

# land

## ROCK CLIMBING

For the truly adventurous, foolhardy and sure-footed, there's rock climbing at in-town indoor facilities and outdoors in every geographical direction. The UO Rec Center sports a rock wall, as does The Crux Rock Gym at 401 W. 3rd. Those should make good practice for the small but ample columns at Skinner's Butte. For bigger challenges, seek out Wolf Rock (head east past Blue Lake Reservoir), Acker Rock in Roseburg or the mighty Smith Rock near Terrebonne. If you need equipment, REI and McKenzie Outfitters can surely take care of you.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

Whether you desperately wanted a pony as a child or still harbor pipe dreams of chucking it all to be a cowboy, it's time to make the most of a nice day and indulge in some horseback riding down a fresh, peaceful trail. Longacres Farm in the Fox Hollow area offers horseback lessons and sessions, as does the C-Bow Arrow Ranch in Coburg and the Triangle 5 Ranch in Springfield.

## SANDBOARDING

Florence, Ore., boasts Sand Master Park, the world's first sand park, featuring 40 acres of sculpted dunes, chutes, bowls, rail-slides and

jump ramps. They even have a chair-lift and a pro shop filled with everything a sandboarder needs. Don't forget your goggles! Sand Master Park's Freestyle Festival is at 2 pm, Aug. 24. See [www.sandmasterpark.com](http://www.sandmasterpark.com)

## SKATEBOARDING

Whether in found spaces or locations specifically designed for skateboarding, this area offers many choice spots to ride. The hill-laden and meandering campus blocks, Autzen trails and south Eugene areas serve long-boarders sufficiently. Those who want to practice tricks or ride short boards may prefer the EMU Amphitheater or the cavernous science complex on the UO campus. Further, there are small skate structures in Amazon Park and at Cal Young Middle School, as well as the brand new Tony Hawk funded facility at Willamalane in Springfield.

## CAMPING

What is camping? Is it roughing it in the wilderness for a week, shower-free and smelling of camp fires and pork and beans? Or is it simply a night on a concrete pad, television plugged into an outdoor outlet and sandals on-hand for a trip to the communal bathroom? Whichever definition you choose, Eugene has plenty of options. Richardson Park Campground and Fall Creek Reservoir are within a half-hour drive of Eugene. The Willamette National Forest is home to more than 80 developed campsites for the RV, tent or tarp camper. The USDA Forest Service Website

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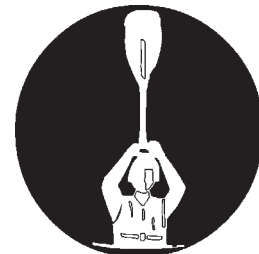
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