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Your official guide to lodging & living in Hermiston!

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DIRECTORY & GUIDE



FROM THE CHAMBER

FROM THE CHAMBER DIRECTOR

In this world of social media, marketing options and information overload, I get asked by business owners and organizations what is the best way to increase their local visibility and create more sales. My answer is your Chamber membership will do that for you.

As a Chamber member you will get involved and discover that meeting prospects and key contacts through the Chamber monthly general membership meetings, leadership Hermiston, business expos, and chamber-led networking events that will increase traffic to your door. Doing business with fellow members who offer wonderful products, ideas and services on a local level is exciting and will increase awareness of how valuable it is to patronize locally. The Chamber offers a variety of educational classes and brings in world class speakers, experts and training specialists on topics that strengthen business and provide the tools to help business growth. The Chamber encourages businesses to continue education and offer these lessons to staff as well as upper management.

The Chamber is the most active Chamber in the area, with a staff that is here to serve every need whether it is the business community or those seeking information at the visitors center. There is a wide range of information, brochures and magazines for those looking to take a vacation or those looking to relocate in our area.

Your Chamber looks forward to serving you as Hermiston continues to grow and prosper.

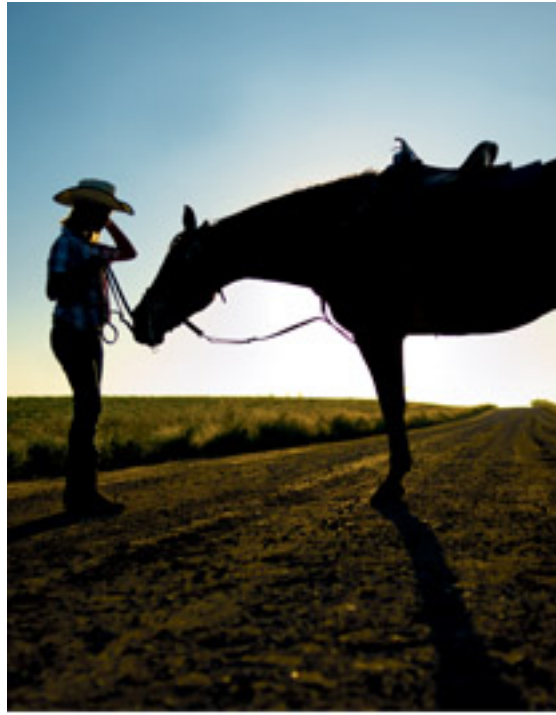
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25 Things to Do in Hermiston

1. — Savor the flavor of award-winning wines at Sno Road Winery in Echo.
2. — Cheer at Farm City Pro Rodeo in August.
3. — Buy local produce at Hermiston's own Saturday market.
4. — Experience the Century Farm Tour by Umatilla County Historical Society.
5. — Learn about the Cayuse, Umatilla & Walla Walla Indian tribes at Tamastskilt Cultural Center in Pendleton.
6. — Golf at Big River Golf Course or Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
7. — Splash at Hermiston Aquatic Center.
8. — Catch a movie at Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema.
9. — Hike at Hat Rock State Park and visit the McNary wildlife habitat.
10. — Dine at one of the local restaurants.
11. — Indulge in lavender products at the Purple Ridge Lavender Farm.
12. — Visit one of the local boutiques for new apparel, jewelry or shoes.
13. — Sip and Save at one of the First Thursday events.
14. — Try authentic Mexican cuisine at Ixtapa and Las Mananitas.
15. — Roll a lucky strike at Desert Lanes Bowling Alley.

16. — Visit at the specialty stores and boutiques.
17. — Perk up at one of the local coffee shops.
18. — Laugh at Melonville Comedy Festival in January.
19. — Cruise the Columbia River in a boat, jet ski or canoe.
20. — Pamper yourself at one of the local salons.
21. — Read a book at the Hermiston Public Library.
22. — Swing & Slide at one of the local parks.
23. — Smell the plants and flowers at one of our nurseries or flower shops.
24. — Shop for a new ride at one of the four local auto dealers.
25. — Find the perfect gift at one of the specialty stores for your special someone.



WELCOME

Welcome to Hermiston, the fastest growing city in Eastern Oregon and now, the largest in Eastern Oregon with a population of 16,745. This increase has ultimately proven that location is key for economic growth and development and boasts Hermiston as being an ideal place to raise a family.

Hermiston traces its heritage all the way back to the 1860s where it was known as a stop for weary freighters and travelers. When the railroad came, Hermiston's history would forever change. Agriculture was Hermiston's lone industry until the Umatilla Army Depot was constructed immediately prior to World War II. In 1947 the McNary Dam was erected on the Columbia River by the Army Corps of Engineers. The 1960s marked a boom in commercial development. The Hermiston area has been evolving ever since.

With its innovative role in the ever-expanding world of agriculture Hermiston holds its own among the regions powerhouses like Boise, Spokane and Yakima. Hermiston is ideally located in the Columbia River Basin. The region is known as a leader in high-tech agricultural strategies. At the center of this cutting-edge world is Hermiston, a major thoroughfare for moving goods and produce all over the globe.

In order to accommodate Hermiston's expanding population, many of our economic spearheads are utilizing our prime commercial real estate with plans for expansion. Hermiston is making the ranks in the area's commercial empire. The growing doesn't stop there. The school district has recently replaced three of the existing schools with updated facilities and new technology. Also, Hermiston recently added a higher education center where you can now get a four-year degree through Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University.

With continued growth on the horizon and a booming business community, the region's possibilities are endless. It's obvious why more and more people are deciding to make Hermiston their permanent home.

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

ConAgra Foods/Lamb Weston
Hermiston Foods
Hermiston School District
Good Shepherd Medical Center
River Point Farms
Shearer's Foods
Umatilla Electric Cooperative
Union Pacific Railroad
Walmart Distribution Center
Walmart Super Center

MILEAGE

Portland — 180 miles
Boise — 250 miles
Spokane — 175 miles
Seattle — 250 miles
Tri Cities — 30 miles
Bend — 220 miles
Walla Walla — 50 miles

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Agriculture
Transportation
Power Generation
Tree Farming
Cattle
Natural Gas Distributing

More than 270,000 rail cars travel through the Hinkle facility annually, keeping 900 employees busy 365 days a year.

MAJOR HIGHWAYS

Interstate 82
Interstate 84
Highway 395
Highway 730
Highway 207

COUNTY HISTORY

Umatilla County traces its creation in 1862 to the regional gold rushes, which spawned the river port of Umatilla City and brought stock raisers to the lush grasslands. Although Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail pioneers passed through Umatilla County, it did not bloom until the arrival of the railroad in 1881 and the development of dry land wheat farming.

Water in the form of irrigation has been key to economic diversification and growth, most recently in the Hermiston area, where the desert now yields lush watermelons and other products. Tourism is also

increasingly important to Umatilla County To find out more about Umatilla County history visit www.co.umatilla.or.us/

Hermiston is strategically located on Interstate 84 and Interstate 82 corridors—easy access on and off the highways. It is located on the Columbia River with access to one of the busiest ports in Oregon. With Union Pacific Railroad located in Hermiston, we are able to move product to and from Hermiston easily.



LIVING LOCAL

LIVING, WORKING & PLAYING IN UMATILLA COUNTY

All you need to know about relocating here!

The possibilities here are endless – Hermiston has plenty of reasons why you should call it home. The family can enjoy four seasons of great weather and a variety of activities to keep everybody entertained year-round. The leaders of the local school district and institutions of higher learning strive to ensure the area’s education opportunities are on the cutting edge. The business community is vibrant but there are still opportunities for business or pleasure. Hermiston is ready to open doors to you and your family. Relocating presents plenty of challenges—use this directory as your first resource for moving to Hermiston. When you get here visit the Chamber to find out what else our staff can do to welcome you to your new home.

BEST PLACE TO LIVE

Hermiston was named as one of American Cowboy magazine’s “Top 20 Best Places to Live the Western Dream” for 2010.

HOME SWEET HOME

More and more people are choosing to call Hermiston home. The population boom in Hermiston, in the past decade, makes Hermiston the largest little city in Eastern Oregon.

LOCATION, LOCATION

Hermiston is centrally located within the Pacific Northwest. Just hours from PDX, Seattle and Spokane.

GROWING INDUSTRY

Hermiston's premier location means the industries and businesses here are thriving. Hermiston is on the brink for expansion for the next several years.

SMALL TOWN, BIG FUN

No longer do you have to travel miles and miles to have fun in this rural area. With Hermiston's expansion you will find that you have everything you need to be entertained right here.



LOCAL LINKS

Moving to Hermiston

We understand that moving can be difficult; and we have mastered the relocation process and have provided you with a list of phone numbers to help make your move to Hermiston effortless.

EMERGENCY

Emergencies (Police & Fire) — 911
Hermiston Police Department — (541) 567-5519
Hermiston Fire Department — (541) 567-8822

CITY OF HERMISTON

City Hall — (541) 567-5521
Parks & Recreation Department — (541) 667-5018
Hermiston Aquatic Center — (541) 289-7665
Hermiston Public Library — (541) 567-2882
Building Department — (541) 667-5025

UTILITIES

Eastern Oregon Telecom — (541) 289-7000
Charter Media — (509) 543-4416
Sanitary Disposal — (541) 567-8842
Umatilla Electric Cooperative — (541) 567-6414

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Hermiston Hopper/Tri-City Trolley — (541) 276-6476

Department of Motor Vehicles — (541) 567-3804

Care Van — (541) 567-3888

Hermiston Transit — (541) 567-8811

Bus/Greyhound — (541) 449-1245

Hermiston Municipal Airport — (541) 567-3694

BUSINESS RESOURCES

Better Business Bureau — (503) 212-3022

Oregon Employment Department — (541) 567-3381

Hermiston Chamber of Commerce — (541) 567-6151

Visitors Information and Conference Center — (541) 567-6151

OTHER RESOURCES

Hermiston School District — (541) 667-6000

Health Department — (541) 567-3113

County Sheriff's Department — (541) 567-2346



DEMOGRAPHICS

AREA INFORMATION

Culturally rich. Great weather. Close-knit community.

NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY POPULATIONS

Adams — 335
Lexington — 263
Athena — 1,270
Pendleton — 16,515
Boardman — 3,220
Pilot Rock — 1,560
Echo — 650
Milton-Freewater — 6,580
Helix — 230
Stanfield — 2,215
Heppner — 1,395
Tri Cities, WA — 248,400
Ione — 321
Walla Walla, WA — 31,731
Irrigon — 1,702
Umatilla — 6,500

HERMISTON AREA WEATHER

HIGHS

WINTER: 44°F

SPRING: 67°F

SUMMER: 88°F

FALL: 66°F

LOWS

WINTER: 27°F

SPRING: 40°F

SUMMER: 55°F

FALL: 39°F

RAINFALL

WINTER: 1.29"

SPRING: .90"

SUMMER: .37"

FALL: .89"

LIVING LOCAL

Hermiston has many new housing options. From country settings to scenic river views and brand new subdivisions, you are sure to find a neighborhood that will fit your needs.

GOT QUESTIONS?

HERMISTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS

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email: info@hermistonchamber.com



GREAT OUTDOORS

SO MANY WAYS TO PLAY

With so much to explore who wouldn't want to live here?

TEE TIME

Enjoy a round of golf at Big River Golf Course along the Columbia River, or head east and take a swing at Wildhorse Resort & Casino's award-winning course. Either way, you'll enjoy a lush scenic view.

THE RIVER

Hermiston is located just 7 miles from the mighty Columbia River. The Columbia provides year-round recreation for fishing, boating, camping and much more.

CAMPING

Camp at Pioneer RV Park or pitch your tent along the Columbia. We have plenty of options for you when it comes to recreational vehicles. Hat Rock State Park is also just minutes away with nature trails and mountain bike access. Don't forget to bring the four wheelers.

RECREATION

If you enjoy horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, skiing, mountain biking or just being outside then you are in the right place! Hermiston is next to some of the best trails for enjoying a myriad of activities all year long.

GYMS

Even a little exercise can improve your health and if pumping iron is your preference, then check out one of your three athletic centers: Columbia Court Club, Club 24 or Achieve Fitness and Yoga—each specializing in creating a plan that works for you and your goals.

WALKING & BIKING

Hermiston is easily accessible by walking or biking. The city takes pride in clean streets with sidewalks and bike lanes. You will also find trails at Riverfront Park located along the Umatilla River and at Hat Rock State Park. Whatever your preference everything is within walking distance.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

The City of Hermiston is fortunate enough to have an award-winning Parks & Recreation Department that provides year-long activities for kids and adults. With an aquatic center, over 13 city parks, and a Conference Center you can enjoy a dance class, drama or compete on a city league basketball or softball team through the Parks & Recreation Department.

For more info: (541) 667-5018

RUNNING WILD

ONE MARATHON, TWO STATES. EVERY OCTOBER CROSSING THE McNARY DAM

The Columbia River Power Marathon begins at the scenic Desert River Inn in Umatilla, OR. From there the marathon crosses the McNary Dam into Washington, circles back over the Columbia River Bridge, then follows the Lewis and Clark Trail to Hat Rock State Park making a loop back down the trail to the finish line.

The race's signature component is crossing the dam. This marathon is the first to gain access to McNary Dam for a recreational event. Participants run in two states during one marathon. For many runners the two elements make this a destination marathon.

Word has spread-participants have come from New York, Maine, Tennessee and everywhere in between. There is an option for everyone who may be considering registering for the Columbia River Power Marathon. You can join by forming a relay team and run for a charity of your choice or make this a competition run for your friends and coworkers. The race also features a half marathon and 8K walk and run.

In an ongoing effort to make the greater Hermiston area a more popular destination for marathon enthusiasts, this year the course is certified and added to the list of prestigious marathons around the world as a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

For more information and registration for the event: www.columbiarivermarathon.com or contact the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce at (541) 567-6151.



ATTRACTIONS

LOCAL IS LOVELY

LOCAL FARMERS, FRESH PRODUCE, LIVE MUSIC AND ARTISTIC CREATIVE WARES

More than just fresh produce, Hermiston's Own Saturday Market transforms the Conference Center parking lot every Saturday (June through October) into a local bazaar.

Vendors come to sell their wares from 8am to noon. The market proves to be a great place to get breakfast or lunch. With everything from handmade jewelry, fresh produce, food, lavender and live music you are sure to find the market an entertaining place.

The market usually bids farewell for the winter with an autumn harvest festival on the last day. Whatever your desire—buying local and eating healthy, Hermiston's Own Saturday Market delivers fresh flavors that are unique to Hermiston.

Local produce is always available at any of the produce stands that are open daily. Bellinger Farms has a store that sells produce, gourmet foods, gifts, espresso and is stocked with some of the area's premiere wines in the wine cellar. You can also visit Alive & Well that stocks organic home grown goods and supplements. Either way you are sure to find lots of Oregon-made merchandise.

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Kick off the Umatilla County Fair at the annual parade that happens every year on the Saturday before the Fair. The parade routes through town and is attended by thousands. This is usually a family favorite in the summer. The parade includes horses, floats, equipment, live music, marching bands and plenty of free candy

for the kids.

ACTIVITIES

Make plans to experience the abundance of events and activities within the Hermiston area. The beautiful Columbia River, the majestic Blue Mountains and laid back Western heritage of Eastern Oregon will make you want to stay in Hermiston forever. With diverse outdoor recreational activities, community events, and limitless regional attractions the possibilities for entertainment are endless.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Hermiston's spiritual community is strong and growing. With more than 30 varying denomination houses of worship. Hermiston has virtually all faiths represented.

Local churches offer regular worship services and education courses for kids and adults. Hermiston also has options for private, faith based education with two private Christian Schools. There is also Campus Life, a non-denominational youth program providing kids with outreach, and fellowship opportunities with their peers.

If you are interested in volunteering and connecting with others for the benefit of the Hermiston community, there are plenty of non profit service organizations to get involved with. For a complete listing visit: www.hermistonchamber.com

FOR THE FAMILY

DESERT LANES BOWLING ALLEY & ARCADE

16-lane bowling alley with restaurant, lounge and arcade. Perfect for parties and family game nights.

KIK'S GOLF CENTER

Year-round golf practice center with covered and natural grass hitting areas. The facility has a short game area for chipping and putting.

HERMISTON STADIUM 8 CINEMA

See the latest movies on the big screens, Dolby Digital sound stadium seating and luxurious surroundings.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EASTERN OREGON

Provides children of all ages with opportunities for education, exploration and development through interactive exhibits and creative play.

FUDDRUCKERS FUN TIME MINI GOLF AND ARCADE Fuddruckers is perfect for your party with a large selection of arcade games, and an 18-hole mini golf course complete with a waterfall.

FOR MORE INFO ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Hermiston Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center 415 S. Hwy 395 Hermiston, OR 97838 (541) 567-6151

DESERT ARTS

HERMISTON AREA'S PERFORMING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

For over 27 years the Desert Arts Council has been bringing outstanding world renowned performers to the Hermiston Community. Six to eight performances comprise the season and have included dance, classical music, jazz, theatre, chorale, orchestra and much more. Funding is provided by local businesses and season ticket holders. For more information visit: www.desertartscouncil.com.

ARTWALK

The ArtWalk features artwork on display by local artists, kids art activities, live music and a chance to meet and greet the artists. ArtWalk takes place in early May and provides an opportunity for the community to embrace creativity.

NIGHTLIFE

VENTURING OUT ON THE TOWN

Big sounds and small crowds can be found at a few of the local gathering places on Friday nights. It's obvious people here are passionate about their tunes. You can find everything from rock, country and live jazz being performed at a few of the local places. For a toe tappin' good time check out any of the places listed below.

- Desert River Inn Tumbleweed Lounge
- Lucky Dog Lounge & Grille
- Farmer's Kitchen Pub
- Hales Lounge
- The Pheasant Lounge
- Sno Road Winery Tasting Room
- Desert Lanes Lounge
- Ixtapa Cantina
- Fuddruckers Bar

CONCERTS

OREGON EAST SYMPHONY & CHORALE For twenty years the Oregon East Symphony, called "the best small-town symphony orchestra in North America," has provided Pendleton and its surrounding rural region with high quality musical experiences and events all year long. More info can be found online at: www.oregoneastsymphony.org

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS

Inland Northwest Musicians ensembles have performed almost 250 concerts in more than 40 different communities in Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington. For more info: www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com



ENTERTAINMENT

YEAR ROUND EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT IN HERMISTON

JANUARY

- Breakfast of Champions
- Cabin Fever Concert
- Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet
- Melonville Comedy Festival
- Oregon Water Coalition Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

- Desert Arts Performance
- Hermiston Education Foundation Dinner & Auction
- Hermiston's Got Talent Show
- Horse - A - Fair
- Knights of Columbus Pig Out

MARCH

- Desert Arts Performance
- Employer & Career Expo
- Hermiston Gospel Homecoming
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- KOHU/KQFM Taste of Home Cooking School

APRIL

- Annual Community Wide Yardsale
- Breakfast of Champions
- Desert Arts Performance
- Professional Assistant's Day Luncheon

MAY

- Me & My Prince Ball
- Butte Challenge
- Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Show
- Artwalk

JUNE

- Hermiston's Own Saturday Market (every Saturday)
- Meadow Wood Speach Camp Golf Tournament
- Century Farm Tour

JULY

- Hermiston Family Funfest
- Hermiston Classic Car Club Show
- Takin' it to the Streets 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Hermiston's Own Saturday Market (every Saturday)
- Lavender Festival

AUGUST

- Farm City Pro Rodeo
- Hermiston's Own Saturday Market (every Saturday)
- Umatilla County Fair & Parade

SEPTEMBER

- Desert Arts Performance
- Hermiston's Own Saturday Market (every Saturday)
- Family Health and Fitness Day
- HEF Fun Run

OCTOBER

- Altrusa Auction
- Breakfast of Champions
- Wine & Cheese Festival Columbia River Power Marathon
- Hermiston's Own Saturday Market Harvest Festival

NOVEMBER

- Desert Arts Dinner Theatre
- Non Profit Tradeshow
- Veteran's Day Breakfast

DECEMBER

- Farm Fair Ag & Tradeshow
- Festival of Lights & Parade
- Festival of Trees
- Journey to Bethlehem

SUMMER FUN AT THE UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR

THE SECOND FULL WEEK IN AUGUST

Hermiston is home to the Umatilla County Fairgrounds. The Fair provides five fun filled days for you to enjoy carnival rides, roam the animal exhibits, shop at vendor booths and see world famous performing artists in concert. Along with the Fair you can also watch world famous cowboys compete for the top prize at the Farm City Pro Rodeo.



EVENTS

YEAR-ROUND EXCITEMENT

When traveling or moving, most people want to find out what the locals do. But sometimes it's hard to know where to turn for insider tips. The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce website (www.hermistonchamber.com) connects visitors and new residents to a multitude of exciting things to do in Hermiston. Here is a list of places we strongly recommend.

JANUARY — MELONVILLE COMEDY FESTIVAL

Melonville Comedy Festival brings you some of the best laughs you will have. A Hermiston favorite and a sell out show brings you world renowned comics that have been featured on Comedy Central and radio shows like "Bob & Tom".

FEBRUARY — BEACH AND BEEF CRABFEED

Enjoy all you can eat crab and kabobs at the Beach & Beef Crabfeed dinner and auction. Proceeds from the event go to the Hermiston Education Foundation.

JUNE — CENTURY FARM TOUR

The Umatilla County Historical Society presents a Century Farm Tour annually for people to see farms that have been operating for more than 100 years. It is a rare opportunity to witness agriculture at its finest.

JULY — FUNFEST

The fun filled event is held on Main Street and includes a children's teddy bear parade, vendors, lawn mower drag races, live music, local entertainment and kids games.

JULY — HERMISTON CLASSIC CAR CLUB SHOW

Enjoy memories of the good ole days by stopping by The Classic Car Club Show. The show happens every year at McKenzie Park in conjunction with Funfest.

JULY — PURPLE RIDGE LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Enjoy dinner, wine tasting, art and antiques amongst the heavenly lavender fields at the Purple Ridge Lavender Festival. The festival has become an annual favorite of locals in the community.

AUGUST — FARM CITY PRO RODEO

Each year cowboys will compete against the top livestock from the U.S. and Canada at the Farm City Pro Rodeo. In 2009 the rodeo was voted “Top Bucking Stock Remuda” by the PRCA.

OCTOBER — WINE & CHEESE FESTIVAL

Each year the Chamber hosts a Wine and Cheese Festival featuring wine and beer tasting from the best wineries and breweries around. Live music, dancing and the chance to win prizes will have you looking forward to the good time.

DECEMBER — FARM FAIR AG & TRADESHOW

The show features ag-related vendors from all over the Pacific Northwest and offers classes and seminars that can be used for continued education credits.

DECEMBER — FESTIVAL OF TREES

A two day event, dinner, entertainment and live auction make for a spectacular holiday evening. The second day is family day, filled with holiday crafts and a special visit from Santa himself.



Dining

DINING

Wine, dine and unwind.

Hermiston offers plenty of adventure for your palate, from fresh, local cuisine to authentic Mexican food and many of your well-known franchise restaurants. Whatever your desire, your taste buds are sure to be pleased.

Hermiston is widely known for growing the sweetest watermelon around. The sweet, savory flavor of our signature produce makes it a hot commodity around the region.

Local, Fresh Flavor Hermiston's local restaurateurs strive to use locally grown produce in many of their authentic cuisine. With an elevated emphasis in today's "go green" era on organic offerings, Hermiston is proud to have plenty of organic offerings. Hermiston is proud to have plenty of growers in the area that grow organic produce.

Wine Country Hermiston is just minutes away from some of the best wine country. Locally, the Echo area is producing high quality grapes for wine makers in the area. Some of these signature wines can be tasted at many of our local restaurants. With more than 100 spectacular wineries, vineyards and tasting rooms nestled in small towns, the Columbia Basin is internationally known for being prominent wine country.

HAVE YOUR EVENT IN HERMISTON

Hermiston Conference Center

Whether you are looking to book a private event or business meeting the Hermiston Conference Center has everything you will need to pull off a successful event. The facility offers 3 different meeting rooms, one great room, a main stage, two bars and a kitchen. The Conference Center is also fully quipped with a sound system and projection screen.

With reliably good weather and dry conditions, your event could also be held at one of our venues like a dramatic outdoor garden or next to one of our waterways. When you decide the time is right, consider saying “I do” in Hermiston.

Hours: Monday through Friday 9am - 5pm

PO Box 185 - 415 S. HWY 395 Hermiston, OR 97838

Phone: (541) 567 - 6151 Fax: (541) 564 - 9109 www.hermistonconferencenter.com or

info@hermistonconference.com

LOCAL FARE

HERMISTON'S CUISINE SCENE

While Hermiston might seem small in stature, there is a big selection of restaurants to choose from. The Hermiston area can meet your needs. Whether you need to grab a quick bite, or take the whole family out to celebrate a special occasion, or you want to pull out all the stops with an elegant dining experience for you and a special someone. In Hermiston you are minutes away from dining on the riverside with stunning views of the Columbia River.

If brews are what you are looking for check out one of our cozy lounges or pubs. Brews and blues tend to be a local favorite on Friday nights. Hermiston's bar scene will also make sure you can always watch your favorite teams.



LODGING

STAY WITH US

DELIGHTFUL ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Hermiston Inn

(541) 564-0202

2255 Hwy 395 S., Hermiston www.bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn & Suites

(541) 564-5911 77514

S. Hwy 207, Hermiston

www.choicehotels.com/hotel/or167

Desert River Inn

(541) 922-1000

705 Willamette St., Umatilla

www.desertriverinn.com

Motel 6

(541) 567-7777

655 N. 1st St., Hermiston

www.motel6.com

Oak Tree Inn

(541) 567-2330

1110 SE Fourth St., Hermiston www.oaktreeinn.net/hotels/hermiston.htm

Oxford Suites

(541) 564-8000

1050 1st St., Hermiston

www.oxfordsuiteshermiston.com

River Lodge & Grill

(541) 481-6800

6 Marine Dr., Boardman

www.riverlodgeandgrill.com

The Way Inn Motel

(541) 567-5561

635 S. Hwy 395, Hermiston

www.wayinnmotel.com

Wildhorse Resort & Casino

(541) 278-2274

46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton

www.wildhorseresort.com

Whether you are here on business, leisure or just need to get away from it all, Hermiston offers a variety of rooms, meeting facilities and a host of amenities sure to please any traveler. Most of our motels, restaurants and stores are within walking distance. While visiting Eastern Oregon you might enjoy the scenic view of the Columbia River, hit the golf course or try your luck at the nearby casino and resort. The recently expanded Wildhorse Resort is well-known for booking a variety of top entertainers to perform.



FABULOUS FINDS

THINK LOCAL, SHOP HERMISTON

The number of retail options in Hermiston has increased considerably in the last few years. No longer do people have to drive to neighboring cities to find what they are looking for. Just because Hermiston is a small rural town, it doesn't mean people aren't willing to cut loose with a little green.

AROUND TOWN A good way to spend the afternoon in Hermiston is by shopping some of our unique specialty stores. Main Street has a unique array of quaint little boutiques with fancy finds. With everything from designer clothing to fun fashion jewelry, Main Street is home to some of our signature stores.

But the shopping doesn't stop there, Hermiston has several strip malls that are home to some of the locals' favorites. It is here you will find that "one of a kind" gift or item that you can't live without. Whether you are in the mood to buy a new car or a new outfit you will find exactly what you are looking for.

Shopping in Hermiston means visiting some family owned and operated businesses. For that reason we take pride in keeping our money where our lives are. This is a key reason we encourage residents to "think local and shop in Hermiston." Be sure to check out the retail section in our business directory for a complete listing of all the places to shop for fabulous finds.



ENSURING ACADEMICS

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hermiston School District is the largest school district in Eastern Oregon, exceeding 5,000 students, and continues to experience steady growth. It serves students in grades kindergarten through 12, with a broad range of programs from basic skills to vocational opportunities to advanced placement classes. The school district includes a 9-12 senior high school, two 6-8 middle schools, and five K-5 elementary schools, all within the city limits.

Support for the school district has been strong from the community! In 2001, voters approved a \$39 million building program, which included the construction of a new high school, Desert View Elementary School, and renovations at Highland Hills Elementary School. The voters also approved a \$69.9 million bond in 2008, which replaced Armand Larive Middle School (built in 1936), West Park Elementary School (built in 1950), and Sunset Elementary School (built in 1957), as well as allowed for minor improvements to facilities across the district.

The district is proud to offer advanced placement courses, dual-credit opportunities, and elective courses including manufacturing and construction technology, performing and fine arts, Spanish, wellness and athletic professional-preparatory courses, and career and technology education courses.

The athletic program includes football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, track, tennis, wrestling, swimming, soccer and softball, and available activities include award-winning FFA, FCCLA and DECA organizations, as well as color guard, dance team, marching band, pep band, debate, rally and vocal music.

With great staff members serving the needs of all children with rigorous program choices, high expectations, mutual respect and excellence in all endeavors, Hermiston School District is on the path to becoming the premier public school district in Oregon. For more info: www.hermiston.k12.or.us

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INDUSTRY

AN AGRICULTURE HAVEN Agriculture has been deeply rooted in Hermiston since the city's beginning. Hermiston is widely known for being a leader in agriculture. New irrigation techniques developed long ago, particularly circle sprinklers, led to the farming of much land formerly covered by sagebrush. Hot days and cool summer nights are an integral factor for Hermiston's ideal growing season.

Today, Hermiston excels in the ag industry due to advances made by researchers like The Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Center located on South First Street. The HAREC is part of Oregon State University's Ag Extension program and serves nearly 500,000 acres of irrigated agriculture in Oregon and Washington's Columbia Basin. The center concentrates on discovery and implementation of agricultural and horticultural opportunities and the identification of new crops, production practices and plant breeding. The most recent addition to the Center has been the addition of a molecular biologist with specific interest in helping to increase nutrients essential for human health in existing crops grown in this area.

Hermiston welcomed another research center in April of 2010 when Pioneer Hi-Bred broke ground for 76,000 square feet of new building space on 12.5 acres adjacent to the pre-existing Pioneer production plant. The state-of-the-art center has contributed to Hermiston's economy as one of many steps taken by Pioneer to help meet the global challenge to double agricultural productivity on the farm by 2050. Pioneer Hi-Bred focuses on trial seed production to advance corn product development for the commercialization of new corn hybrids.

FOOD PROCESSING

Hermiston is also home to food processing plants like ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston, Inc. that offer the broadest and most innovative line of quality french fries and prepared potato products in the industry. From locally grown potatoes they produce products that are sold in 100 different countries. Hermiston Foods is a processor of premium quality vegetable and fruit products. They process food from over 240 farmer-member's 45,000 acres and, with their associate farmers and processors, they produce over 600,000,000

pounds of product annually. Shearer's Foods Inc. is a snack food processing plant that has been best known for their variety of quality snack foods. Shearer's focuses to provide retail partners with the snack industry's favorite chips, pretzels and more through strategic marketing. All of these food innovations are taking place right in Hermiston.

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“The irrigated region of the Columbia Basin is a very significant agricultural production area because: 1) long growing season; 2) warm day time temperatures and cool night time temperatures; 3) soil that is well drained; 4) good quality water without contaminants and 5) clean air. Technology and progressive growers also contribute to a region that is second to none to not only anywhere else in Oregon but in the world.”

—Philip Hamm Professor of Plant Pathology & Superintendent Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Center

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Aside from the ever growing ag industry, Hermiston is also the hub in Eastern Oregon for moving freight via rail, water, or truck. The Port intelligently serves the commercial, industrial, agricultural, maritime, surface, transportation, distribution and recreational sectors of the Eastern Oregon regional economy.

INDUSTRY ON THE HORIZON

Although agriculture and shipping are major components in Hermiston's business industry, there are still plenty of other businesses that make it easy to live here. Hermiston is also the site of power generating plants,

a Walmart Distribution Center that transports goods all over the Pacific Northwest, automotive dealers, construction companies, metal fabricators, retail stores, spas, mobile home manufacturing plants, and more. All of this beating in the heart of the biggest little city in Eastern Oregon.

With the rise in population, Hermiston's business industry is also growing. New businesses that opened doors over the past year are DePaul Industries (a workforce development center), Fuddrucker's Restaurant, Happo Community Credit Union, Vadata (a subsidiary of amazon.com), Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant, Bealls, a FedEx facility; and looking to the future, the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center.



HEALTHCARE

CHOOSING THE BEST

Healthcare services for Hermiston and Umatilla County

The Good Shepherd Health Care System has been an integral part of the greater Hermiston region for more than 50 years. Good Shepherd now employs more than 500 community members, friends and neighbors who live Good Shepherd's mission of providing safe and high-quality healthcare with compassion and caring.

Fifty skilled physicians comprise our active and affiliate medical staffs, offering a diverse range of specialties. Good Shepherd also employs its own emergency room physicians, ensuring that an experienced doctor is always on hand in an ER that sees more than 15,000 visits each year.

Good Shepherd Health's Family Care Center (OB Unit) welcomes approximately 600 new residents each year. Our highly skilled nursing staff is always ready to serve your needs in the surgery center, critical care unit, medical/surgical unit, infusion therapy department and our emergency care center.

Good Shepherd also offers extensive outpatient services, including diagnostic imaging, laboratory, a full-service retail pharmacy, and an eight-practitioner medical group on our campus. The medical center provides physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapy. Through partnerships in our region, chemotherapy/ oncology and sleep disorder treatments are available. Our latest additions are cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and a full-service women's health center. Our education department provides hundreds of classes and community events each year.

Our Mission

Every day, we strive to provide compassionate, high quality, and accessible healthcare, and to promote a healthy community.

As the communities in the area grow, Good Shepherd is growing as well to keep the right amount and mix of healthcare services. Most of the changes and additions at the hospital are a result of community members speaking up and making clear what services are needed. You can always get your questions answered, arrange a tour, or get more information by contacting the hospital's administrative team at 541-667-3405 or through our website, www.gshealth.org.

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Hermiston's growing medical, vision, dental, hearing and pediatric community have grown and with that comes new facilities. Hermiston has seen new state-of-the-art facilities such as Mirasol Family Health Center, Motion Orthopedics, and Lifetime Vision Source. Other medical facilities that are fairly new to the area are the Columbia Plaza Surgery Center and Gifford Medical Center which have some of the best doctors, labs and specialists in Hermiston.

RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING

Our vibrant community offers modern senior living complexes with a variety of options, for those who are very independent to those who need full-time care. That is why Hermiston is becoming a destination for retirees. Hermiston has many year-round activities and organizations for seniors, including a Senior Health Fair and a Senior Center that operates its own thrift store and has weekly meals.

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