

For the Love of Portland

You can take the lawyer out of Portland, but you can't take Portland out of the lawyer

Kate Campbell, now in Dallas at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, is a born and bred Oregonian who still has family in the area and a deep affection for the city. We asked her to tell us about the city and below are just a few of her favorite places to visit, to eat, to enjoy.

Special things to do that not many folks know about

Portland Aerial Tram (portlandtram.org) The new tram may be interesting, and it's only \$4.

Portland Walking Tours (portlandwalkingtours.com) Next time I'm in town with a newcomer, I am going to sign up for one of these.

Free places

Portland Waterfront Park and Eastbank Esplanade One can take a stroll or bike along the greenspace that borders the Willamette River.

Parks, parks, and more parks! There are many downtown. Hikers may want to visit Forest Park (yes, it is considered in the city). Other great parks include Jamison, Laurelhurst, and Mt. Tabor (all on the east side).

Portland Saturday Market (portlandsaturdaymarket.com) An outdoor arts and crafts marketplace open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Good for kids

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) (omsi.edu) is great for any age and has a "science playground" for toddlers (it was one of my favorite places to go as a kid) It's great for a rainy day.

World Forestry Center (worldforestrycenter.org) This is an interesting museum. There are two "rides" for kids and parents too.

Restaurants

A. Not too pricey:

See **Willamette Week's Cheap Eats 2008 Guide (wweek.com/editorial/3419/10524/)**.

B. Downtown (near Hilton Hotel):

Bijou Café Especially for local, organic, good breakfast and lunch.

Flying Elephants Deli (elephantadeli.com) Fresh, tasty, grab-and-go breakfasts, salads, sandwiches, and soup.

Food Carts! (foodcartsportland.com) Portland has amazing food carts scattered throughout downtown. The website is compiled by a blogger fan.

India House (indiahouseportland.com) Particularly for its lunch buffet.

Veganopolis (veganopolis.com) For the vegans.

Standard tourist places that are truly excellent

Portland Classical Chinese Garden (portlandchinesegarden.com) A teahouse is located inside the garden in the "Tower of Cosmic Reflections"

Portland Japanese Garden (japanesegarden.com) Serenity in the city.
Portland Art Museum (pam.org) Wide range of art for diverse crowds.

Great Bars for those who want to go out on the town

Dough Fir (doughfir.com) Hipster meets trendy. Books indie bands.

Huber's Its Spanish Coffee presentation is legendary.

The Sapphire Hotel ([the sapphirehotel.com](http://thesapphirehotel.com)) Not a hotel, but a cozy spot on the east end of SE Hawthorne Blvd. Legend says it used to be a brothel.

Saucebox (saucebox.com) For the decidedly hip and spins electronica, but also some of the best happy hour grub.

Teardrop Cocktail Lounge (teardroplounge.com) This place, in the artsy Pearl District, is getting a lot of press about its top-notch mixologists.

Ten 01 (ten-01.com) Swanky, yet really friendly.

Thatch Tiki Bar Maybe I'm just partial to tiki bars, but the atmosphere here is awesome.

Dancing

Fez (fezballroom.com) An anything goes crowd.

Holocene (Holocene.org) The closest Portland gets to the East Village.

The Goodfoot Pub and Lounge (thegoodfoot.com) Like a soul-rock party in your basement.

Late-night dining

Le Bistro Montage (montageportland.com) Every new visitor (who stays up late) must go here for mac n' cheese under the Morrison bridge.

Le Happy (lehappy.com) For crepes, happy servers, and flowered walls.

Resources

The Oregonian (oregonlive.com) Oregon's largest daily newspaper.

Travel Portland (travelportland.org) Online guide to Portland's cultural scene, events, and attractions.

Willamette Week (wweek.com) Portland's alternative weekly.

Just anything else visitors might like to know:

A. Transportation

If folks are staying downtown, they are going to have easy access to light rail (MAX) the Portland street car, buses, Zipcars, etc. Really, no one needs to rent a car. Also, Portland is a biking town. I'm sure it would be easy to find bikes to rent.

B. Portland is not completely smoke-free:

Disappointing, and those from smoke-free cities should be aware.

C. Portland has no sales tax:

Visitors love this