

Thrills and Chills

IN THE COLUMBIA BY KENDALL JONES RIVER GORGE

ocated in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge, outdoor adventurers of all types consider Hood River, Ore., to be one of North America's premier playgrounds. However, feel free to keep the snowboards, wind surfers, snowshoes or mountain bikes on top of the car or at home in the garage. You don't need to be a thrill seeker to appreciate this magical part of the world. The Gorge also offers plenty of less-perilous forms of recreation for us chill seekers.

DRINK

Depending on where you draw the lines, the Hood River area boasts nine breweries and more than 20 wineries.

On the Washington side of the river, directly across from Hood River in the tiny town of White Salmon, Everybody's Brewing Company



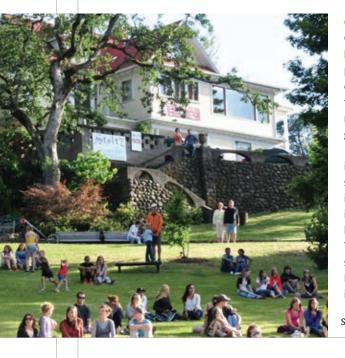
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Stoltz Vineyards is located in Hood River's oldest still-standing house (circa 1886). In a previous life, the house was the town's mortuary and funeral home. Winemaker Garrit Stoltz produces smallbatch blends that are uncommon and delicious. Try the Zweigelt, a red wine style that is common in Austria.

Marchesi Vineyards and Winery is located on the southern fringes of town. Italian-born Franco Marchesi focuses his winemaking skills on the traditional styles of his homeland. Don't miss the Nebbiolo and the Barbera.

If you're planning a spring or summer trip to the area, no visit is complete without a visit to the 35-mile chain of wineries, vineyards, breweries, orchards and farms known as the Fruit Loop. When the season allows, be sure to check out **Viento Wines**,



Solera Brewery and Logsdon Farmhouse Ales.

CRASH

The Hood River Hotel offers a comfortable, distinctive lodging option for those looking to stay downtown. The more than 100-year-old hotel lacks some of the modern conveniences, but makes up for it with gobs of oldworld charm.

Along with typical lodging options, such as the surprisingly nice **Best Western Plus**, there are plenty of vacation rental properties in the area—condos, townhomes, vacation homes and cabins. Contact **Hood River Vacation Rentals** to explore your options.

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Open daily for lunch and dinner, **Brian's Pourhouse** is more than a place to grab a pint of beer, a glass of pinot, or a well-crafted cocktail, this high-energy pub offers a diverse menu that ranges from typical pub grub to elevated entrées.

Nora's Table offers globally inspired dishes made with sustainable, fresh and local ingredients. While Nora's deserves its reputation as an outstanding brunch spot, dinners also shine. The menu changes regularly with seasonal availability but their Indian-inspired menu in particular is a safe bet.

Stoltz Vineyards

HIP IN THE HOOD

The Columbia Gorge offers many new and notables throughout the beverage and daily bread scene, below are the ones not to miss.

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