

Gladstone

PROVIDING A GATEWAY TO THE MIGHTY RIVERS OF THE REGION

Just a few miles south of Portland lies the friendly community of Gladstone. Steeped in the finest small-town traditions, Gladstone is host to Clackamas County's annual

Chautauqua Festival, first celebrated in 1894 and now held the first week-end in August. Appealing to all ages, the Festival features a run, parade, and fascinating displays in addition to music, lectures and dramatic performances.

The small town's ties to the past are also on view at the **Pow-Wow Tree**, located on Clackamas Boulevard. According to local folklore, the tree served as the site for conferences among Indian tribes of the surrounding region, and is still regarded as a symbol of strong community bonding. The Tree was first dedicated by the Camp Fire Girls in 1935. In 1979, Gladstone's Volunteer Fire Department re-dedicated the historic tree in commemoration of their 50 years of community service.

Affectionately referred to by some Portlanders as "Happy Rock" (a playful variation on

"Glad Stone"), Gladstone's neighborhoods are welcoming with sidewalks for a casual stroll, yet still provide delightful shopping and other urban amenities. **McLoughlin Boulevard** (Highway

99E) is lined with diners and drive-ins that will take you back in time. The community is also conveniently close to more than 100 acres of parkland along the **Willamette and Clackamas Rivers**, which converge at this congenial spot to provide abundant recreational opportunities for locals and visitors alike,

including the scenic **Meldrum Bar State Park** and boat ramp.

Located at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers is the **River Resource Museum**. Overlooking the 48 acre **Clackamette Cove**, you can watch beavers, otters, osprey, heron

and bald eagles in their natural habitat. The museum provides cultural and natural history programs in an outdoor setting including traditional **Native American salmon bakes**. The museum is also the only upriver tour vessel facility receiving and hosting river tours.



Enjoy a leisurely bicycle ride over 100 acres of parkland available along the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers in Gladstone.



A spectacular view of the Clackamette Cove from the River Resource Museum located at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers.