

# A Newcomer's Guide to Running through Eugene PART 2

## Let's take another lap around Eugene and Lane County

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**B**y now you've seen what makes Eugene and Lane County so great, and you might be starting to see the light about why so many people have moved here. It's the food scene, the breweries, the greenery and the endless running trails.

So you downloaded the 1972 Grateful Dead Live in Veneta concert and bought a Steve Prefontaine T-shirt because the dream of the '70s can be alive here, right?

Before you become the running equivalent of a fat bum, we have to break the news that for nine months out of the year it rains and is overcast here. In the meantime, let's run through Eugene and Lane County to show you more of what this place has to offer.

In Part One, we explored where to eat, drink and have fun, from Eugene's Whiteaker to Springfield's Main Street and everything in between. And we looked at what our local running stores organized for the many runners in town for Oregon22. (If you missed Part One, check us out at EugeneWeekly.com.)

And now we pass the baton to Part Two, where we recommend some of our favorite greasy burger joints, take a look at some of Eugene's many breweries, round up some coffee spots, explore some more neighborhoods — and more.

So buckle up, because in this case the sequel will be as good as the original.

### Perk Up with Oregon Coffee

The answer to the eternal question of "Where do I get good coffee?" is, of course, right here. An informal survey of some area locals for their coffee recommendations paired with *Eugene Weekly's* staff's go-to spots for hot and cold drinks led to this quick — and by no means exhaustive — list.

Now, we aren't saying don't go to coffee giant Starbucks — the venerable mermaid and her unionizing stores can be found all over Eugene and Springfield. But you can't toss a chocolate-covered espresso bean without hitting an amazing local coffee shop or kiosk. Want to take a drive but worry about being caffeinated enough to combat your jet lag? Don't fear, you can be halfway to the coast or heading out along the McKenzie River and somehow, somewhere, there will be a parking



lot with a coffee kiosk.

You might have already noticed that **Dutch Bros.** coffee kiosks are ubiquitous. Founded by third generation southern Oregon dairy farmers, the Dutch Mafia is the answer for those who prefer a sweeter taste than the dark roast flavors of Starbucks. To pull up to a windmill-emblazoned kiosk with incredibly friendly, hyper-caffeinated bro-istas, just check out DutchBros.com.

Since 1990 local coffee roaster **Café Mám** has been sourcing only its 100 percent fair trade, organic and shade-grown coffee from Indigenous cooperatives. Anywhere that serves Café Mám is a sure bet.

**Wandering Goat Coffee**, a funky Whiteaker neighborhood favorite, has both a brick and mortar place to sip outdoors and can also be found all over town — both brewed and in the form of its light and medium roasted beans.

If you are staying within the biking and walking areas around campus, then **Vero Espresso House** has that slightly ruffled, mismatched furniture Pacific Northwest feel and coffee that will entice you to lounge on that furniture — inside or out — for an hour or two. The lavender mocha gets a thumbs up from *EW's* business manager Elisha Young. **Espresso Roma** is another longtime campus-area student favorite with indoor and outdoor seating

**Tailored Coffee Roasters** can be found both near campus and in the Market District near downtown. Its beans come from around the world, but the roasting and atmosphere is local. And as long as you are hanging out

around Fifth Street Public Market check out the "healthy take" on the American diner and coffee selections of **Magpie Coffee Shop**.

*Dutch Bros., DutchBros.com. Café Mám, CafeMam.com. Wandering Goat, 268 Madison Street, WanderingGoat.com. Vero Espresso House, 205 E. 14th Avenue, VeroEspressoHouse.com. Espresso Roma, 825 E. 13th Avenue, TailoredCoffee.com. Tailored Coffee Roasters, 291 E. 5th Avenue and 686 E. 13th Avenue, TailoredCoffee.com. Magpie Coffee Shop, 590 Pearl Street suite 110, MagpieCoffeeShop.com.*

Heading to the downtown area, and you head into the mecca of coffee stops. A stop at **Farmers Union Coffee Roasters** not only yields a java fix, but the chance to shop at **Down to Earth** and **Mountain Rose Herbs**. And because this is Eugene, some of our favorite bars are daytime coffee shops. Check out **Cowfish Cafe and Club** downtown and **Old Nick's Pub** (aka "Eugene's premiere Victorian gothic pub and event venue") for daytime caffeine and nighttime revelry.

*Farmers Union Coffee Roasters, 152 W. 5th Avenue, FarmersUnionCoffee.com. Cowfish Cafe and Club, 62 W. Broadway, CowfishClub.com. Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington Street, OldNicksPub.com*

Now for those of you who are doing a little exploring — maybe you want to see where the Finnish team is staying (Creswell) or what track the Irish are running on (McKenzie River) — you can leave town without leaving good espresso. *EW* Editor Camilla Mortensen gets her coconut milk latte fix at Creswell's **Blue Valley Bistro** (one of the few places it doesn't taste like burned coconuts). Creswell locals are also huge fans of driving up to the **Bean Hopper**.

Further down the road in Cottage Grove (host to team Botswana) the Grovers recommend **Rally Coffee Bar** and **Espresso Ba'rn**.

Heading east out Highway 58? Pleasant Hill yields two coffee kiosks: **Espresso 58** at the Pischah Market and **Pleasant Hill Coffee Co.** just a little further down the road (and conveniently located by the local feed store).

Go even further and explore Oakridge — a mountain biking mecca complete with a brewery and a distillery — and stop at **Mane Street Coffee** for a Sanctuary Golden milk chai tea latte, iced and topped with homemade whipped cream.

*Blue Valley Bistro, 116 Melton Road, Creswell and 91088 N. Willamette Street, Coburg. Bean Hopper, 274 Oregon Avenue, Creswell. Rally Coffee Bar, 1220 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove. Espresso Ba'rn, 1551 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove. Espresso 58, Pischah Market 35855 OR-58. Pleasant Hill Coffee Co., 84841 Edenvale Road. Mane Street Coffee, 48296 E. 1st Street Oakridge.*

### The Early Bird Gets the Brunch

Need a late morning treat after waking up early for the 6 am race walk on July 22? Or feeling like you might need a little hair of the dog after a late night partying? Eugene and Springfield have several brunch options.

Let's start with **Brail's**, a long time winner of *EW's* Best Hangover Breakfast. With two locations — one near the University of Oregon and the other in the Whiteaker, Brail's has a greasy plate of biscuits and gravy, and the hangover special (two eggs, hash browns and half order

