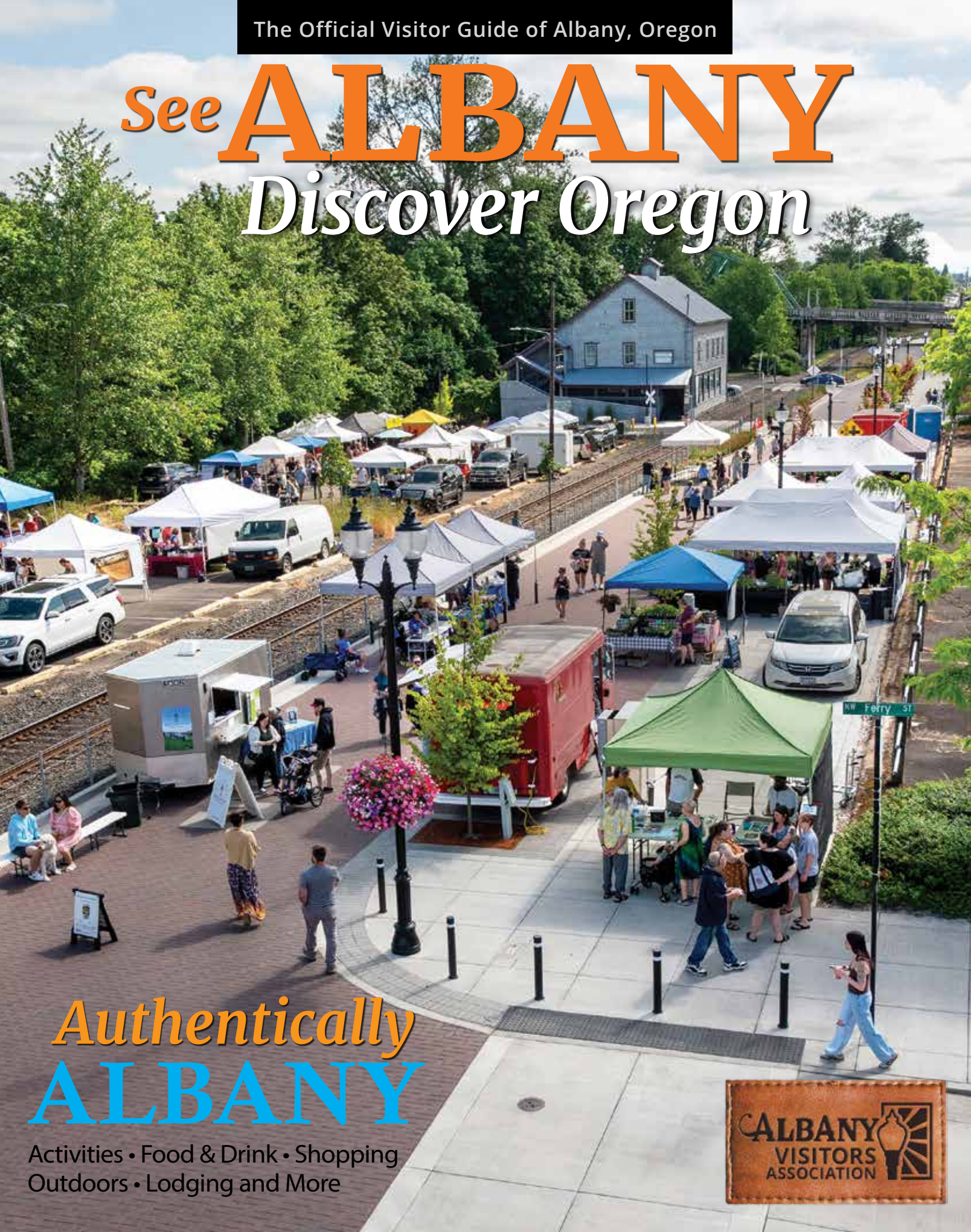


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To our visitors both new and returning



Welcome to Albany, also known as “Hub City.” Albany is the county seat of Linn County in the heart of the Willamette Valley. As a growing city, Albany is the perfect location to explore, recreate, relax, rejuvenate, and experience a wide range of outdoor activities with family and friends.

We invite you to stay in a local hotel or vacation rental in our beautiful downtown. You'll want to wake up early and head for a local gourmet coffee shop for a delicious morning beverage or a farm-fresh breakfast at one of our bistros. Seize the day and build your itinerary with the help of the Albany Explorer app and the friendly staff at the Albany Visitors Association. You can hike our trails, paddle around lakes or rivers, pedal across historic covered bridges, or simply relax in the sun at one of our many parks with a picnic lunch.

For history buffs, no trip to Albany would be complete without a visit to the Albany Regional Museum or a self-guided tour through one of our three downtown-area National Historic Districts.

Remember our crown jewel: the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, where artistry and magic meet both kids and “kids at heart,” providing hours of fun for the entire family. After your carousel experience, you can visit our Farmers' Market and Artisan Faire on our beautiful Water Avenue Plaza!

I am extremely happy to invite you to enjoy our “Mid-Willamette Valley Food Trail” with your family and friends. Albany has partnered with over 40 businesses to offer “down to earth” experiences with local producers.

Finally, visit Monteith Riverfront Park during our River Rhythms Concert series in July! It is ADA-accessible for all to enjoy!

On behalf of our entire community, I am pleased to welcome you to Albany! I hope you enjoy every moment of your time with us!

Alexander D. Johnson II
Mayor

Accessibility in Albany

Albany is working to make trip planning easier for visitors of all abilities. As you explore this guide, look for accessibility notes highlighted in green boxes. For more detailed planning information, see AlbanyVisitors.com/Accessible-Albany



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JULY

Old-growth forests in Linn County offer quiet hikes, wildflowers, biking trails, and cool summer swims. Find information at the Sweet Home Ranger District. 541-367-5168 | FS.USDA.gov/Willamette

U-pick or purchase fresh blueberries at **Bryant Family Farm**.

541-704-0677 | BFFberries.weebly.com

Join fans for **Stand By Me Day** on the fourth Saturday in July in **Historic Brownsville**, where the iconic film was shot.

541-466-3390 | HistoricBrownsville.com

Step back in time during Albany's **Historic Home Tour**, held on the last Saturday in July, and tour beautifully preserved homes.

541-928-0911 | AlbanyVisitors.com

Don't miss these: Independence Day celebrations, Kraze Daze, Linn County Fair, River Rhythms

AUGUST

See an early-morning balloon liftoff, shop for art and browse vendor booths, view classic cars, and listen to live music. Visit the oldest operating municipal airport in Oregon and view the 1929 lattice truss hangar at the **Northwest Art & Air Festival**.

541-917-7777

AlbanyOregon.gov/NWAAF

Recognize National Book Lovers Day and visit the historic **Carnegie Library**.

541-917-7585 | Library.AlbanyOregon.gov

Visit the **Albany Regional Museum** for the Robert Ferugson Collection art exhibit August 2026 through January 2027.

541-967-7122 | ARMuseum.com

Trails abound in Albany for walking and biking along rivers and lakes.

541-917-7759 | AlbanyOregon.gov

Mark Your Calendar: Carousel Carnival, Covered Bridge Bicycle Tour, Native American Cultural Encampments

SEPTEMBER

Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show is a downtown favorite. Browse antiques, collectibles, and gleaming vintage cars. Vote for your favorite! 541-704-0109

AlbanyAntiqueMall.com

Press apples for cider and explore the last surviving water-powered mill in Oregon at **Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site**.

541-491-3611 | StateParks.Oregon.gov

Enjoy family fun at the **Tangent Harvest Festival** with food, vendors, a hot air balloon launch, and live music, and the exciting Combine Demolition Derby & Power Pulls.

TangentTogether.org

Worth checking out: Albany Beer "Run," Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Market for the Strange

Seasonal Traditions

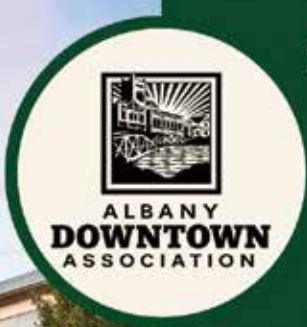
Pair pinot with a mountain sunset at **Springhill Cellars Winery**, open May through mid-December. Drop by for live jazz on 4th Fridays, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., May through August. 541-974-0917 SpringhillCellars.com

Grandpa's Fresh Market has U-Pick strawberries, a pumpkin patch in fall, a farm stand, and a gift shop. May through November 36483 Hwy. 226 | 541-928-8778 See on Facebook

Bring your reusable bag and explore **Albany Farmers' Market**, where you'll find peak-season produce, farm-raised meats, just-laid eggs, local honey, artisan-baked breads, and fresh-cut flowers. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April through November, Ferry Street and Water Avenue, LocallyGrown.org



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OCTOBER

Check out fall activities at local farms, markets, and craft fairs, pick a pumpkin, or roam a corn maze.

Midway Farms

6980 NW Hwy. 20

541-740-6141 | MidwayFarmsOregon.com

Bose Family Farm

35765 Cyrus Rd. NE

541-451-0544 | BoseFamilyFarm.com

Kenagy Family Farm

1650 NE North Nebergall Loop

541-979-1490

Blog.KenagyFamilyFarm.com

Celebrate **National Arts & Humanities Month** and explore our local gallery.

Gallery Calapooia

541-971-5701 | GalleryCalapooia.com

Add these to your list: Trolley of Terror, Mennonite Festival & Quilt Show, Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival

NOVEMBER

Honor America's veterans by attending the **Linn County Veterans Day Parade**, the largest west of the Mississippi. View historic military uniforms on display downtown.

757-593-5094

LinnCountyVeteransDayParade.org

Plan a winter drive through **Linn County's covered bridge country**. Follow mapped routes in the Albany Explorer app or see AlbanyVisitors.com/Tours to plan your journey.

Savor **Springhill Cellars Winery's** freshly pressed White Pinot Noir, Federweisser. Stay warm by the bonfire or dance to live music in the barn at the annual **Federweisser Festival**.

541-974-0917 | SpringhillCellars.com

Bonus events: Downtown Unwrapped, Downtown Community Tree Lighting, Willamette Valley Ag Expo

DECEMBER

Watch for holiday events like Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Carousel Connection at the **Historic Albany Carousel & Museum**.

541-497-2934 | AlbanyCarousel.com

Wander candlelit parlours and holiday-dressed halls during Albany's beloved **Christmas Parlour Tour**, taking place on the second Sunday in December.

541-928-0911 | AlbanyVisitors.com

Drive through town and enjoy dazzling displays in Albany's annual **Nighttime Magic Holiday Light Contest**, then vote for your favorite.

541-928-0911 | AlbanyVisitors.com

More merriment: Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade, Sleigh Bells Sing, Holiday Farmers' Market, Town & Country Christmas Bazaar



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Happenings & Highlights

JANUARY

Plan indoor activities that keep the season lively, rain or shine.

Visit **Enigma Escape Experience** and crack the code or solve the mystery.

541-368-0299 | OregonEnigma.com

Warm up with a hearty bowl of pho at **Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food**.

541-791-7299 | BasAlbanySquare.Site

Every Sunday, cozy up with blankets and outdoor heaters in **Calapooia Brewing's** pet-friendly atrium for Oregon's longest-running open-air blues jam. Listen in or join the jam.

541-928-1931 | CalapooiaBrewing.com

Find culinary mushroom nirvana at **Sybaris Bistro** during truffle season.

541-928-8157 | SybarisBistro.com

Other happenings this month: Oregon Mid-Winter Dance Festival, Winter Rod & Speed Show

FEBRUARY

Experience Oregon's best local bites and sips at **First Taste Oregon**.

866-904-6165 | FirstTasteOregon.com

Wish Oregon a Happy Birthday and learn about Oregon pioneer life at the **Monteith House Museum**.

541-220-0421 | MonteithHouse.org

Cuddle baby lambs at **Iron Water Ranch's Lambentine's Day**.

541-928-5180 | IronWater.com

See what's on stage at **Albany Civic Theater** — local productions to entertain, delight, and inspire.

541-928-4603 | AlbanyCivic.org

Uncover history during Black History Month. Look for presentations by

Oregon Black Pioneers.

503-420-7728 | OregonBlackPioneers.org

Explore even further: Big Show of Little Art, Crab Fest, American Kennel Club Dog Show

MARCH

Fish, walk, or just relax at one of Albany's lovely lakes.

Timber-Linn Memorial and Waverly Lake Parks

541-917-7777

AlbanyOregon.gov/Parks

Find your one-of-a-kind treasure at the **Linn County Flea Market**, the largest indoor flea market in the county.

LinnCountyFleaMarket.com

Shop hand-turned wooden artworks at the **Oregon Woodturning Symposium**.

OregonWoodturningSymposium.com

Watch Oscar-nominated films at the historic **Pix Theatre**.

541-926-7499 | AlbanyPix.com

Can't miss extras: Albany Photography Contest, Library Uncorked, NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

Albany Photography Contest

The Albany Visitors Association's Annual Photography Contest seeks fresh, original images capturing the heart of Albany and Linn County. Whether it's lively community events, local flavors, or hidden treasures, your photos help highlight what makes our region truly special. Selected images may be featured in our marketing materials, including websites, social media, visitor guides, and promotional content, inspiring travelers to discover and experience all Linn County has to offer. So, keep your camera and phone handy as you are out and about and consider being a participant. For more information, contact Info@AlbanyVisitors.com.

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Find what makes Albany memorable — local favorites and can't miss events

APRIL

On April 7, 1933, a law allowing Americans to legally purchase beer was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who famously remarked, "I think this would be a good time for a beer".

Celebrate **National Beer Day** at local craft breweries and tap houses.

Calapooia Brewing

541-928-1931 | CalapooiaBrewing.com

Deluxe Brewing

541-928-7699 | SinisterDeluxe.com

No Rails Ale House

541-497-2137 | NoRailsAleHouse.com

For Scottish-American Heritage Month, kilt up and head to **The Squeaky Cork**. 541-981-2140 | TheSqueakyCork.com

Save room for these: RaSani Fair, Albany Farmers' Market opening day, Blackberry Junction Spring Home Show

MAY

Observe **National Historic Preservation Month** with events in Historic Downtown Albany and throughout Linn County. Participate in Historic Walking Tours, Tweed Ride, Vintage Bicycle Show, and the Historic Architectural Scavenger Hunt.

541-928-0911

AlbanyVisitors.com/Events

Attend the **May Day Celebration** at **Midway Farms**, Oregon's only 100% dedicated gluten-free farm.

541-740-6141 | MidwayFarmsOregon.com

Sip and stroll through Historic Downtown Albany while tasting Oregon wines at local businesses during the **Albany Downtown Wine Walk** on the first Friday in May.

See on Facebook

Make more memories: Carriage Me Back in Brownsville, Linn County Lamb & Wool Festival in Scio, Lebanon Powwow

JUNE

Take pride at Albany's annual **Pride Festival** with local vendors, performances, and food trucks. See on Facebook

Attend the longest continuously running celebration in Oregon at the **Linn County Pioneer Picnic**.

541-466-5656 | PioneerPicnic.com

Eat your fill for **National Food Truck Day**. Experience an array of international cuisines at these locations.

The Barn at Hickory Station.

541-666-2974 | TheBarnHS.com

Charli's on I-5

541-248-3453 | CharlisOnI5.com

More to explore: Kids Summer Passport, Lebanon Strawberry Festival, Black Sheep Gathering, Through the Garden Gate Tour

YOUR TICKET TO Amazing Views





Some downtown restaurants have limited hours, and tables can fill quickly in the evenings and on weekends. Check ahead to make the most of your visit.



Sybaris Bistro



Albany Farmers' Market, Vonda Peters

Flavors to Savor

Explore Albany's diverse culinary scene, where local flavors and unique dining experiences await

From fine dining to food trucks, locally crafted brews to creative cocktails, visitors to Albany can indulge in a full menu of diverse dining at eateries that highlight the Willamette Valley's agricultural bounty. Here's a sampling of what you can find throughout historic downtown and across the city.

An Evening Out

Sybaris Bistro: Led by James Beard Award-nominated Chef Matt Bennett, Sybaris Bistro offers a warm, eclectic dining experience. The menu changes monthly and highlights fresh, seasonal ingredients from local farms, with bold Pacific Northwest flavors. Located in the historic Oregon Electric Railway Depot, Sybaris is a destination for food lovers. Read more about Sybaris and the restored Oregon Electric Railway Depot in the History section on page 16 of this guide. Reservations are highly recommended. 133 5th Ave. SE | 541-928-8157 | SybarisBistro.com

Loafers Station: This accessibility-verified downtown bistro and bar pairs a warm interior with a flavorful menu, seasonal patio seating, and creative cocktails featuring house specialties and local spirits.

222 Washington St. SW | 541-926-8183 | LoaferStation.com

Vault 244 Bistro & Lounge: Chic New American bistro and bar known for its standout martinis and an extensive selection of whiskey and bourbon. This bistro features creative small plates alongside full dinner offerings, making it an inviting destination for date nights, evenings with friends, or a relaxed solo outing. 244 1st Ave. W | 541-791-9511 | Vault244.com

Brasa Restaurant: Pacific Northwest ingredients meet Mediterranean inspiration at Brasa, a distinctive downtown restaurant with a woodsy, atmospheric style. Stop in for dinner, specialty drinks at the Black Forest Bar, or monthly Wine Wednesday events. Brasa is also open late on Fridays and Saturdays until 11 p.m. 115 Ellsworth St. SW | 541-791-7105 | DineBrasa.com

Fresh & Healthy Eateries

Bodhi Cafe & Bistro: Settled in its new location downtown, this artisan bakery and restaurant serves delicious, locally sourced, farmer inspired fare made from the freshest local ingredients. Owner and chef Cody Utzman, a two-time champion on Food Network's *Chopped*, carefully crafts a menu to cater to a wide range of dietary preferences, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. Their daily bread schedule offers freshly baked long-fermented sourdough breads, French pastry and other delicious specialties throughout the year.
210 1st Ave. W | BodhiBakery.com

Homegrown Oregon Foods: Located in North Albany at The Barn, Homegrown dishes up fresh, flavorful meals that are entirely gluten-free, with vegetarian and vegan options available. Their feel-good food is perfect for diners with dietary restrictions or anyone craving a wholesome bite.
640 Hickory St. NW | 541-971-7174
HomegrownOregonFoods.com

Natural Sprinkles Co.: This farm-to-table bakery creates delicious cupcakes, breads, and pastries that are kosher and halal, with many gluten-free, sugar-free, vegan, vegetarian, and soy-free options.
202 2nd Ave. SW | 541-704-0445 | See on Facebook

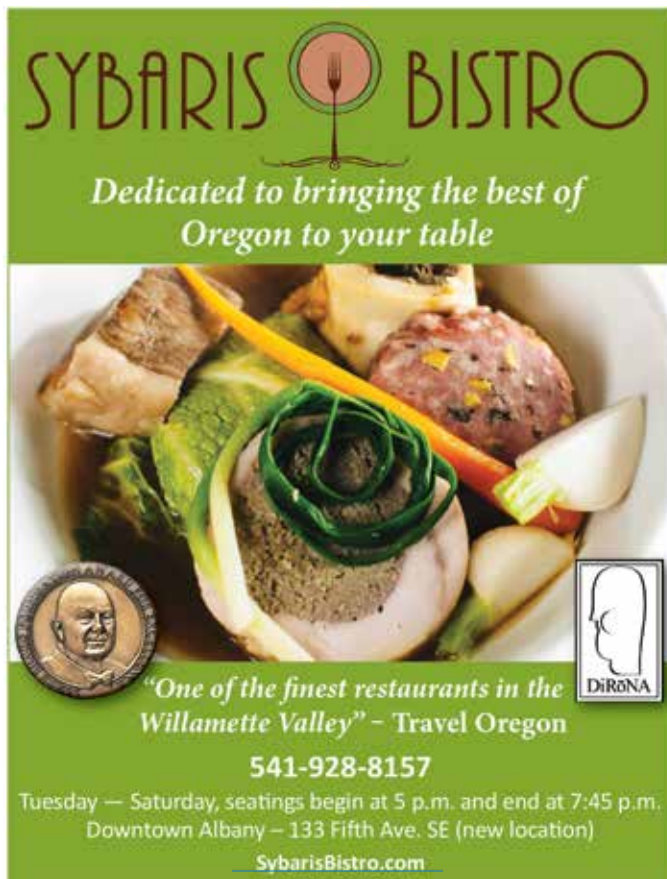
Casual Classics

Oregon Barbecue Company: This award-winning spot serves up some of the best smoked meats in the Willamette Valley. Choose from tender brisket, pulled pork, sausage, and chicken paired with scrumptious sides. Open daily until sold out, so come early for the best selection.
744 Old Salem Rd. NE | 541-704-7333 | BBQOregon.com

Pepper Tree Sausage House: A local favorite known for its handcrafted sausages, hearty breakfast burritos, and stacked sandwiches. With over 20 varieties of specialty meats and custom-cut rib eyes, it's a must-stop for meat lovers.
1125 Salem Ave. SE | 541-928-1254 | OregonPepperTree.com

Hasty Freez: Since 1953, Hasty Freez has been an Albany favorite. This drive-thru and walk-up spot is known for its rich soft-serve ice cream, thick hand-spun shakes, standout burgers, and crinkle-cut fries. Expect generous portions and a nostalgic experience that keeps people coming back year after year.
655 Lyon St. SW | 541-926-2144 | Hasty-Freez.shop

Albany Farmers' Market is the oldest continuously operated open-air farmers' market in Oregon. Find them at the new location on Water & Ferry. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from mid-April through late November.



SYBARIS BISTRO

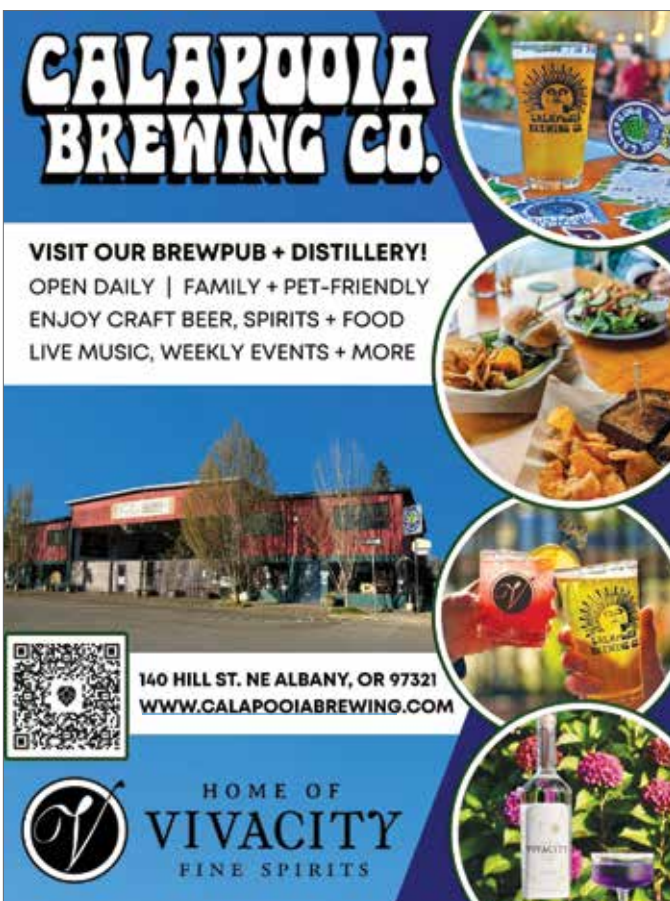
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Spice Cantina: Vibrant Latin flavors meet a lively downtown atmosphere, bringing fresh energy to Albany's dining scene. The menu features crave-worthy favorites like pozole verde, street corn esquites, and creative tacos, paired with handcrafted margaritas and specialty cocktails for a festive, spicy night out. 208 1st Ave. W | 458-253-4020 | See on Facebook

La Roca: Colorful décor and margarita flights make this a neighborhood favorite for celebrations. Gather around the table for generous plates of Mexican classics, from tacos and enchiladas to sizzling fajitas and combination plates. 1727 Hill St. SE | 541-928-6141 | See on Facebook

Los Dos Amigos Hacienda: Known for their authentic Mexican dishes, Los Dos Amigos Hacienda is a good fit for families, groups, and visitors looking for a relaxed meal and great service. 2133 Santiam Hwy. SE | 541-928-4820 | LosDosAmigosAlbany.com

Asian Favorites

Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food: Inspired by traditional Vietnamese comfort dishes, Ba's serves flavorful pho, bánh mì, and refreshing beverages, including Thai iced tea and hojicha lattes. The walls are adorned with family photos, reflecting the rich history behind the cuisine. 117 1st Ave. SE | 541-791-7299 | BasAlbany.Square.Site

Jinda Thai Restaurant: This downtown eatery brings the vibrant flavors of Thailand with dishes rooted in tradition and crafted with care. Each meal is prepared with the freshest ingredients using house-made sauces. 236 1st Ave. W | 541-248-3666 | JindaThaiAlbany.com

Simply Ramen: Explore a delicious menu of ramen dishes alongside appetizers, salads, and meals like Pad Thai and Orange Chicken. Vegan options and rice-noodle substitutes cater to various diets. Pair your meal with a Junmai Ginjo Sake or a wide selection of teas. 1800 Geary St. SE | 541-981-2798

Kaiyo Sushi: Choose from sushi rolls and other Japanese dishes as they travel past your table on a conveyor belt. The revolving selection makes it easy to sample several dishes or order grab your usual. 2826 Santiam Hwy. SE | 541-497-2622
KaiyoSushi.Square.Site

Wine, Beer & Cocktails

Springhill Cellars Winery: Just 10 minutes from downtown, this family-owned hilltop winery pairs Coast Range views with a restored barn tasting room, picnic tables, fairy lights, and sunset scenery. Barrel-aged wines focus on pinot varietals. Visit for Federweisser Festival, held the Friday through Sunday after Thanksgiving, or 4th Fridays with food and live jazz, May through August. 2920 Scenic Dr. NW | 541-974-0917
SpringhillCellarsWinery.com

Calapooia Brewing Co. & Vivacity Fine Spirits: This pet-friendly brewpub pours award-winning beers, local spirits, craft cocktails, and plenty of personality. Enjoy outdoor seating, darts, pub fare, and regular live music. On Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m., Froggy's Blues Jam brings musicians and music lovers together for Oregon's longest-running blues jam. Check their website for more events. 140 Hill St. NE | 541-928-1931 | CalapooiaBrewing.com

Deluxe Brewing & Sinister Distilling: Albany's first brewstillery combines small-batch beer and craft spirits in a laid-back riverside setting. Drink a pint, take a whiskey tour, and grab a bite from the Deluxe food truck. Both indoor and outdoor seating are pet-friendly. Stop by for weekly events like Open Mic Night, Acoustic Jams, and Bingo. 635 Water Ave. NE | 541-928-7699 | SinisterDeluxe.com

Wine Crush: Wine Crush offers a rotating selection of wines on tap, along with flights, glasses, and bottles from an extensive local and international lineup.

Shareable small plates and house-crafted pizzas make it easy to unwind with friends or linger over a long evening. 329 2nd Ave. SW | 541-730-3332 | WineCrushAlbany.com

Breakfast, Brunch & Pastries

Brick & Mortar Cafe: Start your day at this popular brunch spot known for standout Bloody Marys, mimosas, hearty breakfasts, and satisfying lunches. For something lighter, stop by the espresso bar for fresh coffee and a house-made pastry to take on the go. 222 1st Ave. W | 541-791-7845 | BrickAndMortarCafe.com

Cork's Old Fashioned Donuts: A staple in Albany for over 40 years, this beloved bakery is known for what many locals call the best donuts in town. Scratch-made daily, the selection often sells out quickly, drawing loyal early-morning crowds. 2555 Santiam Hwy. SE | 541-926-7551 | See on Facebook

MandyCakes Bakery & Bistro: Donuts, breakfast empanadas, and custom cakes are all available at this eclectic bakery. Grab something to go, or settle in with coffee and a pastry before heading out to explore Albany. 1670 Hill St. NE | 541-248-0728 | See on Facebook

Roger's Restaurant: This casual family restaurant is a reliable place for breakfast and familiar diner fare. Its broad menu and easygoing atmosphere make it a practical choice for families and road-trip travelers. 2165 Pacific Blvd. SE | 541-926-6717
Rogers-Restaurant.com

Food Carts & Gathering Spots

Charli's on I-5: This food cart pod has plenty of parking, live music events, and a lineup of food trucks, from street tacos to Thai favorites. Charli's is the perfect place to gather with friends and family. Have a draft beer, glass of wine, or a cider and soak up the community vibes at this easy-to-access local favorite. 325 Airport Rd. SE | 541-248-3453 | CharlisOnI5.com

The Barn at Hickory Station: A popular local gathering place, The Barn features a beer and cider taphouse inside and food carts outside under a covered area. Choose from barbecue, gyros, sushi, Salvadoran dishes, Hawaiian favorites, and more. Enjoy a relaxed, dog-friendly setting with outdoor seating and live music. Check the website for current cart hours. 640 Hickory St. NW | 541-666-2974 | TheBarnHS.com



This is just a taste of Albany's food scene. Scan to find more places to sip, snack, and savor, including restaurants, cafés, and food trucks as well as farms, farmers' markets, and food-and-drink experiences.

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History Lives in Albany

Tour Historic Homes – Stroll Charming Streets – See Oregon’s Oldest Outdoor Farmers Market

Albany is where Oregon’s past comes beautifully to life. With the state’s most diverse collection of architectural styles — from the 1849 to the 1945 — visitors can explore four nationally recognized historic districts, three within walking distance of one another, each filled with character, craftsmanship, and charm. Take a self-guided walk through the Downtown Commercial, Hackleman, and Monteith Districts to see more than 800 historic homes and buildings — each telling a part of Albany’s story.

Albany Historic Interior Home Tours

For a closer look, plan your visit around one of Albany’s Historic Interior Home Tours.

Summer Home Tour (last Saturday in July)

Step inside beautifully preserved houses, where friendly hosts and homeowners share stories of restoration and what it means to call a piece of Albany’s history home. The tour also includes select historic sites such as the Monteith House Museum, the Albany Regional Museum, and the Carnegie Library.

Christmas Parlour Tour (second Sunday in December)

Celebrate the season with twinkling lights, holiday music, and Victorian-era charm. Ride a trolley or horse-drawn wagon — or explore on foot or by car — as you visit festively decorated homes, churches, and museums throughout the historic districts.

As tour dates approach, contact the Albany Visitors Association for ticket information.

Historic District Highlights

Monteith District: Named after Albany’s founders, Thomas and Walter Monteith, this area features the Monteith House, Albany’s first frame home, built in 1849. Now a museum, it is considered the most accurately restored pioneer-era home in Oregon and has been recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Homes in the Monteith neighborhood include the Dawson House, a 1910 Colonial Revival famous for its owl face motif on the front dormer. The district also features Bungalow, Farmhouse, French Second Empire, and other architectural styles.

Hackleman District: Named after early settler Abner Hackleman, this 28-block district showcases a wide variety of architectural styles, including Queen Anne, Italianate, and Gothic Revival. Highlights include the George Earle Chamberlain House, once home to an Oregon governor, and the oldest surviving church building in Albany — the former St. Paul’s Methodist Church South. Once home to the oldest furniture factory west of the Mississippi, this district reflects Albany’s industrial and cultural growth.

Downtown Commercial District: Albany’s original shopping hub since 1848, this district features

preserved buildings from the 1800s and early 1900s. Many structures showcase cast iron details and ornate Italianate architecture — remnants of Albany's boom during the riverboat and railroad eras. Look closely and you'll spot decorative cornices, arched windows, and embossed iron columns that reflect the craftsmanship of the time. Just a short drive away, the Albany Municipal Airport reflects the next chapter of that movement — helping earn Albany its nickname, "Hub City," where waterways, railroads, and early aviation all converged.

Albany Farmers' Market

Founded in 1978, the Albany Farmers' Market is the oldest continuously operated open-air farmers' market in Oregon. What began as part of a growing national movement to connect farmers directly with their communities continues today with fresh produce, local food, and a strong sense of place.

The market has now returned to its original location on Water Avenue near Ferry Street, bringing this Albany tradition back to the riverfront setting where it spent its early decades. For Market Director Taylor Kamsler Wilson, the move feels like a homecoming. The red brick plaza places the market in the heart of historic downtown, with the Monteith Riverpark, the Dave Clark Trail, the Ellsworth Street Bridge, and the historic Avery Mill Building all nearby.

The market also offers something increasingly rare: a chance to meet the people who grow, raise, bake, and make what you take home. Visitors can ask farmers how they tend the land, learn what is at peak flavor, and discover ingredients they may not find in a grocery store.

Make a day of it. Pick up produce and lunch from the market, then walk the Dave Clark Trail, picnic in Monteith Riverpark, cool off at the splash pad, or take a ride on the Albany Historic Carousel. Downtown shops, restaurants, and coffee spots are just steps away, making the market an easy starting point for a full Albany experience.

The Market is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from mid-April through late November.

The Albany Explorer App

Tour all three districts with the free Albany Explorer app, available on the Apple Store and Google Play. This self-guided tool features interactive maps, photos, and detailed information about many of Albany's historic buildings.

Don't miss the "Pioneering Women" guide — an interactive experience with mini biographies and videos that lead you to the places that shaped their lives.

The app also offers a variety of fun and helpful features, including selfie spots, virtual postcards, and insider tips on where to eat, shop, and discover memorable experiences around town.

Honoring Veterans

Albany is well known for honoring veterans, particularly on Veterans Day through the Linn County Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Service.

Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade began in Albany in the early 1950s, and by 1954, it stretched a mile long and drew dignitaries from Camp Adair, members of Congress, and Oregon's governor — making Linn County the place to be for Veterans Day celebrations. During this era, Hollywood also took notice, and celebrities like Audie Murphy, Raymond Burr, Bob Hope, Jesse Owens, and Governor Ronald Reagan added a touch of star power to the festivities.



Today, Albany's Veterans Day Parade remains a moving tribute to the courage, service, and sacrifice of America's veterans — a celebration shaped by decades of community pride and gratitude. Whether

you're a local or a visitor, it's an experience you won't want to miss.

For current Veterans Day activities and updates, visit LinnCountyVeteransDayParade.org.

Veterans Memorial at Timber Linn Memorial Park

Another meaningful way Albany honors veterans is through the Veterans Memorial at Timber Linn Memorial Park. Built in 1969, the memorial recognizes Linn County service members who died in the Vietnam War. The original walls feature bronze plaques facing outward, while inscribed "sentry bricks" face inward toward the plaques — a symbolic gesture of support. During a second expansion 40 years later, additional names of Linn County veterans who served in the Vietnam War were added, along with names (submitted by families) of veterans who served in other 20th-century conflicts.

Timber Linn Memorial Park is located at 900 Price Rd. SE. For information about honoring a veteran with a brick or other memorial details, contact the Albany Visitors Association.



The Oregon Electric Railway Depot

One of Albany's most distinctive landmarks is now home to Sybaris Bistro

On a hot July day in 1912, people gathered in Albany to celebrate the Oregon Electric Railway (OER) Depot's beginning of regular electric rail service through Albany, connecting the city to a growing Willamette Valley network. With frequent, reliable trains designed for everyday travel, the OER reshaped expectations almost overnight.

Throughout the depot, thoughtful architectural details reinforced the sense that travel itself was meant to feel significant, not merely functional. It blended the practical demands of a modern railway station with something more expressive, making it an unexpected landmark in Albany. Shaped by a forward-looking imagination, it was just a step ahead of what was to come. The station carried suggestions of Art Deco before the design style had fully found its name or voice. Most striking was the interplay between the sweeping roofline, with its pagoda-like shape and gently upturned eaves, and the clean geometry and stylized detail of its arched doors and windows. The two distinct architectural statements were woven seamlessly together.

Like the depot itself, travel on the Oregon Electric was designed to feel modern, comfortable, and just a little bit special. The railway ordered some of the highest-quality interurban cars available, reflecting practicality and ambition. There were combination cars, part baggage and part passenger, alongside observation-buffet cars and elegant passenger trailers. For a time,

there were even specifically built interurban sleeping cars. Though the journey between Portland and Eugene did not require overnight travel, these cars reflected an era when transportation and lodging were not always easily secured, particularly for women traveling alone. Rather than forcing passengers off the train late at night, sleeper cars could be shunted onto side tracks so travelers could rest comfortably until morning.

After a peak in 1920, competition from automobiles, trucks, buses, and renewed passenger efforts by traditional railroads steadily eroded a ridership that never gained volume. By May 13, 1933, passenger service on the Oregon Electric had come to a close. While the line continued as a freight railroad into the 1990s, the depot itself was left without its original purpose.

Today, the building is home to Sybaris Bistro. When you visit Albany, be sure to step inside and experience it for yourself. Restoration has not simply preserved the structure, but honored its design, allowing the craftsmanship, proportions, and details of the 1912 depot to shine. A place that once served rail passengers on the move now serves guests lingering over meals and conversation. Whether you come for a meal by the fire, a glass of wine at the bar, or simply to take in the architecture, you'll find a place that still knows how to receive people. The trains may be gone, but the iconic OER Depot remains, its historic character thoughtfully restored paired with a dash of red carpet hospitality.



Native American Culture is Alive

Indigenous events welcome visitors of all ages in Linn County

For Dietrich Peters, the Native American Cultural Encampments are a way to remind guests that Indigenous traditions are not just part of Oregon's history. "We want people to know that we are still here, we are still alive, we are still practicing," he said. Peters, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and cultural director of the Native American Cultural Encampments, encourages people from all walks of life to attend, ask questions, and connect the Native community.

Native American Cultural Encampments

The encampments welcome visitors of all ages, and accommodations are available upon request. Activities include flute music, storytelling, dancing, food, and crafts. Visitors can also see Native cultural demonstrations such as canoe building, basket weaving, and harvesting practices. A free Sunday feast features Native-inspired foods, where elders are served first. New activities will include a tipi raising during encampment weekends. Once built, the tipi will become a gathering place for stories and music.

Native American Cultural Encampments

July 24 to 26 at Waterloo County Park in Lebanon

August 28 to 30 at Cascadia County Park

Find details at NACulturalEncampment.org

Lebanon Powwow

The Lebanon Powwow offers another way to connect with Native traditions. Returning for its third year, the powwow began when event coordinator Laurie Regalado's daughter wanted to share her Native American culture with the community. Regalado is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Native American/Alaska Native Education Program Coordinator. "I love the Native community and sharing the culture," she said. "I want to be able to show people that we're still here, we embrace our culture, and we want to share it."

The event will include Grand Entry, Native artists, food vendors, music, and dancing. Regalado highlighted the dancing as one of the most meaningful parts of the powwow. The dances invite participation across tribal affiliations and backgrounds, with categories including jingle dancing and fancy dancing.

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Photos courtesy of Dietrich Peters

Lebanon Powwow

Held in May at Lebanon High School. Check for the next event date closer to spring.

For information, contact Laurie Regalado at naep.lebanonparents@gmail.com.



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Monteith House

Play the Albany Way

Dive into experiences that capture the spirit of the city — past and present. From local history and handmade treasures to showstopping live theater, these are the places where stories are shared, memories are made, and Albany's unique character shines. Wander through a museum, create your next masterpiece, or catch a show where Albany's stories take the spotlight.

Timeless Treasures & Historic Spaces

Albany Regional Museum: Located in the historic S.E. Young Building, the museum shares the stories that shaped the city. Exhibits trace the people, industries, and events that shaped Albany, from its founding in the 1850s to its growth as one of Oregon's most prosperous communities. Interactive displays, hands-on experiences, and rotating exhibits bring local history to life for visitors of all ages. Throughout the year, the museum offers programs and lectures that connect the past with the present. See their website for current exhibits and upcoming events.
136 Lyon St. SW | 541-967-7122 | ARMuseum.com

Monteith House Museum: Built in 1849, the Monteith House is Albany's first frame home and one of the most authentically restored pioneer-era houses in Oregon. Constructed from sawed lumber — an early innovation for the region — the house offers a vivid window into mid-19th-century life in the Willamette Valley. Guided tours take visitors through period rooms featuring original furnishings used by the Monteith family, including items brought across the country during the Gold Rush era. Throughout the year, the site hosts a variety of events, including Trolley of Terror, Sleigh Bell Sing, and the Pioneer Christmas Party for children. Check their website for the latest schedule and seasonal offerings.

518 2nd Ave. SW | 541-220-0421 | MonteithHouse.org

Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site: Just 25 minutes south of Albany in Shedd, Thompson's Mills is Oregon's oldest standing water-powered grain mill, offering a glimpse into more than 160 years of rural life and innovation. Free self-guided tours are available daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours are offered Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m., and Friday through Sunday by request from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can see the turbines and

milling machines in action during demonstrations. Call ahead for groups of 10 or more. Seasonal cider-pressing events are held in the fall, giving visitors the chance to join the process and take home freshly pressed apple cider. Check the Albany events calendar for details.
32655 Boston Mill Dr., Shedd | 541-491-3611
OregonStateParks.org

Albany Regional Museum and Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site offer accessible ways to explore local history. Albany Regional Museum has a designated accessible parking space, step-free entry, and wheelchair-accessible exhibit hall and restroom. At Thompson's Mills, the main floor is accessible by ramp, and ADA-compliant vault toilets are available in the parking lot.

Creative Studios & Local Art

Surefire Design: Paint your own pottery at this hands-on ceramic studio in Historic Downtown Albany. Choose from a changing selection of ready-to-paint pieces, including seasonal items and everyday keepsakes, then settle in with brushes, colors, and a little creative freedom. Friendly staff can help with tips and ideas, making this an easy stop for families, friends, date nights, or solo makers. Visitors will always find something inviting in stock to paint and take home.
201 2nd Ave. SW | 541-928-7339
@SurefireDesign on Instagram

Gallery Calapooia: Find a vibrant mix of local art at this cooperative gallery featuring more than twenty Albany-area artists, each with their own unique style and skill sets. This diverse selection includes hyperrealistic colored-pencil still lifes, vibrant acrylic paintings, stamped metal jewelry, and hand-printed fabrics. On the first Friday of each month, a reception is held at the Gallery showcasing select artists, complete with complimentary wine and snacks.
222 1st Ave. W | 541-971-5701 | GalleryCalapooia.com

Calapooia Clay: Pick up a new hobby or hone your craft at Albany's local pottery studio. With classes and workshops designed to spark connection and creative growth, Calapooia Clay offers a supportive environment that encourages questions and limitless creativity. Explore the on-site ceramics gallery, stocked with unique, handcrafted pieces made by studio members, and are available for purchase.
1533 7th Ave. SE | 541-497-1632 | CalapooiaClay.com

Popcorn & Performances

The Pix Theatre: A true gem for movie lovers, The Pix combines first-run films with nostalgic charm and unbeatable concessions. Inside, you'll find walls lined with classic movie memorabilia and one of the

best snack bars around. Alongside popcorn, candy, and sodas, treat yourself to truffles, chocolate-covered bananas, seasonal pies, and espresso drinks. Feeling hungry? Their expanded menu includes cheeseburgers, grilled ham and Swiss, quesadillas, and a hummus and veggie plate — plus wine, cider, and local craft brews.
321 2nd Ave. SW | 541-967-7469 | AlbanyPix.com

Albany Civic Theater: Enjoy live, local theater in one of Oregon's oldest continually operating community venues. For 76 years, Albany Civic Theater has brought comedies, dramas, and musicals to life while offering creative opportunities for local actors, technicians, and theater lovers. Located "between the bridges" in historic downtown, the theater is just steps from restaurants, cafes, and pubs with ample free parking. See their website for their current play season and performance times.
111 1st Ave. W | 541-928-4603 | AlbanyCivic.org

The Pix Theatre and Albany Civic Theater offer accessible ways to enjoy a show. The Pix provides closed captioning and audio description devices for every film, with Open Captions typically available at the first Sunday showtime and Tuesday evening showtime. Albany Civic Theater offers closed captioning by Cue Captions at select performances.





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Like Deer in Carousel Lights

The Albany Historic Carousel & Museum continues to grow!

In 2026, two new animals are being prepped to join the menagerie: Bucky and Saami, a jubilant reindeer, both eager to make their leap onto the Carousel.

Bucky the white-tailed deer embodies the craft of woodworking in both name and design. Sponsor Gary Miller comes from a family of carvers, including his grandfather, Irving Phillip Miller, who went by the name “Bucky.” In life, Bucky carved two twelve-by-ten-inch white-tailed deer figures out of maple wood. These carvings inspired Gary and his wife, Joanne, to sponsor an animal for the Carousel. Naturally, they chose a white-tailed deer, and they appropriately named it Bucky. Carousel Bucky is a five-point buck, meaning his antlers have five tines on each side, just like the carvings Bucky Senior made; the only difference is that the antlers on the carousel’s Bucky are real! On his back, Bucky wears a brown blanket adorned with a basket-weave border and a side portrait of Chief Pontiac, leader of the Odawa tribe. Hanging from the blanket on Bucky’s shoulder is a roll of carving tools, a nod to the three generations of Millers who helped carve Bucky and their love for woodworking.

Saami the reindeer is named and inspired by sponsors Nancy and Richard Bryant’s Finnish and Danish heritage. For thousands of years, Sámpi, the northernmost part of Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Russia, has been inhabited by the Sámi (pronounced SAH-mee), an indigenous culture known for their

reindeer herding traditions and vibrant textiles. Staying true to his culture, Saami wears a saddle designed after traditional Sámi textile patterns and colors, including bright reds, blues, greens, and yellows. Upon his hind leg rests a Nisse (the Danish word for gnome), leisurely smoking a pipe modeled after a family heirloom. Like the aforementioned Bucky, Saami’s antlers are real and were donated by Timberview Farms, located in Springfield.

Over 20 years in the making, the Carousel isn’t quite finished yet. With the addition of Bucky the Deer and Saami the Reindeer, the Carousel will feature 49 hand-carved animals. Once complete, it will showcase 51 unique creatures, plus 2 chariots, and a stock of alternates and seasonal animals that are rotated in for holidays or when animals are temporarily removed for care. All of the animals are lovingly hand-carved and painted by dedicated volunteers.

A Carousel That Cares

Back in 2002, after visiting the Missoula Carousel in Montana, Wendy Kirbey had a dream to bring a carousel to Albany. After roughly five years of rallying the community, Kirbey’s dream grew into much more than providing Albany with a whimsical landmark. She wanted to create a space that all people could enjoy, one that could give back to its community and foster growth. That is how the Carousel Cares program came to life.

During its first year, Carousel Cares distributed 350 care packages, stuffed with free ride cards and lunch vouchers, to local children experiencing hardship. Now including a stuffed animal, approximately 1,300 of these packages were shared with the community in 2025.

The program has also grown through partnerships with local schools, libraries, and other organizations, including CASA, ABC House, Family Tree Relief Nursery, and Jackson Street Youth Services. Through these partnerships and community support, the carousel can provide free field trips, donate clothes and shoes to local children, and address emergent family needs.

To Wendy Kirbey, the greatest reward is seeing the people of Albany help make her dream a reality. She is proud of her community and the legacy the Albany Carousel will leave behind. "This program is so ingrained in this town," says Kirbey. "The people of Albany know that whether they need a space to lift their spirits or require a little extra support, the carousel is an accessible resource."

If you go

Admission to the carousel is free, and rides are just two dollars. In addition to enjoying a ride, visitors can take a free guided tour of the carving studio and museum located in the basement. These behind-the-scenes tours offer a chance to see carvers at work and watch new animals take shape. The museum features a fascinating exhibit of vintage carousel animals collected from across the country, offering a deeper look into the rich history of carousels.

If you get hungry, the Carousel Café offers lunch specials, Umpqua ice cream, and fresh popcorn. Free parking is available throughout downtown Albany. While spaces near the carousel are limited, additional parking can be found two blocks southeast at Two Rivers Market. Be sure to check signage, as some areas near the carousel require reverse diagonal parking.

The Carousel Gift Shop features unique souvenirs, carousel-themed treasures, and locally made gifts. In the shop, you can pick up a copy of "The Miracle on First Avenue." This inspiring book tells the story of the volunteers, the animals, and the remarkable journey of founder Wendy Kirbey, whose vision and persistence turned a wild idea into a beloved landmark in downtown Albany.

Planning a party, shower, or meeting? The carousel has two charming party rooms available to rent, or you can reserve the entire space for a private event outside of carousel hours. For those who want to get involved, the carousel relies on a dedicated team of volunteers to keep Albany's crown jewel shining. Visit AlbanyCarousel.com to learn more.

The carousel aims to provide a fun and inviting space for everyone. Welcoming visitors with mobility challenges, the doors are equipped with push-button openers. The carousel is wheelchair accessible, with a deck that aligns with the loading platform. Riders who use wheelchairs can enjoy the chariot, which includes a locking mechanism so they can ride safely without transferring. The bathrooms are fully accessible, as is the museum downstairs, which is reached by elevator. Non-English speakers can enjoy the guided tours with the help of Electronic Translator Services. Upon request, visitors can use complimentary earbuds to hear real-time audio translations from the tour guide's microphone, making exhibits and storytelling easier to follow and more inclusive for a global audience.

The Sensory-friendly Mornings at the carousel are offered Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This quieter, gentler experience features softer music and complimentary earplugs, ideal for individuals with sensory sensitivities and anyone who prefers a calmer environment.



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Shops, Specialty Finds, and Everyday Stops

Albany rewards shoppers who like to wander. One stop might lead to a vintage treasure, the next to a handmade gift, a new favorite book, or supplies for your next outing. Local shopkeepers, creative displays, and an easy-to-explore downtown make browsing part of the visit.

Locally Loved Boutiques & Gifts

Emma Downtown: This small but mighty downtown boutique is filled with stylish apparel, standout accessories, gifts, and home décor. Look for Hobo purses and wallets, unique kitchenware, candles, linens, and new arrivals throughout the season. 422 1st Ave. W | 541-926-1717 | EmmaDowntown.net

The Natty Dresser: Experience a full-service menswear shop with timeless staples, seasonal styles, and thoughtful gifts for the modern gentleman. Browse classic and contemporary clothing, a wall of hats, and the in-store shoeshine station. 124 Broadalbin St. SW | 541-248-3561 | TheNattyDresser.com

No Dinx: Shop Albany-themed souvenirs, stickers, and apparel, or order printing, embroidery, and team gear. Custom items can be picked up in-store or shipped, and the PNW by No Dinx collection is available online. 139 1st Ave. SE | 541-967-8494 | NoDinx.com

Weathered Together Market: Explore a collective of local vendors offering everything from home décor and clothing to books, cards, and souvenirs. Inspired by Albany's people and culture, the shop brings together locally inspired goods with a Northwest flair. 301 1st Ave. W | 541-791-7659 | WeatheredTogether.com

Antique Finds & Secondhand Gems

Albany Antique Mall: Spend an afternoon exploring two floors and 20,000 square feet filled with antiques and collectibles. With more than 100 booths, wide aisles, and a well-organized layout, it's easy to hunt for that must-have piece or uncover something you didn't know you needed. 145 2nd Ave. SW | 541-704-0109 AlbanyAntiqueMall.com

ReStyle: This consignment store offers gently used clothing alongside a selection of apparel, candles, home décor, and garden accents. Known for its attentive care and well-kept inventory, ReStyle provides a reliable stop for both consignors and shoppers. 629 Hickory St. NW, Ste. 120 | 541-928-7315 ReStyleAlbany.com

Ree + Rae's | Hole in the Wall Vintage: A shared retail space offering an eclectic mix of antiques, collectibles, and brand-new items. Together, they create an inviting place with a diverse, ever-changing mix for visitors to explore. 425 1st Ave. W | 541-248-0091 | Ree-and-Raes.Square.Site

Urban on 1st: Step into a space featuring clothing, home décor, and furniture that blend quality with character. From everyday staples to bold accent pieces, the mix brings secondhand style and plenty of personality. Located inside Weathered Together. 305 1st Ave. W | 541-405-3038 | See on Facebook

1st Hand Seconds: Shop gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories while supporting a meaningful cause. Proceeds help fund Mercy House International, an organization providing support and resources to women and children. The store also includes Chicee Chicee

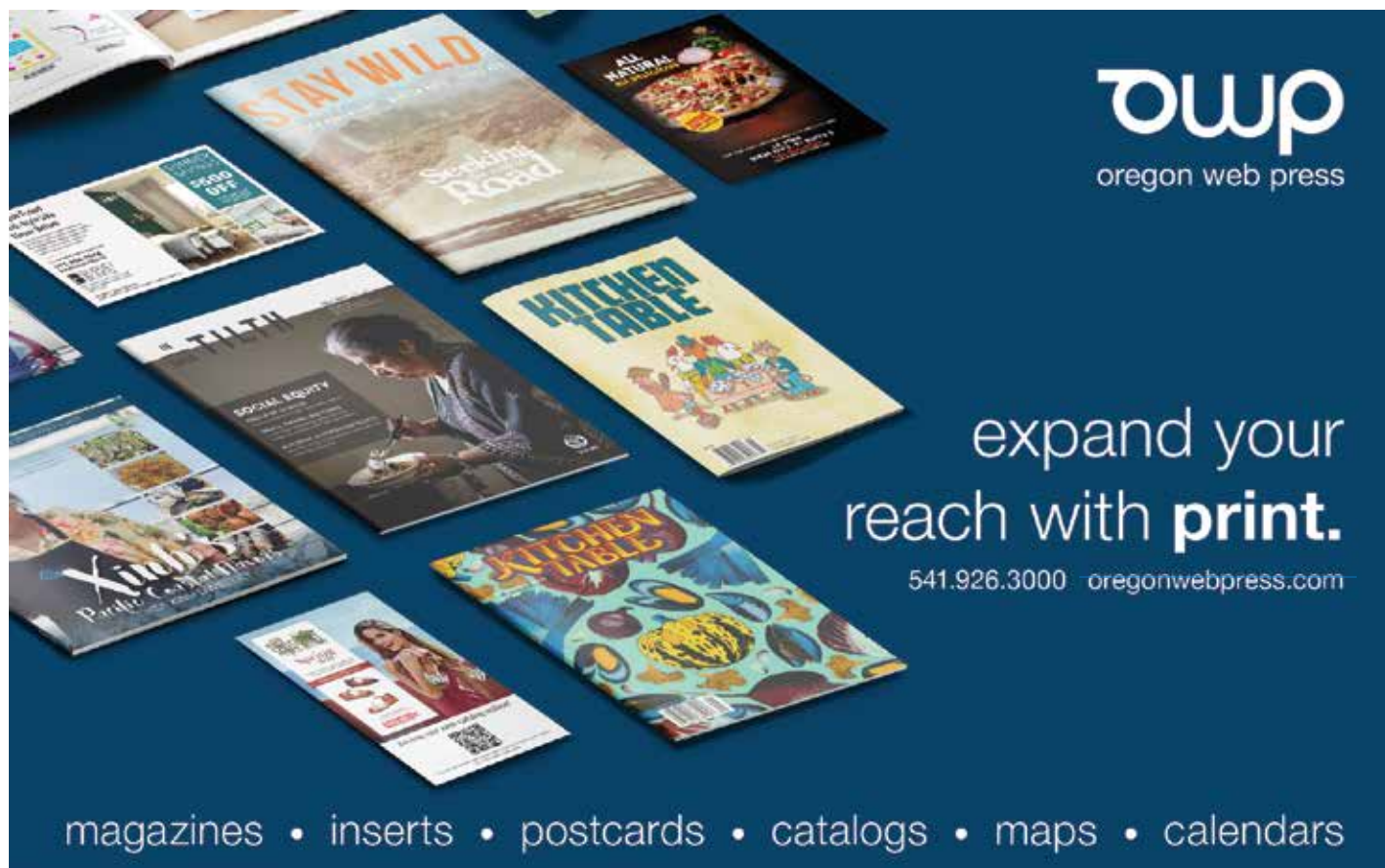
Bridal, offering affordable gowns and formalwear. 411 2nd Ave. SW | 541-928-6909 | 1stHandSeconds.org

Peach & Pear: This vintage shop offers handpicked treasures, including antique gifts, clothing, and handcrafted items by local artisans. Open Fridays and Saturdays only. Check their website before visiting. 124 Ellsworth St. SW | PeachPearCo.com

Specialty Shops & Creative Hobbies

Gallery Calapooia: This working collective showcases fine art by Mid-Valley artists, including paintings, photography, ceramics, and fiber art. Pieces are available for purchase, and monthly First Friday Artists Receptions offer light refreshments and a chance to meet the artists. 222 1st Ave. W | 541-971-5701 | GalleryCalapooia.com

The Chapter House Bookstore: A Tolkien-inspired refuge for stories, imagination, and fellowship, this eclectic bookstore offers comfortable seating for lingering over coffee or tea. Browse carefully selected titles, or take part in events that bring the cozy, community-centered space to life. 250 Broadalbin St. SW, Ste. 104 | 541-704-7217 ChapHouse.Square.Site



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- Albany Civic Theater
- PIX Theatre
- Phoenix Inn Suites
- Albany Regional Museum
- Comfort Suites Linn County Fairgrounds
- Best Western Plus Prairie Inn
- The Barn at Hickory Station

These verified listings offer clear, practical details to help visitors plan informed, inclusive experiences — so you can spend less time wondering and more time enjoying all that Albany has to offer.

To start planning your visit, explore Albany's accessibility-verified locations at WheelTheWorld.com.

Brigitte's Place: This fabric shop is a welcoming stop for sewing enthusiasts, stocked with quality textiles, books, and essential notions. Classes are also available for those looking to sharpen their skills or start something new.
325 1st Ave. W | 541-979-3121 | BrigittesPlace.com

Two Rivers Fly Shop: Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned angler, this specialty shop is a trusted resource for gear, fly-tying supplies, and expert advice. Since 2002, its knowledgeable team has helped match anglers with the right tools for local waters.
204 1st Ave. W | 541-967-9800
TwoRiversFlyShop.biz

Sniffany's Pet Boutique: Focused on holistic nutrition and raw food, this downtown shop is dedicated to helping pets thrive through high-quality products and expert guidance. You'll also find healthy treats, stylish accessories, and unique toys for your four-legged companion.
222 1st Ave. W | 541-248-3722
SniffanysPetBoutique.com

The Frame House: This longtime downtown Albany shop offers custom framing for artwork, photographs, memorabilia, and treasured keepsakes, along with a selection of art supplies. Known for personalized service, The Frame House brings care and craftsmanship to each framing project.
434 1st Ave. W | 541-928-7676 | See on Facebook

Heritage Mall: Shopping, Dining & Play

Albany's largest shopping center spans over 400,000 square feet and features more than 50 stores and restaurants, including Target, Old Navy, Hobby Lobby, Ross Dress for Less, Red Robin, Chipotle, and Johnny Carino's. Browse familiar retailers, stop for a meal, or plan an indoor play break at Jump! City, where kids can climb, bounce, and explore in a climate-controlled adventure space. You'll also find local stops, including Jack n' Jill Resale, a children's resale shop specializing in gently used baby and children's clothing. Don't miss the "Messenger Oak," an Oregon white oak in the parking lot thought to be 200 to 300 years old and designated as one of Albany's Heritage Trees.
1895 14th Ave. SE | 541-967-8238 | HeritageMall.com

You'll also find other familiar retailers around town, including Walmart, Fred Meyer, Kohl's, Costco, Coastal Farm & Ranch, and Big 5 Sporting Goods, along with a variety of chain restaurants and coffee shops for convenient stops between local adventures.



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Explore the Outdoors

Your guide to outdoor recreation from town to trailhead

Outdoor adventures come naturally in Albany. Riverfront paths, neighborhood trails, and shaded parks make it easy to get outside without leaving town. Lakes, forests, bike routes, and recreation areas are all close by, so outdoor time fits easily into a weekend visit or a longer stay.

Monteith Park

Located just steps from Historic Downtown, Monteith Riverpark is a must-visit stop for anyone exploring Albany's scenic riverfront.

Splash Pad: Traveling with kids? Pack a towel and let them cool off at the splash pad, open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Playground: The new nature-inspired playground invites kids of all ages to climb, slide, and explore.

Monteith Riverpark is designed for ease of access, with designated wheelchair seating in the amphitheater, a central handrail on the main stairway, and smooth, paved connections to the Dave Clark Trail — ideal for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.

Shaded seating areas make it a relaxing stop for families on the go.

River Rhythms: If you're visiting in summer, check the schedule for the River Rhythms outdoor concert series, where the new stage sets the scene for evenings of music at Monteith Riverpark. Contact Albany Parks & Recreation at 541-917-7777 or visit AlbanyOregon.gov/Parks for this year's lineup.

Albany Farmers' Market: On Saturdays from April 18 through November 21, the Market brings even more energy to the riverfront. Held at Water Avenue and Ferry Street, just steps from Monteith Riverpark and the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, Oregon's oldest continuously operated open-air farmers' market makes it easy to pair fresh local finds with a playground stop, a stroll by the river, or spend time in downtown Albany. LocallyGrown.org

Urban Trails

Albany's trails give visitors a simple way to get outside without leaving town, with paths suited for walking, biking, and watching for wildlife.

Periwinkle Creek Trail stretches 1.8 miles along Periwinkle Creek, connecting Grand Prairie Park to the Albany Boys & Girls Club. This paved path offers a quiet, tree-lined route for walking, jogging, or biking.

Cox Creek & Waverly Lake Loop combines a 0.65-mile trail along Cox Creek with a 0.70-mile loop around scenic Waverly Lake, where visitors can enjoy views of waterfowl, shade trees, and the city's famous wood duck decoy during the summer.

Oak Creek Greenbelt Trail winds 1.8 miles through natural areas between Teloh Calapooia Park and the Calapooia River. Its soft-surface path offers a peaceful setting for walkers and nature lovers.

Timber Linn Park Trail is a 1.47-mile paved loop through open fields and along Price Road. Located within Timber Linn Memorial Park, it's perfect for a relaxed stroll or an easy bike ride

Water Play & Paddling

Splash pads, river access, and quiet lake settings give families and paddlers several ways to spend time near the water.

Waverly Lake and Timber Linn Memorial Park are peaceful spots for personal kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and RC boats. Both parks are great places to take a walk or have a picnic. Waverly Lake has seasonal paddleboat and kayak rentals from June through September available Tuesday through Sunday.

COOL! Pool, located at Swanson Park Action Center, includes a zero-depth entry, 36-foot slide, lazy river, and play structure. It operates mid-June through Labor Day weekend. 705 Railroad Street SE
541-967-4521 | AlbanyOregon.gov/Parks

Kayaking in and around Albany is a great way to explore the region's natural beauty at a relaxed pace. A favorite short float begins at Michael's Landing in Corvallis and ends at Bowman Park, a convenient take-out in Albany. For a quieter experience, Freeway Lakes, southeast of town, is open year-round and has a non-motorized boat ramp. Guided tours for both locations are available through OregonKayakTours.com.

Bowman Park and Bryant Park both offer river access, shaded picnic areas, and space to relax and play. **Bowman Park** features a rustic boat ramp and is a popular spot for swimming during the summer months. **Bryant Park** is located at the confluence of the Calapooia and Willamette rivers, providing opportunities for river access and recreation. Always wear a properly fitted life jacket while swimming —

free youth life vests are available at both parks in the summer. Find out more about the Life Jacket Program at AlbanyOregon.gov.

Fishing

The Albany area offers approachable fishing close to town, plus larger river and reservoir trips for anglers ready to explore farther east.

Waverly Lake, Timber Linn Lake, and Freeway Lakes are stocked each spring with legal-sized trout by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. These easy-access spots are ideal for families and casual anglers. Waverly and Timber Linn are located within city parks, while Freeway Lakes are just southeast of town and offer more seclusion.

E.E. Wilson Pond, just northwest of Albany, is another great family-friendly fishing spot stocked with trout in the spring. It's especially suited for young or beginning anglers.

Foster Reservoir and Green Peter Reservoir, east of Sweet Home, offer larger-scale boating, fishing, and water recreation. Both are stocked with trout, bass, and kokanee. Boat launches, picnic areas, and campgrounds make these reservoirs popular day-trip destinations.

Willamette & Santiam Rivers are known for seasonal runs of Chinook salmon and steelhead. Bank and boat anglers alike find success in spring and fall. Fly fishing is also popular on tributaries in east Linn County, where cold, fast-moving streams challenge even

Safety First

Whether you're paddling, wading, or swimming, safety comes first. Always wear a properly fitted life jacket. Youth life jackets are free to borrow through the City of Albany's Life Jacket Program. Kiosks can be found at Albany Fire Stations as well as Bowman and Bryant Parks in the summer. Find out more at AlbanyOregon.gov.

Be alert for underwater hazards like rocks and submerged wood, and share the water respectfully with other users, including motorboats. Respect private property along the riverbanks, and help protect these natural spaces by following Leave No Trace principles: pack out your trash, avoid disturbing wildlife, and leave the landscape as you found it.

Starting in 2026, Oregon requires operators of nonmotorized boats (including kayaks, canoes, rafts, drift boats, and stand-up paddleboards) to carry a Waterway Access Permit. Children 13 and younger are exempt. Permits are available through the Oregon State Marine Board at Oregon.gov/OSMB.



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Fishing licenses are required for those age 12 and older and can be purchased online at MyODFW.com. For the latest stocking schedule, visit the site's Trout Stocking page before you go.

Day Hikes & Forest Adventures

Albany is well placed for day trips to waterfalls, foothills, and forested recreation areas across the Willamette Valley and Cascade Range.

McDowell Creek Falls County Park, located east of Lebanon, offers about 3 miles of trails through lush forest, with wooden bridges, viewing decks, and views of Royal Terrace Falls and Majestic Falls. More county parks can be found at LinnParks.com.

Willamette National Forest lies just an hour east of Albany and includes nearly 1,700 miles of trails, ranging from accessible nature walks to remote wilderness treks. While many trails are high elevation, several low-elevation routes are hikeable year-round. Visit FS.USDA.gov/Willamette for trail updates.

Siuslaw National Forest stretches to the west and offers a completely different landscape — coastal

hills, old-growth trees, and fern-filled canyons. The closest access points are about an hour's drive from Albany, making it an easy half-day or full-day getaway for nature lovers. Check out FS.USDA.gov/Siuslaw for more information.

Peavy Arboretum & McDonald Forest, located just 20 minutes west near Corvallis, features a well-maintained trail network used by hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. Trails range from short loops to steeper climbs with scenic views. It's a great introduction to the ecology of the region and a peaceful escape close to town. These forests are part of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University.

Golf

Golfers can find quick rounds, classic fairways, and weather-proof play at courses and indoor golf venues in and around Albany.

Golf Club of Oregon, just across the river from downtown, is an 18-hole public course established in 1929. With tree-lined fairways and a relaxed atmosphere, it's a convenient option for travelers looking to squeeze in a quick round. 905 Springhill Dr. NW | 541-928-8338
TheGolfClubOfOregon.com

Spring Hill Golf Club, just down the road, has beautifully maintained grounds. Measuring just over 6,500 yards from the back tees, it's well-suited for both beginners and seasoned golfers. 155 Country Club Ln. NW | 541-926-6059 Albany-Golf.com

Eagle's Nest Virtual Golf Lounge: For golfers who want to play a round without watching the weather forecast, Eagle's Nest offers indoor virtual golf, food, drinks, and a whisky lounge. 560 Hickory St. NW, Ste. 101 | 541-704-0209 EaglesNestAlbany.com

Other notable courses nearby include **Mallard Creek Golf Course & RV Resort** in Lebanon, **Trysting Tree Golf Club** in Corvallis, and **Elkhorn Valley Golf Course** near Lyons — each offering their own scenic fairways and challenges.

Disc Golf

Albany features several courses for players of all skill levels. **Bryant Park**, near downtown, has a full 18-basket course in a forested setting. Smaller 9-basket layouts can be found at **Timber Linn Memorial Park** and **Deerfield Park**, each offering a different mix of open and shaded terrain. All are free to use and open year-round.

Pickleball

The city has embraced this fast-growing sport with indoor and outdoor options. The **Mid-Willamette Family YMCA** offers indoor pickleball with guest/drop-in options available. Check the current schedule before visiting. Day passes are available; see YMCAAlbany.org for current rates. Outdoor play is available at **Hackleman Park**, home to resurfaced public courts, and **Linn-Benton Community College**, which features eight dedicated courts and additional lined courts for flexible use. The **Albany Pickleball Club** often hosts meetups and welcomes visitors. For maps and info, visit AlbanyPickleball.com

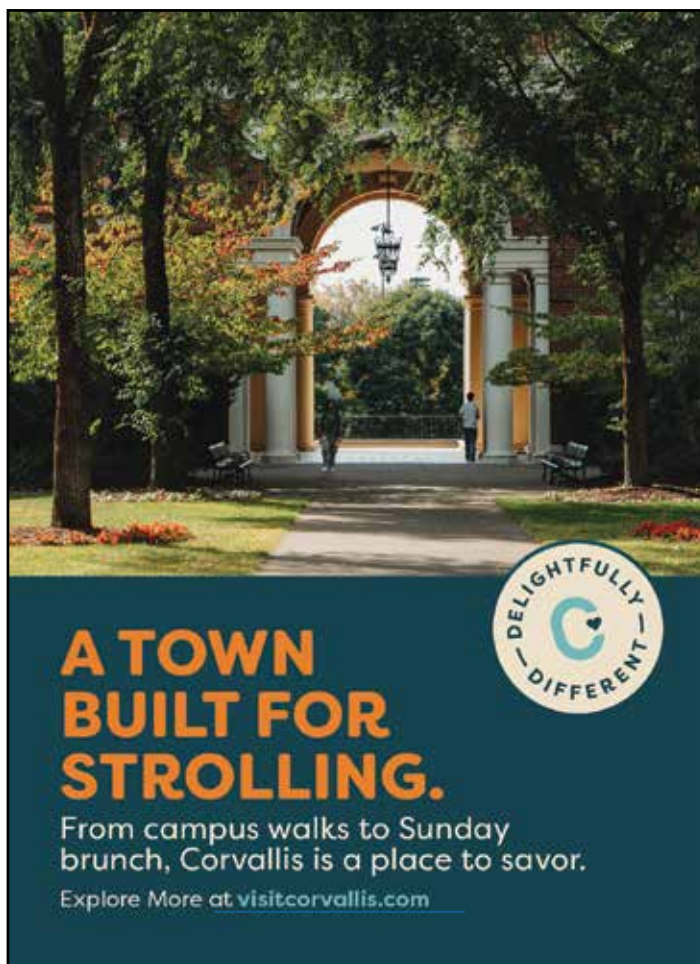
Biking the Valley

Quiet backroads, covered bridge rides, and the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway make Albany a strong starting point for cyclists.

The **Covered Bridge Tour** is a popular 30-mile self-guided ride starting in Albany and looping through the countryside to nearby Scio, where several of Linn County's historic covered bridges can be visited in a single trip. Ride through peaceful farmland, stop for photos, and take in the views.

Ride north into **Wine Country** or take a route south to beautiful historic **Brownsville**, both accessible via quiet backroads. For a unique stop, plan a detour to **Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site**, Oregon's oldest standing water-powered grain mill, is open for tours.

If the thrill of off-road riding is more your style, head for the hills surrounding Albany. Just 14 miles west, the **McDonald-Dunn Forest** — managed by Oregon State University — offers a network of wooded trails popular with mountain bikers, hikers, and runners. Farther west, **Marys Peak** is the highest mountain in the Coast Range. Its 4,097-foot summit rewards cyclists with sweeping views to the Pacific Ocean. Bicycles are allowed on the East Ridge, North Ridge, and Tie Trails. To the east, the **Willamette National Forest** maintains a range of mountain biking trails. The **South Santiam Travel Corridor** is closest to Albany, while the **McKenzie Travel Corridor** farther east is one of the most renowned in the state.





Plan Your Stay

Transportation, venues, and lodging for an easy Albany visit

Albany earned its nickname “Hub City” more than a century ago, when steamboats, railroads, and key roadways connected the city to the wider region. Today, Albany continues to welcome visitors with Amtrak service, easy highway access, comfortable lodging, and gathering spaces for meetings, celebrations, and events. With the coast, mountains, and major cities within about 90 minutes, Albany is well placed for overnight stays, regional adventures, and memorable gatherings.

Getting Here & Around Town: Transportation

Whether you arrive by train, car, bus, or bike, Albany offers convenient ways to get here and move through town. Amtrak, major highways, local transit, rideshare, rentals, and bike-friendly routes connect visitors to Albany and the surrounding region.

Regional & Long-Distance Travel

Amtrak Station: Albany’s historic 1908 depot, restored in 2005, serves the Coast Starlight and Amtrak Cascades lines. 110 10th Ave. SW | 541-928-0885 Amtrak.com/Stations/ALY

Coast to Valley Express: This bus service stops at Albany’s Amtrak Station and connects riders to Corvallis, Philomath, Eddyville, Toledo, and Newport, linking the valley to the coast. Operated by Benton Area Transit. 541-766-6700 | NWConnector.org

Groome Transportation: Shuttle service between Albany and Portland International Airport, with multiple daily departures. 541-207-0493 | GroomeTransportation.com

Albany Municipal Airport (S12): General aviation pilots can land at Albany’s airport, in continuous operation since 1920. It was Oregon’s first airport listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with preservation efforts continuing on its historic hangar and beacon. 525 Aviation Way SE | 541-730-3345 AlbanyOregon.gov/Transportation/Airport

Local Rides & Rentals

Rideshare Services: Uber and Lyft operate in Albany for app-based rides in town and the surrounding area.

All Star TaxiCab: Passenger transport and delivery services in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, and Salem. 541-928-2221 | AllStarTaxiCabOregon.com

Tax-e-Cab: Taxi service for airport trips, errands, and scheduled rides in Albany, Lebanon, and Corvallis. 541-730-3742 | AlbanyOregonTaxiCab.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car: Rental cars are available in downtown Albany. 520 Ellsworth St. SW | 541-928-0000 | Enterprise.com

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:

- Linn-Benton Community College | 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW
- Walmart | 1330 Goldfish Farm Rd. SE
- Fred Meyer | 2500 Santiam Hwy. SE
- Linn County Courthouse | 300 4th Ave. SE

Local & Regional Transit

Bus service connects Albany with in-town destinations and neighboring communities. Albany Transit System,

Linn-Benton Loop, and Linn Shuttle support real-time trip planning through Transit, a free app.

Albany Transit System: Free bus service throughout Albany, Monday through Friday, from 6:27 a.m. to 6:27 p.m. Multiple routes connect key destinations in the city. 541-917-7667 | AlbanyOregon.gov/Transportation

Albany Transit System buses are lift-equipped, with accessible service on all bus trips. Transit operators assist passengers on and off the bus.

Linn Shuttle: Affordable service between Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Albany, Monday through Saturday, with multiple daily round trips. Fares are \$1 per ride, with students and children under 12 riding free. 541-367-4775 | LinnShuttle.com

Linn-Benton Loop (The Loop): Fareless bus service connects Albany and Corvallis, Monday through Saturday. Routes include the Campus Connector and Heart-to-Hub Uniter, with schedules varying during the academic year. 541-917-7667 | AlbanyOregon.gov/Transportation

Places to Gather: Venues

Albany offers flexible spaces for meetings and celebrations, from scenic outdoor settings to comfortable indoor venues. Scan the QR code for the full list.



Springhill Cellars Winery: This third-generation, family-owned winery in North Albany offers vineyard views, small-batch pinot, summer jazz events, and indoor or outdoor event space. Tasting room open 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday, May to mid-December or by appointment. 2920 Scenic Dr. NW | 541-974-0917 | SpringhillCellars.com

Mid-Willamette Family YMCA: A flexible venue for birthday parties, meetings, laser tag, turf rentals, pool packages, and outdoor gatherings. 3201 Pacific Blvd. SW | 541-926-4488 YMCAalbany.org

Flinn Block Hall: This bright upstairs venue in a restored downtown building seats up to 226 for weddings, receptions, and formal dinners. 222 1st Ave. W | 541-791-3900 | FlinnBlockHall.com

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum: Host your event at Albany's iconic carousel, with party rooms or full-facility rentals available. 503 1st Ave. W | 541-497-2934 | AlbanyCarousel.com

Riverside Community Event Hall: A country hall with room for 120 guests, plus a kitchen, tables, chairs, and on-site parking. 35293 Riverside Dr. | 541-928-3810 RiversideCommunityHall.com

Linn County Expo Center: This fully accessible, large-scale venue features multiple event spaces and parking for 1,600 vehicles. 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E | 541-926-4314 LCFairExpo.com

Albany Golf & Event Center: Indoor and outdoor event spaces with lush views and seating for up to 300. 155 Country Club Ln. NW | 541-926-6059 AlbanyGolf.com

Where to Stay: Lodging

Albany offers hotels, motels, RV parks, and nearby campgrounds with easy access to I-5, downtown, and outdoor recreation. For a full lodging list, scan the QR code.



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Best Western Plus Prairie Inn: Close to the Linn County Expo Center, this hotel features modern rooms with streaming-capable TVs, hot breakfast, a year-round indoor pool and spa, 24-hour fitness center, and nightly treats. 1100 Price Rd. SE | 541-928-5050 | BestWestern.com

Comfort Suites Linn County Fairground and Expo: Spacious suites include sofa beds, work desks, microwaves, and refrigerators, making them a good fit for families. Amenities include hot breakfast, evening cookies or seasonal soup, and a lobby market. 100 Opal Ct. NE | 541-928-2053 | ChoiceHotels.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites: Start with a hot breakfast, take a dip in the heated indoor pool, or keep up your routine in the fitness center. Rooms include workspaces, free Wi-Fi, and available connecting rooms. Complimentary lobby coffee is available. 105 Opal Ct. NE | 541-928-8820 | IHG.com

Quality Inn & Suites: This locally owned hotel features modern rooms, free Wi-Fi, an indoor heated pool, a fitness center, and a full hot breakfast. On-site parking and easy I-5 access make it convenient for Expo Center events. 251 Airport Rd. SE | 541-928-0921 | QualityInnAlbany.com

Budget Inn: 2727 Pacific Blvd. SE | 541-926-4246 | BudgetInn.Hotels-Oregon.com

Motel 6: 2735 Pacific Blvd. SE | 541-926-4233 | Motel6.com

Rodeway Inn: 1212 Price Rd. SE | 541-926-0170 | ChoiceHotels.com

Studio 6 Suites: 3125 Santiam Hwy. SE | 541-926-1538 | Studio6.com

Super 8 Motel: 315 Airport Road SE | 541-666-5653 | WyndhamHotels.com

Phoenix Inn Suites, Best Western Plus Prairie Inn, and Comfort Suites are Accessibility Verified through Wheel the World, with detailed information available to help guests plan their stay. Learn more about Accessibility Verified Albany on page 24, and contact each property directly to confirm current features and room availability.

Campgrounds & RV Parks

Blue Ox RV Park: Full-hookup RV sites include 30/50 amp service, cable TV, garbage, and Wi-Fi. Guests have 24-hour access to restrooms, showers, and laundry, plus an indoor pool, gym, recreation room, and pet areas. 4000 Blue Ox Dr. SE | 541-926-2886 | TheBlueOxRVPark.com

Albany/Corvallis KOA Campground: Just six miles from Albany, this riverside KOA offers cabins, tent sites, RV hookups, a pool, showers, laundry, mini golf, a playground, seasonal activities, and a scenic nature trail along the Calapooia River. 33775 Oakville Rd. S | 541-967-8521 | KOA.com/Campgrounds/Albany

Edgewater RV Resort & Marina: Located on Foster Reservoir east of Albany, this RV park offers lakeside camping with full hookups, boat moorage, and daily boat rentals. 1400 60th Ave., Sweet Home | 541-818-0431 | LinnParks.com

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