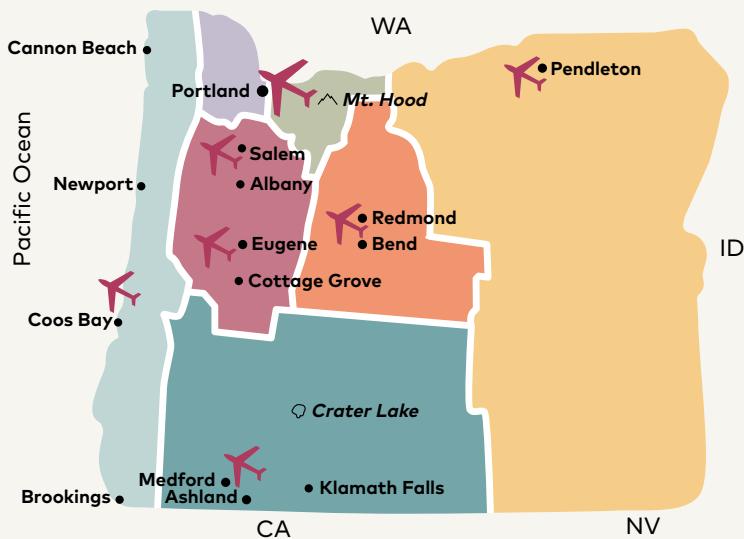
and skills-park terrain. In the Tillamook State Forest, the **Westside Trail Federation** just opened **Bat Country**, a black-diamond downhill trail packed with steep features, jumps and catch-berms. In Grants Pass, **Dollar Mountain** is emerging as a top destination with 11 miles of new multi-use and mountain bike trails for all skill levels.

Wild about rivers? The Klamath River's revitalized waters are calling, and now is the time to book a rafting excursion. After a successful inaugural season, demand is growing for trips on the newly restored Klamath River. The historic removal of four dams reopened 45 miles of free-flowing river, with new multi-day adventures offered by **Indigo Creek Outfitters**, **Noah's River Adventures** or **Momentum River Expeditions**.

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