

West Linn

A CITY OF TREES, HILLS AND RIVERS, WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERY TASTE

West Linn began in 1840 as a 1,000 acre plot purchased from the Willamut Indians. In its early life, the city was a trade center for French, British, and American settlers. Later, its proximity to **Willamette Falls** led to its becoming a major purveyor of electric power.

Known as the “**City of Trees, Rivers and Hills,**” West Linn and the adjoining Willamette area abound with natural beauty, lush gardens and fertile farms to explore. Many locals flock to **Mary S. Young Park**, right off Highway 43, with its numerous trails and a walking bridge to **Cedar Island**. More exotic settings include the **Camassia Preserve**, owned by the Nature Conservancy, and a viewing area of the **Blue Heron Rookery on the Willamette River**.

Salmon fishing is popular on the **Willamette**, and on the **Tualatin River**, boating enthusiasts enjoy both canoeing and kayaking. Access to the Tualatin can be gained in **Willamette Park**, at Fields Bridge, 1.6 miles upstream and at the bridge on Borland Road over Willamette Falls Drive. Among the more unique attractions in West Linn are the **Willamette Falls Locks**, which

move boats between the upper and lower river. The locks date from 1870, but the historic significance reaches back to much earlier times, as the falls were also the site of the Native American salmon fishing ground and trading area. Historical details are

available at the information center, open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Fine dining is another West Linn tradition worth savoring. **Thai Orchid** and **Bugatti’s**, neighboring restaurants on Willamette Drive, have both earned regional awards for outstanding food. Ardent golfers can request a tee time at the private and challenging

Oregon Golf Club, or opt for the inexpensive green fees at quaint, picturesque **Sandeli**, a recaptured cow pasture where deer and salamander routinely cross the fairways, and where the quiet is occasionally disrupted by the trumpeting of migrating sandhill cranes.

At the **Tualatin River Nursery and Coffeehouse**, you’ll find organic herbs, vegetable starts and “edible landscaping” ideas. A demonstration garden supplies the café kitchen with fresh veggies and concerts fill the air with music on summer evenings.



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Enjoy the scenery while you take a swing at one of West Linn’s well-groomed golf courses.



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The Tualatin River Nursery will show you how to grow your herbs and vegetables and give you a taste test at the Coffeehouse café. Savor seasonal produce and view local artwork on display.