

# Soak in the local suds

While Portland and Bend's microbreweries get most of the attention, Eastern Oregon's brewing scene has grown steadily over the past few years and has been producing some truly fantastic beer. The Eastern Oregon Beer Festival in La Grande has been a huge success over the past couple years with beers from Eastern Oregon and the rest of the state available to sample. Each year sees new brewpubs in Eastern Oregon offering new and exciting beers to try. Check them out!

## The Prodigal Son Brewery and Pub

While it opened only five years ago, Prodigal Son has quickly become a Pendleton institution. Located in a former Studebaker dealership, they offer beer crafted with local ingredients. Prodigal Son won the taster's choice two years in a row at the Pacific Northwest Brewcup for their Bruce Lee Porter in 2013 and for their Huckleberry Wheat in 2014. In addition to their beers they offer delicious pub fare and a new cocktail list.

**Beer to try:** Beer Named Sue Golden Ale, Huckleberry Wheat. Ella IPA

Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday noon-9 p.m.

**230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton**

**541-276-6090**

[www.prodigalsonbrewery.com](http://www.prodigalsonbrewery.com)

## Terminal Gravity Brewery and Pubhouse

Nestled in the scenic Willowa Valley, Terminal Gravity offers some of the best beer in Oregon. Relax on the front porch of the bungalow-turned-brewpub and sip a stout or IPA while looking out over the creek running through an Aspen grove. The menu features locally sourced beef or buffalo burgers and veggies grown in nearby Joseph.

**Beer to try:** The Terminal Gravity IPA, Extra Special Golden (ESG), Eagle Cap IPA.

Wednesday-Thursday 2-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 2-10 p.m. and Sunday 2-9 p.m.

**803 S.E. School St., Enterprise**

**541-426-3000**

[www.terminalgravitybrewing.com](http://www.terminalgravitybrewing.com)

## 1188 Brewing Company

Grant County's first microbrewery offers good food, good atmosphere, a family-friendly environment and, of course, great beer! Check out their healthy and hearty selection of sandwiches and specialty entrées to pair with one of their tasty beers.

**Beer to try:** Black Oak Instigator Imperial Stout, Desert Monk IPA.

Open Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

**141 E. Main St., John Day**

**541-575-1188**

[www.1188brewing.com](http://www.1188brewing.com)



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## Barley Brown's

When you enter Barley Brown's Brewpub in downtown Baker City it will quickly become apparent how renowned their brews are. The walls of the pub are covered with gold medals and trophies they have been awarded since they started brewing in 1998. Across the street from the pub is their tap house where you can sample 22 rotating varieties of Northwest classics or bold new creations.

**Beer to try:** Pallet Jack IPA, Coffee Infused Breakfast Stout.

Restaurant open Monday-Saturday 4-10 p.m. Taphouse open daily at 2 p.m.

**2190 Main St., Baker City**

**Tap house located at 2200 Main St.**

**541-523-2337**

[www.barleybrownsbeer.com](http://www.barleybrownsbeer.com)

## Hermiston Brewing Company

Attached to Nookie's Sports Bar and Restaurant, master brewer Tom Torresdal brews beer influenced by his time interning at a microbrewery in Norway and many beers feature Viking-themed titles like Bloodaxe Red or Beast Bode Stout. Their Tum-A-Lum Lager bears its namesake to the old Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company sign that adorns the bar. Try any of these as well as one of their other 13 rotating beers and pub-style food.

**Beer to try:** Dwarfcraft IPL, One Eyed Jack's Epic Ale.

Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

**125 N. First St., Hermiston**

**542-289-7414**

[www.hermistonbrewingcompany.com](http://www.hermistonbrewingcompany.com)

## Dragon's Gate Brewery

This nano-brewery makes single, 20-gallon batches of Belgian- and Northwest-style beers. Owners Adam and Jennifer Gregory use their 10-acre farm to grow hops and ingredients that makes their brew a truly handcrafted experience. They specialize in Belgian-style beers like Triples and Wits that you can take home in 750 milliliter bottles as well as growler fills, or sample in their tasting room.

**Beer to try:** Belgian Triple, Belgian Golden Strong Ale.

Open Monday-Friday by appointment and Saturday noon-4 p.m.

**52288 Siquist Road, Milton-Freewater**

**541-215-2622**

[www.dragonsgatebrewery.com](http://www.dragonsgatebrewery.com)

## Ordnance Brewing

Brewmaster Logan Mayfield joined the owners of Neighbor Dudes tap house and opened Eastern Oregon's newest microbrewery in June of 2015. The brewery quickly expanded to meet demands and plans to offer six-packs of cans and bottles, as well as 22-ounce bottles this year. Their tap house in Boardman offers 15 of their beers on selection and is open to adults 21 and older.

**Beer to try:** Rye Extra Pale Ale, Kolsch, Full Metal Jacket IPA.

Taproom open Tuesday-Friday 2-9 p.m., Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m.

**405 N. Olson Road, Boardman**

**541-481-2231**

[www.ordnancebrewing.com](http://www.ordnancebrewing.com)