

# Many Scenic Points For Salem Visitors

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Vacation-time is a two-way street.

Salem and valley residents will scatter far and wide this summer, to tourist meccas elsewhere in the state, to other states and to foreign countries.

At the same time, the highways through Oregon's beautiful capital city will be the roads that lead to Salem for visitors from elsewhere in the state, from other states and from foreign lands.

And while thousands of newcomers to this area will be exclaiming over the capitol, the other local points of interest and the up-the-road-appeal attractions (such as Silver Creek Falls, De-troit Dam and Lake, the mountains and the coast), many residents will be re-discovering what it is that brings them flocking to Salem.

**Many Things to Offer**  
For this mid-Willamette valley city of 50,000 or so souls has much to offer to the seeker after recreation, scenery, history, culture, fun and frolic.

Inside the city itself, the chief tourist attraction is the state capitol building and grounds. Open to visitors every day from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. (conducted tours Monday through Friday), this building is one of the nation's outstanding architectural examples of its type, and its murals and sculpture are unique.

New this year are the always-green capitol grounds are the two statues of the Rev. Jason Lee, founder of Salem and Wil-lamette University, and Dr. John McLaughlin, founder of Oregon City and friend of the pioneers. Replicas of these statues are in the capitol in Washington, D. C.

**Park Draws Interest**  
The Pioneer Circuit Rider as-tribute his bronze horse and the replica of the Liberty Bell, cast in France and sent in apprecia-tion of U. S. Marshall Plan aid, as well as the shrubbery and flowers and fountain in Willson Park, will attract many sight-seers this summer.

New feature in the park will be recorded music from loud-speakers. And occasionally band-concerts are given on the capitol steps.

The State Library is next im-portant to tourists, both for in-terior architecture and for its ex-hibits and model school library—not to mention its 551,452 vol-umes, including a valuable col-lection of Oregoniana. The Oregon State Archives are located in the basement of the library and con-tain 50 major record groups. Documents, maps, letters, pic-tures and other matter of histor-ical importance is stored here.

**University Attraction**  
Willamette University, oldest school of higher education in the West, has many historical asso-ciations of interest to the tour-ist. Located just across State Street from the capitol is Waller Hall, built in 1864 and oldest building on the campus. Newest are the dormitory for men and McCollough stadium, in Bush's Pasture a few blocks south of the campus proper. These and other buildings, including the library and science buildings with their exhibits, notably the Northwest History Collection, may be tour-ed. Visitors should call at the Admissions Office, Eaton Hall, for a guide.

Of special interest to visitors is the federal Indian school, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the nation, at Chemawa. Although the school year is over,

some 30 Indian children remain during the summer to pick ber-ries and keep busy with the sum-mer program.

The Oregon state schools for the blind and for the deaf are in-teresting to visitors also during the school year, but all the chil-dren are now home for the sum-mer and the buildings are closed for repairs. The grounds may be viewed, however.

**Guided Tours Available**  
Open to visitors all year 'round is Fairview Home, a quasi-edu-cational state institution for men-tally-deficient individuals. Loca-ted south of Salem on Turner Road, Fairview personnel con-duct a guided tour for visitors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 2 and 4 p. m.

Interested adults, especially student groups from sociology or psychology classes, (but no ju-veniles), will be taken on guided tours of Hillcrest School for Girls. This institution with its campus and new buildings is also on Turner Road.

On the same route is the State Tuberculosis Hospital where vis-itors are taken on tours between 3 and 5 p. m. on Monday through Friday. Patients usually have most of their visitors on week ends.

Persons interested in Oregon highways—and what they're made of—would be interested in the work of state Highway Test-ing Laboratory, 2950 State St. Such visitors are welcome there between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Monday through Friday, and will be shown the laboratory's methods of testing road building and other materials and equipment.

**Prison Grounds Attractive**  
The state penitentiary, long of interest to visitors, is no longer open to the public. Male college students majoring in penology may tour the prison, but casual visitors are barred. (Relatives of prisoners are still allowed to visit, however.) Anyone may view the penitentiary grounds, with their seasonal displays of flow-ers, and may visit the curio shop (where leather wood and other items made by the prisoners are sold) in the administration build-ing, but only authorized person-nel are allowed inside the walls.

The grounds of the Oregon State Hospital for the mentally ill are also open to public view, but visiting or touring inside the institution is allowed only with the permission of the superintendent.

At the State Fair grounds nothing is doing this summer except the Clyde Beatty circus scheduled for July 2. Between then and September 5, the grounds will be readied for what is already being talked up as the "greatest state fair of all time."

**Many Picnic Areas**  
Until circus-time and fair-time, though, there will be many warm, sunny days in Salem—ideal for outings in Salem's cool parks, and playgrounds or pic-nics in the specially-provided ar-eas in the city or a few miles dis-tant.

The city's parks and play-grounds, operated by the public school system, open officially on June 15, when the two outdoor pools, at Leslie Junior High School and Olinger pool near the Senior High School, also open.

Best equipped with swings, slides and other juvenile favor-ites are the Highland School playground and Bush's pasture.

There's a shady picnic area in the park around Englewood School and Bush's Pasture on South High St. has many choice



WOLF CREEK—Safe, wide highways approach the foot of Sexton mountain in Josephine County north of Grants Pass along the route of U. S. 99. (Oregon State Highway Commission Photo).

sites for family get-togethers, for rugged outdoor play, or for quiet contemplation among the fine trees and shrubbery.

Big excitement at Bush's Pasture this summer will be the sec-ond annual soap-box derby July 12.

**River Mecca for Outings**  
For family picnics and outings within a short drive of the city there are innumerable spots along the beautiful Willamette River or by the side of quiet country creeks (better ask the farmer first, though, watch out for the bull in the pasture, and clean up the mess).

Best and safest bet for picnics, as well as the most convenient and best-equipped (with tables, benches, fireplaces, garbage re-ceptacles and so forth—and no bulls) are the commercially-op-erated picnic and swimming park north and southeast of Sa-lem or the state parks in Polk County. One is Holman State Park, a wooded slope overlooking the Willamette River, on Highway 99-W near Eola. The other, also on Highway 99-W be-tween West Salem and Dayton, is the Maude Williamson State Park in a shady grove of firs.

And, of course, there is Cham-poos State Park 30 miles north. Smallest city park in the na-tion is the tall Sequoia growing right in North Summer Street. It was planted by Pioneer Wil-liam Waldo in 1872. According to legend, several men were hanged from its branches.

**Mill Creek Set Aside**  
Exclusively for the youngsters, all summer long, is fishing in Mill Creek, which winds its way picturesquely through the city.

Everyone, from kids to grand-pa, will be going to the Salem Senator baseball games at Wat-ers Park this summer, or out to Hollywood Bowl to see the auto races, or take in a movie at one

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of Salem four "cooler-inside" theaters or at drive-in theaters.

A boat ride on the Willamette is a cool summer pastime, too, while the more athletic will en-joy a set of tennis on one of the city's many school courts, or a few holes of golf at one of the two courses, or bowling.

Meanwhile, Salem's favorite summertime pastime, after a hot day and a cool supper in the backyard or patio, probably still is an evening drive.

**Fine Residential Areas**  
Any warm evening finds hun-dreds of families leaving the dishes in the sink pending a lei-surely ride around the neighbor-hood (to see how Jones' garden is coming along and to wave to Smith as he mows his lawn) and through the city's rapidly-grow-ing, beautiful residential areas such as Candalaria Heights, Kingwood Heights, Pioneer Heights and Eilem Heights.

And for the "end of a perfect day" there's the drive to the top of Eola hills (take Orchard Heights Road), there to park and watch the sun setting over the Coast Range and the lights com-ing on in Salem to the east.

It's a custom that shows how much pride Salem residents take in their city—and it's some indi-cation of how Salem folks like to spend their leisure time.

They like to feed the squirrels in Willson Park, too.

week ends. On some days, butter is made there.

Some of the manufacturers of non-edibles are equally amenable to visitors. Anyone can go see Presto-logs made (out of saw-dust and oil) at the Capitol Lum-ber Co. on Cherry Ave. between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Other lumber yards and mills in the area will usually allow visitors to watch what is going on, although many bar small children from the vic-inity of dangerous machines or log ponds.

The Oregon Pulp and Paper plant shows its spectacular oper-ation that transforms wood into paper to visitors in regularly scheduled tours beginning at 2 p. m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays.

Paper is made into envelopes, stationery, and other finished products, at the Western Paper Converting plant. Visitors may watch the operations between 1:15 and 2:30 p. m.

The complete and complex process at the Thomas Kay Wool-en mill — wool sorting, carding, spinning and weaving—may be seen by visitors during the reg-ular office hours, but no grade-school-age children are allowed in the plant because of safety haz-ards.

Another textile industry, the Oregon Flax Textile plant in West Salem, makes rugs and car-pets of many varieties including

wool, cotton broadloom, and linen. Individuals or groups de-siring to visit the plant are re-quested to call in advance.

Among other products manu-factured in Salem are planing and saw mill products, venetian blinds, handles, furniture, paint, wood novelties and toys, boats, wooden boxes, building supplies, pulp and paper products, automo-bile batteries, heating and air conditioning equipment, amuse-ment and carnival machinery, ag-ricultural machinery and equip-ment, industrial and cannery ma-chinery, household and yard equipment, light fixtures, refrig-erators, trailers and machine shop products, garden and lawn tools, irrigation and drainage pipe, and electrical sawmills.

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