



Official

FIELD GUIDE

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



HERE WE ARE
AT LAST! IN
OREGON CITY
THIS LONG
LOOKED-FOR
PLACE...

E.B HANNA
1852

WELCOME TO OREGON'S HOMETOWN

**GRAB YOUR FIELD GUIDE AND
YOUR PIONEERING SPIRIT.**

With so many places to explore, your journey can take you in many directions.

Whether you are an active get-out-into-nature sort of person or a more laid-back take it easy explorer - this Field Guide can help you create your own adventure.

The following pages offer you a few ideas for making the most of your time here in Oregon City. *Enjoy!*



OREGON CITY, OREGON

HISTORY 101

**THERE'S A LOT TO LEARN. LUCKILY
THERE IS NO POP-QUIZ AT THE END.**

FOUNDED IN 1829 by John McLoughlin (*incorporated in 1844*), as the capital of the Oregon Territory. As “the End of the Oregon Trail,” Oregon City became the final destination for many early immigrants.

In the early days, residents got to the upper levels of town via 722 steps up the bluff. It soon became apparent that an easier way to Midtown was needed.

IN 1915, an original water-powered elevator was built out of steel and wood and took 3-5 minutes to ride. By 1924 it was upgraded to electricity and the ride improved to just 30 seconds.

IN 1955, the new elevator was built with 751 tons of concrete and steel. At 130 feet high it zips passengers up in ten seconds. The Oregon City Municipal Elevator continues to operate as the only ‘vertical street’ in North America.



CHALLENGE #1

SEEK & FIND

**HOW MANY CAN YOU LOCATE
FROM THE OBSERVATION DECK?**

We’ve hidden curious items around town – see how many you can find. Your Elevator Operator has binoculars to help you search while you’re in the Observation Deck.

- ☐ Old Oregon Trail Wagon
- ☐ Ol’ McLoughlin Himself
- ☐ The Swifts (bird)
- ☐ Kayaker
- ☐ Electric Power
- ☐ Barber Pole
- ☐ Lady Justice Statue
- ☐ Osprey Nest
- ☐ ‘See Ya’ Graffiti Script
- ☐ Vintage Neon Sign of Model-T
- ☐ Stone Carved Eagle
- ☐ Great Blue Heron





OPTIONS FOR THE ADVENTURER

Your adventure starts at the elevator, but it can take you all over Oregon City. From kayaking, to hiking up to photo-worthy viewpoints, it's high time we took to the hills.

1. Explore Canemah Bluff Natural Area
2. Wander through Old Canemah Park
3. Walk the Promenade to Willamette Falls
4. *Time Your Climb:* Run the Grand Staircase up to Midtown
5. Kayak Launch & Activities at Clackamette Park
6. Run the Clackamette Cove Trail
7. Walk to the End of the Oregon Trail Visitor Center
8. 'The Original Stash' (*the First Geocache*)
N 45° 17.460' W 122° 24.800'
9. Hike to 'Hidden Viewpoint'
10. Singer Creek Park Disc Golf Course
(bring your own disc)





The TIME TRAVELER

Starting from the elevator, explore the unique history of one of the oldest cities west of the Mississippi. It's kind of like time travel.

1. Visit the McLoughlin House
2. Visit the Stevens-Crawford House
3. Walk the Promenade to The Museum of The Oregon Territory
4. Discover the Historical Plaques on Main St
5. Find the Oregon Territory State House Site
6. Read the Historical Plaques on the Arch Bridge
7. View Gothic Revival Architecture - Unitarian Church
8. Visit The Ermatinger House
9. Visit The Barclay House
10. Observe the Willamette Falls Mills & Powerplant

➤ Ask your friendly operator for visitation hours at all listed attractions.





The CASUAL PIONEER

See the sights at your own pace - a nice, casual stroll through the city's most walkable (and kid friendly) attractions.

1. Walk the Promenade
2. Visit the McLoughlin House
3. Shop, Eat and Drink along Main Street
4. Explore the Cafes and Shops in Midtown
5. Relax at Libary Park - Playground & Spraypark
6. Walk the Promenade to The Museum of The Oregon Territory
7. Walk the Arch Bridge
8. Read the History of the Elevator while in the Observation Deck
9. Experience the Willamette Falls Viewpoint
10. Take a Short Drive to the End of the Oregon Trail Visitor Center





EXPLORER CHALLENGE

WIN THIS PENNANT!

Collect four stamps from participating partners or find historical plaques and take a rubbing to earn a limited edition Oregon City Pennant.

- STEP 1** Locate historical plaques or participating partners.
- STEP 2** Document four plaques or partner stamps in your guide.
- STEP 3** Show your Field Guide to your elevator operator.
- STEP 4** Claim your pennant!*

**Limit one per person. While supplies last.*



STAMP & SKETCH ZONE

Fill out the zones below w/ stamps or sketches to win your limited edition Oregon City Pennant.

1

2

3

4

EXPLORER CHALLENGE

➤ Look for this sticker in the window of participating partners throughout Oregon City. Collect four stamps and win your limited edition Oregon City Pennant.



WE'D LOVE TO SHARE IN YOUR ADVENTURE

*If you post discoveries online, let us know! Tag us at **#TravelOregonCity** or **@TravelOregonCity***

*Thanks for visiting and we hope you have a wonderful time exploring our city. **Happy Trails~***

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