

Rainy Day Escapes (or just because...)

Kah-nee-ta High Desert Resort and Casino:

Travel 31 miles east from Government Camp on Highway 26, towards Madras and Bend, where you will find 300 days of sunshine, a warm mineral water swimming pool, a casino, and golf. After 30 miles watch for signs directing you to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. It will be a left turn. You will find the resort after driving 21 more miles. You will enjoy this very scenic 52 miles. Allow about an hour and a quarter to get there. More information at www.kahneeta.com

Smith Rock State Park:

Take a hike among world class climbing rocks along the Crooked River. (This will not be part of the rock climbing trip to Smith Rock.) Follow highway 26 toward Madras. At Madras take Highway 97 South and drive 19 miles to Terrebonne. Follow the signs to Smith Rock State Park. It will be a left turn and an additional 3 miles after your turn toward the park. Total distance is 85 scenic miles. Allow 90 minutes travel time. More information at www.oregonstateparks.org/park_51.php

Hood River:

Drive east on highway 26. After 2.3 miles exit onto Highway 35. Follow it 39 miles to Hood River, where you will find several wineries, Full Sail Brewery and Pub, and where you can observe windsurfing on the mighty Columbia River. Total distance is 42 miles. Allow an hour as the road is curvy. More information at www.hoodriver.org