

MEET THE COMMUNITY



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Her family moved to Central Oregon in 1998 and just four years ago moved into Redmond to be closer to her mom, who lives in town.

Although Stelle and her husband are constantly on the go after they sold their home and moved into a traveling RV, they still consider Redmond home base. It’s their foundation.

Another thing people can’t seem to get enough of is the weather in Redmond.

East Coast-er Kathy Lamoure moved to the area to be closer to her granddaughters, and she has since fallen in love with the High Desert. She said another plus for her is the quick access to so many different ecosystems — the coast, the mountains and the lakes.

“There’s a lot of traveling you can do that isn’t congested and easy to go to,” Lamoure said. “Smaller and a lot less people compared to other places.”

And for those who don’t want to travel out of the town, there’s so much right in Redmond. At least that’s what Danny Sales discovered since moving from Springfield.

Sales moved about two years ago and said he’s never going back to the Willamette Valley.

“I’ve always liked Central Oregon because you get a little bit of everything,” Sales said. “Awesome local breweries. I’m a foodie so there are awesome restaurants here. The people are awesome. A lot of local business here, not big corporate-oriented ones and I like that.”

The love for Redmond even trickles down to its younger residents, who didn’t necessarily have a say in moving to the area. Wren Jackson and her family moved to Redmond from Eagle Point in 2019, when she was nine years old.

“It was a difficult transition,” she said. “The move separated me from my entire friend group.”

Jackson said she’s ultimately happy with the move. She likes Redmond for how small it is and the convenience of walking everywhere. And it doesn’t hurt that she now has a bigger friend group

than when she left Eagle Point.

Over the past years, an average of three people have moved to Redmond every single day — a pace that is surpassing the city’s projections.

“One year, in particular, on the way home (to Portland) I said, ‘Why can’t we live over there?’ It took a couple of years, but we made it happen.”

— Anita Stelle