

What *is* an Arboretum?

Webster's definition:

A place for the study and exhibition of trees.

From a UCF (Urban and Community Forestry) perspective, arboreta play an important role in showing how different trees perform in a community or region.

A visit to a community arboretum will help you appreciate the importance of the trees around us. You may also see trees that you might want to plant in your own yard.

Arboretums in Your Area

Here are just a few of Oregon's community arboretums that offer lots to see and appreciate.

Albany:

Heritage Trees of Albany

Establish a greater understanding and appreciation for trees that have stood since Albany began. Self-guided tour.

Detailed brochure available at the Albany Visitor Association, 250 Broadalbin Street SW, Suite 110. 541.928.0911 or 800.526.2256

Best viewing: Spring - Fall

Ashland:

Lithia Park

A 93-acre vista of emerald lawns, colorful landscaping, a picnic area, and playground equipment, the park follows Ashland Creek through undeveloped woodlands and also includes a Japanese garden, two duck ponds, a formal rose garden, groves of sycamore trees and a number of secluded spots. Began in the 1800's as a water-powered sawmill and a flour mill standing on the banks of Ashland Creek.

Located in downtown Ashland, 541-488-5340 for info.

Coos Bay:

Shore Acres State Park

Perched on rugged sandstone cliffs high above the ocean, this park was once the grand estate of pioneer timber baron Louis Simpson. Features lushly planted gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world. Also includes an oriental-style pond and two rose gardens. Colored lights and decorations from Thanksgiving through New Years. Off US 101, 13 mi. SW of Coos Bay (541) 888-2472.

Corvallis:

Cloverland Park Small Tree Arboretum

Trees selected for their relatively small mature size, and aesthetic attributes; designed to help select trees for sites with limited space, like patios, side yards, under power lines. At the corner of Arthur Ave and 29th St.

Peavy Arboretum

Located north of Corvallis on Hwy 99W.

For more information: Janet Ross - 541.737.6394

Dallas:

Delbert Hunter Arboretum

631 Park St. Dallas, OR 503-623-7359

Open year round for self-guided tours.

Echo:

Oregon Trail Arboretum

From Hermiston follow Hwy. 395 to I- 84. Cross the overpass (188), but do not get onto the freeway. You are now on Thielsen Road. Follow this road to the highschool, turn left on Gerone St. (follow signs to Pendleton). The school athletic club is on the left. Follow the fence and the arboretum is at the end. 541.376.8411

Elkton:

Oregon's Butterfly Pavilion

Observe a butterfly's lifecycle, walk in the native Oregon park & enjoy "butterfly friendly" flowers and plants. Located approx. 1 mile outside of Elkton on Hwy. 38. 554.584.2692

Eugene:

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

A lovely 209-acre living tree museum; enjoy riverside trails, quiet paths through coniferous forests, wildflower meadows, a water garden teeming with life, and open views across savannas of Oregon White Oak. Located inside the Howard Buford Recreation Area, Mt Pisgah Arboretum is a Lane County Park bordering the coast fork of the Willamette River. From the east end of the 1-5 overpass at the 30th Street/LCC exit, go one block left and turn right at the gas station. Take the first left onto Seavey Loop Road, and drive approximately 2 miles. Go over the one-lane bridge and into the recreation area. General Information: 541.747.3817.

Klamath Falls:

Klamath Community Arboretum

Located behind the Oregon Institute of Technology. Go north on Campus Drive, stay right when Campus Drive reaches the school, turn left on East Perimeter Drive. For more information call: Ed DeBlander, 503.883.5681.

La Grande:

Ron Rohweder Arboretum

Central Elementary School, 402 "K" Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850. Located at the southeast corner of Sunset Drive and "K" Avenue, just east of Grand Ronde Hospital.

Lincoln City:

Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy

Just over an acre, a collector's paradise. More than a hundred Rhododendrons (species and hybrids) several species of Dogwoods, Magnolias, numerous spring flowering trees. 1931 NW 33rd Street

Medford:

Claire Hanley Arboretum

Located on the Oregon State University Extension and Research campus, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point. First planted in the 1960s by the Hanley sisters, with additional plantings since 1995. Mature trees include Cornus mas, Davidia involucrata, and Oxydendrum arboreum.

Portland:

Berry Botanic Garden

Plants from around the world mingle with those of the Pacific Northwest. Stroll the native plant trail and learn about gardening for wildlife. Largest public rock garden on the West coast, also a beautiful place to view flowers of the mountains. 11505 SW Summerville Avenue, 503.636.4112

Bishop's Close / Garden at Elk Rock

Thirteen acres on a high bluff on the western bank of the Willamette River, with approximately six acres of cultivated English-style gardens designed by the New York firm of Olmstead and Son who also designed Central Park in New York City and Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon. Many varieties of magnolias as well as for outstanding examples of many native and exotic plants. Located in the Dunthorpe area about two miles north of Lake Oswego. 11800 SW Military Lane, Portland. (800) 452-2562 or (503) 636-5613.

Portland (cont) :

Columbia Children's Arboretum

This area along the Columbia River northeast of Portland was developed by teachers, local children, volunteers and community support. Includes a garden, arboretum, organic garden, orchard, and a natural area. 10040 NE Sixth Ave, 503.823.PLAY

Leach Botanical Garden

Public garden dedicated to the study of botany and horticulture, with an emphasis on plants of the Pacific Northwest. Take I-205 to the Foster Rd exit #17. Travel east on Foster Rd to SE 122 Ave. Turn south and continue for three blocks to the parking lot next to Johnson Creek. 6704 SE 122nd Ave, Portland 503-823-9503



Hoyt Arboretum, Portland

Portland (cont) :

Berry Botanic Garden

Plants from around the world mingle with those of the Pacific Northwest. Stroll the native plant trail and learn about gardening for wildlife. Largest public rock garden on the West coast, also a beautiful place to view flowers of the mountains. 11505 SW Summerville Avenue, 503.636.4112

Columbia Children's Arboretum

This area along the Columbia River northeast of Portland was developed by teachers, local children, volunteers and community support. Includes a garden, arboretum, organic garden, orchard, and a natural area. 10040 NE Sixth Ave, 503.823.PLAY

E. Delta Park Street Tree Arboretum: 503.823.PLAY

Arborists from around the country have toured E. Delta Park Street Tree Arboretum, a valuable educational resource renowned in the tree industry.

Hoyt Arboretum

A diverse collection of more than 8,000 trees and plants in a parklike setting. The visitor center features palms, yuccas and evergreen oaks. Located just two miles from downtown Portland. 4000 SW Fairview Blvd., 503.228.8733

Rogue River:

Palmerton Arboretum

Located on West Evans Creek Road. Originally a nursery during the 1920s and 1930s, Palmerton Arboretum contains plant specimens from all over the world, including pines from Japan, cedars from the Mediterranean, and several large coastal redwoods.

Salem:**Capitol Arboretum**

Within the boundaries of the Capital grounds exists hundreds of varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers. 900 Court Street, Salem. 503.378.4286.

Best viewing Spring-Summer.

Silverton:**The Oregon Garden**

Thousands of plants in more than 20 specialty gardens. Includes water features, wetlands, a conifer garden, the 400-year-old Signature Oak, a garden just for kids, and the Gordon House, the only house in Oregon designed by the legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright. 503-874-8100

Best viewing Spring, Summer, Fall.

*How to start an arboretum
in your community*

- * Define the intent of your arboretum
- * Determine the location
- * Design the layout
- * Pursue funding sources
- * Begin planting!

About the Oregon Department of Forestry:

The Oregon Department of Forestry provides technical, financial, and educational assistance to cities and community groups to help them reap the environmental, economic and social benefits that trees and forests provide. The mission of the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program is to enable Oregonians to improve their quality of life by providing assistance to, and promoting investment in, our urban forests.



For more information, please contact:

Urban & Community Forestry Program
Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310

Phone: 503/945-7391

Fax: 503/945-7416

Email: urbanforestry@odf.state.or.us

Web: www.odf.state.or.us/uf

A Guide to Community Arboretums in Oregon



*Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
Lane County Oregon*

*Come and visit some
well-kept secrets!*