

Region-City Guide for Dartmouth in Oregon & SW Washington, and Greater Portland Area

- **Welcome to Oregon & SW Washington, and Greater Portland Area**
 - This guide is intended to welcome and introduce new Dartmouth grads and Dartmouth transplants to all of Oregon, 7 counties in SW Washington, and especially the highly populated 4 counties making up the Greater Portland Area. The Guide has been compiled by volunteers of the Dartmouth Club of Oregon & SW Washington, and has background on our Oregon & SW Washington, the Greater Portland Area, and our Local Dartmouth Club.

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- **Background on alumni community and Club activities:** We have about 1100 alumni from all Dartmouth schools, current students, and parents. Our Club holds a wide variety of alumni activities and is active in our communities. For more detail about our Club, see section “**Dartmouth in Oregon & SW Washington region**” near the end of this Guide. We hope to see you soon for one or more of our events. The primary contact person for this Guide for Oregon & SW Washington is Dick Hanson, Treasurer and membership, class of '64 at dickhan@wbcable.net or call at (503)703-5768. Our Club Website is <http://or.dartmouth.org>
- **General background on Oregon & SW Washington region.** Learning about living in Oregon & SW Washington should be of great value to you. For details about our City and Region, like local history, population, climate, size, key industries, etc., see section “**Living in the Oregon & SW Washington region.**”
- **General background on activities in our Oregon & SW Washington.** Our City and Region has a great number of very attractive activities, such as arts/culture, professional athletics, outdoor activities, and more. For an overview see section “**Activities in the Oregon & SW Washington region.**”

Living in the Oregon & SW Washington region

- Local history:
 - The history of the City of Portland, Oregon, began in 1843 when business partners William Overton and Asa Lovejoy filed to claim land on the west bank of the Willamette River in Oregon Country. In 1845 the name of Portland was chosen for this community by coin toss (the other proposed city name was Boston). On February 8, 1851, the city was incorporated. Portland has continued to grow in size and

- population, with the 2020 population of 676,851 residents. Portland is Oregon's largest city, and is considered one of the top cities in the nation in terms of quality of life.
- Oregon was officially admitted to the union as a state on February 14th, 1859. Oregon now has a population of 4,460,000.
 - Vancouver is a city on the north bank of the Columbia River. Vancouver, is the oldest city in the state of Washington! Vancouver was founded in 1824 by fur traders from the Hudson's Bay Company, as part of Great Britain's effort to secure territory for Canada on the west coast of North America. This effort failed when what became the State of Washington was ceded to the United States in 1849. Congress approved the formation of Washington Territory in 1853, and in 1855 the Territorial Legislature formally changed the town's name from Columbia City to Vancouver. Under its new name it became one of the territory's first incorporated cities on January 23, 1857. Vancouver currently has a population of 187,615, making it the fourth-largest city in Washington state.
 - In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state of the United States.
 - The Portland Metropolitan Area consists of 3 counties in Oregon (Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas) and 1 County (Clark) in Washington with a total 4 county population of 2,174,000.
 - The Dartmouth Club of Oregon & SW Washington region consists of all of Oregon (population 4,460,000, and 7 counties in SW Washington (Clark (includes Vancouver), Klickitat, Cowlitz, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, and Skamania) with a current population of 659,000. The total Dartmouth region has a population of 5,119,000.
- The climate:
 - The region has a wide variety of climate: The valley between the Coast and Cascade mountain ranges has a fairly moderate weather pattern throughout the year. The Oregon and Washington coast has somewhat cooler temperatures expected of the the coast, and is a favorite vacation venue during the summer months. The Cascade mountains (to the east of the valley) has weather for a wide variety of year around outdoor activities skiing, hiking, rafting, camping, fishing, lake boating, and much more. The area east of the Cascades to the Idaho border is high mountain desert with its own unique outdoor activity options.
 - Business and industries:
 - The region has a wide variety of business: technology, athletic equipment, apparel, wood products, agriculture, advertising, entertainment, engineering, financial services, health and science, manufacturing, etc.
 - Housing:
 - There are many options (city and rural) and price ranges for housing throughout our region.

- Dining options:
 - Our region has many thousands of restaurant options and can be searched by cuisine, price, location, and more. Open the following site out:
<https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g28958-Oregon.html>

Activities in the Oregon & SW Washington region

- Entertainment facilities, arts and culture:
 - Our region has hundreds of art, museum, aquarium, park options. Open the following hyperlink:
<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=oregon+attractions+parks+museums&qpv=oregon+attractions+parks+museums&FORM=IGRE>
- Professional, college and other athletic teams:
 - Open the hyperlink below to view our many of our region's sports teams:
<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=oregon+professional+athletic+teams&qpv=oregon+professional+athletic+teams&FORM=IGRE>
- Our region offers a wide variety of outdoor activities, such as mountain locations, lakes, camping, fishing, sea side, rivers, city and rural parks, and more. Open the following hyperlink:
 - <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g28958-Activities-c61-Oregon.html#:~:text=Outdoor%20Activities%20in%20Oregon.%201%20.%20Washington%20Park.,State%20Parks%20%E2%80%A2%20Beaches%20by%20ptbecki.%20More%20items>

Dartmouth in Oregon & SW Washington region

- Find our Dartmouth community here and get involved! The Dartmouth Club of Oregon and SW Washington is administered by an Executive Board (Board of Directors), and Officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other members of the Executive Board are responsible for Event coordination, Webmaster, admissions District Enrollment Director (DED), Young Alumni Chair, Communications Coordinator, Book Club, and more.
- Our Club E-mail address is dartmouth.club.of.oregon@dartmouth.edu.
- Our Club Website at <http://or.dartmouth.org> is actively updated with announcements, events information, newsletters, leadership, access to the College's alumni directory, and more.
- Overview of Club activities: holiday celebration, summer picnic, admitted student event, alumni seminar book club, book awards, virtual presentations (zoom), happy hour events, young alumni events, community service events.
- Links to useful Dartmouth College resource sites:
 - <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/connect/find-club>
 - <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/connect/find-group>
 - <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/connect/find-classes>
 - <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/learn/industry-hubs/small-business>