Three Rivers Community Hospital-Grants Pass, Oregon

Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) is a 125 Bed, Level 4 trauma, not for profit hospital located in Grants Pass, Oregon with a 100K service area. The hospital is part of Asante Health System [http://www.asante.org/] based in Medford, 30 minutes southeast of Grants Pass down interstate 5. Rogue Valley Medical Center is the sister hospital that is located in Medford. In the communities of Medford and Grants Pass, Asante Health captures 74% of the market and runs a 7% profit margin.

On our visit to TRCH, we visited with Win Howard, CEO. Win joined Asante in 2002 and oversees the administrative team and operations. Win shared with us that the hospital’s bond rating went from A- to A in 2011. This was after a system loss of $1.2 million in 2008 and their strongest year ever in 2009 with a 7% profit margin. This year they will break ground on a $7 million dollar Woman’s Center and a $31 million dollar medical office building across the street from the hospital. They will also go online with Epic EMR in 2013.

Like many communities, 25% of Grants Pass medical staff is over the age of 60. In a recent needs analysis, it was determined that the community needs to hire another 30 physicians to replace retiring physicians and to handle the projected growth. Due to the lack of providers, they estimate about 1900 patients annually, and 50-60% of surgery, is leaving the community. They have been using a lot of mid level providers to assist in the delivery of care.
Dr. Ken Lindsey, VP of Medical Affairs, works very closely with Win. The two of them have been instrumental in developing excellent relationships with the physicians and staff at TRCH. Dr. Lindsey joined the medical staff in early 2011. He is originally from Oregon, but upon completion of his training in family practice, he accepted a position as a hospitalist in Hays, Kansas for three years. Dr. Lindsey oversees the hospitalist programs as well as the ED and Anesthesia, and has responsibilities with Risk and Patient Grievances.

We have 6 operating rooms with anesthesia coverage provided by CRNAs. The physicians we spoke with indicated the CRNAs were excellent. We have a 128 slice CT, a 3.0 and 1.5 MR, PACS and the Epic EMR going online in 2013. Our ED sees about 38K annual visits. Many patients are coming to the ED for urgent care needs, due to the lack of primary care access. These patients are directed to the ED fast track. Our ED has an elevator up to the ICU.

Rogue Valley Medical Center (RVMC) is a 378-bed regional referral and trauma center featuring the latest medical technology and clinical expertise. Kent Brown, CEO, joined Asante at RVMC in 2007 and oversees this facility. In 2008, RVMC received the Gold Award from the American Heart Association with the Guidelines Program for cardiac care, and Silver Award from American Stroke Association for stroke care. RVMC achieved Primary Stroke Center Certification and is the only hospital in the region to earn the Gold Seal of Approval for stroke care. RVMC offers advanced orthopedic care through the Joint Replacement Center and state-of-the-art oncology care at the Dubs Cancer Center. Other key services include neurology and neurosurgery, bariatric surgery, rehabilitation services, the region's only neonatal intensive care unit, a nationally-recognized diabetes care center, home care, hospice services, and the only hospital-based sleep center in Southern Oregon. We also form professional partnerships with specialists throughout the state to offer services unique to an area our size.

Maternal Fetal Medicine - Medford

We are looking for an individual to join two physicians in a Maternal Fetal Medicine clinic practice. The Perinatologist will provide high quality medical care to patients in the Women’s Services program and provide hospital-wide consultations. This is an employed position, which will include a salary guarantee for the first two years. After the two years, you will go into a $/wRVU based salary plus incentive program for years 3 and beyond. We require a four-year service commitment.

The base compensation will be $400K with a quality bonus incentive up to 16% of the base salary. There is a sign-on bonus of $25K, retention bonus of $100K, relocation assistance up to $12,500, along with 30 days per year PTO (vacation, sick leave, holidays, and required CME).
The CME allowance will be $5,000 per year. Benefits include health, dental, vision, and retirement benefits.

**Expert Care**

We are proud to have the only maternal/fetal medicine specialists in the region, providing highly specialized care to expectant mothers. Our maternal/fetal medicine specialists work closely with physicians at Oregon Health & Science University and other specialists in diagnosing and treating newborn heart disease and repairing birth defects. They provide expert consultation for pregnant women who are dealing with complications related to hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, and lupus. They also consult with expectant parents facing genetic concerns, including pregnancies with increased risk for Down syndrome or family histories of inherited disease.

The maternal/fetal medicine specialists work closely with Asante’s neonatology team, providing a seamless transition from the womb to the NICU. This teamwork helps families know what to expect and gives them peace of mind as their baby receives compassionate, expert care every step of the way.

**High-Risk Pregnancy**

Our team can connect you with other specialists when needed, such as neonatologists, pediatric cardiologists, pediatric surgeons, lactation consultants, and pediatricians. We also help your obstetrician or primary care physician treat such complications as high blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid disease, heart disease, and thrombophlias.

**3D and 4D Ultrasound**

We offer the latest technology in 3D and 4D ultrasound, enabling you to see detailed, real-time pictures and video of your baby in the womb. Asante’s Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic is the only practice in the region to receive accreditation in obstetrical and gynecological ultrasound by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. We are committed to using ultrasound equipment safely and effectively.

**Gestational Diabetes**

We provide routine testing for gestational diabetes as well as treatment and monitoring for women diagnosed with the condition. When needed, Asante’s certified diabetes educators and nutritionists work with you to keep blood sugar levels under control.

**Genetic Testing and Counseling**

For those women as well as women with a personal or family history of birth defects, we offer a knowledgeable and compassionate nurse practitioner with training in genetics, who will help you understand the options for genetic testing, including maternal serum screening and amniocentesis.
Psychiatry - Medford

We are looking for an individual to join three Psychiatrists and a full support staff of RNs. You will be working Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. The call schedule is currently 1:3, with a mix of inpatient/outpatient work.

This is an employed position, which includes a base compensation of $205K with a quality incentive bonus up to 16% of the base salary. There is a sign-on bonus of $25K, relocation assistance up to $12,500, and 30 days of PTO (vacation, sick leave, holidays, and require CME. The CME allowance will be $5,000 per year. Benefits include health, dental, vision, and retirement benefits.

Hospitalist Need at Three Rivers

We visited with Dr. Laura Smiricky, Lead Hospitalist, and Dr. Lindsey to discuss the hospitalist program. Dr. Smiricky joined the medical staff in September 2011 from Chicago where she was born and raised. Her husband was from Oregon and wanted to return. Drs Lindsey and Smiricky want the hospitalists to have a sense of ownership in the program.

The hospitalists are now employed by the hospital. The new model was instituted on October 1, 2011. Several years ago the hospital had contracted with Apogee, then with Sound Inpatient Physicians. The physicians that were a part of the Sound Team were less than stellar and Sound did not hold up to their promises. The hospitalist program has had a lot of foreign physicians on J1 visas. The communication barriers were so poor that after several attempts to understand the physicians, staff would have to ask them to write out what they were trying to say.

TRCH is in the process of rebuilding the hospitalist program. Dr. Zuraga from Florida joined our team in January 2012. We are using the services of a NP in a half time capacity that sees 8-10 patients per day. We plan on having a full staff of 7-8 hospitalists by the end of 2012 working in 12 hour shifts in a 7 on/7 off schedule. You will work 15 shifts a month and take your equal share of nights, not to exceed 5, taken one week at a time about every 6-7 weeks. You should anticipate about 18 patient encounters per shift since you will not perform a lot of procedures. We anticipate two providers working together during the day with the help of a mid level.

If you are qualified to perform procedures you will have the opportunity to do so, however this is not a requirement. Our hospitalists can manage ventilator patients, in our 12 bed ICU, which has a low level of acuity, for up to 48 hours before shipping them to Medford if a longer hospital stay is required. The surgeons will manage their ICU patients. Our hospitalists respond to the ED for unassigned patients and admit between 6-8 patients over a 24 hour period.

Several of our community primary care physicians will help cover the service until we have a full staff. We will consider internal medicine and family practice physicians who have an interest and the training to work in a hospitalist setting.
Our physicians will earn a salary of $190K and a 10% bonus based upon quality measures. If you take care of your patients and treat staff well, you should get your bonus. We also offer full benefits, a 403b, CME and 15 days of paid time off.

**Urology Need**

TRCH has one urologist, Dr. George Getty, on staff; and one urologist, Dr. Johnson, who will soon join TRCH. Dr. Johnson has already signed, and has 30 years of medical experience. Dr. Getty was born in 1950, and originally licensed in Oregon in 1983, has begun to slow down. Staff shared with us that his clinical skills were very good, but some patients do not like him from an interpersonal perspective. Patients that choose not to see Dr. Getty have been driving to Medford 30 minutes away. Hospital administration and staff indicated that we need two additional urologists. These would be general urology positions, with the possibility for some pediatric urology should someone have that additional training. There are two strong urology groups in Medford. TRCH does not have any plans to purchase a da Vinci robot, since there are not enough qualified providers in town, the purchase would not be a worthwhile investment. Although TRCH does not have the Da Vinci Robot, it would be available down in Medford, just 30 minutes away.

Your primary shifts would be Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. You will be contributing to the development of a new outpatient practice with minimal inpatient responsibilities, and a light call schedule.

**Medford Urology Groups:**

http://roguevalleyurology.com/index.html

Urology Associates of Southern Oregon-Dr. Timothy Driver, born in 1950, joined group in 1982, Dr. James Loos, born in 1971, Dr. Eric Martin, born in 1958
http://urologyassociatesllp.com/

**Neurology Need**

A neurologist in Grants Pass will have the EMG, EEG and EP procedure market to themselves. You will have full support from the hospital with help in marketing your program in the community. Stroke patients are handled by the ED and have been referred down to Medford where there is a stroke program. You will have a consultative relationship with our hospitalists who will help shield you from unnecessary calls. We need a general neurologist who will have the opportunity to pursue their subspecialty interest. Medford has only two neurologists (Sanchez/Carlini) under age 60 that practice in the community.

We currently have one Neurologist in Medford who comes up to Grants Pass one time per week, but we need a full-time Neurologist in Grants Pass. Our goal is to have two full-time
Neurologists. This practice will consist of mostly outpatient duties, along with 10 days of ED call per month, and never more than that. We would schedule a lighter office day when you are on call, and when you are on call, it is for 24 hours. Call can be taken from home.

Typically, clinic time will be from 10:00am-3:00pm, so if there is a need to get to the hospital for rounds; you could do that before and after clinic hours. Patient volumes while on call may be a bit difficult to estimate, but Medford is around four a night, so Grants Pass would probably be between one-two a night.

**Dr. Oscar Sanchez** - Medford Medical Clinic, born in 1960, MD, Spain, 1991

Providence Medical Group/Medford Neurology


**OHSU Telemedicine Providers**


*Dr. Seth Kareus*, born 1978, MD, U of Arkansas, 2006

*Dr. Helmi Lutsep*, born 1962, MD, Mayo Clinic, 1988

**Southern Oregon Neurology**

*Dr. John Melson*, born 1942, MD Indiana University, 1967,

*Dr. Larry Maukonen*, born 1945, MD, University of Cincinnati, 1971

Providence employs 60 physicians in 12 clinics in the region in FP, IM, CARD, OBGYN, PED, PSY, GS, VS and NEUR.
Orthopedic Surgery Need

TRCH has partnered with Dr. Jim Dowd, born in 1961, UC-San Diego MD, to form a hospital employed orthopedic group. Dr. Dowd grew up in Northern California and has been in Grants Pass for 17 years. When he came to town he joined Grants Pass Orthopedic Surgeons as the fourth orthopedist. He practiced with Dr. Van Horn-Total Joint, Dr. Foreman and Dr. Appleby who retired in January 2012. Dr. Dowd started seeing patients in January 2012.

Dr. Dowd owns the 5500 square foot building you will be working in. This fully self contained clinic has 3 physician offices, 9 exam rooms, x-ray, 3 casting rooms, space for PAs. Dr. Dowd has an excellent PA with whom he has worked for nearly a decade. You will have the opportunity to work with her, or be able to hire your own PA to help you be efficient.

Dr. Dowd works a 4 day week by choice. He enjoys living and practicing in Grants Pass and this provides him a good balance in his life. Our new orthopedists should expect to work five days a week. This will allow you to build up your practice very quickly, given the pent up demand for orthopedics. Dr. Dowd believes you can see 25-35 patients a day, working with a PA. You should expect 3-4 new patients a day.

Dr. Dowd has a very good business sense and what is needed to run an efficient practice while delivering a high level of care. Dr. Dowd mentioned that he thought the practice could see 6 new patients a day with the proper staff and systems in place. He is considering using a scribe to help use his time more efficiently. He spends 2 days a week in clinic and 2 days a week in the operating room performing 10 cases a week.

TRCH has 6 operating rooms, of which 2 have been built specifically for joint arthroplasty. They normally run 4 ORs at a time from 7:00am to 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. Block time is allocated based upon utilization. You must use 60% of your time over a three month period to maintain the block. The turn over time is 30-40 minutes. The ASC has 2 ORs and 2 procedure rooms. The turn over time at the ASC is 15 minutes. Dr. Dowd mentioned the equipment in the OR is the best.

You will be responsible for taking call 5-6 days a month and runs from 7:00am to 7:00am. It is rare when a physician has to come in after 10:00pm. Dr. Dowd mentioned,

“The ED will admit and I can see them the next day and then do procedure. For every day I am on call, I will get 1 surgical case and 4 to 5 patients scheduled into my clinic for follow up. Since we have a shortage of primary care physicians, a lot of patients show up in the ED. We also have Valley Immediate Care which is a walk in clinic in town. Any multi trauma case gets referred to Medford. The anesthesia is provided by CRNAs and they are extremely capable. If you had a subspecialty interest in sports, foot and ankle or hand, you could develop up to 50% of your practice in your subspecialty. We do have four excellent podiatrists. The imaging facilities are excellent with a new 128 slice Lightspeed CT, new 3 TESLA MR with PACS.
COMPENSATION - Salary

As an employed physician with Asante Health System, your compensation will be structured as a two year salary guarantee based on experience. After year two, you will be on a compensation model referred to as the Practice Contribution Model (PCM). The PCM is intended to reflect the financial performance of each physician’s practice on a basis comparable to private practice, but with the added investment by Asante Physician Partners (APP) to ensure fair market value based compensation.

PARAGON ORTHOPEDICS

Dr. Van Horne, born in 1960, Hahnemann MD, Brigham and Women’s Total Joint Fellowship.

Dr. Bents, born in 1964, Oregon Health Sciences MD, Sports Medicine Fellowship Trained.

Dr. Bruce Perry, born in 1950, Michigan State MD, and has been working in solo practice in Grant Pass for more than 18 years.

Dr. Bryan Gunnoe, Georgetown MD, 1989, Loma Linda Residency, 1994, Charlotte Spine Center Fellowship, 1995. He used to practice with Paragon Orthopedic Center and is now in a solo practice.
**Asante Fracture Clinic**

Dr. John Witczak

Dr. David Appleby will be closing his practice on December 16, 2011 and joining Paragon Orthopedics to provide assistance in non-surgical hand related issues.

**Surgery Center**

There is an ASC in Grants Pass; however, the incoming employed ORS will not have opportunity for ownership. 75/25 ownership with higher percentage of ownership to physicians.

“Hospital has been very good to us, in particular because of Win. Hospital has a much better reputation because of Win.”

*Side note-* “The public schools here are fantastic. 85% of the physician’s kids go to the public schools.”

“A lot of patients are leaving the area and going to Medford due to access or lack thereof.”

**ASANTE PHYSICIAN PARTNERS**

**Interview Process**

After you, and your spouse/significant other, have reviewed the information on the practice and community, and you are interested in being considered for the opportunity, kindly forward us a **copy of your CV** if we do not already have it. Make sure your consultant provides you online access to the video presentation on the Pacific Companies website. We will need to spend some time on the phone with you, and your spouse, to gain a clear understanding of your current situation. We will document that information in the form of a cover letter and forward that on to our client.

We will verify your board certification and all state licenses. You will need to complete our **candidate disclosure form** and send it back to your consultant. If you have any current or past malpractice cases that were dropped, settled or still pending we will need them to be disclosed to our client. Kindly provide us a brief written explanation of these cases. We will need to know the level of your current malpractice coverage, the annual cost and if it is claims made or occurrence.

It will be necessary to conduct 3-5 professional references on your behalf. These should be physicians and staff members that know you well and can discuss your clinical skills, fund of knowledge, how you work with others etc. To conduct the reference we will need about 10 minutes of the references time. Please let them know we will be calling. If there is a best time and phone number to reach them, please let us know. Should you need to keep your search in confidence, we will respect your wishes. However, should an offer be extended after your interview, that offer will be contingent upon the professional references and credentialing.
For Grants Pass opportunities, we will forward your information, along with two potential interview dates, to Aymee Quinn, Physician Liaison. Aymee contact physician candidates to review their interest in our practice. She will then schedule a time for Dr. Ken Lindsey, Vice President of Medical Affairs or Win Howard, CEO, Asante, Grants Pass, to speak with them. Should that call go well, we will schedule your visit in the next 2-4 weeks.

For Medford opportunities, Scott Kelly, Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer and Ms. Sherry Bodager will contact physician candidates. Should that call go well, we will arrange a time for you to interview. Your spouse or significant other is also invited to attend the interview and evaluate the community. They will fly you into Medford where you will meet hospital executives and administration, and then drive down to Grants Pass. You will meet with the physicians and staff over the better part of the day to get a feel for their personalities and how you will fit into the medical community. You will also tour the community with a local realtor that is familiar Grants Pass and the region.

After your interview, Asante Health will receive feedback from all staff members that met with you over the next 7-10 days. We will follow up with you regarding your interest and the next steps. A contract will come to you via email outlining the terms of the offer. When you receive the contract, kindly review, sign and return it.

Upon acceptance of your offer and execution of your contract you will need to complete a state license and medical staff application. Applying for an Oregon state license takes several months. In order to expedite this process, it will be important to fill out the application completely. Contact the person responsible for verifying your credentials from any previous location where you had privileges, licenses, or completed your education or training. Make sure to put all of their contact information-direct dial phone number, fax number, email address and best time to call. The medical staff office will assist you as needed with the applications. You may need to apply for provider numbers with various insurance companies. Please contact your consultant to discuss.

From the time you accept your position by signing your agreement, you should anticipate about 6 months to transition to your new practice. This will allow you to gain your state license, staff privileges and insurance provider numbers. You will also need to potentially sell your home and find a new home to live in your new community. Feel free to contact your consultant to discuss any questions you or your spouse may have on the interview and relocation process.
Grants Pass, Oregon

Grants Pass is located in southern Oregon about 60 miles north of the California border in Josephine County. It is a town filled with beauty, history and scenic attractions.

Downtown Grants Pass recently earned the distinction of a National Historic District because of its historic buildings and homes. Downtown is filled with antique and collectible shops, ice cream parlors, and sidewalk espresso stands. Be sure to stroll through downtown and enjoy the beautifully restored historical buildings. Grants Pass and the Rogue Valley are famous for the wonderful climate!

The highlight of Grants Pass is the mighty Rogue River flowing through town. Riverside Park is located right on the Rogue River and is a wonderful place to picnic and walk along the Rogue.

The city is often referred to as the "whitewater rafting capital" of Oregon and over 25 outfitters offer rafting adventures in Grants Pass and nearby Merlin. There are jet boats that leave from Grants Pass and take visitors on a tour through Hellgate Canyon. Be sure to bring your cameras to catch the extensive wildlife on film. In 1968 the Rogue River was designated by Congress as a National Wild and Scenic River. This means that visitors have access to an unspoiled wilderness world.

Grants Pass abounds with modern campgrounds and RV facilities, many with boat ramps and riverside campsites. Josephine County has an extensive system of parks, and many of these are on the Rogue River. As far as overnight accommodations, you will find everything from motels to elegant bed and breakfast inns.

At the end of May, Grants Pass hosts the world famous Boatnik festival at Riverside Park. It lasts four days and the main event is a thrilling hydro boat race. Grants Pass is host to southern Oregon's largest outdoor "Growers Market". In spring and fall, the Grants Pass is awash in color with the new blooms or the fall turning of the trees, but anytime of year at all, Grants Pass is an exceptionally beautiful town.

Grants Pass is where Pacific Northwest adventures begin! On the banks of Oregon’s legendary Rogue River, Grants Pass is among the greatest places in the American West for whitewater thrills, forest trails, fly fishing, friendly faces, and a dynamic local arts and entertainment scene.

Like many towns, Grants Pass owes its existence and growth to the railroad. When the tracks were extended into the modest settlement around 1880, things started hopping; suddenly, the center of activity shifted from the western part of Josephine County, with its mining, to the east and Grants Pass. The first downtown building was constructed in 1883. In 1885, Grants Pass won an election to be the new seat of Josephine County. Grants Pass beat out Kerbyville (now Kerby) and Wilderville for the honor. The county’s first courthouse went up in Grants Pass in 1886.
The city was a bustling frontier town with dirt streets, hotels and lots of saloons. It gradually matured and grew, adding banks, schools, varied stores and even an opera house.

If the town had any one unique characteristic through the years, it was the signs built over the streets to advertise its virtues. These started as cloth signs before the turn of the century and exist as the lighted “It’s the Climate” sign today.

The county’s timber was a useful resource from the beginning – if only to supply logs for cabins and firewood to keep the chill off. Once the easy gold was gone and even the Chinese miners had moved on, the county needed something else to survive. Lumber was that something. The trees began to fall. Mills large and small popped up around the county, but especially in Grants Pass, where the railroad stopped. They turned out wood products of all kinds – from boxes, to window sashes, to planks. Like the occasional mine found up Creekside Road today, the mills are also still working. The log yards are full of pyramids of trees – but not like it used to be.

All along, of course, there were farms and dairies. Local growers tried various products, including vineyards and hops – both of which became less profitable once Prohibition began. For a while the county was a major U.S. producer of gladiola bulbs.

Meanwhile, people began to realize that tourism was an industry itself. As the other industries lost some of their muscle, this new idea continues to take hold.

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**Josephine County**

Located in southwestern Oregon, Josephine County is bordered on the south by California, and the Pacific coast is just two hours away. Josephine County was created by the Territorial Legislature on January 22, 1856, and was named for Josephine Rollins, the first white woman to settle in southern Oregon.

Josephine County is mountainous, but also has two major valleys and three rivers; the Rogue, the Applegate, and the Illinois. These scenic rivers are world renowned for whitewater rafting and fishing. Many Josephine County Parks are situated on the Rogue River; these parks offer camping and great activities such as disc golf, hiking, volleyball, softball and fishing.
One point of interest in Josephine County is the Grave Creek Covered Bridge; this is one of the few functional covered bridges that remain in southern Oregon. This historic bridge is the only covered bridge visible from the Oregon I-5 freeway.

**Churches and Schools**

*Schools:* There are 10 elementary schools, a number of private, parochial, independent, vocational, and pre-schools. Three middle schools, three high schools, and Rogue River Community College are also available in Grants Pass. Southern Oregon State College, a four year institution, is located in Ashland.

*Churches:* More than 77 churches in Josephine County represent a majority of denominations.

**Cultural**

Musical and cultural programs are presented locally by the Rogue Music Theatre, Barnstormers Little Theater Group and the Rogue Music Theatre. The Grants Pass Museum of Art presents changing art displays. There are also art displays featured in the Wiseman Gallery at the Rogue Community College. The city of Grants Pass is also represented by all major civic groups. Grants Pass is 50 miles from the renowned Oregon Shakespearean Theatre in Ashland, which offers year-around Shakespearean and contemporary performances on two indoor stages and one outdoor Elizabethan stage. The Peter Britt Summer Music Festival in Jacksonville is 45 miles away.

**Hellgate Recreation Area**

The Hellgate Recreation area begins at the mouth of the Applegate River, about 7 miles west of Grants Pass. The area features 27 miles of class I and II rapids, 11 boat access facilities, 4 campgrounds, and numerous undeveloped sites to fish, swim, picnic, camp, sunbathe, bird watch, photograph nature, and generally enjoy the river the way you choose. Grave Creek marks the end of the Hellgate Recreation Area of the Rogue River and the beginning of the Wild Rogue.

In the Hellgate Recreation Area the Rogue River begins relatively wide and slow, moving through agricultural fields, foothills, and a lot of private property interspersed with public land. As you float downriver the canyon gets progressively deeper and rockier and you get a sense of leaving civilization behind even though a road is always within a quarter mile of the river's edge. That sense of leaving civilization is a reality as the amount of public land surrounding the river increases, human development decreases, nature takes over, and your opportunity to get food, water, gas, medical assistance, and a nice warm bed diminishes. Hot summer weekend days the crowds boating this section of river are at a peak. Some people have said it is like being at Disneyland, but everyone usually has a smile on their face. The river is beautiful and fun!

There are no limits on the number of people, no fees, and no permits required for private use of the river and public lands in the Hellgate Recreation area. There is a 14 day camping limit on all public lands. There are many businesses offering guided river trips, shuttle services, equipment
rental, lodging, and supplies to assist you in your visit to the Rogue. River guide businesses are required to have a BLM special recreation permit and state guide license to operate.

Common use of the Hellgate Recreation Area includes whitewater rafting, drift boat fishing, bank fishing, commercial jet boating, camping, scenic driving, swimming, picnicking, and sun bathing. The river is most often floated in a day, but overnight trips are possible. The first 14 miles of this section of river has a lot of private land along its banks, so the public is asked to be courteous and respectful of private property.

There are 4 developed campgrounds on this 27 mile stretch of river that are operated by Josephine County Parks. Camping is also allowed on undeveloped public land along the Rogue between Hog Creek and Grave Creek. Because of the large amount of private property between the mouth of the Applegate River and Hog Creek, camping is not allowed along this stretch of river, except in the developed campgrounds.

**Rogue River**

**THE REDWOODS**
The Redwood Empire stretches from San Francisco into Southern Oregon. Visitors to Grants Pass who want to see the Redwoods may take the Redwood Highway, U.S. 199, southwest out of town heading towards Crescent City, California. Before reaching the coast, Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park will mark their entry into the Redwood Empire. The park provides campgrounds, hiking trails, and access to one of America's cleanest waterways, the Smith River. The lush, dense fern growth on the forest floor with the towering Redwoods above guarantees visitors to the park an experience unique to the area.

**SCENIC DRIVES**
Redwood Hwy., U.S. 199


Oregon Caves: Marble cave formations, guided tours, chateau lodging, dining room. Caves National Monument - 20 miles from Cave Junction.


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Golf Rates: Click Here for current rate information. Preferred rates will be offered to Centennial Card holders – Click Here for more info on our annual programs

Golf Course Architect: John Fought
Scottsdale, Arizona (Originally from Portland, Oregon)
Clubhouse Architect: Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects, Portland, Oregon

Located in Medford, at the heart of the Rogue Valley, the new Centennial Golf Club features a spectacular layout designed by two-time PGA Tour winner and 1977 U.S. Amateur Champion, John Fought. The newest golf experience in the Rogue Valley, Centennial boasts an impressive 7,309 yard layout that plays to a par of 72.
The golf course at Centennial features spectacular views and was designed in a classic Donald Ross Style. Located on the former site of a historic pear orchard more than 100 years old, Centennial Golf Club is professionally managed by OB Sports and is a joint development project of Pacific Retirement Services, Inc., and Medford-based Rogue Valley Manor. The name and theme of the project is a celebration of the many classic elements of the site and the bountiful Rogue Valley region.

Centennial Golf Club opened to rave reviews on May 20, 2006 and has been the talk of the town since. This new facility boasts 18 holes of spectacular golf designed by two time PGA Tour winner and 1977 US Amateur Champion, John Fought.

Stretching over 7300 yards from the back tees, this fun-filled layout will also be home to an inviting clubhouse (complete with golf shop and restaurant) and a functional practice facility.

“The design at Centennial was inspired by the classic designs from the Golden Age of golf course architecture when such geniuses as Donald Ross, Alistair Mackenzie and AW Tillinghast were creating their master works” states golf course architect John Fought.

**Quail Point Golf Course**

There's no better way to enjoy a beautiful day in Southern Oregon than by playing a round at Quail Point Golf Course. With 75 acres of lush fairways and manicured greens, Quail Point is the public course that feels private.

Conveniently located in the heart of Medford, Quail Point is the perfect place to enjoy weekend fun with family and friends. It's also a great way to unwind after a long day at the office. Quail Point also has a practice putting green, chipping area, and a golf shop.

**Eagle Point Golf Club**

Eagle Point Golf Club is a semi-private facility that is open to the public with a limited amount of memberships available. It is located 10 miles east of Medford in the Rogue Valley. Robert Trent Jones, Jr. opened this spectacular layout in 1996 with natural terrain and four sets of tees ranging from the green tees at 5091 yards, to the black tees at 7099 yards, making this course challenging for all levels of ability. Eagle Point Golf Club was selected in the top 10 public courses by Golf Week Magazine for 2007. Eagle Point was also ranked 8th amongst public courses in Oregon in Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play" for 2009 and is ranked 11th in the state of Oregon by the Oregon Golf Association.
Things to do in Medford

Fishing & Lakes
If Fishing's your thing, you will love the fight of an Oregon steelhead, salmon, or rainbow trout on the Rogue River. It is celebrated for countless fly-fishing spots with record-sized fish that will grant you legendary status back home.

Applegate Lake - Applegate Ranger District
6941 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530
541-889-1812
Link: http://activities.wildernet.com/pages/activity.cfm?actid=061001IO*54509bw

Applegate Lake is a reservoir located about 23 miles southwest of Medford, Oregon in the Rogue River National Forest. (Directions: Travel south from Jacksonville on Highway 238 to Ruch and turn left on to Upper Applegate Road. Continue 16 miles to Applegate Lake and Hart-Tish Park.) Forested slopes and peaks of the Siskiyou Mountain Range are reflected in the clear waters of the lake, which provides a good year-round flow of water to the Applegate River. There are several hiking trails, including one that goes most of the way around the lake, approximately 18 miles.

Crater Lake
1211 Avenue C, White City, OR 97503
541-830-8700
Website: www.craterlaketrust.org
Email: info-cl@xanterra.com

Crater Lake is a natural wonder that no visitor to southern Oregon should miss! Located eighty miles northeast of Medford, it is the deepest lake in the United States, and Oregon’s only National Park. It features a lodge and exhibit building at Rim village, Rim Drive Bus tours, hiking, picnic areas and naturalist programs.
Diamond Lake Resort  
350 Resort Drive, Diamond Lake, OR 97731  
541-793-3333 or 800-733-7593  
Website: [www.diamondlake.net](http://www.diamondlake.net)  

Established in 1922 on the eastern shores of Diamond Lake as a modest trout fishing lodge, Diamond Lake has grown into a year round family destination offering a variety of recreation. It is a favorite for hiking, Mt. biking, horseback riding, fishing, camping, visiting Crater Lake National Park, touring the Rogue–Umpqua Scenic Byway, family reunions, and just relaxing.

Emigrant Lake  
Ashland, OR 97520  
541-774-8183  
Website: [www.jacksoncountyparks.com](http://www.jacksoncountyparks.com)  

Emigrant Lake is a large irrigation reservoir with many recreational facilities. Sailing and windsurfing rentals, water skiing, or just plain lounging around on a hot summer’s day can be had only 5 minutes out of Ashland. The lake has an 80 acre park operated by the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department. It has a campground, picnic area, playing field, boat ramps, and southern Oregon’s largest water slide. The campground has 42 spaces for recreational vehicles; concrete pads and running water are available at each site (no electrical or sewer hookups; showers, flush toilets, and a laundry, though.) Campsites and RV sites fill up quickly in the summer, and reservations are suggested. There are many waterfowl around the lake on its quieter winter and spring months: mallards, wigeons, coot, mergansers, geese, and blue heron. If you’re really lucky, you may even see an Osprey diving into the watery depths for a trout.

Howard Prairie Lake  
3249 Howard Prairie Rd, Ashland, OR 97520  

Howard Prairie Lake is an ideal spot for a day of camping, fishing, water skiing, sailing or swimming fun! The lake is located about 35 miles from Medford off of Dead Indian Memorial Road. Open April 15 - October 31.

Lake of the Woods Resort  
950 Harriman Route, Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
541-949-8300  
Website: [www.lakeofthewoodsresort.com](http://www.lakeofthewoodsresort.com)  
Email: lowoffice@aol.com
Lake of the Woods Resort rests between Ashland and Klamath Falls on Dead Indian Memorial Road, 42 Miles East of Medford on Hwy 140. Experience the fabulous restoration of the historic cabins, lodge, and recreation at the Lake of the Woods Mountain Resort. Less than 30 minutes from Ashland or Klamath Falls, the lodge, cabins, boating, and camping here once again make this one of Oregon's best family destinations.

**Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**  
333 West 8th Street, Medford, OR 97501  
(541) 858-2200  
Website: [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

The river meanders on a 215-mile course from Crater Lake National Park, through Grants Pass, and on to the Pacific Ocean. A 32-mile section is one of the most remote river courses in the nation. Commercial tours are offered, and areas are available for fishing, boating, and hiking. Get your blood pumping and heart pounding with a rafting experience of a lifetime down the "wild and scenic" portion of the Rogue River. Avid to novice rafters alike enjoy mile after mile of rafting options, from a mellow scenic river float to a pulse-pounding whitewater workout!

**U.S. Cellular Community Park**  
2929 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford OR 97501

Medford's newest and largest developed park with a variety sports fields and recreational activities amenities to appeal to folks of every age. This 132-acre park features:

- 15 lighted ball fields
- Baseball
- Softball
- Youth Ball Fields
- Soccer fields
- Volleyball
- A nature interpretive center
- Picnic areas and shelters
- A large activities pavilion
- Children's playgrounds
- Dining concessions
- Multiple restroom and concession areas
- Adequate parking near all amenities

View [US Cellular Community Park](http://www.uscellularcommunitypark.com) in a larger map
Grieve Guide Service
185 Walnut Lane, Shady Cove, OR 97539
800-645-1624
Website: www.grievesfishing.com
Email: info@grievesfishing.com

Southern Oregon fishing on the Rogue River, Umpqua River, Sixes River, Chetco River and Elk River for Salmon, Steelhead and Chinook Salmon. Guide service and back country wilderness trips. For rates and more information call (541) 878-2004 or visit online.

Hellgate Jetboat Excursions
966 SW 6th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526
800-648-4874
Website: www.hellgate.com. Email: trips@hellgate.com

View breathtaking scenery and wildlife on a fully-narrated jet boat excursion down the legendary Rogue River to Hellgate Canyon. Offering multiple daily departures May 1st through September, enjoy a 2-hour quick & scenic, 3-hour lunch excursion, 4-hour dinner or brunch excursion, or a 5-hour white water adventure. Excursions with meals include a wagon ride to the historic OK Corral riverfront restaurant. The River Rock Café and Gift Shop are on site. Located off I-5, from Medford head north and take exit 58.

Noah's River Adventures
53 N Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520
541-488-2811
Website: www.noahsrafting.com
Email: noahs@mind.net

Whitewater excitement at its very best! A unique class III-IV adventures, choose from one or two day whitewater excursions. Professionally guided raft and fishing trips since 1974!
Parks

**Alba Park**
541-774-2400  
Main Street Medford, OR 97501  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us  
Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

Located on Main Street, and named after the sister city, this park boasts beautifully manicured grounds, a gazebo with electricity, and a historic marker with a sculpted fountain. It is a nice quiet place in the heart of the downtown civic center.

**Bear Creek Greenway and Nature Trail**
541-774-2400  
Medford, OR 97504  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us.  www.ci.medford.or.us

Bear Creek Greenway is a paved bike/pedestrian way which traverses northerly for approximately 6 miles thru Medford into Central Point. It ends near the I-5 Exit 30, close to the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

**Bear Creek Park**
541-774-2400  
Siskiyou Blvd. & Highland Drive Medford, OR 97504  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us.  www.ci.medford.or.us

Bear Creek Park is a 100 plus acre park with little league fields, an off-leash dog area, a BMX track, an outdoor performing amphitheater, a 25,000 square foot skate park, various barbecue areas, tennis courts, and restrooms. It is also the southern most access to the Bear Creek Greenway.

**Britt Gardens**
800-882-7488  
Two Blocks from Downtown Jacksonville Jacksonville, OR 97530  
info@brittfest.org.  Visit online at: www.brittfest.org

Named for Peter Britt, a prominent photographer who recorded many events in Jacksonville’s early years, Britt Gardens is set on the historic 4.5 acre site where Britt lived until his death in 1954. The Britt House, built in 1860 was destroyed by fire in 1960. Home of the Britt Festivals, an outdoor music and performing arts festival, Britt Gardens is located just two blocks from historic downtown Jacksonville. Britt Gardens is available for day use and picnicking. The gardens and pavilion can be reserved for groups or events from mid-September through May.
Britt Festivals Concert Series: June thru mid-May
Phone: Tickets: Toll-free (800) 882-7488
Tickets: Local (541) 773-6077
Office: (541) 779-0847
For reservations: Parks Office: (541) 774-8183 (mid-September thru May)
Fee: $300/day group reservation fee.
$300 cleaning fee (refundable if left clean)
$30 per hour rehearsal

Cantrall-Buckley
541-774-8183
parksinfo@jacksoncounty.org. Visit online at: www.jacksoncountyparks.com

The beautiful Applegate River is the focal point of Cantrall-Buckley Park which spans over 88 acres, and features 1.75 miles of river frontage. The large native trees and ample lawn make this an ideal site for family gatherings or group picnics. The four well-appointed group picnic areas, available for a variety of social events, make Cantrall-Buckley Park one of the most popular recreational destinations in Jackson County. The site is an ideal place for weddings, receptions, and company outings.

A shady campground above the river provides an ideal camping location while attending the Britt Festivals in nearby Jacksonville. A group campsite is also available by reservation only.

Day Use: open year-round, 10 a.m. to Sunset; Campground: open year-round
Fees: Day use $3.00
Picnic Area A $150/day
Picnic Area B $75/day
Picnic Area C $75/day
Picnic Area D $125/day
Group Camp $65 first night, $50 each additional night
1. Parking
2. Restroom and Showers (day use area)

City of Medford - Parks & Recreation
541-774-2400
200 South Ivy Street Medford, OR 97501
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us
Dodge Bridge  
541-774-8183  
parksinfo@jacksoncounty.org. Visit online at: www.jacksoncounty.org

The beautiful Rogue River flows along this popular county park, which features about one-third mile of river frontage, a boat launch, and a fully accessible fishing platform for the disabled. The area is a favorite among anglers during fishing season. Located on over 23 acres of land along scenic Rogue River Drive, Dodge Bridge offers a convenient getaway destination for fishing, boating, or just a relaxing day away from the city. Dodge Bridge is open for day use year-round.  
   Day Use: open year-round. 
   Fees: Day use $3.00  
   1. Parking  
   2. Restroom  
   3. Fishing Platform

Dog Park  
541-774-2400  
Highland Drive & Barnett Road Medford, OR 97504  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

This is a 2 acre, fenced off-leash area with water, covered picnic table, and natural track. It is located in Bear Creek Park at the corner of Highland Drive and Barnett Road, near I-5 Exit 27. There are no lights at this facility and all city park hours are 6am - 10:30pm unless posted otherwise. Parking is available at the end of Alba Drive in the Little League Field area (when open), as well as off street parking and two parking lots; off of Highland Drive and another off of Siskiyou Blvd. Other Dog Areas: At this time dogs are allowed in any city park if they are on-leash and the owner removes feces immediately.

Donahue-Frohnmayer Park  
541-774-2400  
1678 Spring Street Medford, OR 97504  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

Play area, outdoor basketball, drinking fountain. pathway through wetlands.

Earhart Park  
541-774-2400  
Corner of Fortune & Eastwood Medford, OR 97504  
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

Nestled in a residential area, this open park is great for picnics.
Emigrant Lake RV Park
541-774-8183
Hwy. 66 Ashland, OR 97520
parkinfo@jacksoncounty.org. Visit online at: www.jacksoncounty.org

As one of Jackson County Parks’ most popular destinations, Emigrant Lake (elev. 2241 ft.) has it all. Located 6 miles southeast of Ashland, the park offers a host of activities for the entire family — from an RV park and 42 tent site campground to swimming, picnicking, hiking, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing.

RV Park with Full Hookup
The all-new RV Park features 32 sites with full hookups — overlooking over 12 miles of beautiful shoreline on the lake’s north end. Each site offers water, 50-amp electrical service, sewers, and ample 14’ x 50’ pads to accommodate any size RV. The park also boasts new bathroom facilities and showers.

1. Parking
2. Restroom
3. RV Parking

280 Foot Twin-Flume Waterslide
Refreshing summer fun can be found in the park’s 280-foot twin flume waterslide. The slide offers dressing rooms, showers, restrooms, picnic tables and a concession stand with a full menu. Ten-ride, half-day and group rates are available.

Picnic Areas
Set up your family reunion, wedding reception or company party at one of our four covered picnic areas. All areas offer electricity, tables, barbeques, and nearby restroom facilities.

Day Use: all year-round.
Campground: Mar. 15 - Oct. 15; date may vary - call Parks Office for current information
Waterslide: Memorial Day - Labor Day The RV Park: Mar. 15-Oct. 15; date may vary - call Parks Office for current information
Lake Capacity: 40,500 acre-ft. 806-acre surface area.

Fees:
Day use $3.00
No Hookups $14.00
Full Hookups $20.00 (Electric, water and sewer)

Picnic A: $150.00/day - Accommodates 125; seats 70 Covered shelter, 2’x5’ bbq, (4) 16’ tables, (4) hotplates, electricity (110v - 2 doubles), water, (2) deep sinks, restroom nearby, (2) horseshoe pits, (1) volleyball court.
Picnic B: $200.00/day - Accommodates 150; seats 60 Covered shelter, 4'x4' bbq, (6) 8' tables, (1) 12' table, electricity (110v - 2 doubles), water, restroom nearby, (2) horseshoe pits, (1) volleyball court.

Picnic C: $150.00/day - Accommodates 250; seats 80 Covered shelter, 2'x5' bbq, (9) 8' tables, electricity (110v - 2 doubles), water, (2) deep sinks, (2) horseshoe pits, (1) volleyball court, restroom & waterslide nearby (opens at noon)

Picnic D: $150.00/day - Accommodates 300; seats 100 Covered shelter, 4'x4' bbq, (8) 8' tables, electricity (110v - 2 doubles), water, (1) horseshoe pit, (1) volleyball court, restroom & waterslide nearby (opens at noon). Area D does not include exclusive use of ballfield, it is first come first serve.

Group Campgrounds: $100.00/night (Fri.-Sat. & Holidays) $70.00/night (Sun.-Thurs.)
Shower, Concession

Fichtner-Mainwaring Park
541-774-2400
Stewart Avenue & Holly Street & Oakdale Avenue Medford, OR 97501
parkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

This is a 31 acre site with pathways, four sand volleyball courts, two basketball courts, four tennis courts, a play area, a very small gazebo, soccer fields, and restrooms.

RESERVATIONS/RULES - At this park, only "open" areas are open for reservations. These are typically the areas under the shade by the basketball court, or to the left of the sand volleyball courts, but it may be any open area in the park (unless soccer leagues/tournaments are playing). There is no electricity available at this site. In an effort to continue providing open access to the public, the volleyball courts are not open for reservation, but at times may be in use for league or tournament play.

Hawthorne Park
541-774-2400
Hawthorne & Jackson Medford, OR 97501
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us

One of Medford's many parks, Hawthorne Park is complete with an outdoor public swimming pool and fun play structures.

Holmes Park and Medford Disc Golf Course
541-770-4586
Siskiyou Boulevard and Modoc Avenue Medford, OR 97504
prkmed@ci.medford.or.us. Visit online at: www.ci.medford.or.us
Holmes Park includes a 9-hole disc golf course (Frisbee), picnic area, play equipment, paddle tennis court, tennis courts, a multi-purpose field, restrooms, drinking fountain and parking area. Reservations to reserve the park can be made by calling the Parks Department at (541) 770-4586.

**Howard Prairie Lake Recreational Area**
541-482-1979  
parksinfo@jacksoncounty.org  
Visit online at: www.jacksoncounty.org

Discover a bonanza of recreational opportunities at this alpine lake (elev. 4500 ft.) high above the southern Rogue Valley. With 1.63 miles of lake frontage, this is a popular destination for boating, sailing, and fishing at the "Best trout fishery in southern Oregon". The 155 acres offer a surprising 167 tent sites with 185 trailer hookups. Showers and camp-trailer rentals are available. The Pacific Crest Trail is easily accessible from this beautiful retreat. Howard Prairie’s many recreational activities include fishing, hiking, and camping. Oregon Fish and Wildlife stocks the lake with 100,000 trout each year. There are boat launch facilities at Klum Landing, Willow Point, and Grizzly. There are group camp facilities at Sugar Pine; Lily Glen Equestrian Area with its barn, corrals, horse trails, picnic tables, camping and group camping facilities; and Howard Prairie Resort with its restaurant, store, marina and boat rentals.

Day Use & Camping: Apr. 15 - Nov. 1; date may vary - call Parks Office for current information

**Outdoor Sports**

**Champion Raceway**  
**Jackson County Sports Park**  
6900 Kershaw Rd. Medford, OR 97501  
503-759-3663  
Website: www.championraceway.com

This drag way is the newest state-of-the-art track in the country. It is open from April through September at the Jackson County Sports Park, and is located in White City on Kershaw Road off of Hwy 140.

**Ride the Rogue**  
**Rogue River Greenway**  
Ride the Rogue Committee  
P O Box 1439, Rogue River, OR 97537  
Website: http://www.ridetherogue.org/

This event includes 4 rides in total to accommodate all skill levels. Which ever ride you choose, it will be an event to remember that will bring the community together for some good fun, good exercise, and will benefit a great project that will give the community new opportunities for recreation.
Rogue Valley Cup Soccer Tournament  
Medford, OR 97501  
541-772-9104  
Website: [http://www.rvcupssoccer.com/](http://www.rvcupssoccer.com/)  
Email: soccermd@cdsnet.net  

Put on by Rogue Valley Cup Soccer Association. Call for specific times, details and field locations. Tournament Director: Mike Dunn 541-773-4920 or FAX 541-779-1606  
Referee Contact: John Huttle 541-779-6738 or E-MAIL - [JHuttl@aol.com](mailto:JHuttl@aol.com)

Rogue Valley Zipline Adventure  
541-821-ZIPN (9476)  
P O Box 3273, Central Point, OR 97502  
Website: [www.rvzipline.com](http://www.rvzipline.com)  

This thrilling Rogue Zipline Adventure takes you high above the Rogue Valley on the five line course. Get your adrenaline going way down the mountain. by reservation only.

Rogue Warriors Football  
2859 Lisa Circle, Medford, OR 97504  
541-245-0474  
Website: [www.roguewarriorsfootball.org](http://www.roguewarriorsfootball.org)

1745 Hwy 66, Ashland, OR 97520  
(541) 482-2897  
Website: [www.mtashland.com](http://www.mtashland.com)  
Email: info@mtashland.com

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING - Spend an extra day and go to the snow! Mt. Ashland is only 30 miles south of Medford. Ski area facilities are open Thanksgiving through April, and include a lodge, rental shop, beginning through advanced slopes, and cross country trails. Four chair lifts provide access to 23 ski runs. For ski report call 541-482-2754.
Southern Oregon Speedway
Jackson County Sports Park, White City, OR 97503
6900 Kershaw Rd. White City, OR 97503
541-826-6825
Website:  www.sospeedway.com. Email: Speedway@skinnerautoplex.com

The Southern Oregon Speedway is host to a multitude of racing events. From April to October, you will find the most exciting racing in southern Oregon.

Highlighted races include:

- Sprint Car racing Pro Stock Dwarf Car
- Super 4
- Mini Stock
- Motorcycle Racing
- 360 Sprints
- Outlaw Karts

Medford, Oregon/ Asante Information

In 1883, a group of railroad surveyors headed by S. L. Dolson and David Loring arrived in Rock Point, near present day Gold Hill. They were charged with finding the best route through the Rogue Valley for the Oregon and California Railroad. Citizens of neighboring Jacksonville hoped that it would pass between their town and Hanley Butte, near the present day Claire Hanley Arboretum. Such a move would have all but guaranteed prosperous growth for Jacksonville, but Dolson decided instead to stake the railroad closer to Bear Creek.

The response from Jacksonville was mixed, but the decision was final. By November 1883, a depot site had been chosen and a surveying team led by Charles J. Howard was hard at work platting the new town. They completed their work in early December 1883, laying out 82 blocks for development.

James Sullivan Howard, a New Hampshire Freemason, claimed to have built the town's first building in January 1884, though blacksmith Emil Piel was advertising for business at the "central depot" in the middle of December. Others point out the farms of town founders Iradell Judson Phipps and Charles Wesley Broback, which were present before the town was platted. Regardless, on February 6, 1884 (less than a month after it was built), J. S. Howard's store became Medford's first post office, with Howard serving as postmaster. The establishment of the post office led to the incorporation of the Medford as a town by the Oregon Legislative Assembly on February 24, 1885, and gain as a city in 1905. Howard held the position of postmaster for Medford's first ten years, and again held the post upon his death on November 13, 1919. The beginning of the 20th century was a transitional period. Medford built a new steel bridge over Bear Creek to replace an earlier one which washed away three years before. Without a bridge, those wanting to cross had to ford the stream, typically using a horse-drawn wagon; the first automobile did not arrive in Medford until 1903. Pharmacist George H. Haskins had opened a drugstore just after the town was platted, and in 1903 he allowed the Medford Library Association to open a small library in that store. Five years later the library moved to Medford's
new city hall, in another four years, Andrew Carnegie's donation allowed a dedicated library to be built. Construction on the Medford Carnegie Library was completed in 1912.

In 1927, Medford took the title of county seat of Jackson County away from nearby Jacksonville. In 1967, Interstate 5 was completed immediately adjacent to downtown Medford to replace the Oregon Pacific Highway. It has been blamed for the decline of small businesses in downtown Medford since its completion, but nevertheless remains an important route for commuters wishing to travel across the city. In fact, a study completed in 1999 found that 45% of vehicles entering I-5 from north Medford heading south exited in south Medford, just three miles (5 km) away.

The high volume of traffic on Interstate 5 led to the completion of a new north Medford interchange in 2006. The project, which cost about $36 million, improved traffic flow between I-5 and Crater Lake Highway. Further traffic problems identified in south Medford prompted the construction of another new interchange, costing $72 million. The project began in 2006 and was completed in 2010.

Since the 1990s, Medford has dedicated an appreciable amount of resources to urban renewal in an attempt to revitalize the downtown area. Several old buildings have been restored, including the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater and the Prohibition era Cooley-Neff Warehouse, now operating as Pallet Wine Company, an urban winery. Streets have been realigned, new sidewalks, traffic signals, and bicycle lanes were installed, and two new parking garages have been built. Downtown Medford also received a new library building to replace the historic Medford Carnegie Library and now boasts satellite campuses for both Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University.

Economic problems in 2008 and 2009 put a hold on The Commons, a collaborative project between the city of Medford and Lithia Motors. The project, one of the largest undertaken in downtown in recent years, aims to provide more parking, recreation, and commerce to the area. Before the work stopped, the Greyhound Bus depot was moved and $850,000 was spent replacing water lines. Originally, The Commons was to be the home of the 10 story corporate headquarters of Lithia. It has since been scaled back to a four story building in wake of the economic uncertainty. Ground breaking for the project was April 22, 2011 with a Phase 1 completion date of 2012.

**Geography**

Medford is located approximately 27 miles north of the northern California border at 42.3°N. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 21.7 square miles, all of it land. The Pacific Ocean is about 75 miles west of the city, and is the nearest coast. The nearest river is the Rogue River, and the nearest lake is Agate Lake.

Nearby cities include Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Roseburg, Redding (California), and Crescent City (California). Medford is 229 miles from Salem.
The nearest interstate highway is I-5, which runs northwest-southeast through the center of the city. The nearest junctions with other interstate highways are with I-84 in Portland and I-80 in Sacramento. Medford also serves as a junction for Oregon Routes 99, 238, 62, and nearby 140.

Medford is also situated in the remains of ancient volcanic flow areas as demonstrated by the Upper and Lower Table Rock lava formations and nearby Mount McLoughlin and Crater Lake, which are the remains of Mount Mazama. In the late spring/early summer the snow on the slopes of Mount McLoughlin melt away into a formation called the "angel wings," which Native American tribes interpreted as an osprey, an indicator of the beginning of salmon run.

**Cost of Living**

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The cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Medford, OR is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Medford, OR is more expensive.

Overall, Medford, OR cost of living is 113.20.

**Education**

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<td>$4,674</td>
<td>$5,678</td>
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<td><strong>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</strong></td>
<td>21.1</td>
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<td><strong>Students per Librarian</strong></td>
<td>623</td>
<td>803</td>
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<td><strong>Students per Counselor</strong></td>
<td>890</td>
<td>513</td>
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<td><strong>2 yr College Grad.</strong></td>
<td>7.06%</td>
<td>7.47%</td>
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<td><strong>Graduate Degrees</strong></td>
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<td><strong>High School Grads.</strong></td>
<td>87.57%</td>
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Climate

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<tr>
<td>Rainfall (in.)</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>36.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Snowfall (in.)</td>
<td>6.9</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Precipitation Days</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Sunny Days</td>
<td>195</td>
<td>205</td>
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<td>Avg. July High</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>86.5</td>
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<td>Avg. Jan. Low</td>
<td>30.5</td>
<td>20.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comfort Index (higher=better)</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>UV Index</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>4.3</td>
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<td>Elevation ft.</td>
<td>1,299</td>
<td>1,060</td>
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Medford, OR, gets 19 inches of rain per year. The US average is 37. Snowfall is 7 inches. The average US city gets 25 inches of snow per year. The number of days with any measurable precipitation is 100.

On average, there are 195 sunny days per year in Medford, OR. The July high is around 90 degrees. The January low is 31. The comfort index, which is based on humidity during the hot months, is a 66 out of 100, where higher is more comfortable. The US average on the comfort index is 44.

People

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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Pop. Density</td>
<td>3,286</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>Pop. Change</td>
<td>14.02%</td>
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<td>Median Age</td>
<td>38.8</td>
<td>36.6</td>
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<td>Households</td>
<td>29,075</td>
<td>116,329,167</td>
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<td>Household Size</td>
<td>2.42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male Population</td>
<td>48.09%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female Population</td>
<td>51.91%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Married Population</td>
<td>48.66%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Population</td>
<td>51.34%</td>
<td>52.85%</td>
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The 2011 Medford, OR, population is 72,047. There are 3,286 people per square mile.

Families in Medford, OR
The median age is 38.8. The US median is 36.6. 48.66% of people in Medford, OR, are married. 14.43% are divorced.

The average household size is 2.42 people. 36.55% of people are married, with children. 69.07% have children, but are single.

Race in Medford, OR
86.80% of people are white, 0.78% are black, 1.76% are asian, 1.07% are native american, and 9.59% claim 'Other'.

13.45% of the people in Medford, OR, claim hispanic ethnicity (meaning 86.55% are non-hispanic).
Crime

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<td>Violent Crime</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4</td>
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Medford, OR, violent crime, on a scale from 1 (low crime) to 10, is 5. Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The US average is 4.

Medford, OR, property crime, on a scale from 1 (low) to 10, is 6. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The US average is 4.

Rogue Valley International Airport

The Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport is a non-hub facility located in southwestern Oregon serving the City of Medford, Jackson County, and the entire Rogue Valley, in addition to 7 other counties.

The airport services 8 hubs. Four air carriers service the airport with approximately 56 arriving and departing flights daily. The airport strives to provide outstanding public service that enhances the quality of life in Southern Oregon.

The airport is maintained with an extremely competent staff which includes management, fire fighting and rescue, maintenance of the airfield, and all support services.

The Medford city airport code designator is MFR. It is the third largest commercial service airport in Oregon. Situated in the Rogue Valley, the airport is a gateway to the many opportunities and adventures there are to experience in this area.

Commercial air service is provided by Horizon Air, United Express, and Delta Connection; offered by Sky West, and Allegiant Air. These carriers offer approximately 60 arriving and departing flights daily, to and from San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Las Vegas, and Salt Lake City. Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport also serves general aviation traffic, including extensive corporate and business travel.
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