**River to Hills Farm Trail TIPS & HIGHLIGHTS**

From the magnificent Columbia River to the rolling foothills of the Blue Mountains, this farm loop is a perfect way to enjoy the area's abundant farm stands, gardens and ranches that provide food for the table and nutrition for the soul. Watching cloud shadows race across wide, rolling prairie and acres of wheat and potatoes, you'll gain a fresh appreciation for what it takes to keep things growing. This trip can be enjoyed in segments, or begin in Boardman at SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Energy) Center, a wonderful place to learn about what is growing along the drive.

If you live in the Northwest and enjoy the sweetest watermelons, creamiest potatoes and tastiest onions, there's really a good chance they come from the Columbia River Basin. Umatilla and Morrow Counties are home to some of the highest yields of produce in the world—and the most mouthwatering! Be sure to check out the local breweries and wineries. Each award-winning producer has a unique craft—and a story that flows from field to finished product. Soil, sun and water all have a role in creating this region's distinctive flavors.

Take a moment to talk with the wonderful people of this region who put their love and labor into this land that provides us all with so much.

VISITOR ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

- Watch for the “Open” sign, or call
- Please read and obey signs
- Closely supervise children
- Ask before taking pets out of your car
- Please stay out of buildings & off equipment
- Be careful not to step on crops

For itineraries and trip ideas: visiteasternoregon.com

**RIVER TO HILLS FARM TRAIL**

Eastern Oregon

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This beautiful Victorian lavender farm is a pleasure to view and offers wonderful products infused with English and French lavender from the farm. Visitors enjoy a feeling of serenity when gazing into the beautiful, lush purple and white sea of blooms. Call ahead to purchase plants or fresh lavender in 2018.

Purple Ridge Lavender
29081 Bridge Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.571.9191
purpleridgelavender.com

Celebrating the beauty in natural elements, Bennett Botanical Gardens is a lovely event venue. Stroll the grounds, see the greenhouse and meet the artist of KRISthumemus, the on-site floral design studio. Please call for an appointment to visit.

Bennett Botanical Gardens & KRISthumemus
32652 E Pukin Center Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.937.6792
brittenhumemus.com

When Jerrod and Julie Winters were looking for quality milk for their household, a neighbor suggested they try her Nigerian goat’s milk. Its creamy texture was a hit. Having always admired the long-hoopy ears of a Nubian, the Winters combined these two breeds to get the best of both worlds. Goats are visible from the road. Please call to arrange a visit.

Eveland Farm
78625 Lloyd Rd.
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.3146
evelandfarm.com

Eveland Farm’s MDGA registered Mini Nubians goats started as two pets. But raising the goats blossomed into a hobby and passion. The breed has exceptional dispositions and milk quality, all wrapped in a smaller, easier-to-handle package. Please call ahead to visit.

Wg Caprine Pursuit
13550 E Pukin Center Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.571.8988
wcaprinepursuitmini@nubians.com

Here, you will find a farm stand and 20 acres of Duke Blueberries; an early, large, easy to pick berry. The small hobby farm set between the rolling hills of Eastern Oregon strives to use what is on hand, work within the community, and provide exceptional local goods. The farm store is open by appointment or during special events and offers a variety of farm-made goods, Andrea gives classes on soap making, lavender wreaths and offers a variety of farm-made goods. Andrea provides solutions to production constraints.

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OSU Hermiston Agriculture Research Center
2201 S 1st St/Hermiston-Hinkle Rd
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.4300
Eveland Farm
78625 Lloyd Rd.
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.3146
evelandfarm.com

The OSU Hermiston Agricultural & Extension Center serves nearly 200,000 acres of irrigated agriculture in Oregon and Washington’s Columbia Basin. The center concentrates on discovery and implementation of agricultural and horticultural opportunities and provides solutions to production constraints. Ask about tours.

Relax in a pasture on the east side of South Edwards Road. This is part of the extend- ed Walchli Farms Family. This family has been growing the famous Hermiston watermelons for five generations. Visit the big blue sheds and find in-season produce in the heart of the farm. Mid-Jul through Sep.

Walchli Farms
32807 E Loop Road
Hermiston, OR 97838
541.567.4300
walchli.com

The Agriculture Museum has three components: livestock and cultivation, with operating equipment from the Peck Collection. The outdoor and exhibit areas are dedicated to crops, raising livestock and cultivation, with operating equipment from the Peck Collection. The outdoor and indoor exhibits provide a unique opportunity for learning about the region’s rich agricultural history, Open Mon. - Oct., Tue. - Fri. - pm, Sat. 12pm - pm. Admission is free. The Morrow County Museum is just a couple of blocks away and includes a video about the tragic Heppner Flood of 1993.

The Poetry Museum
207 W Main Street
Heppner, OR 97836
541.676.5524
grassfedfamily.com

Sno Road Winery
210 W Main Street
Echo, OR 97826
541.379.8625
snooradewinery.com

Taste the winery’s fine wine and tour the renovated historic building housing it in the heart of Echo. The furnishings and intriguing decor reflect the couple’s world travels and interests. Wed. and Thu., 2pm - 6pm; Fri., 11am - 8pm; Sat., 12am - 6pm.

Echo Ridge Cellars
552 N Thielsen Street
Echo, OR 97826
541.289.3333
echorigdecellars.com

The tasting room at Echo Ridge Cellars is housed in a converted granary beside the winery, which is in a converted former warehouse at the north end of historic Echo. Choose patio or silo seating for a glass of fine wine and to enjoy the setting. Or, time your visit during the series of summer concerts, Wed. - Fri., 2pm to 1pm; Sat., 12pm - 9pm; Sun., 12pm - 1pm.

The menu frequently features locally sourced ingredients in the entrées, appetizers and desserts, Open for dinner Fri. and Sat. from 4pm - 9pm.