

Staff Picks

BEST YOGA

1. **Eugene Yoga** 3575 Donald St. (458) 205-8378. eugeneyoga.us.
2. **Hard Core Yoga** 2734 Shadow View Dr. 729-5031. yogaeugene.com.
3. **Mudra Yoga Eugene** 199 E. 5th Ave. #33. eugenemudra.com.

Most of the following words and phrases are yoga poses, but three of them are skateboarding tricks. See if you can guess which three terms you won't hear from the yogis at Eugene Yoga, which is apparently your favorite yoga studio: half-cobra, cow face, tortoise, lion, crocodile, downward dog, Bikram triangle, lord of the dance, pigeon, dove, crow, fish, simple feathered peacock, corpse, chair, side plank, switch stance railslide, warrior, locust, easy boat, stalefish grab, complex lotus, half moon, left toe-stand, creep, revolved side-angle, monkey king, spinal bend, crane, chair (did I say chair already?), staff, wrist-grab, reverse caveman and horse face. Now that was fun, wasn't it?



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BEST VETERINARIAN

1. **Animal Health Associates** 2835 Willamette St. 345-1544. aha.vet.
2. **Edgewood Animal Clinic** 4010 Donald St. 341-6558. edgewoodanimalclinic.com.
3. **CatCare, Ltd.** 1400 Willamette St. 302-5824. catcarelimited.com.

Animal Health Associates opened up in south Eugene in 1947 and has been serving the area's people and pets ever since. We're guessing AHA wasn't offering acupuncture back in the '40s, but these days, the needles your pet gets poked with aren't just for vaccinations — from dental care to behavioral counseling. Best of Eugene voters love AHA's panoply of services. South Eugeneans must love their veterinarians because Edgewood Animal Clinic on Donald Street was voted into second place, and we love that Edgewood has a fund, Amanda's Angels, to help those in need pay for veterinary care expenses. Third place finisher Cat Care Limited is the go-to place for the feline kind. As its name suggests, it's a kitty-only office catering to Eugene's mini kings of the jungle.



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BEST PLACE TO WATCH WILDLIFE

Delta Ponds is a constant delight. OK, so Fern Ridge might charm with its glitzy snowy owl, and Hendricks Park has a whole mountain lion to its credit, but where besides Delta Ponds can you see such a reliable bevy of biodiversity? Sure, you've got your run-of-the-mill ducks, nutrias and Canada geese. That's like the bare minimum of wildlife you'll see on a given day. With multiple visits, you get views of great blue herons, great egrets, muskrats, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, kingfishers, Western pond turtles and cute little green herons that dart around in the water. And the best part is, all you have to do is *stand there* as this flock of creatures surrounds you, while the hustle and bustle of Valley River Center exists only a few hundred feet away. It's a marvel of habitat restoration, and we're grateful for it.

BEST TEA BAR

The **Rabbit Hole Tea Bar** is aptly named — it's a tiny nook within walking distance of the UO campus, the kind of place you'd duck inside to escape the cold winter chill. Inside, you'll find co-owners Shuang Han and Crystal Zhao pouring steaming cups of brewed gloriousness. It's not that we don't enjoy a good cup of coffee, which aren't hard to find in Eugene, but there's something about tea that nurtures the soul. And heartwarming, mind-soothing tea is what you'll find at the Rabbit Hole. Traditional Chinese teas complement Western offerings, and if you've never tried bubble tea, go to the Rabbit Hole first — sweet and milky with the soft chewiness of tapioca balls, bubble tea will change your entire concept of what the ancient brewed drink can be. In a good way.

BEST CROWDSOURCED CIDER

WildCraft Cider Works always seems to have something new in the works. Besides gallons of delicious, distinctive cider, that is. This fall, WildCraft encouraged locals to bring in their fallen, unwanted pears and apples and in exchange, the cidery turned the fallen fruits into hard cider. Really just a win-win situation for all involved.

Best of the Best Votes

BEST THING ABOUT EW:

- "Catches my hair trimmings"
- "Complete and utter lack of perspective"
- "Decent toilet reading"
- "Folds into a hat to block cosmic rays"
- "I can count on you. I used to be a publisher and I know how hard it is to get ads these days. Keep up the good work."
- "It exists!"
- "It is the pulse of Eugene"
- "Wraps glass nicely"
- "People freaking out about last week's cover photo"
- "Reporting on the weirdos"

WORST THING ABOUT EW:

- "Unmitigated snobbery"
- "Can be so far left leaning it comes back around and meets the right wing"
- "Font is too small"
- "Fucking ink rubs off"
- "How they pile up in my house"
- "I'm just saying, it would be cool if the *Eugene Weekly* used recycled materials to print shit on"
- "It is not a good pasta ingredient"
- "It's a socialist newspaper tending toward communist"
- "Not enough writers"
- "Not read by conservatives who need to read it"
- "Still printed on paper"
- "The astrology is tangential"