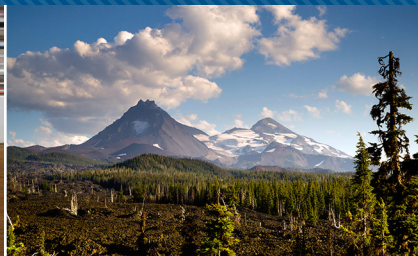


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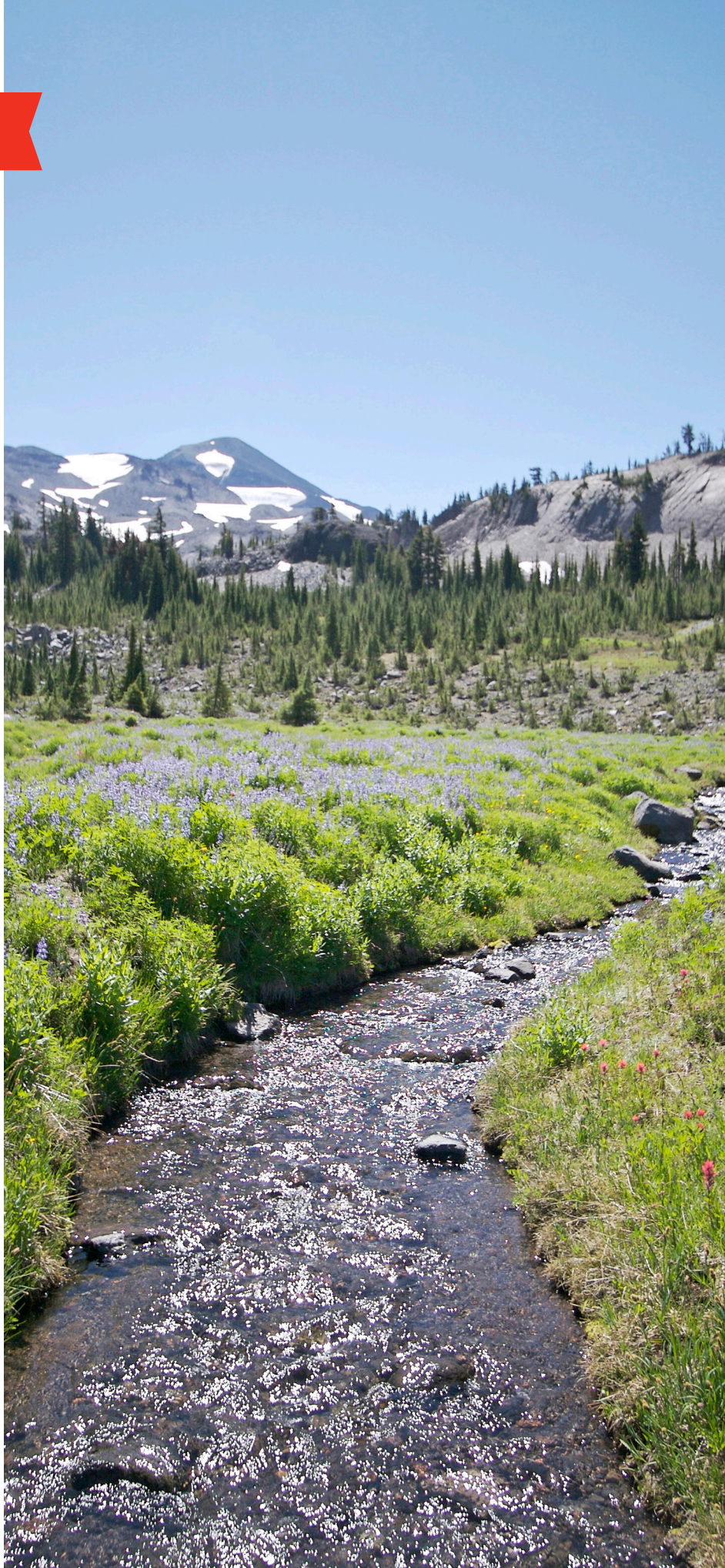
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The Hidden Economy of Sisters



Now that you live in Sisters...



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Go for a hike: Sisters main attraction is its stunning natural beauty and there are many things to explore if you want to get out in it.



2

Eat an ice cream cone: The tourist experience is not complete until you've walked the streets of Sisters enjoying a scrumptious ice cream cone. Gotta do it!



3

Drive the McKenzie Highway: Take Highway 242 out the west end of town (when open) up and over the Cascades to see some of the most spectacular scenery the Sisters Country has to offer, including the views from Dee Wright Observatory.



4

Ride a bike: You can take that McKenzie Highway trip on two wheels or just tool around town. Visit local bike shops for ideas for rides.



5

Go shopping: In Sisters you will find unique shops and art galleries that make shopping more than just retail therapy. It's a cultural experience.



6

Get a massage: Visit one of several local spas to unwind from the tensions of your everyday life – or to recover from that hike or bike ride.



7

Take a Spa Day: From the shores of Suttle Lake to the campus at FivePine, you'll find so many options for relaxation and recovery that will enhance your living to Sisters Country – and send you home feeling truly recharged and ready to get back into the race.



8

Enjoy a coffee drink: Sisters may be a small town, but it's big time when it comes to coffee. You'll have no problem finding your favorite drink – and a beautiful spot to sit down and enjoy it while playing family games, surfing the Web or – gasp! – getting a little work done (we promise we won't tell)



9

Visit Camp Sherman: You simply must experience the peace and beauty of the Metolius River and the surrounding community, one of the most treasured places in Oregon.



10

Catch some live music: Whether it's a music festival, a winter concert or a show at one of the local venues, you'll find some great tunes in town all year round.



11

Dine out: Sisters Country has lots of great choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner – and to suit all tastes and budgets.



12

Take a class or participate in a camp: Sisters Park & Recreation District has a wide range of offerings for some organized fun.



13

Watch a movie: You can catch first-run movies at Sisters Movie House or rent a DVD for family movie night in your home.



14

Catch a fish: Whether you're a seasoned fisherman or just getting your feet wet, you can find some great fishing in Sisters Country – and plenty of professional guidance to help you get a bite.



15

Visit one of the local lakes and rent a paddle boat, rowboat or a canoe. There's nothing more relaxing than being on the water.

Just relax!

Did you know? Sisters Oregon



- The town of Sisters derives its name from the three prominent Cascade peaks that grace the southwestern skyline, collectively known as the Three Sisters.
- Sisters was incorporated as a town in 1946
- Camp Polk was established as a military post in 1865 in response to the Paiute Indian wars that were raging throughout eastern Oregon during the 1860s and 70s. Named after the Oregon county from which the camp's commanding officer hailed, it consisted of a group of cabins along the west bank of Squaw Creek, now called Whychus Creek, about 3 miles (5 km) northeast of Sisters. The troops spent the winter of 1865–66 there. After discovering that there was no Indian problem they left. Around 1870, the area was homesteaded by Samuel Hindeman who also ran the post office. The post office at Camp Polk was moved to the present site of Sisters in 1888, and the name was changed to Sisters after the Three Sisters mountains that dominate its western skyline.
- Sisters and all of Oregon has no sales tax
- Oregon is one of the only two States where you can't pump your own gas (New Jersey being the other)
- Sisters is known worldwide as holding the largest outdoor Quilt Show which is held on the second weekend of July
- Sisters is also home to the "Biggest Little Show in the World", Sisters Rodeo which is held the second weekend in June, since 1941
- The Sisters Folk Festival is an annual three-day roots music festival held the first weekend of September
- Climate: Hottest month is July (avg. temp. 84.3/42.1 degrees Fahrenheit); coldest month is December (40.8/20.1 degrees Fahrenheit). Driest month is July; wettest month is January. Average annual precipitation is 14.18 inches. (Source: Oregon Climate Service/Oregon Economic & Community Development.) Average snowfall is 32 inches.
- Roberts Field in Redmond connects Sisters with the rest of the country by air. The airport is a 20-mile drive to the east. It offers service from Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City and San Francisco.
- Sisters Eagle Air airport is an uncontrolled public airport at the northern outskirts of town, suitable for light general aviation aircraft. (Runway improvements were made in 2013 and a fueling station was added.)
- Sisters is also known for their wonderful art galleries and outdoor artwork including:
 - "Running Horses" on the Lazy Z meadow east of town, by Brian Bain.
 - Bronze Wild Stallion by Lorenzo Ghiglieri on Cascade Avenue.
 - At Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park on Cascade Avenue is a bronze heron by Danae Miller, a sculpture by chainsaw artist J. Chester Armstrong, and a mural of quilts by Jerry Werner.
 - Within City Hall (520 E. Cascade Ave.) hangs a quilt by Jean Wells, celebrating a Sisters landscape.
- Sisters has an exceptional selection of small grocery stores offering local and organic options. For the summer months, don't miss the Sisters Farmers Market located in Fir Street Park. They are open every Friday from 2:00 – 5:00.

Sisters Oregon General Facts



Country	United States	Elevation	3,200 feet
State	Oregon	Weather	Winter, High 40 Low 20 Summer, High 75 Low 40
County	Deschutes	Rain Fall / Precipitation	Average Annual – Rainfall, 14.18 inches Average Annual – Snowfall, 32 inches
Incorporated	1946	Time Zone	Pacific Standard Time
Population	2,174 inside the city limits; approximately 10,000 in the school district.	Coordinates	44.2908 N, 121.5489 W

Sisters Timeline

7,700 years ago... Evidence of First Americans moving into Sisters Country, using these lands for huckleberry, root and nut gathering, fishing and hunting.

1825 Peter Skene Ogden of the Hudson Bay Co. camped by Why-Chus Creek two miles west of Squaw Flat. The next day he fed horses on meadows thought to be at Indian Ford.

1865 Captain Charles LaFollette and forty men from Company A, 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry establish a military camp at Camp Polk.

1895 Squaw Creek (Whychus Creek) Irrigation District organized.

1923 Fire starts in an unattended garage in Sisters. Fire destroys buildings on Cascade Avenue, including businesses and residences, one being the Sisters Drug Store and Post Office.

1937 Separate Sisters High School building built. (This brick building is now used as school district administration offices and is on the National Register of Historic Places.)

1951 Artificial propagation of steelhead trout in Squaw Creek (Whychus Creek).

1968 Sisters High School closed; students bussed to Redmond High School.

1975 Jean Wells and Cathi Howells begin the first annual Sisters Quilt Show; 11 quilts exhibited. The annual show is held the second Saturday of July.

1992 New Sisters High School (now Sisters Middle School) opens, taking old mascot name, Outlaws.

2002 Cache Mtn. Fire hits Black Butte Ranch, two homes lost.

2006 Squaw Creek renamed Whychus Creek.

2014 Cascade Avenue/Highway 20 undergoes complete renovation.

1805 Lewis and Clark note the snow-capped peaks of the "Western Mountains," (Cascade Range) including what is now Mt. Jefferson.

1859 A group of men from Lebanon, Oregon scout route for eastern road over Cascades; becomes Santiam Wagon Road, completed in 1865.

1870 Samuel Hindman and family, one of the first settlers in Central Oregon, establishes a homestead near the abandoned Camp Polk.

1912 Hotel Sisters built.

1924 Fire starts in a defective flue in the Gist Hotel destroying buildings on both sides of Cascade Avenue between Fir and Spruce.

1940 The first annual (official) Sisters Rodeo held at the Creighton place, northeast of downtown.

1946 Sisters becomes an incorporated city.

1964 City of Sisters hit by major flood.

1971 Black Butte Ranch, the Brooks Resources resort, begins selling lots and Big Meadow Golf Course opens.

1978 City of Sisters passes ordinance requiring 1880s-style store fronts.

2003 New Sisters High School opens. B&B Complex Fire.

2006 Whychus Creek rerouted in natural channel through Camp Polk Reserve.

Sisters Attractions

*Scenery that'll take your breath away –
time that makes memories.*

Three Creek Lake

Drive south on Elm Street (Road 16) about 20 miles and you'll run into a beautiful mountain lake at the foot of Tam McArthur Rim. Three Creek Lake offers non-motorized boating (rent a boat at the small store), fishing, swimming and picnic opportunities for the whole family (kids love to look for tadpoles). The 28-acre lake has planted rainbow trout and a self-sustaining population of brook trout. From here you can hike rugged Tam McArthur Rim or simply hang out on the beach or in a nearby campground and enjoy the peaceful environment of a 6,550-elevation alpine lake.

Dee Wright Observatory

Standing atop the windswept McKenzie Pass, Dee Wright Observatory looks like the lonely lair of a robber baron. The observatory was named after a Civilian Conservation Corps foreman who worked on the site. The observatory offers a sweeping vista of the Cascades and overlooks the somber yet intriguing lava flows that dominate the pass. Interpretive signs offer a little education about the unusual geology of the area. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the McKenzie Summit just west of the observatory. To get there; take Highway 242 west from Sisters (when passable).

Suttle Lake

Suttle Lake is one of Sisters' understated natural wonders. It's not dramatic or spectacular, but it is one of the most soul-satisfying spots in the area. Some days the lake is calm and glassy, offering a lazy afternoon on Cinder Beach looking out on Mt. Washington. Other days the wind whips the lake into a whitecapped chop and windsurfers weave through the waves. In the fall it is a riot of color as the leaves turn with the early frost. Visit the Lodge, take a boat out for a lazy day of fishing or take a stroll around the lake. Follow Highway 20 west 16 miles from Sisters; turn left and follow the signs.

Head of the Metolius

It's hard to believe that the mighty Metolius River starts from tiny springs in the shadow of Black Butte. Over the next five miles, more springs and tributary creeks build the river into a magnificent rushing torrent. The Head of the Metolius is one of the most serene and beautiful spots in Central Oregon. And it's very easy to get to. Just drive 10 miles west of Sisters to the entrance to Camp Sherman and follow the signs along Road 14. They'll point you to an expansive parking area where you can walk down a paved path about 300 yards to an overlook that treats you to a calendar shot of the headwaters and Mt. Jefferson.

Camp Polk Preserve

The Deschutes Land Trust acquired 145 acres of rare wetland/wet meadow habitat just north of Sisters and manages the site as a preserve. Camp Polk Meadow is the site of the first settlement in the Sisters Country. Camp Polk was established as a military encampment for the suppression of local Indians in 1865.

The Land Trust is working in the area to restore riparian habitat along Whychus Creek in hopes of one day restoring steelhead runs in the creek. Guided tours are given throughout the spring and summer.

For more information call 541.330.0017 or visit www.deschuteslandtrust.org.

Tumalo Falls

Tumalo Falls is one of the more scenic areas in Central Oregon, and it's an easy drive west from downtown Bend. Take Highway 20 east to 3rd Avenue south. Turn right on Franklin Avenue and head west from downtown Bend to Galveston Road which turns into Skyliner Drive and leads to the gravel Tumalo Falls Road. There's an overlook (short walk) and interpretive site and a picnic area. If you want to make a hike of it – and you should – there are many trails in the area. Hike upstream along the creek and you'll run into more waterfalls.

Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery

While you are in Camp Sherman, head further north to visit Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery. When you cross the bridge over the Metolius River and enter Wizard Falls, you know this is a special place. The clear, aquamarine color of the river water leads into a pristine grassy area and gentle paths winding through the 35-acre site. Various open tanks house the different fish species raised at the hatchery. Rainbow, brook, cutthroat and trophy trout, kokanee and Atlantic salmon are part of the three million fish on display. The hatchery hosts Kids' Fishing Day on the second Saturday in June. Wizard Falls is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Take Highway 20 west out of Sisters for 10 miles. At the Camp Sherman road sign, Road 14, turn right and travel 10 miles to the hatchery entrance.

Sisters Golf Courses



Aspen Lakes Golf Course - Faith Course 9 Holes (Public)	LOCATION: 16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters, OR 97759 PHONE: 541.549.4653
Aspen Lakes Golf Course - Hope Course 9 Holes (Public)	LOCATION: 16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters, OR 97759 PHONE: 541.549.4653
Black Butte Ranch Golf Club Glaze Meadow Glaze Course 18 Holes over 6,574 yards with a par of 72 (Public)	LOCATION: 13525 Hawksbeard Rd, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759 PHONE: 541.595.1270
Black Butte Ranch Golf Club Big Meadow Course 18 holes over 6,850 yards with a par of 72 (Public)	LOCATION: 13525 Hawksbeard Rd, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759 PHONE: 800.399.2322

Sisters Parks



Village Green Park

The Village Green Park is located two blocks south of downtown between Elm & Fir Streets. There is a covered gazebo, covered BBQ area with tables, playground equipment and many shade trees.

Sisters Creekside Campground (Formerly Three Sisters Overnight Park)

The Sisters Creekside Camp-ground is a municipal park with 60 sites (of which 25 sites are full hook-up sites) and a large grass area. The park is situated along Whychus Creek and within walking distance of downtown. The park is open April 12 through November 1 and is closed for the winter months. For information call Nicole Montalvo at the City Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, at 541.323.5220.

Creekside Park

Creekside Park is located adjacent to Whychus Creek across the covered foot bridge from Sisters Creekside Campground. The grassy park has tables and small barbeque's for daytime use.

Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park

Located on Cascade Avenue (Highway 20) in the center of downtown Sisters. Includes a public restroom.

Cliff Clemens Park

On the north side of Sisters, approximately three blocks from downtown on Larch Street. Motor homes may park in this area during the daytime only. Large grassy area and play equipment.

Creekside Park, Village Green Park and Cliff Clemens Park are available for events for a fee. Electricity is available. Call 541.549.6022 for more information.

Sisters Skate Park

Skaters have their own skate park in Sisters, thanks to volunteer efforts by local youth and adult mentors. The park includes a large, deep "bowl," an intermediate bowl, a backyard pool replica and a street scape element (railings, steps, curbs, etc). The intermediate bowl has lower sidewalls and is designed for less-experienced skaters. The skate park is located next to the Sisters Park & Recreation District Coffield Center, at the west end of the Sisters High School parking lot. Head west from downtown Sisters on Highway 242 (McKenzie Highway) and enter the Sisters High School campus.

Hyzer Pines

Also next to the Sisters Park & Recreation District Coffield Center is the Hyzer Pines 18-hole disc golf course. There is no charge for playing. No alcohol or smoking are allowed on the property.

Fir Street Park

Sisters' newest park is located at the corner of Fir Street and Main Avenue. This "pocket park" feature a splash play area with boulders, a performance stage with timber-frame pavilion and seating area, a picnic facility, restrooms, bike corrals, benches, a fire pit with seating, a drinking fountain and on-site parking.

Sit and relax or let the young ones play at a wide variety of Sisters parks.

Going Wild in Sisters



Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrel and Yellow-Pine Chipmunks

Golden-mantled ground squirrels and yellow-pine chipmunks live all through the forest and can be seen wherever you hike. The streaks on a chipmunk's body go all the way to the nose, while on the golden-mantled they stop at the shoulders.

Butterflies

Every year, the North American Butterfly Association conducts a butterfly count on Friday of the Fourth of July weekend. If you would like to participate, or would like to know the butterfly "hot-spots," call Sue Anderson at Natural Selection, 541.388.1549, or email a note to jim@northwestnaturalist.net.

Coyotes

You can see coyotes just about anywhere you go in the Sisters area.

Badgers

Like coyotes, badgers have also been persecuted because of their habit of digging holes as they pursue ground squirrels and gophers. They have also moved into clear-cuts in the forest.

Bobcats

Hikers traveling along trails that run on the edge of the forest may get very lucky and see a bobcat.

Wild Turkeys

The so-called "wild" turkeys you will see about anywhere around Sisters are not really wild. They're transplanted from the Willamette Valley where they were pests in feed lots and other agricultural areas.

Mule Deer

If you enjoy a morning walk around town, don't be surprised if you come face-to-face with at least 10 or so mule deer within the city limits.

Snakes

Yes, we do have rattlesnakes in the Sisters area. Thankfully, the Pacific Rattlesnake is a more-or-less laid-back member of the pit viper family and if you give them your respect, they will most often do likewise. We also have non-lethal gopher snakes slithering under sagebrush and rim rock.

Elk

Sisters Country is home to a substantial herd of Rocky Mountain Elk. They circulate through meadows and forests around Black Butte and points east. The herd consists of cows, calves and yearlings, and watching them move through the forest is a majestic sight. A mature cow elk weighs approximately 500 pounds and stands some four to five feet tall at the shoulder. Bull elk are much more elusive, tending to travel alone or in small bachelor groups.

Water Ouzel

The ever-busy water ouzel – a songbird known as the dipper – can also be seen dropping into the cold streams and "flying" underwater in search of aquatic insects.

Sisters Ski Resorts



CENTRAL OREGON

Mt. Bachelor	LOCATION: 13000 SW Century Drive, Bend, OR 97702 PHONE: 800.829.2442 INFO: www.mtbachelor.com
Willamette Pass Resort	LOCATION: GPS Coordinates: N 43° 36.033 W 122° 02.200 PHONE: 541.345.7669 INFO: www.willamettepass.com
Hoodoo	LOCATION: 20 Hwy 20, Sisters, OR 97759 PHONE: 541.822.3799 INFO: www.skihoodoo.com

MOUNT HOOD

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski & Snowboard Resort	LOCATION: 14040 Hwy 35, Mt. Hood, OR 97041 PHONE: 503.337.2222 INFO: www.skihood.com
Timberline Lodge	LOCATION: 27500 E. Timberline Road, Timberline Lodge, OR 97028 PHONE: 503.272.3311 INFO: www.timberlinelodge.com
Mt. Hood Skibowl	LOCATION: 87000 E Hwy 26, Government Camp, OR 97028 PHONE: 503.272.3206 INFO: www.skibowl.com
Cooper Spur	LOCATION: 10755 Cooper Spur Road, Mt Hood Parkdale, OR 97041 PHONE: 541.352.6692 INFO: www.cooperspur.com
Summit Ski Area	LOCATION: 90255 Government Camp Loop Road, Government Camp, OR 97028 PHONE: 503.272.0256 INFO: www.summitskiarea.com

SOUTHERN OREGON

Mt. Ashland Ski Resort	LOCATION: 693 Washington Street, Ashland, OR 97520 PHONE: 541.482.2897 INFO: www.mtashland.com
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Historic Buildings in Sisters

Hardy Allen House

Southeast corner of Main Avenue and Larch Street. Early settler and stockman Hardy Allen and his wife Daisy moved to Sisters in 1905 and built this fine house in 1908 on the corner of Main Avenue and Fir Street. The house was scheduled for demolition in the 1980s but was saved by moving it to its current location. It was renovated in 1990 to match its historical appearance.



Hotel Sisters (Sisters Saloon)

Northwest corner of Cascade Avenue and Fir Street. The Hotel Sisters was built in 1912 by businessman and Spanish-American War veteran John Dennis. The nicely modern facility boasted hot and cold water in each of its 19 guest rooms and featured heat from a hot air furnace in the basement. It is one of the most photographed buildings in Central Oregon.



Leithauser General Store (Sisters Bakery)

The Leithauser General Store was built on Cascade Avenue between Larch and Spruce streets in 1925. The Leithauser family owned and operated the general store at that location until 1950, when a new store was built just to the west. The building has housed a barber shop, a variety store, a yarn mill and a bakery.



Old Sisters Library

West side of Spruce Street between Cascade and Main Avenues (behind the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center). The building was originally sited on Cascade Avenue, where local businesses and citizens purchased land for a library. Local mills donated lumber for the construction of the library building. The library opened in 1939, with shelf space for 1,000 books. The building was moved to its current location in 1980 and it was retired in 1990.



The Palace

Southeast corner of Cascade Avenue and Elm Street. The original structure on the site was Sisters Drug Store, owned by the Aitken Family. The building was destroyed in the devastating fire of 1923. The Aitken family moved an existing structure to the corner and again set up shop.



Sisters Coffee, Tea Shops & Bakeries



Sisters Coffee	Company 273 West Hood Avenue, Sisters	541.549.0527
Suttle Tea	450 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.8077
Fika Sisters Coffeehouse	201 East Sun Ranch Drive, Sisters	541.588.0311
Angeline’s Bakery	121 West Main Avenue, Sisters	541.549.9122
Sisters Bakery	251East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.0361

Sisters Recommended Restaurants



Chops Bistro	370 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.6015
The Open Door	303 West Hood Avenue, Sisters,	541.549.6076
The Porch	243 North Elm Street, Sisters,	541.549.3287
The Cottonwood Café	403 East Hood Avenue, Sisters	541.549.2699
Junes Asian Kitchen	291 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.6944
Brand 33 Restaurant	16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters	541.549.3663
Depot Café	250 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.2572
Sno Cap Ice Cream	380 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.6151
Rancho Viejo	150 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.3594
The Lodge Restaurant BBR	12930 Hawks Beard, Sisters	855.253.2558
Spoons	281 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	549.719.0572
Takoda's	425 Highway 20, Sisters	541.549.8620
Lakeside Bistro	13653 Hawksbeard Road, Black Butte Ranch	541.595.1264
Rainwater Café	161 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.904.0153
Sisters Saloon	190 East Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.7427
R Spot Take Out/Eatery	161 North Elm Street, Sisters	541.549.7768
Good Day Café	143 East Hood Avenue, Sisters	541.904.4051
Sisters Meat & Smokehouse	110 South Spruce Street, Sisters	541.719.1186
Martolli's of Sisters Authentic Hand Tossed Pizza	220 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.8356
Food Cart Garden	223 East Hood Avenue corner of Hood & Fir, Sisters	541.549.2471

Sisters Breweries, Tap Houses & Bars



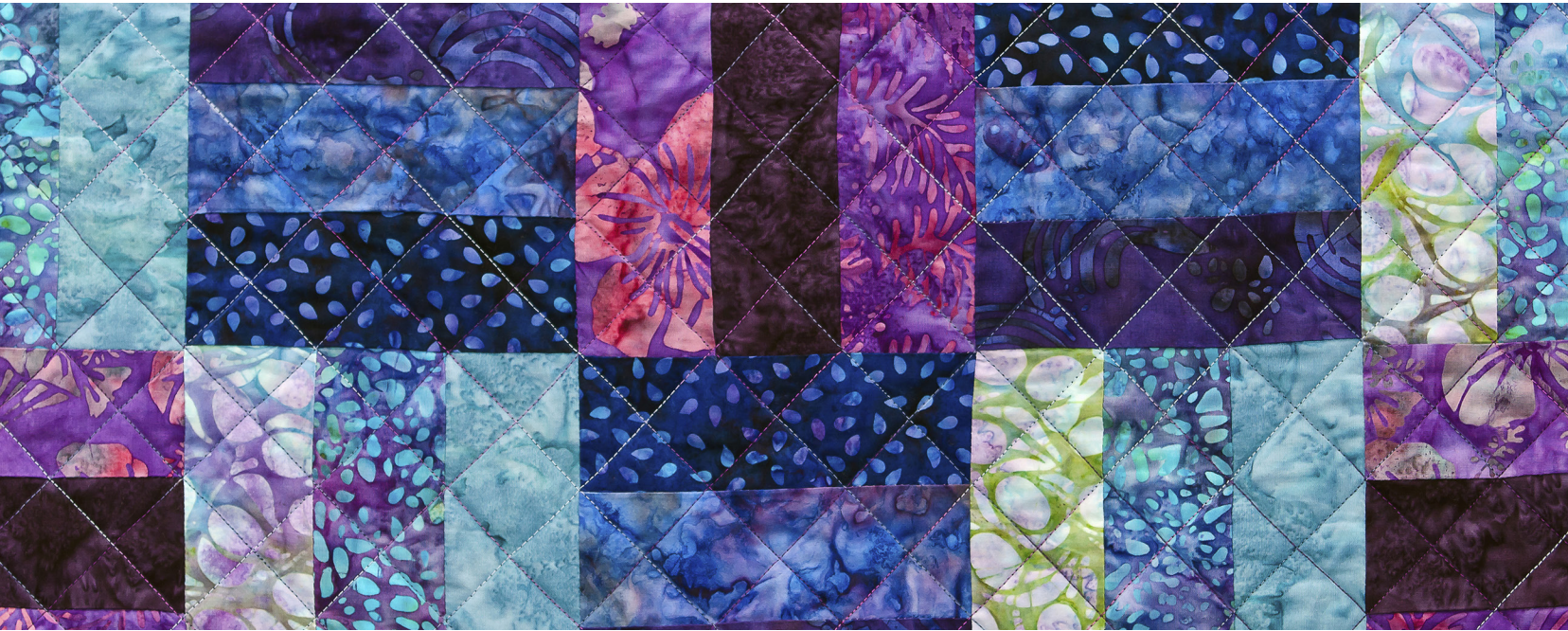
Three Creeks Brewing	721 Desperado Center, Sisters	541.549.1963
Hop N Brew	523 East Highway 20, Sisters	541.719.1295
Roberts Pub	13020 Hawksbeard Road, Black Butte Ranch	541.595.1520
Hardtails Bar and Grill	175 North Larch Street, Sisters	541.549.6114
Gallery Restaurant & Bar	171 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.2631

Area Wineries & Distillers



Cork Cellars	391 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.2675
Faith Hope & Charity Vineards	70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne	541.526.5075
Maragas Winery	15523 SW Highway 97, Culver	541.546.5464
Crater Lake Spirits	19330 Pinehurst Road, Bend	541.318.0200
Gompers Distillery	611 NE Jackpine Court, #8, Redmond	541.488.2825

Sisters Arts and Culture



Sisters is proud of its reputation as an arts community and is home to a vast number of incredibly talented individuals. Many unique galleries featuring clay work, sculpture, photography, paintings, jewelry, fiber art and much more can be found throughout Sisters. And most recently Sisters Country is very proud of its growing collection of Public Art.

Concerts featuring every genre of music highlight Sisters' calendar of events throughout the year. And don't miss the Sisters Movie House, showing first run films throughout the year.

The Americana Project at Sisters schools teaches kids to appreciate, learn and perform music and create art. The My Own Two Hands celebration in April features musical performances, an art auction and displays throughout Sisters to help raise funds for the Americana Project activities.

Sisters also hosts the **Sisters Folk Festival** every September. Thousands of fans from around the country venture to Sisters to hear local, regional, and nationally known performers. Americana, folk and blues can be heard throughout Sisters at various venues.

The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, is the largest outdoor quilt show in the world happens on the second Saturday in July every year through the Sisters Country. Mark your calendars!

Sisters Art Works is a facility that nurtures new talent by offering workshops, office space, and performing space to aspiring artists as well as established professionals.

The Sisters School Foundation created the Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series to help close the gap in funding left by severe budget cuts in 1996 that threatened valuable programs at the Sisters schools. Its first fundraising event was the Sisters Starry Nights concert series and they debuted in 1997. Among the acclaimed musicians who traveled to Sisters to participate in the Starry Nights are: Lyle Lovett, Kenny Loggins, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Michael McDonald, Deana Carter, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, John Hiatt, Kim Carnes, T. Graham Brown, David Wilcox, Karla Bonoff, J.D. Souther, Kenny Rankin, Nicolette Larson, Stephen Bishop, Mark Collie, Jeff Hanna, Matraca Berg, Greg Barnhill, Gary Morris, LeeAnn Womack, Christopher Cross, Hal Ketchum, and Kathy Mattea. And comedians Mack and Jamie, Wayne Cotter, Michael Davis, Don McMillan, Kevin Meaney. The Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series is currently on hiatus but there are several other opportunities to support the school district.

The Hidden Economy of Sisters



Mostly hidden from the view of visitors, Sisters has a thriving hidden economy of manufacturers who are creating unique, high-quality products for users around the world. From bird-repelling devises to custom-quality guitars, Sisters' creative side extends into industry.

Bird Gard utilizes the innate power of the natural survival instincts of birds to effectively repel them. Digital recordings of distressed and alarmed birds, along with the sounds made by their natural predators are broadcast through high fidelity weather-resistant speakers. This triggers a primal fear and flee response. Pest birds soon relocate to where they can feed without feeling threatened. www.birdgard.com

Rescue Response Gear specializes in technical rescue and rope access equipment, working with public and private industry providing rescue equipment, rope access equipment, rescue training and rope access training to fire departments; training facilities; public utility companies; tower erector companies and search and rescue organizations as well as federal, state, county and city agencies. www.rescueresponse.com

For more than a quarter century, **Metabolic Maintenance** has been manufacturing nutraceuticals and supplements for health care professionals who want the best for their patients, using only the highest-quality ingredients and processes. Products manufactured in their plant in the Sisters Industrial Park are based on the latest wellness research, with ingredients that are sourced from the finest suppliers and tested for purity and potency. www.metabolicmaintenance.com

From their workshop in the music-loving town of Sisters, Oregon, **Preston Thompson Guitars** builds custom guitars and standard models based on vintage designs perfected by C.F. Martin Guitar in the 1930s. The choice of Grammy-winning flatpick and fingerstyle guitarists alike, Preston Thompson Guitars are among the best acoustic guitars available anywhere, renowned for superior tone, craftsmanship and materials. www.pktguitars.com

ENERGYneering Solutions Inc. (ESI) of Sisters manages some millions of dollars in renewable energy power plants in places as far-flung as Texas, Florida and California — all out of an office at the Sisters Airport. The firm, led by Benny and Julie Benson of Sisters, provides engineering and design for landfill gas (LFG) collection, biogas pretreatment systems, biogas-to-energy facilities, and biomass thermal facilities.

Close to home, ESI installed a biomass boiler at Sisters High School, a cost-saving innovation that has received statewide accolades. www.energyneeringsolutions.com

Ponderosa Forge & Ironworks From a start shoeing horses, Jeff Wester has built a blacksmithing shop that provides structural steel and artful accessories for the finest homes and commercial properties in Central Oregon. Through its website at www.ponderosaforge.com, Ponderosa Forge sells beautiful hand-forged iron work — fireplace screens and doors, door hinges, door handles, furniture and interior décor, wine racks and much more — all across the nation.

Lakeview Millworks is a purveyor of fine doors and windows for a market that extends from the Pacific Northwest south into California and east as far as Minnesota. Lakeview Millworks, located in Town Square in the middle of downtown Sisters, has an extensive showroom featuring major window and door product lines. Lakeview Millworks is a distributor for the prestigious Kolbe Windows & Doors line — one of only three in the state of Oregon. The facility is a destination showroom for the entire region. www.lakeviewmillworks.com

Catch Magazine is as an electronic gallery and forum dedicated to the art and passion of fly fishing.

Sisters resident Todd Moen and his partner Brian O'Keefe designed and created the online periodical that features breathtaking digital photography, travel essays, and slide shows from exotic "fishing holes" around the globe, all in a Web format. The magazine has an international readership, even in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. www.catchmagazine.net

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