



BEND, OR AREA INFORMATION

Named the “outdoor playground of the West”, [Bend](#) is a city that is known for its natural beauty and abundance of outdoor activities. This city has the best of both worlds, for it boasts a great downtown area, along with spectacular outdoor scenery with the Cascade mountain range running along side it. The residents enjoy skiing, hiking, and mountain biking in the outdoors. If enjoying the great outdoors isn’t your go-to activity, there are plenty of art exhibits, fine restaurants, and downtown entertainment in the area as well.

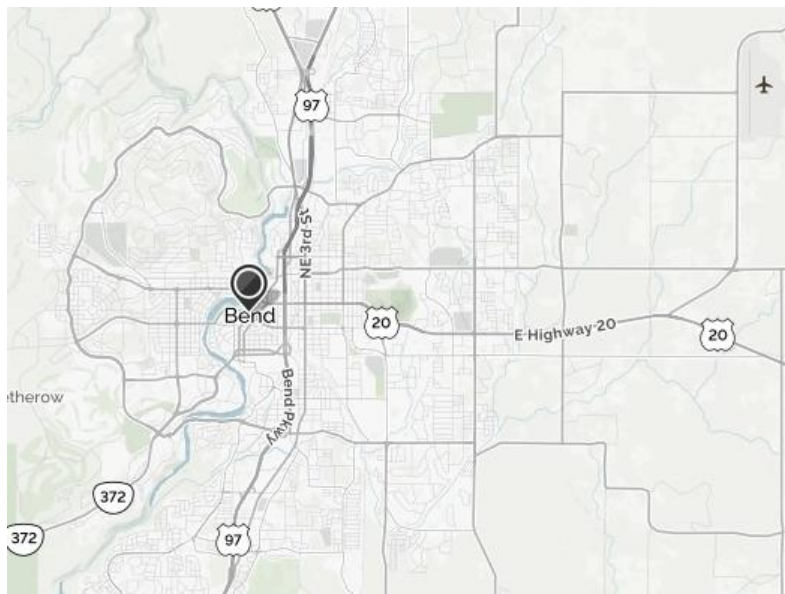


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Transportation

By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Bend. Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#), all of Bend’s attractions are accessible by car.



By Bike

Bend, OR is also dubbed “Bike Town USA”, showing that getting around on two wheels is one of the best ways to see the area. Whether you want to take a ride through the local streets or venture up into the world of mountain biking, Bend has a variety of [rental options](#) for any customer.



Courtesy of Trip Advisor

By Air

The easiest way to get to Bend is through [Roberts Field Airport](#) in Redmond. It is only 20 minutes away from Bend and is also the fourth largest commercial airport in the state. There are a variety of [taxi and shuttle service](#) to and from the airport as well.

By Bus

[The Cascades East Transit](#) is Bend’s primary bus and shuttle service. If you are arriving to this beautiful city during the summer, they even offer free shuttle rides around the city! The bus service also connects to nearby cities if you are wanting to explore the area more.



Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public, Private, and Preschools

A complete listing of public schools in Bend can be viewed [here](#).

A complete listing of private schools in the Bend area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools and daycares in the Bend area can be viewed [here](#).

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and Universities in Bend, OR](#)



Cascades

Courtesy of osucascades.edu

Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Bend. A more complete listing of attractions in Bend can be found [here](#).

- [Museums in Bend](#)
- [Activities in Bend \(Outdoor and Indoor\)](#)
- [Nightlife in Bend](#)
- [Sporting Events in Bend](#)
- [Arts & Culture in Bend](#)
- [Dining in Bend](#)



Courtesy of <https://www.bendoregonrealestate.com/summer-fun-guide-for-around-bend-oregon/>

Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to Oregon, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days. You must turn in any driver license or permit from another state or country if you have one. To change to an Oregon license, you have to title your vehicle at the same time as registration. Be sure to have proof of ownership (title) and proof of an emissions inspection (if applicable) in order to register and title your car. A VIN inspection is also required at this time. In order to obtain your license, you must provide Social Security information, proof of your full legal name and U.S. presence, proof of your Oregon address, and payment for required fees. For more information about the application process for a license, please click [here](#).

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit [Oregon Driver & Motor Vehicle Services](#).

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.