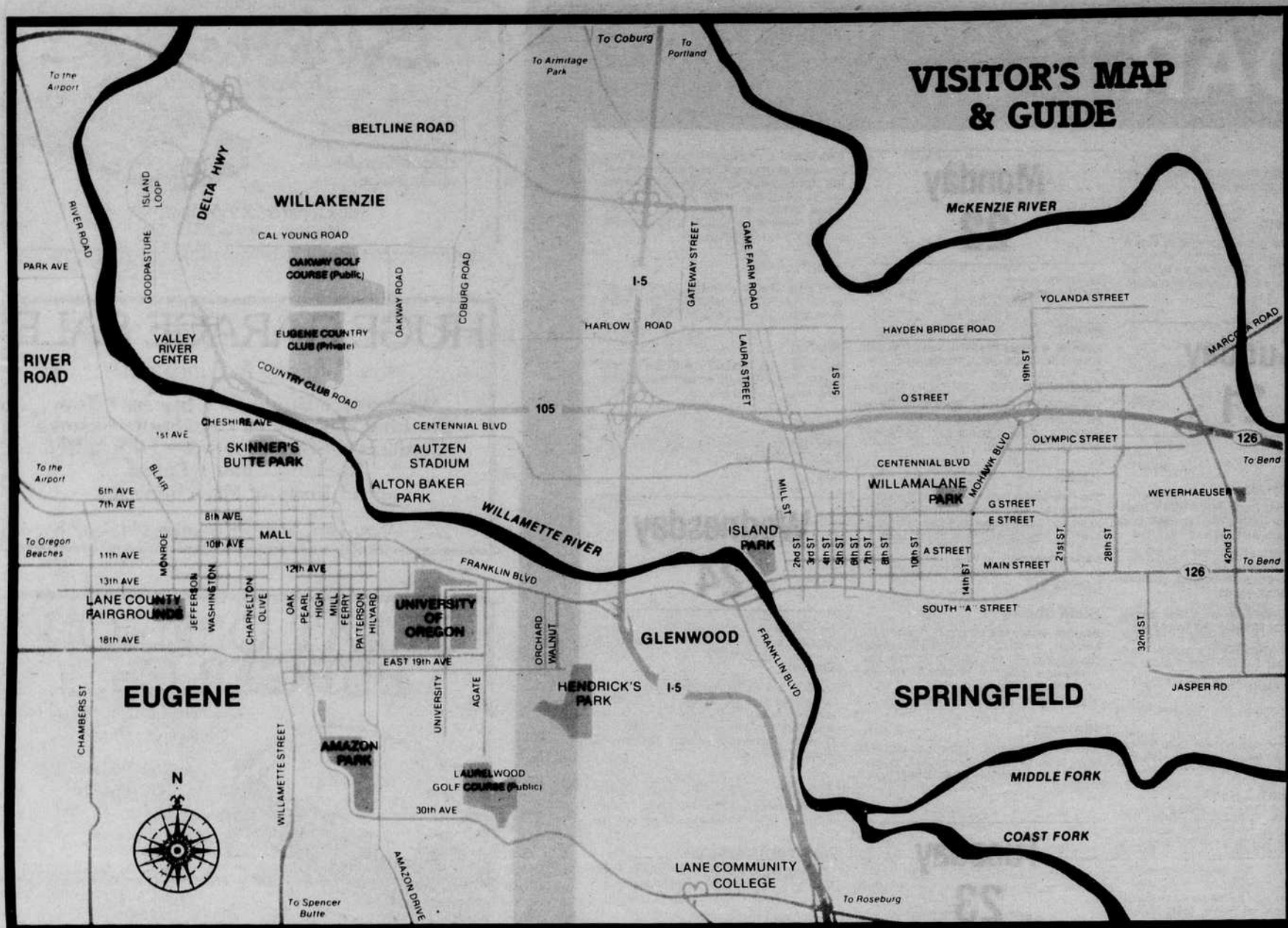




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Things to do — Places to see

HULT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The new Hult Center, on West 7th at Willamette in downtown Eugene, is itself a work of art, with a unique architectural design and original works of art throughout. Its two auditoriums—the 2500 seat Silva Concert Hall and the smaller Soreng Theatre—feature symphonies, opera, theatre, dance, and music from all over the world, as well as from Eugene's own pool of talented artists. It is the home of the Eugene Symphony, Ballet, and Opera, and the Oregon Repertory Theatre. Adjacent to the Hult Center are the Eugene Conference Center and the Hilton Hotel. For ticket information, call 687-5000.

COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (WOW HALL)

Housed in the historic Woodsman of the World (WOW) Hall, this concert hall features both local and guest performers of music, dance, theatre, etc. It is popular locally as a boogie palace, featuring an outstanding wood dance floor. Beer and wine sales are separate from the main hall, so people under 21 are welcome. Located at 8th & Lincoln.

FIFTH AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Eugene's "old town," south of Skinner's Butte Park to Fifth Ave., and roughly between Willamette and High Streets, features many beautifully restored homes and buildings from the late 1800's and early 1900's. There are many interesting shops and galleries in this area as well, including the Fifth Street Public Market and Fifth Pearl Shops which feature a fine selection of crafts, food, shops, music and lots of local color.

EUGENE DOWNTOWN MALL

The Eugene Downtown Mall is the home of many Eugene shops, restaurants, and businesses. With free parking on all sides and easy access to public transportation, the Mall is a pleasant place to shop, stroll, or meet someone for lunch. The central fountain area is the site of outdoor concerts, theatre productions, and other happenings. Push cart vendors and picnic tables add to the park-like quality of the Mall. The Mall is bordered by 8th and 11th Avenues, Charnelton and Oak Streets.

SATURDAY MARKET

Saturday Market is Eugene's unique outdoor crafts fair, featuring fine local crafts, a wonderful variety of food and entertainment. The Market sets up each Saturday in the Park Blocks at 8th & Oak Streets and is open from 10 am-5 pm. The colorful booths and displays create a festive atmosphere in downtown Eugene.

VALLEY RIVER CENTER

Eugene's largest collection of retail stores are gathered together at Valley River Center. The enclosed shopping mall with ample free parking makes for pleasant shopping in all kinds of weather. Nearby is the Valley River Inn, two major movie theatres, and several family style restaurants. Take Hwy. 105 north and follow the signs.

SKINNER'S BUTTE PARK

Situated along the Willamette River and close to downtown, this park features a playground, picnic areas, playfields, and the Owens Rose Garden with over 3000 rose bushes of over 300 varieties. The wooded butte can be climbed on foot, bike, or by car, and from the top, you can see the whole city and beyond. A bik path runs along the river and connects this park to Valley River Center, Autzen Stadium, the Univ. of Oregon and Alton Baker Park.

ALTON BAKER PARK

Also along the Willamette River, this park offers a variety of recreational activities including: Pre's Trail, a 4.2 mile jogging path; a 3 mile waterway ideal for canoeing (watch for Blue Herons); an amphitheatre; large playfields; covered picnic areas; and boating and rafting access to the river. Part of the Willamette River Recreation Corridor, this park is connected by bike paths with Valley River Center, Autzen Stadium, the University, Skinner's Butte Park, and downtown Eugene.

HENDRICKS PARK

Hendricks Park, an 81.5 acre wooded parkland which overlooks Eugene, features an exquisite rhododendron garden with over 6000 rhododendrons and azaleas. Surrounding the garden is a wooded park with 300 year old trees, hiking trails, picnic and play areas.

SPENCER BUTTE

Just a few miles south of Eugene lies the highest vista point in the area. A fairly gentle trail leads all the way to the top from which you can see a full 360 degree panorama. The one-way hike takes about an hour, at a leisurely pace, and is well worth the effort, especially on a clear sunny day! Pack some drinking water and a snack, and make an afternoon of it.

MT. PISGAH ARBORETUM

Located along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, at the base of the 1520 foot Mt. Pisgah, the Arboretum features trees and shrubs from around the world. The network of over 4 miles of sawdust trails takes you through forests, meadows, and to a breathtaking vista point. It's a great place for a picnic, with good swimming in the river nearby. Hiking trails also lead from there to the top of Mt. Pisgah. The Arboretum is open year round, during daylight hours. Admission is free. Take Franklin Blvd., south, to Seavy Loop Road; left on Seavy Loop Rd. to the end.

AMAZON PARK

This large city park features a playground with wading pool, large picnic and play areas, a community center, and a public swimming pool. Intersecting the park is a wide bike path which connects the downtown area with south Eugene. Nearby is the 1-mile long Adidas Oregon Trail, a sawdust jogging path, which begins at 24th and Amazon Parkway. Call 687-5350 for pool hours.

WILLAMALANE PARK AND POOL

This Springfield park has a large indoor swimming pool, playground, picnic areas, and lighted tennis courts. Call 726-4335 for pool hours or to reserve a sheltered picnic area.

ISLAND PARK

Nestled in the trees along the Willamette River, this park has picnic and play areas, large picnic shelters, and boating access to the river. Call 726-4335 to reserve shelters.

ARMITAGE PARK

Armitage Park is a state park, located north of Eugene on the McKenzie River. This lush green park features picnic areas and cooking facilities for large and small groups and large grassy play fields. A few miles past the park is the town of Coburg.

LANE COUNTY MUSEUM

This museum focuses on the history of Lane County and the pioneers who settled Oregon over a century ago, featuring household items, vehicles, clothing, quilts, and much more. Also featured is "A Century of the Lively Arts," a special exhibit on the history of the performing arts in Eugene. Situated next to the Lane County Fairgrounds on West 13th, it's open Tue-Fri, 10 am-4 pm, and Sat noon-4 pm. Admission is free.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON MUSEUM OF ART

Located on the beautiful Univ. of Oregon campus, this museum is famous for its vast collection of Oriental art. It also features art and photography exhibits and a gift shop. Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Located in the Science Complex on the Univ. of Oregon campus, this museum draws from three extensive research collections to create exhibits on Oregon geology, anthropology and biology. Exhibits change periodically. Open Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Closed August and holidays.

WISTEC

The Willamette Science and Technology Center is a participatory science center featuring hands-on exhibits and science discovery activities for both children and adults. It is also the home of a planetarium with regularly scheduled weekend shows. WISTEC is located at 2300 Centennial Blvd., behind Autzen Stadium. Open Tue-Sun, noon to 5 pm. Planetarium shows Sat and Sun, 1 pm and 3 pm.

SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM

The Springfield Museum features a permanent local history exhibit entitled Historic Springfield and two other galleries which feature both local and traveling exhibits of art, crafts and natural history. Located at 6th & Main in Springfield, hours are Wed-Sat, 11 am-5 pm.