

# ACTIVITIES FOR OREGON 2012

In addition to Club-sanctioned events on Friday & Saturday, the Portland area Highpointers will lead tours and hikes in the local area. These are informal gatherings and the leaders assume no liability.

## Tuesday June 5

4T Hike led by **Marie & Charlie Feris**. A 4.5-mile urban trek in Portland's eclectic urban core by Tram, Train, Trolley, and Trail. Requires \$4.75 transport pass. Meet 8:30 am at Days Inn, back by 3pm. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear.

Silver Falls State Park Hike led by **Rick Craycraft**. A 5-mile moderate hike to see 10 stunning waterfalls. Meet 8:30 am at Days Inn. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear. Bring lunch & \$5 parking fee.

## Wednesday June 6

Columbia River Gorge Hike led by **Marie Feris**. View outstanding waterfalls including 2nd highest in nation and visitor center. 5 miles, 1700' gain. Meet 9:00 am at Days Inn, back by 3pm. Hiking shoes. Maybe rain gear. Bring water.

Portland Brew Tour led by **Charlie Feris**. REI store is nearby if interested. Meet 4:00 pm at Days Inn. Back by 8 pm.

Silver Falls State Park (repeat of Tues.)

Klimbin' with Bill "Smith Rock is one of the best climbing areas in the United States" - MountainProject.com

At 8 AM meet **Bill Urbanski** at the entrance to Smith Rock State Park in Terrebonne OR (83 miles south of Government Camp). \$5 park fee.

Basic rock climbing skills are required. Bring your own harness, helmet, and shoes (and some rope & trad gear if you've got it).

Even if you don't climb you should go there to drool at the scenery!

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[www.mountainproject.com/v/smith-rock/105788989](http://www.mountainproject.com/v/smith-rock/105788989)

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## Thursday June 7

Portland Outing led by **Ardel Frick** and **Rick Craycraft**. Hike Mt. Tabor (extinct volcano) at 9 am and tour Mazama Mountaineering Center. Bring lunch money for Portland food cart experience. Maps available for self-guided tour of amazing outdoor gear stores (Next Adventure, REI, The Mountain Shop, and Oregon Mountain Community) or arrange car pool. Meet 8:30 am at **Ardel's**, 735 SE 48th in Portland for coffee & muffins.

Convention Registration begins by 10am in Host Hotel - Mt. Hood Inn

Pre-Convention "ice breaker" social Join **John Mitchler** and **Charlie Feris** at the Ice Axe Grill in the Mt. Hood Brewery at the base of Mt. Hood. 6 pm

## Friday June 8

Convention Registration - Mt Hood Inn

County Highpointing led by **Bob Bolton**. Saddle Mtn, Rogers Pk, S. Saddle, and Columbia Co. Dry conditions only. Meet early at place tbd.

Mount Hood for Non-mountaineers Due to ski lift restrictions, we will now take a snow cat up to the flat area above the ski lift at 8,700' where we'll stay for 30 minutes (as close as you can get to the summit without climbing). Cost is \$42 if we get 12. Friday afternoon. Sign up at registration or call **Nikki Hemphill** at (219) 545-2169

Backcountry Ski Trek at Mount Hood led by **Greg Slayden**. Rent gear, ski uphill as high as we decide and ski down. See issue #94 for description.

BBQ & Bonfire Social Join us at the Mazama Lodge for this special gathering under the watchful eye of Mt. Hood. Enjoy Jakk's traditions of watermelon and the Liar's Club (come with your own tall tales of hiking). Parking is scarce so we will gather at 4pm in the Mt. Hood Inn lobby and group hike 1 mile to the Lodge. Beer keg may be provided for those who wish to donate for a brew.

## Saturday June 9

Convention Registration - Mt Hood Inn  
Rose Festival Parade No leader. Car pool sign-up at Host Hotel. Early start. Four-mile grand floral walk open to all.

County Highpointing led by **Bob Bolton**. Sturgeon Rock, Silver Star. May see some snow on road. Meet early at place tbd.

Board of Directors Meeting in Barlow Room at Timberline Lodge 2pm-4pm Members welcome. The HP Foundation meets in Blue Ox at the same time.

Happy Hour at in the Main Lobby in Timberline Lodge. Gather at 5pm. Arrive early to tour the Lodge. It's loaded with art!

Banquet An event you will not forget. Breathtaking location, inspired cuisine, and **Don Holmes** as EmCee! 6pm start.

Speaker A unique presentation by **Kenyon Rainier Stebbins**, son of **Rowland Stebbins** (second person to complete the State Highpoints on 6-16-50). Kenyon's talk will celebrate the first person to complete the State Highpoints, **Arthur Marshall** on 7-13-36. This event will explore the roots of highpointing, and because of Marshall's link with the Mazamas, it will be celebrate the common history of our clubs.

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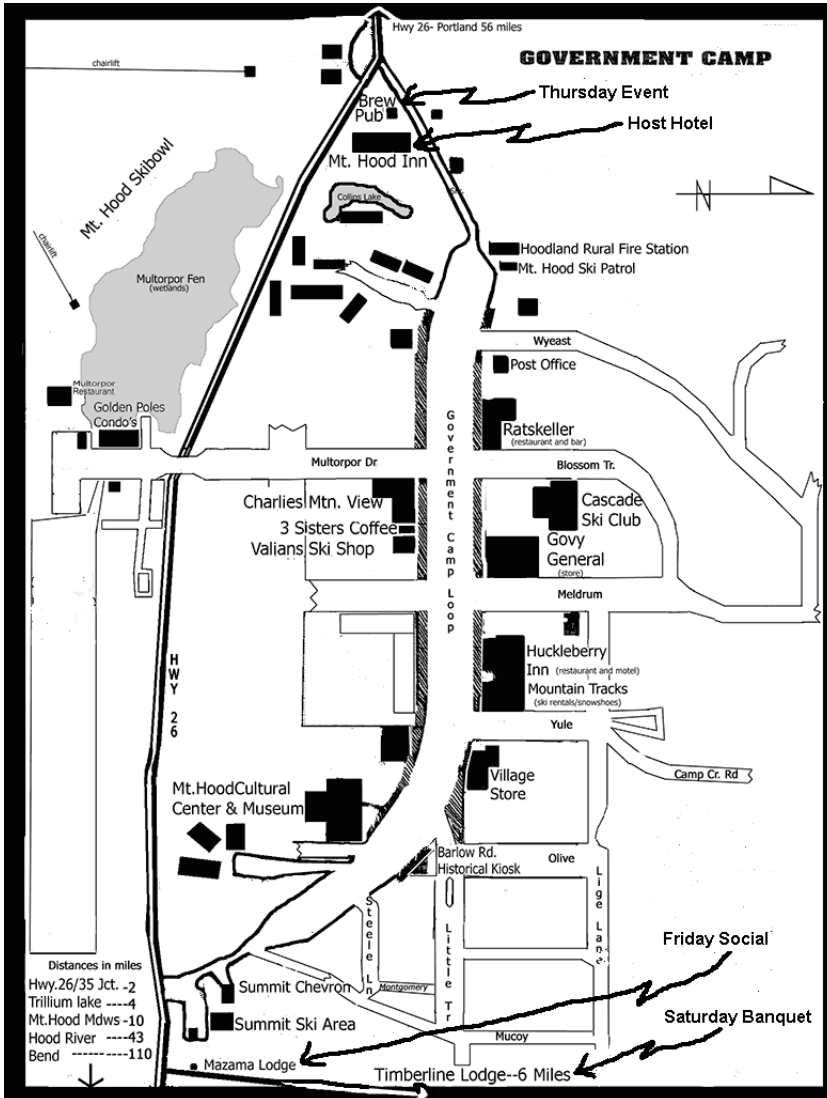
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# EVENT LOCATIONS FOR OREGON 2012



**Mt Hood** is 56 miles east of Portland by way of US 26, passing through Sandy, Welches, and Zig Zag.

**Government Camp** is a town located along US 26 at the base of Mt. Hood, at mile post 53.

Take the Government Camp Loop road to reach the **Host Hotel** (Mt. Hood Inn), restaurants, and the Mt Hood Museum.

A mile east on US 26 is the turnoff for Timberline Road which leads up to **Timberline Lodge**.

The turnoff for **Mazama Lodge** is a poorly marked lane off US 26 on the left (north) just before (west) Timberline Road.

The Timberline ski area is based out of the cement ("ugly") building in front of Timberline Lodge. Parking can be found around this building.

This "bunker" is also home to an expansive gift shop with winter apparel and Hood memorabilia.

Self-issuing Wilderness Permits to climb Mt. Hood are obtained in this bunker too.

To the left is a map of Government Camp (oriented with the north arrow pointed to the right).

At the top of the map is the Mt. Hood Brewery and the Mt. Hood Inn.

At the bottom of the map is Mt. Hood Museum and the Mazama Lodge.

The road to Timberline Lodge leaves US 26 at the bottom of the map.



This map shows the Mt. Hood area.

Circled are Timberline Lodge and Government Camp.

US26 crosses the bottom of the map and I-84 goes across the top (along the Columbia River).

# HIKES NEAR MT. HOOD

**Marion Bauman** suggests the following short hikes that should be mostly snow free in June. Note his use of the words "should" and "mostly." These are not Club-sponsored or leader hikes, so enjoy them on your own or ask for hiking partners on the sign-up boards at the Host Hotel.

They're listed here shortest to longest.

**Little Zigzag Falls** - 0.6 miles roundtrip, 100 feet gain  
Beautiful waterfall, narrow canyon, good for kids, recommended by the Forest Service (see map next page)  
Route: off US 26, 4.5 miles west of Government Camp turn-off (23 miles E of Sandy). Take Road 39 (FR 2639) north for 2.3 miles.

**Lost Creek** - 0.5 mile all-ability loop, flat - no gain  
Scenic creek, volcanic mudflow.  
Route: from Zigzag go north on FR 18 for 4.2 miles, right on FR 1825 2.7 miles to Lost Creek Campground. TH is at day use parking.

**Wildwood Wetland** - 0.9 miles roundtrip, flat - no gain  
All-ability interpretive trail, paved plus boardwalk.  
Route: on US 26 1.3 miles west of Welches, turn south into Wildwood BLM Recreation Site.

**Bagby Hot Springs** - 3 miles roundtrip, 200 feet gain  
Southwest of Hood, old growth forest, rustic bathhouse and cedar tubs. Note: clothing optional.  
Route: take OR 224 for 25 miles SE of Estacada, right on FR 46 for 3.5 miles, right on FR 63 for 3.5 miles, left on FR 70 for 6 miles, then left 0.5 miles passing Pegleg Falls.

**Mirror Lake Loop** - 3.2 miles roundtrip, 650 feet gain  
Scenic mountain basin, Mt. Hood views, reflections in Lake, and very popular.  
Route: off US 26 1.2 miles west of Government Camp, turn-off (26 miles E of Sandy), use GT Government Camp map.

**Old Salmon River Road** - 5.2 miles roundtrip, 200 feet gain  
Wild and Scenic River with old growth forest. Possible fording of tributaries depending upon snow levels. Recommended by the Forest Service rangers.  
Route: off US 26 at Zigzag (town along US 26). Follow Salmon River Road (FR 2618) for 2.5 miles. Use GT Government Camp map.

**Tom, Dick, and Harry Mountain** - 6.4 miles RT, 1,660 ft  
Longer more spectacular view hike beginning at Mirror Lake  
Route: Take right fork just before the Lake, then second right fork signed for "Tom, Dick, Harry Mtn." Go 1.6 miles further (1000 feet) to mountain viewpoint (Mt. Hood, Jefferson, Three Sisters, Brokentang). Continue just below the ridge to the other two summits and on to the top of Chairlift. Return via the ascent route. Distance of 6.4 miles includes the Mirror Lake loop.

**Ramona Falls** - 7.3 miles, 1,000 feet gain  
Outstanding waterfall, Mt Hood views, along Sandy River. Check condition of bridge across river before going.  
Route: Use FR (Forest Road) 1825. Use GT (Green Trails map) Government Camp map.

**Mount St. Helens** - 10 miles, 4600 feet gain  
Because our convention team will be busy with various events and registration, there will not be a leader for this peak. It is not a convention event, therefore, contact others coordinate groups and dates, and to establish car pools.  
Climbing permits are required and go on sale at 9 a.m. PST on February 1st. They're available through the Mount Saint Helens Institute website at [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org) for \$22 per person and are transferable but not refundable. Dates for the summer sell out QUICKLY.

The trailhead is 2 hours from Portland, north across the Columbia River, in Washington. Camping is available there.  
Depending on the conditions it could be a full-on snow climb requiring ice axe and crampons to just a hike requiring sturdy boots and trekking poles.  
Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument is in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Web Sites of interest are:  
[www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org)  
[www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens)  
[www.mountsthelens.com](http://www.mountsthelens.com)  
[www.summitpost.org/spring-slog-to-the-crater-rim-of-mt-st-helens/632431](http://www.summitpost.org/spring-slog-to-the-crater-rim-of-mt-st-helens/632431) (report with the route on a topo map)

**Mt Hood** - 2,800' from ski lift, 5,000' from Timberline  
Timberline Mtn Guides offers a two-day Mt. Hood Summit Program (one day intro and one day climb using snowcats), and a one-day Steep Snow Course for those who desire some training but will climb on their own.  
[www.timberlinemtguides.com/Alpine/MtHood.aspx](http://www.timberlinemtguides.com/Alpine/MtHood.aspx)

Climb from Timberline very early with a goal of being back for brunch (to avoid soft snow, warm weather, and loose rock). Ski lifts cut your climb in half but don't start until day-break, so take them (prior to their 1:30pm shutdown) and hike 500' up to 8700', set your tent, and have an early start the next day. Rent a 12-seat \$500 snowcat to reach the top of the ski lifts (3 runs per night 12am, 1am, 3am) (503) 272-3106  
From the top of the ski lifts it's a 2,800 feet gain to the summit, with 5,000' back down to Timberline Lodge. Be able to hike 6 hours with a 30 lb pack. Exercise 3 times a week for 1 hour, and include a long day hike each week.

Ice axe, crampon, boots are rented from TMG, REI, and Mountain Shop in Portland. Issue #94 has an equipment list. Locator beacons available at Host Hotel.

Timberline Lodge is a popular trailhead. Wilderness permits are mandatory, free, and self-issued at the cement building in front of Timberline Lodge. Hike/Snowcat to the top of the ski lifts, plod up the Hogsback. Then depending on conditions, and go straight up the Pearly Gates to the summit, or traverse left to the Old Chute route (aka Mazama route) which ends with a ridge walk to the summit.