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Now that you live in Sisters...



Go for a hike: Sisters main attraction is its stunning natural beauty and there are many things to explore if you want to get out in it.



Eat an ice cream cone: The tourist experience is not complete until you've walked the streets of Sisters enjoying a scrumptious ice cream cone. Gotta do it!



Drive the McKenzie Highway: Take Highway 242 out the west end of town (when open) up and over the Cascades to see some of the most spectacular scenery the Sisters Country has to offer, including the views from Dee Wright Observatory.



Ride a bike: You can take that McKenzie Highway trip on two wheels or just tool around town. Visit local bike shops for ideas for rides.



Go shopping: In Sisters you will find unique shops and art galleries that makes shopping more than just retail therapy. It's a cultural experience.



Get a massage: Visit one of several local spas to unwind from the tensions of your everyday life – or to recover from that hike or bike ride.



Take a Spa Day: From the shores of Suttle Lake to the campus at Five Pine, you'll find so many options for relaxation and recovery that will enhance your living in Sisters Country – and send you home feeling truly recharged and ready to get back into the race.



Enjoy a coffee drink: Sisters may be a small town, but it's big time when it comes to coffee. You'll have no problem finding your favorite drink – and a beautiful spot to sit down and enjoy it while playing family games, surfing the Web or – gasp! – getting a little work done (we promise we won't tell)



Visit Camp Sherman: You simply must experience the peace and beauty of the Metolius River and the surrounding community, one of the most treasured places in Oregon



Catch some live music: Whether it's a music festival, a winter concert or a show at one of the local venues, you'll find some great tunes in town all year round



Dine out: Sisters Country has lots of great choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner –and to suit all tastes and budgets.



Take a class or participate in a camp: Sisters Park & Recreation District has a wide range of offerings for some organized fun.



Watch a movie: You can catch first-run movies at Sisters Movie House or rent a DVD for family movie night in your home



Catch a fish: Whether you're a seasoned fisherman or just getting your feet wet, you can find some great fishing in Sisters Country – and plenty of professional guidance to help you get a bite.



Visit one of the local lakes and rent a paddle boat, rowboat or a canoe. There's nothing more relaxing than being on the water



Did you know? Sisters Oregon

The town of Sisters derives its name from the three prominent Cascade peaks that grace the southwestern skyline, collectively known as the Three Sisters

Sisters was incorporated as a town in 1946

Sisters and all of Oregon has no sales tax

Oregon is one of the only two States where you can't pump your own gas (New Jersey being the other)

Sisters is known worldwide as holding the largest outdoor Quilt Show which is held on the second weekend of July

Sisters is also home to the "Biggest Little Show in the World", Sisters Rodeo which is held the second weekend in June, since 1941

Camp Polk was established as a military post in 1865 in response to the Paiute Indian wars that were raging throughout eastern Oregon during the 1860s and 70s. Named after the Oregon county from which the camp's commanding officer hailed, it consisted of a group of cabins along the west bank of Squaw Creek, now called Whychus Creek, about 3 miles (5 km) northeast of Sisters. The troops spent the winter of 1865–66 there. After discovering that there was no Indian problem they left. Around 1870, the area was homesteaded by Samuel Hindeman who also ran the post office. The post office at Camp Polk was moved to the present site of Sisters in 1888, and the name was changed to Sisters after the Three Sisters mountains that dominate its western skyline.

The Sisters Folk Festival is an annual three-day roots music festival held the first weekend of September

Climate: Hottest month is July (avg. temp. 84.3/42.1 degrees Fahrenheit); coldest month is December (40.8/20.1 degrees Fahrenheit). Driest month is July; wettest month is January. Average annual precipitation is 14.18 inches. (Source: Oregon Climate Service/Oregon Economic & Community Development.) Average snowfall is 32 inches.

Roberts Field in Redmond connects Sisters with the rest of the country by air. The airport is a 20-mile drive to the east. It offers service from Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City and San Francisco.

Sisters Eagle Air airport is an uncontrolled public airport at the northern outskirts of town, suitable for light general aviation aircraft. (Runway improvements were made in 2013 and a fueling station was added.

Sisters has an exceptional selection of small grocery stores offering local and organic options. For the summer months, don't miss the Sisters Farmers Market located in Fir Street Park. They are open every Friday from 2:00 – 5:00.

Sisters is also known for their wonderful art galleries and outdoor artwork including:

- “Running Horses” on the Lazy Z meadow east of town, by Brian Bain.
- Bronze Wild Stallion by Lorenzo Ghiglieri on Cascade Avenue.
- At Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park on Cascade Avenue is a bronze heron by Danae Miller, a sculpture by chainsaw artist
- J. Chester Armstrong, and a mural of quilts by Jerry Werner
- Within City Hall (520 E. Cascade Ave.) hangs a quilt by Jean Wells, celebrating a Sisters landscape.



Sisters, Oregon

General Facts

Country	United States	Elevation	3,200 feet
State	Oregon	Weather	Winter, High 40 Low 20 Summer, High 75 Low 40

County

Deschutes

Incorporated

1946

Population

2,174 inside the city limits;
approximately 10,000 in the
school district.

Rain Fall
/Precipitation

Average Annual – Rainfall, 14.18 inches
Average Annual – Snowfall, 32 inches

Time Zone

Pacific Standard Time

Coordinates

44.2908 N, 121.5489 W

SISTERS TIMELINE

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- 7,700 years ago**...Evidence of First Americans moving into Sisters Country, using these lands for huckle berry, root and nut gathering, fishing and hunting
- 1805** Lewis and Clark note the snow-capped peaks of the “Western Mountains,” (Cascade Range) including what is now Mt. Jefferson
- 1825** Peter Skene Ogden of the Hudson Bay Co. camped by Whychus Creek two miles west of Squaw Flat. The next day he fed horses on meadows thought to be at Indian Ford.
- 1859** A group of men from Lebanon, Oregon scout route for eastern road over Cascades; becomes Santiam Wagon Road, completed in 1865
- 1865** Captain Charles LaFollette and forty men from Company A, 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry establish a military camp at Camp Polk.
- 870** Samuel Hindman and family, one of the first settlers in Central Oregon, establishes a homestead near the abandoned Camp Polk.
- 1895** Squaw Creek (Whychus Creek) Irrigation District organized.
- 1912** Hotel Sisters built.
- 1923** Fire starts in an unattended garage in Sisters. Fire destroys buildings on Cascade Avenue, including businesses and residences, one being the Sisters Drug Store and Post Office.
- 1924** Fire starts in a defective flue in the Gist Hotel destroying buildings on both sides of Cascade Avenue between Fir and Spruce
- 1937** Separate Sisters High School building built. (This brick building is now used as school district administration offices and is on the National Register of Historic Places.)
- 1940** The first annual (official) Sisters Rodeo held at the Creighton place, northeast of downtown.
- 1951** Artificial propagation of steelhead trout in Squaw Creek (Whychus Creek)

1968 Sisters High School closed; students bussed to Redmond High School.

1975 Jean Wells and Cathi Howells begin the first annual Sisters Quilt Show; 11 quilts exhibited. The annual show is held the second Saturday of July.

1992 New Sisters High School (now Sisters Middle School) opens, taking old mascot name, Outlaws.

2002 Cache Mtn. Fire hits Black Butte Ranch, two homes lost.

2006 Squaw Creek renamed Whychus Creek.

2014 Cascade Avenue/Highway 20 undergoes complete renovation.

1946 Sisters becomes an incorporated city.

1964 City of Sisters hit by major flood.

1971 Black Butte Ranch, the Brooks Resources resort, begins selling lots and Big Meadow Golf Course opens.

1978 City of Sisters passes ordinance requiring 1880s-style store fronts.

2003 New Sisters High School opens. B&B Complex Fire.

2006 Whychus Creek rerouted in natural channel through Camp Polk Reserve.





Sisters Attractions

THREE CREEK LAKE

Drive south on Elm Street (Road 16) about 20 miles and you'll run in to a beautiful mountain lake at the foot of Tam McArthur Rim. Three Creek Lake offers non-motorized boating (rent a boat at the small store), fishing, swimming and picnic opportunities for the whole family(kids love to look for tadpoles). The 28-acre lake has planted rainbow trout and a self-sustaining population of brook trout. From here you can hike rugged Tam McArthur Rim or simply hang out on the beach or in a nearby campground and enjoy the peaceful environment of a 6,550-elevation alpine lake

Camp Polk Preserve

The Deschutes Land Trust acquired 145 acres of rare wetland/wet meadow habitat just north of Sisters and manages the site as a preserve. Camp Polk Meadow is the site of the first settlement in the Sisters Country. Camp Polk was established as a military encampment for the suppression of local Indians in 1865.

The Land Trust is working in the area to restore riparian habitat along Whychus Creek in hopes of one day restoring steelhead runs in the creek. Guided tours are given throughout the spring and summer.

For more information call 541.330.0017 or visit: www.deschuteslandtrust.org.

Dee Wright Observatory

Standing atop the windswept McKenzie Pass, Dee Wright Observatory looks like the lonely lair of a robber baron. The observatory was named after a Civilian Conservation Corps foreman who worked on the site. The observatory offers a sweeping vista of the Cascades and overlooks the somber yet intriguing lava flows that dominate the pass. Interpretive signs offer a little education about the unusual geology of the area. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the McKenzie Summit just west of the observatory. To get there; take Highway 242 west from Sisters (when passable).

Suttle Lake

Suttle Lake is one of Sisters' understated natural wonders. It's not dramatic or spectacular, but it is one of the most soul-satisfying spots in the area. Some days the lake is calm and glassy, offering a lazy afternoon on Cinder Beach looking out on Mt. Washington. Other days the wind whips the lake into a whitecapped chop and wind surfers weave through the waves. In the fall it is a riot of color as the leaves turn with the early frost. Visit the Lodge, take a boat out for a lazy day of fishing or take a stroll around the lake. Follow Highway 20 west 16 miles from Sisters; turn left and follow the signs.

Tumalo Falls

Tumalo Falls is one of the more scenic areas in Central Oregon, and it's an easy drive west from downtown Bend. Take Highway 20 east to 3rd Avenue south. Turn right on Franklin Avenue and head west from downtown Bend to Galveston Road which turns into Skyliner Drive and leads to the gravel Tumalo Falls Road. There's an overlook (short walk) and interpretive site and a picnic area. If you want to make a hike of it –and you should – there are many trails in the area. Hike upstream along the creek and you'll run into more waterfalls.

Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery

While you are in Camp Sherman, head further north to visit Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery. When you cross the bridge over the Metolius River and enter Wizard Falls, you know this is a special place. The clear, aquamarine color of the river water leads into a pristine grassy area and gentle paths winding through the 35-acre site. Various open tanks house the different fish species raised at the hatchery. Rainbow, brook, cutthroat and trophy trout, kokanee and Atlantic salmon are part of the three million fish on display. The hatchery hosts Kids' Fishing Day on the second Saturday in June. Wizard Falls is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Take Highway 20 west out of Sisters for 10 miles. At the Camp Sherman road sign, Road 14, turn right and travel 10 miles to the hatchery entrance.



Sisters Golf Courses

Aspen Lakes Golf Course - Faith Course

9 Holes (Public)

16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters, OR 97759

541.549.4653

Aspen Lakes Golf Course - Hope Course

9 Holes (Public)

16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters, OR 97759

541.549.4653

Black Butte Ranch Golf Club Glaze Meadow Glaze Course

18 Holes over 6,574 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

13525 Hawksbeard Rd, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759

541.595.1270

Black Butte Ranch Golf Club Big Meadow Course

18 holes over 6,850 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

13525 Hawksbeard Rd, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759

800.399.2322



Sisters Parks

Village Green Park

The Village Green Park is located two blocks south of downtown between Elm & Fir Streets. There is a covered gazebo, covered BBQ area with tables, playground equipment and many shade trees.

Creekside

Creekside Park is located adjacent to Whychus Creek across the covered foot bridge from Sisters Creekside Campground. The grassy park has tables and small barbeque's for daytime use.

Sisters Skate Park

Skaters have their own skate park in Sisters, thanks to volunteer efforts by local youth and adult mentors. The park includes a large, deep “bowl,” an intermediate bowl, a backyard pool replica and a streetscape element (railings, steps, curbs, etc). The intermediate bowl has lower sidewalls and is designed for less-experienced skaters. The skate park is located next to the Sisters Park & Recreation District Coffield Center, at the west end of the Sisters High School parking lot. Head west from downtown Sisters on Highway 242 (McKenzie Highway) and enter the Sisters High School campus

Sisters Creekside Campground (Formerly Three Sisters Overnight Park)

The Sisters Creekside Camp-ground is a municipal park with 60 sites(of which 25 sites are full hook-up sites) and a large grass area. The park is situated along Whychus Creek and within walking distance of downtown. The park is open April 12 through November 1 and is closed for the winter months. For information call Nicole Montalvo at the City Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, at 541.323.5220.

Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park

Located on Cascade Avenue (Highway 20) in the center of downtown Sisters. Includes a public restroom.

Cliff Clemens Park

On the north side of Sisters, approximately three blocks from downtown on Larch Street. Motor homes may park in this area during the daytime only. Large grassy area and play equipment.

Creekside Park, Village Green Park and Cliff Clemens Park are available for events for a fee. Electricity is available. Call 541.549.6022 for more information

Hyzer Pines

Also next to the Sisters Park & Recreation District Coffield Center is the Hyzer Pines 18-hole disc golf course. There is no charge for playing. No alcohol or smoking are allowed on the property

Fir Street Park

Sisters' newest park is located at the corner of Fir Street and Main Avenue. This “pocket park” feature a splash play area with boulders, a performance stage with timber-frame pavilion and seating area, a picnic facility, restrooms, bike corrals, benches, a fire pit with seating, a drinking fountain and on-site parking.

Sit and relax or let the young ones play at a wide variety of Sisters parks.



Going Wild in Sisters

Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrel and Yellow-Pine Chipmunks

Golden-mantled ground squirrels and yellow-pine chipmunks live all through the forest and can be seen wherever you hike. The streaks on a chipmunk's body go all the way to the nose, while on the golden-mantled they stop at the shoulders

Coyotes

You can see coyotes just about anywhere you go in the Sisters area.

Mule Deer

If you enjoy a morning walk around town, don't be surprised if you come face-to-face with at least 10 or so mule deer within the city limits.

Snakes

Yes, we do have rattlesnakes in the Sisters area. Thankfully, the Pacific Rattlesnake is a more-or-less laid-back member of the pit viper family and if you give them your respect, they will most often do likewise. We also have non-lethal gopher snakes slithering under sagebrush and rim rock.

Butterflies

Every year, the North American Butterfly Association conducts a butterfly count on Friday of the Fourth of July weekend. If you would like to participate, or would like to know the butterfly "hot-spots," call Sue Anderson at Natural Selection, 541.388.1549, or email a note to jim@northwestnaturalist.net.

Badgers

Like coyotes, badgers have also been persecuted because of their habit of digging holes as they pursue ground squirrels and gophers. They have also moved into clear-cuts in the forest.

Bobcats

Hikers traveling along trails that run on the edge of the forest may get very lucky and see a bobcat.

Wild Turkeys

The so-called "wild" turkeys you will see about anywhere around Sisters are not really wild. They're transplanted from the Willamette Valley where they were pests in feed lots and other agricultural areas.

Elk

Sisters Country is home to a substantial herd of Rocky Mountain Elk. They circulate through meadows and forests around Black Butte and points east. The herd consists of cows, calves and yearlings, and watching them move through the forest is a majestic sight. A mature cow elk weighs approximately 500 pounds and stands some four to five feet tall at the shoulder. Bull elk are much more elusive, tending to travel alone or in small bachelor groups.

Water Ouzel

The ever-busy water ouzel – a songbird known as the dipper – can also be seen dropping into the cold streams and "flying" underwater in search of aquatic insects.



Sisters Ski Resorts

CENTRAL OREGON

Mt. Bachelor

13000 SW Century Drive, Bend, OR 97702

800.829.2442

<https://www.mtbachelor.com/>

Willamette Pass Resort

GPS Coordinates: N 43° 36.033 W 122° 02.200

541.345.7669

<https://willamettepass.com/>

Hoodoo

20 Hwy 20, Sisters, OR 97759

541.822.3799

<https://skihoodoo.com/>

MOUNT HOOD

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski & Snowboard Resort	14040 Hwy 35, Mt. Hood, OR 97041 503.337.2222 https://www.skihood.com/
Timberline Lodge	27500 E. Timberline Road, Timberline Lodge, OR 97028 503.272.3311 https://www.timberlinelodge.com/
Mt. Hood Skibowl	87000 E Hwy 26, Government Camp, OR 97028 503.272.3206 https://www.skibowl.com/
Cooper Spur	10755 Cooper Spur Road, Mt Hood Parkdale, OR 97041 541.352.6692 https://www.cooperspur.com/
Summit Ski Area	90255 Government Camp Loop Road, Government Camp, OR 97028 503.272.0256 https://www.summitskiarea.com/

SOUTHERN OREGON

Mt. Ashland Ski Resort	693 Washington Street, Ashland, OR 97520 541.482.2897 https://www.mtashland.com/
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Historic Buildings in Sisters

Hardy Allen House

Southeast corner of Main Avenue and Larch Street. Early settler and stockman Hardy Allen and his wife Daisy moved to Sisters in 1905 and built this fine house in 1908 on the corner of Main Avenue and Fir Street. The house was scheduled for demolition in the 1980s but was saved by moving it to its current location. It was renovated in 1990 to match its historical appearance.



Hotel Sisters (Sisters Saloon)

Northwest corner of Cascade Avenue and Fir Street. The Hotel Sisters was built in 1912 by businessman and Spanish-American War veteran John Dennis. The nicely modern facility boasted hot and cold water in each of its 19 guest rooms and featured heat from a hot air furnace in the basement. It is one of the most photographed buildings in Central Oregon.



Leithauser General Store (Sisters Bakery)

The Leithauser General Store was built on Cascade Avenue between Larch and Spruce streets in 1925. The Leithauser family owned and operated the general store at that location until 1950, when a new store was built just to the west. The building has housed a barber shop, a variety store, a yarn mill and a bakery.



Old Sisters Library

West side of Spruce Street between Cascade and Main Avenues (behind the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center). The building was originally sited on Cascade Avenue, where local businesses and citizens purchased land for a library. Local mills donated lumber for the construction of the library building. The library opened in 1939, with shelf space for 1,000 books. The building was moved to its current location in 1980 and it was retired in 1990.



The Palace

Southeast corner of Cascade Avenue and Elm Street. The original structure on the site was Sisters Drug Store, owned by the Aitken Family. The building was destroyed in the devastating fire of 1923. The Aitken family moved an existing structure to the corner and again set up shop.





Sisters Coffee, Tea Shops & Bakeries

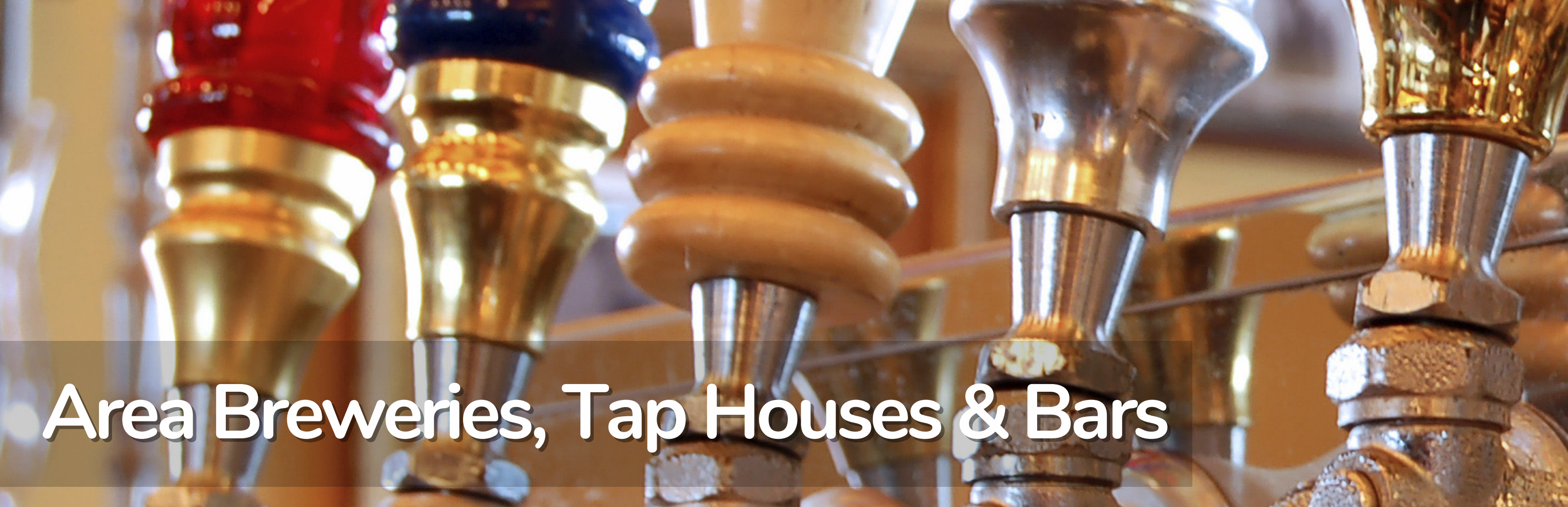
Angeline's Bakery & Café	121 West Main Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.9122
Candy Corral	101 E. Cascade, Sisters, OR 97759	541.480.2789
Dutch Bros	442 E. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.955.4700
Fika Coffee	201 East Sun Ranch Dr., Sisters, OR 97759	541.588.0311
Sisters Bakery	251 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.0361
Sisters Coffee Company	273 W. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.0527
Suttle Tea	450 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.8077
The Sweet Easy Company (used to be BJ's Ice Cream)	170 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.904.0851
Twisted Juniper Coffee	425 W Hwy 20, Sisters, OR 97759	541.595.8150



Area Recommended Restaurants

Boone Dog Pizza	223 E. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.588.2054
Brand 33 Restaurant	16900 Aspen Lakes Dr., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.3663
Chops Bistro	370 E Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6015
Cibelli's Pizza	442 E. Hood Ave., Sisters OR 97759	541.904.4300
Coco Loco Taco Bar	223 E. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.899.8125
Cottonwood Café / Chow Burger	403 E. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.2699
DQ Grill & Chill	497 W. Hwy. 97, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6011

June's Asian Kitchen	291 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6944
Lakeside Bistro	12930 Hawksbeard Rd., Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	541.549.8356
Martolli's Pizza	220 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.595.1520
McDonald's	1001 Railway, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6080
Philadelphia's Steaks & Hoagies	352 E. Hood Ave, Sisters, OR 97759	541.914.4154
Rancho Viejo	150 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.3594
R Spot Takeout and Eatery	161 N. Elm St., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.7768
Sisters Depot Kitchen & Cocktail Bar	250 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.904.4660
Sisters Meat & Smokehouse	110 S. Spruce St., Sisters, OR 97759	541.719.1186
Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill	190 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.7427
Sno Cap Drive Inn	380 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6151
Spoons	281 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.719.0572
Subway	620 N Arrowleaf Trail, Sisters, OR 97759	549.549.9664
Takoda's Restaurant & Lounge	425 W. Hwy. 97, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.8620
The Lodge Restaurant	12930 Hawksbeard Rd., Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	541.549.1260
The Open Door	303 W. Hood Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6076
The Sweet Easy Company (used to be BJ's Ice Cream)	170 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters, OR 97759	541.904.0851



Area Breweries, Tap Houses & Bars

Three Creeks Brewing	721 Desperado Center, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.1963
Hop N Brew	523 East Highway 20, Sisters, OR 97759	541.719.1295
Roberts Pub	13020 Hawksbeard Road, Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	541.595.1520
Hardtails Bar and Grill	175 North Larch Street, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.6114
Gallery Restaurant & Bar	171 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters, OR 97759	541.549.2631



Area Wineries & Distillers

Cork Cellars	391 West Cascade Avenue, Sisters	541.549.2675
Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards	70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne	541.526.5075
Maragas Winery	15523 SW Highway 97, Culver	541.546.5464
Crater Lake Spirits	19330 Pinehurst Road, Bend	541.318.0200
Cascade Street Distillery	261 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters	541.488.2825



Sisters Arts and Culture

Sisters is proud of its reputation as an arts community and is home to a vast number of incredibly talented individuals. Many unique galleries featuring clay work, sculpture, photography, paintings, jewelry, fiber art and much more can be found throughout Sisters. And most recently Sisters Country is very proud of its growing collection of Public Art.

Concerts featuring every genre of music highlight Sisters' calendar of events throughout the year. And don't miss the Sisters Movie House, showing first run films throughout the year.

The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, is the largest outdoor quilt show in the world happens on the second Saturday in July every year through the Sisters Country. Mark your calendars!

Sisters Art Works is a facility that nurtures new talent by offering workshops, office space, and performing space to aspiring artists as well as established professionals.

The Americana Project at Sisters schools teaches kids to appreciate, learn and perform music and create art. The My Own Two Hands celebration in April features musical performances, an art auction and displays throughout Sisters to help raise funds for the Americana Project activities.

Sisters also hosts the **Sisters Folk Festival** every September. Thousands of fans from around the country venture to Sisters to hear local, regional, and nationally known performers. Americana, folk and blues can be heard throughout Sisters at various venues

The Sisters School Foundation created the Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series to help close the gap in funding left by severe budget cuts in 1996 that threatened valuable programs at the Sisters schools. Its first fundraising event was the Sisters Starry Nights concert series and they debuted in 1997. Among the acclaimed musicians who traveled to Sisters to participate in the Starry Nights are: Lyle Lovett, Kenny Loggins, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Michael McDonald, Deana Carter, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, John Hiatt, Kim Carnes, T. Graham Brown, David Wilcox, Karla Bonoff, J.D. Souther, Kenny Rankin, Nicolette Larson, Stephen Bishop, Mark Collie, Jeff Hanna, Matraca Berg, Greg Barnhill, Gary Morris, LeeAnn Womack, Christopher Cross, Hal Ketchum, and Kathy Mattea. And comedians Mack and Jamie, Wayne Cotter, Michael Davis, Don McMillan, Kevin Meaney. The Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series is currently on hiatus but there are several other opportunities to support the school district.



The Hidden Economy of Sisters

Mostly hidden from the view of visitors, Sisters has a thriving hidden economy of manufacturers who are creating unique, high-quality products for users around the world. From bird-repelling devices to custom-quality guitars, Sisters' creative side extends into industry.

Bird Gard utilizes the innate power of the natural survival instincts of birds to effectively repel them. Digital recordings of distressed and alarmed birds, along with the sounds made by their natural predators are broadcast through high fidelity weather-resistant speakers. This triggers a primal fear and flee response. Pest birds soon relocate to where they can feed without feeling threatened.
www.birdgard.com

ENERGYneering Solutions Inc. (ESI) of Sisters manages some millions of dollars in renewable energy power plants in places as far-flung as Texas, Florida and California — all out of an office at the Sisters Airport. The firm, led by Benny and Julie Benson of Sisters, provides engineering and design for landfill gas (LFG) collection, biogas pretreatment systems, biogas-to-energy facilities, and biomass thermal facilities.

Close to home, ESI installed a biomass boiler at Sisters High School, a cost-saving innovation that has received statewide accolades.

www.energyneeringsolutions.com

Rescue Response Gear specializes in technical rescue and rope access equipment, working with public and private industry providing rescue equipment, rope access equipment, rescue training and rope access training to fire departments; training facilities; public utility companies ;tower erector companies and search and rescue organizations as well as federal, state, county and city agencies.

www.rescueresponse.com

For more than a quarter century, **Metabolic Maintenance** has been manufacturing nutraceuticals and supplements for health care professionals who want the best for their patients, using only the highest-quality ingredients and processes. Products manufactured in their plant in the Sisters Industrial Park are based on the latest wellness research, with ingredients that are sourced from the finest suppliers and tested for purity and potency.

www.metabolicmaintenance.com

From their workshop in the music-loving town of Sisters, Oregon, **Preston Thompson Guitars** builds custom guitars and standard models based on vintage designs perfected by C.F. Martin Guitar in the 1930s. The choice of Grammy-winning flat pick and fingerstyle guitarists alike, Preston Thompson Guitars are among the best acoustic guitars available anywhere, renowned for superior tone, craftsmanship and materials.

www.pktguitars.com

Ponderosa Forge & Iron works From a start shoeing horses, Jeff Westerhas built a blacksmithing shop that provides structural steel and artful accessories for the finest homes and commercial properties in Central Oregon. Through its website at www.ponderosaforge.com, Ponderosa Forge sells beautiful hand-forged iron work — fireplace screens and doors, door hinges, door handles, furniture and interior décor, wine racks and much more — all across the nation.

Lakeview Mill works is a purveyor of fine doors and windows for a market that extends from the Pacific Northwest south into California and east as far as Minnesota. Lakeview Millworks, located in Town Square in the middle of downtown Sisters, has an extensive showroom featuring major window and door product lines. Lakeview Millworks is a distributor for the prestigious Kolbe Windows & Doors line — one of only three in the state of Oregon. The facility is a destination showroom for the entire region

www.lakeviewmillworks.com

Catch Magazine is as an electronic gallery and forum dedicated to the art and passion of fly fishing.

Sisters resident Todd Moen and his partner Brian O'Keefe designed and created the online periodical that features breathtaking digital photography, travel essays, and slide shows from exotic “fishing holes” around the globe, all in a Web format. The magazine has an international readership, even in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

www.catchmagazine.net