

Malls, parks, bicycle trails and other entertainment offerings are located close to campus or along free LTD bus routes.

Eugene offers convenient, diverse entertainment, recreation areas

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While Eugene manages to maintain a small-town atmosphere, its size allows it the resources of a more metropolitan area. Nearby entertainment offerings abound and allow students to tap into a variety of convenient and enjoyable activities.

The Lane Transit District offers free bus rides to most of the Eugene/Springfield area, allowing students without cars or bicycles to reach just about any entertainment venue the city has to offer. For students who enjoy running, biking or just exploring the area, the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department has set up and maintained enumerable bike and jogging trials along the McKenzie and Willamette rivers as well as through most city parks.

Many of the trails are aimed specifically at mountain bikers, while others are paved for street bikes and joggers. Others are routed directly to malls, theaters and Autzen Stadium.

Whether you're into cycling the area or spending an afternoon at the mall, Eugene is host of diverse, entertaining resources for students to enjoy Malls and Theaters

• The new Gateway Mall(4) at Interstate 5 and Gateway Street in Springfield is the area's newest. While much of the mall space remains to be filled, a number of large stores have moved in, including Sears and Target. The mall also features a number of small speciality stores, a food pavilion and a 12-screen movie theater.

 Valley River Center(5) has just added a new wing for a brand new Bon Marche. The mall is close to restaurants, a movie theater, car dealerships,

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