

Tours and outings offered:

FRIDAY:

Campus guided tour:

This is a walking tour featuring the highlights of the Oregon State University Campus, including historic buildings, cultural centers and the College of Horticulture.

Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture

Six acres of paradise off Oregon State University's main campus, Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture is an excellent learning laboratory for sustainable horticultural practices in both rural and peri-urban landscapes.

OCCUH continues to be a hotbed of activity during the summer. There are several areas, individuals, and groups that are using the 6.5 acres of space on the SW corner of campus for research -- as well as just plain fun.

The yearly annual plant trials continue and are simply an explosion of color and texture with most plants being about two weeks ahead of where they would typically be due to the warmer than normal temperatures. The same area sports 20 large containers that are producing both food and flower power for pollinators. Pollinator plants produce both nectar and pollen for a wide array of pollinators from bees to beetles. The green tower likewise is a virtual amorphous undulating orb of vegetables and flowers. This construct has a footprint of 12.5' stands 6' tall and creates a planting area of nearly 90 sq. ft. - you just have to see it!

BLOCK 15 Brewery guided tour

Matt Williams, the brewery manager for Block 15, will lead us on a tour of their brewing operations in South Corvallis. Matt's father was a Master Gardener in Tillamook, Oregon. The Block 15 production brewery, is the workhorse of their brewing operations. The brewery was built in 2015 and is located in the shadow of the Coastal Range in South Corvallis. The brewers are committed to sustainability and good stewardship in their beer production. This includes brewing efficiently in order to reduce the use of water, reducing and recycling waste, using organic and regional ingredients, and participating in environmental programs. "From brewing beer to running the restaurant, sustainability and recycling are pillars that Block 15 stands upon, and we are so excited to make an impact on the health and vitality of our planet!"

You must provide your own transportation:

Brewery Address: 3415 SW Deschutes St. Corvallis, OR 97333

SATURDAY:

Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market: On your own.

You can visit the Corvallis Saturday farmers market Saturday morning. The Farmers Market offers fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy and more, all sourced locally from Benton County and the counties immediately surrounding Benton County.

1st & Jackson, Saturdays 9-1.

Nursery tour of Garland Nursery, Shonnard's Nursery and Home Grown Gardens Nursery. On your own. Map available at the registration desk.

Tour guides will be available on each site. Each Nursery is offering a 10% discount to Master Gardeners on Saturday.

River Ranch Oregon Olive Oil tasting Saturday 11-2:30 in the alumni center lobby.

River Ranch cultivates both Arbequina and Arbosana varieties of olives in well-tended groves nestled along the banks of the North Umpqua River in Glide, Oregon. These cold-tolerant varieties have superb olive oil attributes and exceptional flavor. The Mediterranean-like micro climate of the area provides ideal growing conditions, while thrifty watering during the growing season increases the healthful polyphenol levels in the fruit.

After months of careful tending they harvest early by hand, when not only taste but polyphenol levels, too, are at their height - and get them to press without delay. Although harvesting at this rather early stage of ripening means less oil is extracted, by doing so we produce a higher quality ultra-premium extra virgin olive oil.

Rest assured River Ranch will never mix its premium, completely Oregon-grown olive oil with other "sourced" oils, as many of our competitors do. A true gourmet boutique Extra Virgin Olive Oil.