

Portland Fun Times!

Things to see:

- **Pittock Mansion:** High up on the West Hills. Used to be owned by a major newspaper baron. Amazing Views. You can hike up there through Forest Park or drive.
- **McMenamins.** Started by two brothers. They now own dozens of eclectic buildings, from old elementary schools, to theaters, to old bath houses. They convert them into hotels, music venues and bars.
 - o Crystal Ballroom: an old theater, with a built-in spring floor for amazing dance parties (or just softer on the knees and feet for us old people). On March 15, it's 90s dance night!
 - o Crystal Hotel: An old bath house that is now a restaurant and hotel
 - o Kennedy School: An old elementary school converted into an adult fun house. Booze, soaking pool, and theater
- **Powell's Books:** The largest independent book store west of the Mississippi. It's a whole block of books, for the book lover in you. A must if you love to read.
- **Shopping Neighborhoods:**
 - o SE Hawthorne Blvd: One of our older shopping areas. Think Portland back when it was known for being kinda dirty and really hippy.
 - o N Mississippi Ave: The hippest of hipster places to be. There are cute boutiques with the most cliché jewelry and art your little hipster hart desires. Imagine a whole retail space devoted to succulents. There are also amazing places to eat and Stormbreaker Brewing.
 - o NE Alberta: This street used to be more run down, but over the last 20 years it has really come into its own and is now very nice. Lots of food and bars, great place to spend a Saturday afternoon and drink some beer at Great Notion Brewery or delight in Indian street food the Bollywood Theater.
 - o SE Division: They call it Diner Row. Mostly food with some cute boutique shopping. It runs from 11th all the way to 39th.
 - o NW Alphabet District: NW 23rd is the high-end shopping main street where you'll find Pottery Barn and Urban Outfitters sticking out between cute boutiques holding on for dear life. NW 21st is a bit more run down with a great movie theater and a great bar Muu Muus. Stormbreaker also just opened a second a pub in the area and McMenamins has a an old timey theater and pub nearby. This area is also an easy jumping off point to take a hike in Forest Park
- **Pioneer Square:** The town center of Portland. During most holidays this is where the events are. It's a great place to at least check out.
- **Oregon History Museum:** No idea what this is. Someone told me to put it on here.
- **Arts and Crafts Museum** (yup, that's a thing, keeping Portland weird). Go see some doylies or macramé and other crafty things you'd never thought would show up in a museum (because maybe, just maybe, they shouldn't. But that's what makes it so great!)

Things to do:

- **Forest Park Hike:** Forest Park is the largest urban Forest in the nation. It's main trail, the Wildwood, runs 32 miles long. I use the word run b/c this is a great place to duck into nature and go for a hike, run, or just decompress. Well worth a walk into even during a short stay.
- **Do the 4T trail:** There is a route in Portland that allows you to use so many of our modes of public transportation starting with a T. It also takes you into Forest Park and through Oregon Health and Sciences University, which is situated in the West Hills, for some amazing views. You get ride a train, walk on a trail in Forest Park, ride down a tram, and scoot back your starting point via trolley! If you are itching to get you legs moving and sitting in the workshop, this would be a great choice.
- **BikeTown bike rentals:** Highly recommended. These are all over the US now, but this is one of the first places for them. So rent one and then get out of the downtown core. Portland has amazing bike trails, bikeways, and bike paths. Google does a decent job of getting you anywhere via bike in a mostly safe manner.
- **Revolution Hall:** One of our newest music venues is an old elementary school. The Mountain Film tour happens on March 14.
- **Hike in the Gorge** (having been to NZ, I can honestly say this is reminiscent of that country).
 - o Angels Rest: Great steep, short hike, closer in the gorge with amazing views. If it's a windy day down below, it'll be super windy up top.
 - o Multnomah Falls: This beauty towers 611 feet tall and is a crown jewel of the Gorge. According to native American legend, the falls was created to win the heart of a princess.
- **Brewcycle:** Get some CLR peeps together and hop on a group bike tour for bar hopping. You and your closest friends bike together from location to location. Experiencing all that Portland's dive scene has to offer.
- **Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI):** It's a fun little interactive museum across the river from the office. Sometimes they host "OMSI after dark" where you can go drink and play with their exhibits, which is fun.
- **Japanese/Chinese/Rose Gardens:** Oregon has some great gardens worth visiting. Especially in the summer... so maybe not now.
- **Oregon Zoo (an SEM Participant!):** Come see our animals... and how energy efficient they are!
- **Movies:**
 - o Living room theatre: Just like it sounds. Relax with a beer in hand just like you are at home with premiere moves or some indi-flicks.
 - o Bagdad: an old theater converted to show movies. It's a McMenamins. You can drink and eat. It has a bar backstage (Backstage Bar, creative name 😊) which is narrow and tall!

Places to drink:

- **Breweries:**

- Deschutes: You probably know them. They've been around. Try the jubelale. It's their take on a winter ale. Pretty good. Their restaurant in the Pearl District is made from mostly reclaimed wood they found during construction.
- Stormbreaker: Its new location on the westside has Axe Throwing. If you've never tried to be a lumberjack, now is your time. I found it super therapeutic and relaxing. DO IT!
- Lompoc: One of the oldest breweries in town. They only have one or two spots left, but if you can find one, try the C-Note. Amazing IPA
- Cascade: Known for their Sours. I do not like sours, and therefore can contribute to the conversation.
- 10 Barrel: Based in Bend but was bought out by Budweiser and now is a nationally known brand. Have the Cloud Chaser IPA. It's named after the newest lift that just opened on Mt Bachelor. Gotta go shred the pow pow.
- Little Beast: Famous for their Farmhouse beers. Think somewhere between a sour and a pale. Surprisingly good and that's coming from someone who likes IPAs.
- Ex Novo: Drinking for a good cause. My favorite. Not only do they serve awesome beer, they are a non-profit and do something good with the money.
- Rogue: Also one of the older breweries in town. If you intend to go to 10 Barrel, but then find the wait to be more than you can handle, just jump across the street to this little gem. Its just as good and not a popular. Downside: there is no roof top bar or as many TV screens (if you are into that sort of thing).
- Hair of the Dog: Small batch Brewery just on the other side of the River from the office. The service and beer and can be spotty, but hey, it's one of Portland's first breweries.
- Grixen: It's new. And it's magical. It's on Division tucked behind somethings. So worth the hunt.
- Baerlic: I know nothing about them.
- Avid Cider: If you like Cider.
- Cider Riot: If you like Cider twice.

- **Bars:**

- Loyal Legion: they are a bar that has 100 local (read Oregon) beers on tap. They also give great recommendations for beers to try and have a great HH. (Or did when I was last there).
- Whiskey Soda Lounge: The waiting room for Pok Pok. Also, you can get Pok Pok's famous wings and skip the chaos that is Pok Pok all together. They don't take reservations and I've see waits as long as 2 hours in the summer. This means it's good, but you gotta really want it.
- Multnomah Whiskey Library: It's hard to find. A bit of a speakeasy. You must have a membership... but if you get in, the Whiskey is the thing to try.

- **Coffee:**

- Stumptown Coffee: It has its birthplace in Portland but is now a nationally recognized brand. It has a store front in Downtown and many restaurants serve it. However, if you

really want to be a local go to the one on SE Division. That's where it all started. It's also where they used to roast out of.

- Happy Cup: They only have one retail space. Inside City Hall. It's a for profit coffee roasting company that gives all their money to a non-profit that supports workforce development for those with mental disabilities. So you can feel alive with caffeine and with knowing you are helping someone. To boot, the coffee is pretty dang good.
- Nossa Familia: Some of the best coffee town, in my humble opinion. They have coffee shops in SE on 3rd and on Division and 20th. If you are addict of this drug. I highly recommend it.

Places to eat:

- Departure: Westside downtown close to Pioneer Square. If you are looking to get a good view of the City and go high class. This is your spot.
- Portland City Grill: on top of a 30 floor building. They have AMAZING Happy Hour and the views are incredible. They also have live music sometimes and a great vibe. Get there early.
- Luarelhurst Market & OX: These places are known for their meat. So if you are into that sort of thing, I definitely recommend these places. Also, Laurelhurst had a smoke infused Whiskey drink that was to die for.
- Pok Pok: Thai Street food. This place is so good it has another location in Brooklyn, NY. A must if you love Thai.
- Por Que No: Portland's twist on Mexican food. The Brian's bowl is amazing as are the margaritas. Come for the food stay for the Margarita.
- Lardo: As the name implies, it's rich and boy is it good. Mostly sandwiches with a specialty focused on the pork side of life.
- Teote House Café: Similar to Por Que No, but with an Argentinian flare.
- Tasty and Alders: Good place for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They do it all. Try it all.
- Bollywood Theatre: Indian Street food. If you've been to India, you'll know what I mean. The Dishes are metal, the samosas are amazing.
- Pine State Biscuit: The best breakfast sandwich in town. It will satiate you for days.
- Bartini: Famous for their martinis. There's like 100 on the menu. They also do fondue.
- Le Bistro Montage: Southern food without the southern hospitality. They are known for treating you bad and that's why people started going there. Now they'll treat you a little better and provide you with a to go box made out of tin foil and shaped like anything your heart desires.
- Kachka: Russian eats and a huge vodka list. Great food.
- Donuts
 - Voodoo Donuts: The original reason Portland is weird. Try their bacon maple bar or the captain crunch donut.
 - Pips Donuts: Mini donuts that are amazing for those that pretend to not eat the whole donut. No need to cut in half – these guys are small. They'll make you want more. They also make their own Chai.
 - NoLa Donuts: Veignets. No idea what that means, but they say they are good.
- Ice Cream

- Salt and Straw: The original hipster ice cream. Try their strawberry honey balsamic with black pepper or their pear and blue cheese
- Ruby Jewels: This one followed shortly after and some say is better.