Forest Grove

Nature and Recreation.

Fernhill Wetlands
is located just minutes from
downtown Forest Grove and
attracts a myriad of wildlife
including herons, hawks and
eagles. There are short trails
and viewing stands that make it
easy to view the wildlife.

Tillamook State Forest
Whatever your outdoor recreation pur-
suit, chances are you’ll find a place in
the Tillamook State Forest for fun and
adventure. A wide spectrum of trails
for both motorized and non-motorized
activities, campgrounds, day-use areas
and staging areas are popular with a
growing number of visitors.

You will find over 75 miles of trails for
hiking, mountain biking and horseback
riding. Climb to the top of King’s
Mountain for a remarkable view. Set
out with your horse to explore part of
the original Wilson River Wagon Road
or grab your gear and come camping at
one of the eight developed fee-site
campgrounds, set in a variety of forest
and river environments.

The wide variety of trails access some
of the more remote and scenic parts of
the forest and provide challenge and
excitement for both beginners and
experts. The Browns Camp and Jordan
Creek OHV areas in particular provide
more than 100 miles of easy to most
difficult motorcycle, ATV and 4WD
trail opportunities.

The Tillamook forest Center is free and
its exhibits and programs showcase the
legacy of the infamous Tillamook Burn
of 1933 and the public spirit behind the
monumental reforestation effort that
led to the Tillamook Forest of today.

Golf
The beautiful rolling hills and valleys
surrounding Forest Grove were made
for golfers. Several outstanding
courses, including world famous
Pumpkin Ridge, are just a few minutes
from Forest Grove.

Hagg Lake
This 1,200 acre reservoir is nestled in
the foothills of the Coast Range just
west of Forest Grove. The lake
reaches depths of over 100 feet and has
produced the state’s record smallmouth
bass of over 8 lbs. Hagg is also well-
stocked with rainbow trout, some
reaching up to 7 pounds. Many a
young angler has landed his or her first
fish at Hagg Lake!

There are two boat launches on the
lake and many enjoy great waterskiing
and other boating pursuits.

Hagg Lake is surrounded by 15 miles
of biking and hiking trails where you
might encounter deer, elk or a
cyote that calls these woods
home. The mixture of habitats
around the lake also attracts
a variety of bird life,
including nesting pairs
of bald eagles
and ospreys.

Cycling
Don’t be surprised to see rows of
bikes outside one of the down-
town coffee shops or local win-
eries. Our forest trails, country
routes and wineries surrounding
the city are excellent byways for
experts and beginners alike.

L.L. Stub Stewart
State Park
If you like trails this is the park for
you. Explore more than 20 miles of
trails and, after a day of play, find a
quiet spot to relax in the 1,673 acres
of lush, rolling hills, forests and
deep canyons.

Banks-Vernonia State Trail
This was the first “rails to trails”
state park built in Oregon. It is
built on an abandoned railroad
bed that stretches 21 miles. The
gentle grade allows hikers, bicy-
clists, equestrians and people of
all abilities to enjoy the scenic
mountains, fields and forests of
Washington and Columbia coun-
ties.