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ON THE TREE SCENE

David White of Salem gets help with the Christmas tree he cut down with his sons at Palmer's Tree Farm in Salem. The farm in East Salem is open again this year. FILE PHOTO

Getting your Christmas tree is an annual tradition; here's where to go

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Most area Christmas tree farms open the day after Thanksgiving, ringing in the Christmas season in the Willamette Valley with fields of you-cut trees, seasonal treats and Christmas shops. Some even have wagon rides, Santa, marshmallow roasting and other items for sale. Several farms that were in our list last year declined to be mentioned this year even if they are still opening because of fewer trees available, but others still have plenty of trees.

Local Christmas tree farms

East Salem

TAMANHOUS TILLIKUM CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

To get there: 11805 State St., Salem; go east on State Street, located approximately 7 miles east of Cordon Road. From the Silverton or Sublimity areas, take Cascade Highway to State Street, approximately 1 mile west of Cascade Highway. Look for the sleigh sign and a tan fruit stand at the end of the driveway.

Open: 9 a.m. to dark daily Nov. 24 through Dec. 24

Trees: Nobles, \$25 any size U-cut; \$30 we cut; \$20 precuts

Extras: Wreaths (greens only), \$10 and \$15; decorated wreaths, \$20 and up; decorate your own wreath, \$15 and up (provided pre-made wreath and embellishments to choose from); free cookies and cider

Contact: 503-510-8257, Facebook.com/tamanhoustillikum

PALMER'S TREE FARM

To get there: 4716 Poinsettia St. NE, Salem; take 99E about 3 miles past Chemawa Road and turn right on Poinsettia Street; from Interstate 5, take Brooks Exit (Exit 263), then Brooklake Road east one mile to Brooks, turn right on Highway 99E and go about one mile to Poinsettia Street; from Keizer, head north on River Road N, take a right on Quinaby Road, then go to 99 E, turn right and you'll see signs.

Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Nov. 24 through Dec. 17

Trees: Noble, Nordmann, corkbark, Douglas, fraser, grand and Turkish firs, Serbian and blue, green and Norway spruces; heights up to 16 feet. Trees start at \$15; tabletop trees start at \$6

Extras: Free hot chocolate and candy canes; wagon/train rides, a showroom with flocked trees, pre-cut trees, wreaths and stands for sale; carts for you-pick; family fun including a nativity and singing Christmas tree; plus employees will put on Davis Tree stands and provide cutting assistance and shaking and baling services.

Contact: 503-393-2762, palmerschristmastrees.com

South Salem

IN TOWN TREES

To get there: 1640 Barnes Ave. SE, take Commercial south, left on Kuebler, right on Stroh, then straight ahead

Open: Noon to dark Fridays and 9 a.m. to dark Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 10

Trees: Nordmanns and nobles up to 13 feet; prices start at \$20

Extras: Loading assistance and delivery to South Salem available at extra charge; you choose, we cut

Contact: 503-586-6722

SCHIPPOREIT CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

To get there: 4455 27th Ave. SE, Salem, south on Interstate 5 to Exit 252, west a quarter-mile to 27th Avenue, north a quarter-mile to the farm; follow the signs

Open: Noon to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, Nov. 24 through Dec. 24

Trees: Douglas and noble firs. Douglas \$25 up to 7 feet and nobles are \$45 up to 7 feet. Larger sizes up to 12 feet available for additional charge.

Extras: Cutting assistance, restrooms and saws

Contact: 503-378-1723

SKYLINE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

To get there: 7300 Skyline Road SE, Salem, from Interstate 5 take Kuebler west. Left on Skyline Road and follow the signs (two miles past Vitae Springs Road)

Open: 9 a.m. to dusk Fridays-Sundays Nov. 24 through Dec. 24

Trees: You-cut and pre-cut noble, Nordmann, Douglas, Turkish and grand firs. \$25 to \$45

Extras: Shaking and handsaws, hauling, cutting and baling on request. Also, complimentary hot beverages, cookies, firepit and gift shop with wreaths and garland for sale.

Contact: 503-399-8203

SILVER RUN FARMS

To get there: 8154 Bates Road South, take Kuebler to Liberty Road S. Turn south and then take a right on Bates Road

Open: Sun up to dusk Fridays-Sundays Nov. 24-Dec. 17

Trees: Nobles, \$30 any size, with many up to 15 feet

Extras: Cookies, hot chocolate, fire, loading and tying help, cut and carry

Contact: 503-428-6744

TREE KINGS

To get there: 7544 Jordan St. Salem; go east on Highway 22, take Joseph Street Exit, turn left on Joseph Street, left on 71st, right on Jordan

Open: 9 a.m. till dark daily, Nov. 24 through Dec. 22

Trees: Noble, Nordmann, Turkish, grand and Douglas-firs, ranging from 2 to 12 feet, starting at \$15

Extras: Free candy canes and hot chocolate, cutting assistance, baling, flocking and shaking, and fresh-cut trees and wreaths for sale

Contact: 971-720-9152

TUCKER TREE FARM

To get there: O'Brian Road S, Salem; take Liberty Road S, right on Jory Hill Road, right on O'Brian and go to end of street

Open: Noon to dark Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m. to dark weekends, opens Nov. 24

Trees: Noble and grand firs, ranging from \$25 to \$80, with large nobles up to 15 feet

Extras: Hot apple cider, cookies and candy canes, apple sling, wreaths for sale, beer and growler fills from noon to 5 p.m. weekends, plus cutting, loading assistance and baling

Contact: 503-931-4115

VITAE SPRINGS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

To get there: 6057 Vitae Springs Lane South, Salem; go west on Kuebler Boulevard, take a left onto Skyline Road S for 1 mile, take a right on Vitae Springs Road for 1 mile and turn left on Vitae Springs Lane.

Open: 10 a.m. to dusk Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 25-Dec. 17

Trees: Douglas-firs (4 feet to 16 feet), \$20

Extras: Free coffee, cider, cocoa, cookies; hauling, cutting and loading assistance and hand saws

Contact: 503-851-5812 or vitaespringsctf.com

Aumsville

HAMPTON FARMS

To get there: 11114 James Way Drive, Aumsville; from Salem, take Highway 22 to Exit 12 at Santiam Golf Club Road, turn left on Golf Club Road and cross Highway 22. Go up the hill to Steinkamp, turn left and continue to Sherman Road. Turn right on Sherman Road to James Way. Turn left on James Way to the first visible house on the left.

Open: 10 a.m. to dark daily Nov. 24 through Dec. 17

Trees: Noble firs, \$14.98 to \$45 for 5 to 12 feet

Extras: Cutting and loading assistance available

Contact: 503-749-2113

Dallas

BIGFOOT CHRISTMAS TREES

To get there: Cherry Knoll Road; take 99 West exit off of Highway 22, then go south on 99W for three miles, then take a right Clow Corner Road and go three miles and take a left on Cherry Knoll. Farm is a quarter mile up the road.

Open: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Nov. 24 through Dec. 23

Trees: Noble (\$55), Nordmann (\$50), Douglas (\$30) and grand (\$40) firs, with prices going up for trees over 8½ feet; you cut or precut

Extras: Wreaths and fresh honey for sale and free hot drinks, cookies and candy canes, and free shaking, hauling and baling

Contact: 503-881-8188

WESTWINDS FARM

To get there: 700 N Fir Villa Road, Dallas; go west on Highway 22 toward coast for 3 miles, turn left on Highway 223 (King Valley Highway), then turn left on North Fir Villa Road

Open: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays and by appointment Mondays-Thursdays, Nov. 24 through Dec. 17

Trees: Nordmann, grand and Douglas-firs, starting at \$20

Extras: Warm fire, treats, cutting and hauling by employees only and tree shaking, plus hand-crafted wreaths for sale

Contact: 503-910-9232

BEAL CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

To get there: 700 Oak Villa Road; off of Kings Valley Highway about 1 mile off of Highway 22

Open: 9 a.m. to dusk Tuesdays-Sundays, Nov.

24-Dec. 23

Trees: Noble, grand, Nordmann and Douglas firs, \$25 up to 5 feet; \$30 5 to 7 feet; \$35 7 to 9 feet; and \$45 over 9 feet

Extras: Free shaking and baling, handmade wreaths for sale and Christmas store

Contact: 503-837-9002; bealchristmastreefarm.com

Rickreall

CHRISTMAS KNOLL TREE FARM

To get there: 8150 Crowley Road, Rickreall; from Salem, go west on Highway 22 to Exit 16 and go north on Highway 99 toward McMinnville 3 miles to Crowley Road, turning right. Farm is a little more than a mile on Crowley.

Open: Noon to dusk Mondays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to dusk Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 24 through Dec. 17

Trees: Grands and Nordmann firs, \$30, and Douglas, \$20

Extras: Tractor-pulled train ride to the field and back, plus baling assistance on weekends; daily extras include free hot chocolate, cider and cookies, and decorated shop and restrooms. Cash or check only.

Contact: 503-999-9622

Gervais

BAUMAN'S FARM AND GARDEN

To get there: Take I-5 north of Salem to the Brooks/Gervais exit 263. Turn right off the freeway, go about 1 mile to the stoplight. Turn left at the stoplight onto 99E. Go 6 1/2 miles to Howell Prairie Road. Turn Right, go 1/2 mile to our farm. (There are signs on 99E when to/ turn).

Open: 9 to 5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays Nov. 24 through Dec. 23

Trees: Douglas, nobles, Nordmann, corkbark and grand firs; 4 to 12 feet

Extras: Free shake and bale; hot apple cider and cider doughnuts; Saturdays include free hayrides, marshmallow roasting, firepits and visits with Santa. Also, custom wreaths and gift packs, holiday produce and baked goods.

Contact: 503-792-3524

Silverton

HIDDEN LAKE TREE FARM

To get there: 1469 Silver Falls Drive NE; take Highway 214 southeast out of Silverton toward Silver Falls and look for signs about eight miles outside of Silverton

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Nov. 24 through Dec. 24

Trees: Noble and grand firs \$5 a foot, from tabletop to 9 feet and \$8 a foot for trees 10 to 15 feet

Extras: Hot beverages, shaking, baling services and saws

Contact: 503-873-1190

Stayton

PORTER FAMILY NOBLE TREE FARM

To get there: 40614 Stayton-Scio Road, Stayton; take second Stayton/Sublimity exit off Highway 22 east, turn right and go straight through Stayton. Look for signs.

Open: 9 to 4 p.m. Nov. 24 and Saturdays-Sundays, through Dec. 24

Trees: Noble firs \$5 per foot (you choose, we cut)

Extras: Free cookies, coffee and hot chocolate and holly; wreaths and centerpieces for sale, plus shaking, cutting, hauling and loading

Contact: 503-769-7446