

Lake Oswego

A UNIQUE BLEND OF ART AND CULTURE IN A SETTING OF SMALL TOWN CHARM

The first Clackamas community south of Portland along the west bank of the Willamette is Lake Oswego. Approaching the city from Portland along Macadam, or along State Highway 43 from I-205 through West Linn, the visitor is treated to a rich scenic mix of beautiful homes and forested landscapes, with enticing vistas of the river below. More relaxed and expansive views can be relished by riding the **Willamette Shore Trolley**: taking the seven mile journey on historic trolley cars over trestles, bridges, and through “Oregon’s darkest tunnel” is truly to step back in time.

Downtown Lake Oswego, the terminus of the trolley, teems with **trendy shops, restaurants and boutiques**, and is a hub of cultural activity. **The Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts**, now in its 38th year, focuses on a different theme each year. Scheduled for the **2001 Festival (June 22-24)** is rarely displayed comic book art from the exclusive collection of Mike Richardson, President and founder of Dark Horse Comics. Held both outdoors in **George Rogers Park** and at the **Lakewood Center for the Arts** across the street, the event features jury-evaluated arts and crafts by the region’s leading artists and artisans. Now attracting more than 20,000 people

annually, the three-day celebration also presents performing arts, music in the park, and a Children’s Art and Theatre showcase.

Historic Lake Oswego is best represented by the neighborhood known as “First Addition” which originated in the 1890s when the town was still called simply Oswego. The oldest homes are in the

east section of First Addition, north of “A” Street, and were built to house “additional” workers when a local iron foundry boomed briefly. Remnants of the foundry may still be seen a short way downriver at George Rogers Park, where picnic grounds, ball fields, tennis courts and cozy beaches offer a compact and inviting family-fun venue.

A bike ride around the picturesque lake is always exhilarating, as is a venture into nearby **Tryon Creek State Park**, where nature paths and equestrian trails abound in an unspoiled natural setting. Summertime finds concerts to suit every taste

in the recently opened **Millennium Park**, located on the Lake. Riverfront attractions also can be found at nearby **Oswego Point**. Just off I-5 at Kruse Way, is the **Portland Oregon Temple**

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the grounds of which are open to the public.



The Willamette Shore Trolley emerges from “Oregon’s darkest tunnel” en route to Lake Oswego from downtown Portland.



A view of Lake Oswego on the west bank of the Willamette River.