

# Travel the Trail

*Explore the Oregon Trail by Bike*

**I**nspired by Bekah Brunstetter's *The Oregon Trail* and made possible with a grant from Travel Oregon, Portland Center Stage at The Armory has developed this itinerary to inspire audiences to interact with Oregon in a unique way — by using a story produced for the stage as a lens to explore Oregon's rich cultural history and land. In the mid-19th century, the Oregon Trail was the main pathway for American emigrants searching for new lands and opportunity on the Western frontier. Much of that history has been preserved and can be seen across various regions of Oregon.

This itinerary allows you to explore a section of the Oregon Trail by bike. We suggest that you overnight in Welches, but you can also schedule same-day shuttle service with The Bike Concierge. [www.thebikeconcierge.com](http://www.thebikeconcierge.com)

Start your historical journey at the **End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center** (1726 Washington Street, Oregon City, OR). Experience history with the "Bound for Oregon" film presentation and interactive exhibits that include pioneer games and crafts, like candle dipping. Heritage garden and state welcome center are also on site. [www.historicoregoncity.org](http://www.historicoregoncity.org)

From Oregon City, take the I-205 multi-use pathway to Springwater Corridor Trail and HWY-26 until you reach Sandy, where a short detour to **Jonsrud View Point** (SE Bluff Rd, Sandy, OR) will offer expansive views of the Sandy River Valley and the "Devil's Backbone," a ridge named by pioneers traveling the trail. [www.mthoodterritory.com/jonsrud-viewpoint](http://www.mthoodterritory.com/jonsrud-viewpoint)

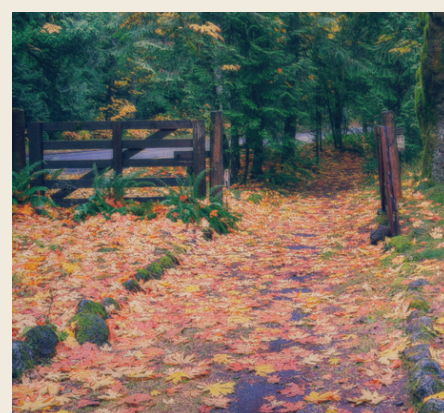
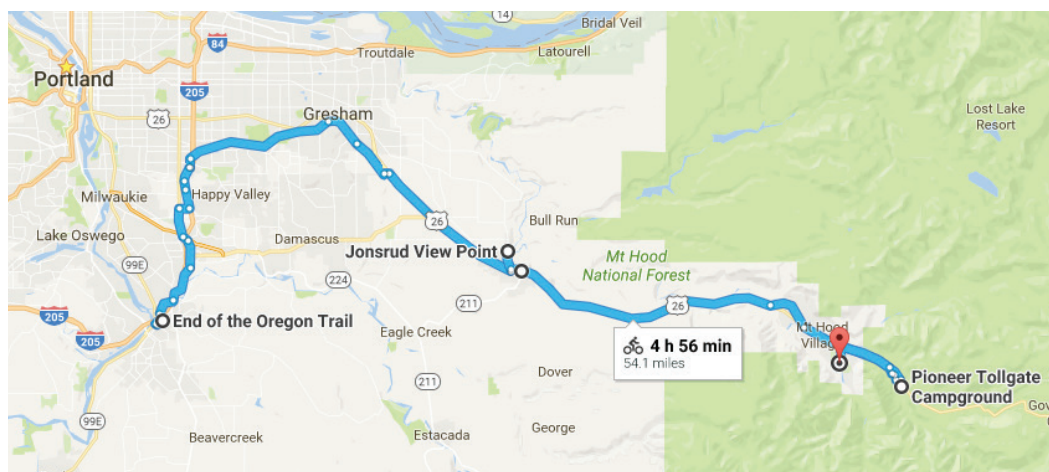
1 For more details visit [pcs.org/travelthetrail](http://pcs.org/travelthetrail)

Stop for a bit to eat at **AntFarm Café and Bakery** (39140 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, OR), a bike-friendly and non-profit café located just off HWY 26, whose proceeds from the farm-to-table menu benefit local youth. [www.antfarmyouthservices.com/antfarm-cafe-and-bakery](http://www.antfarmyouthservices.com/antfarm-cafe-and-bakery)

Bike along HWY 26 to **Pioneer Tollgate Campground** (Highway 26/Milepost 44, Rhododendron, OR). This part of the Oregon Trail (Barlow Road) required a toll — \$5 per wagon and 10¢ for every piece of livestock. A replica of the tollgate can be seen alongside two big leaf maples that date back to the period. Pioneer Bridle Trailhead, a popular walking and mountain bike path which follows segments of the historic Barlow Road, can be accessed from this point.

Stay at **The Resort at The Mountain** (68010 E Fairway Ave, Welches, OR) a premier full service mountain resort featuring a year 'round heated outdoor pool and complimentary mountain bike rentals for guests. [www.mthood-resort.com](http://www.mthood-resort.com)

**This itinerary covers 54 miles and an elevation gain of 2,293 feet. Please contact The Bike Concierge for detailed and safe bike route from Oregon City to Welches.**



Pioneer Tollgate Campground



Itinerary developed in partnership with The Bike Concierge. Offering everything from bike rentals to personal guides and shuttle support, The Bike Concierge exists to remove the obstacles to bicycle exploration and bike tourism in Oregon.



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