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VACATIONERS GUIDE

It's Vacation-Time--and There're Plenty of Things to Do and See

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There is no place like home—without contradiction. But right now the cry is "Let's Go Places!" In all walks of life and for persons of all ages, that's the motivating spirit of this time of year. And "Go Places" just about everyone will.

By road, rail, waterways and air, millions will travel to the countless scenes they've read and heard about. The goals are limitless. For some, there'll be no goal—just go. For others, every last mile of travel and every last peek at whatever there is to see will be jammed into every possible minute they can spare from the work-a-day whirl.

In Oregon, there is so much to do and see that many a long-time resident can find new pleasures right here in the confines of his own commonwealth year after year. But many will broaden their horizons far more than that. And for those who've never seen Oregon—they'll come by the thousands. It's Vacation-time!

Hardly a place in the world is now beyond reach of the tourist. Fine facilities are available practically everywhere. From the overnight camp site to the ballrooms of the greatest hostelries the choice is limitless.

There are as many ideas of where to go and what to see as there are people. Family consultations will be long and vociferous. Will the time and pocketbook stand a trip to Europe, or other foreign climes? How about South America—of particular interest in recent years? And the islands of the Pacific, Alaska, Canada—not to mention such places as Bermuda, the Riviera, Florida, Mexico? Or would they settle for a jaunt to Crater Lake, the Oregon Caves, the Cascades or the seashore?

All manner of transportation is looking for a veritable boom year, but by far the most Americans will take something they can drive themselves wherever they wish and whenever they wish—the family car.

There are many ways to arrive at "where to go." It'll depend on whether you want to see things (historic shrines, Wonders of the World, great cities, centers of government, mountains, parks, the ocean, strange lands) or do things (fish, sleep, loaf, hunt rocks, watch the world go by from new vantage points or visit those relatives and friends far away.)

Salem itself, too, and its immediate area provide many interesting scenes, as stories in this section detail at some length. If you've friends elsewhere who are contemplating a trip, mail them a clipping— or, better yet, mail them this entire section. In the meantime, many parts of the valley are conducted clean-up and paint-up campaigns—it pays to have on the best bib and tucker at times like these.

There's many an idea in this section of Your Statesman. And many a suggestions as to the things you'll need to take along to make the most of the time and money you spend. It's fun just to "pick-up-and-go." But it's even more fun if you've planned a wee bit to have the things you'll need for whatever jaunt is contemplated.

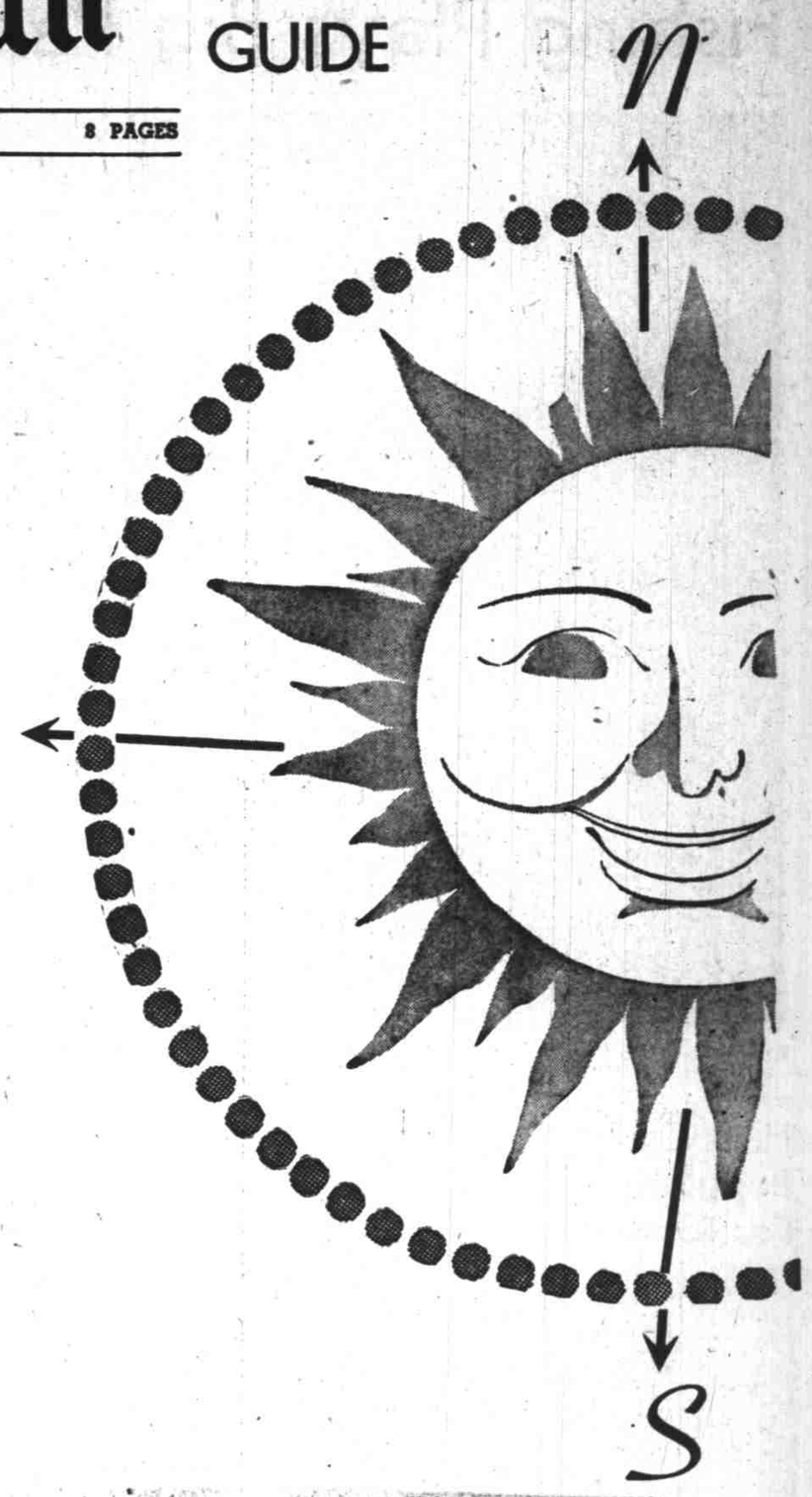
"Let's Go Places!"

Others Would Be Interested

You'll find a myriad of ideas on where-to-go in this special section of your Oregon Statesman. And if you've friends or relatives who never have seen Oergon, it is suggested a copy of this section be mailed to them because it tells a lot of what there is right here in our own climes.

Travel Bureau Aids Promotion

Many of the stories and outstanding photos in this special "Let's Go Places" section were provided through the courtesy of the Travel Department of the Oregon State Highway Commission which conducts a year-around program providing special promotion material on Oregon all over the nation.



Oregon Itself Offers Great Choice of Finest Vacations

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While many sections of the nation are sizzling in summer heat, nature is providing Oregon visitors with airconditioned days and cool nights and a wealth of vacation variety.

For those who like to get off the beaten track or not, Oregon has a variety of vacationlands "away from it all."

Along the 400-mile Pacific Ocean coastline in Oregon are many retreats for campers, fishermen and vacationers where relaxation and recreation are the order of the holiday. Just off the coast, but near enough for easy access are several forest camps where life is easy in the great outdoors. Six state parks have been opened for camping on the coast for this season, too. And many of the fishing resorts are located on the coastal streams, off the beaten track, but easily accessible by automobile and paved highways.

Thrilling Boat Trip

On the southwestern coast, a trip by mail launch from Gold Beach to Agness is never-to-be-forgotten. This trip takes the visitor 32 miles up the Rogue River into a primitive hinterland accessible only by boat. A longer boat trip, consuming five days, may be taken from Grants Pass to the sea.

Forest roads and forest camps in the southwestern part of Oregon take visitors well into virgin territory where hiking, exploring and horseback riding make happy holidays. The Siskiyou and Rogue River National Forests have many forest camps where the scent of fresh pine and fir forests give zest to vacation days. Those who wish modern accommodations nearby will find these too.

Such nationally famous spots as Oregon Caves and Crater Lake take Oregon visitors into the quiet of mountain fastnesses where wild animals seek refuge and become friends to the people who come to visit them. In these two national areas, too, are found some of the wonders of nature which everyone is privileged to see and enjoy. The guided tour through the Oregon Caves is both interesting and instructive. Accommodations are available at the Chateau there.

Crater Lake 'Deepest Blue'

Crater Lake is the deepest of deep blues, set in the cauldron of an ancient volcano, 2000 feet deep and over a mile high at water level. Wizard island, an island within the lake is a perfect volcano in itself. Friendly rangers lecture daily, explaining the formation of this very unusual and beautiful attraction.

Along the seven Oregon Cascade Mountain passes are sideroads to forest camp havens where lake and stream fishing, hiking and horseback riding are always a pleasure. Several pack stations in the Cascades offer pack trips along the Skyline Trail and into the far reaches of the mountains and to back country lakes.

For those who like their holidays away from it all, but want accommodations, modern facilities and resorts are found throughout the Cascades on easy-to-travel highways.

The great high plateau rangelands of Central and Eastern Oregon are filled with romanticism of the Old West. Here are found modern vacation facilities and guest and dude ranches which give flavor of the West and recreation galore.

Fine for Explorers

Wildlife and geologic formations are interesting for exploration, too in this area. Such famous places as the Hart Mountain Antelope refuge near Lakeview, the Malheur Wildlife Refuge near Burns, several other refuge areas and lava and fossil beds are all situated for maximum enjoyment.

In the Wallowa and Blue mountains are other forest retreats and semi-wilderness areas where it's fun to be alive. The Eagle Cap Wilderness area south of Wallowa Lake is one of the few remaining primitive areas in the nation. Within its boundaries are several peaks over 10,000 feet in elevation, countless alpine lakes and beautiful white water streams. Other vacation areas are found at Spout Springs along Oregon State Highway 204 and the Anthony Lakes region out of La Grande and Baker.

Boat Trips Available

This year boat trips are available through Hells Canyon from Robinette, Oregon, to Lewiston, Idaho, on the awesome Snake River. The Baker Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring motor trips from Homestead, Oregon, to view the depths of Hells Canyon from Sheep Rock and Red Lodge Mine. Arrangements for the boat trips and motor trips may be made by writing directly to the Baker Chamber of Commerce, Baker, Oregon.

Along the famous Columbia River Gorge, too, are stopping places and side trips which make this trip a memorable one in any traveler's vacation log. A hiking trip up the Skyline Trail from Eagle Creek Forest Camp, east of Bonneville, where overnight camping is convenient and enjoyable, is one of the pleasant experiences in this area. Camping is also fun along the Mt. Hood Loop highway where trails lead to vistas and waterfalls on the very slopes of Mt. Hood, Oregon's highest mountain peak.

In all 31 state parks and over 250 forest camps permitting outdoor living in the state of Oregon. These are in addition to more than 150 state parks where picnic facilities, historic settings and imposing views are located.

Sidetrips Limitless

Yes, throughout the Beaver State are interesting sidetrips for those who like to vacate the beaten track during their vacation days. And no matter where the visitor goes he finds airconditioned weather and cool nights for good sleeping and restful holidays. Every visitor will remember Oregon for her variety of vacationlands and recreation and for her hospitable people.