



# Thrills and Chills

IN THE COLUMBIA  
RIVER GORGE  
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**L**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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Pfriem Family Brewers

offers a great selection of beer to accompany a spectacular view of the gorge and Mount Hood. Be brave, order your burger "XXX style," with Muenster cheese, pickles and peanut butter, and pair it with a Big Brother Imperial IPA.

**Pfriem Family Brewers** opened its slick, modern-meets-rustic brewpub in the summer of 2012 across the street from Hood River Waterfront Park, and was an immediate success. Focusing on Belgian-style beers, this brewery and family-friendly pub has been in a constant state of growth, expanding its footprint and its brewery and kitchen output to meet the ever-increasing demand. Think of Brussels as you enjoy the Belgian Strong Dark Ale and the mussels and frites.

**The Double Mountain Brewery & Taproom** serves as the town's collective living room, where local families and singles gather to share highly coveted couch space, salads, exceptional New York style pizzas, and an array of brilliant beers. Hop-lovers swoon over Molten Lava Imperial IPA, while those seeking something less bitter appreciate Rainier Kriek (Belgian-style sour cherry ale).

There is a number of winery tasting rooms in Hood River's very walkable downtown business district. Among them, **Cascade Cliffs Winery**, where they pour wines honoring Italy's Piedmont region. In fact, this winery grows Barbera, Dolcetto and Nebbiolo grapes at its nearby estate vineyard.

PHOTOS: TOP: KENDALL JONES; MIDDLE: DOUBLE MOUNTAIN BREWERY; BOTTOM: EVERYBODY'S BREWING COMPANY



Double Mountain  
Brewery & Taproom



Everybody's  
Brewing Company





Marchesi Vineyards and Winery

**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 small-batch 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 old-world 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.

**CHOW**

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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