

Salmonberg, WA

Redmond was first known as "Salmonberg," for the abundant fish flowing through local rivers.

The City of Redmond can be seen in "Bustin' Loose" (1981), "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996), "The King of Kong:
A Fistful of Quarters" (2007), and "Northern Exposure" (1990, TV).





Logging, Chickens, and Steamboats

Before Redmond became the center for software and technology innovations, we were known for **logging and farming.** The land currently occupied

by Microsoft was mostly made up of expansive **chicken farms.** Steamboats offered the only practical mode of transportation as our rivers wound through a thick forest of trees.

Some Fascinating Facts About Redmond

Musician, actress, writer, director, and comedian **Carrie Brownstein**, of rock trio *Sleater-Kinney*, and the comedy TV series *Portlandia*, grew up in Redmond.



Deep History of Native Culture

Artifacts discovered at the Redmond Town Center archaeological site and Marymoor Prehistoric Indian Site show that **Native Americans** have lived in the Redmond area for **10,000 years.**

New Way to Commute

The City of Redmond is looking forward to the planned **expansion of light rail service** via the *East Link Extension* from Seattle to Redmond.



Our Official Poet Laureate

By city ordinance, Redmond has appointed a **poet laureate** since 2010. The inaugural laureate was **Rebecca Meredith** (2010–2012). Poet and teacher, **Laura Da'**—who is Eastern Shawnee—is Redmond's current Poet Laureate (2022-2024).

Focus on the Arts

Redmond has many **outdoor sculptures**, part of a rotating sculpture exhibition, throughout its streets and parks. *Redmond Arts Commission* also hosts a **sculpture garden** which changes each September and highlights Northwest artists.





















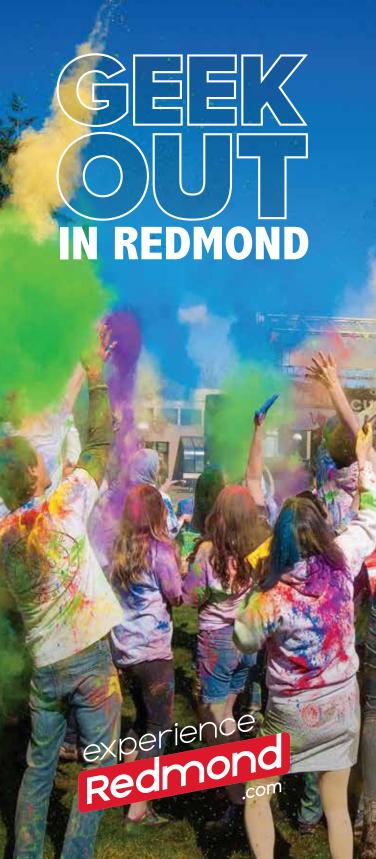


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There Is So Much to Geek Out on in Redmond, WA

Redmond is the most passionate place in the Pacific Northwest. Our diverse and eclectic culture is chock-full of events, attractions, restaurants, parks, trails, and more. Home to *Microsoft* and *Nintendo of America*, Redmond is world-renowned as the region's hub for technological innovations. However, we are truly passionate about our connection to the city's lush natural surroundings and myriad opportunities for shopping, dining, and lodging. We invite you to explore Redmond and Geek Out with us.



Unleash your inner yogi and find your Zen in Redmond. Join our vibrant yoga community for blissful stretches and peaceful poses. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or starting your journey, come flow with us and discover the perfect balance of tranquility and fun.

Redmond is one of the most connected cities in the world, so you'll want to bring your mobile device to navigate trail maps, order food to go, search ExperienceRedmond.com, or take photos of the beautiful scenery.

SMART PHONE WITH CAMERA

Redmond Must-Haves



Redmond is known as the Bicycle Capital of the Northwest. We have over 40 miles of bike trails and a 75-mile bicycle system. Bring your bike, and be sure to pack a multi-tool to keep you rolling. Or, pick up the supplies you need at one of our incredible bicycle shops.



Redmond is the ultimate dog-friendly city, and you and your pup will delight in the plethora of places where pets are welcome. You can even remove the leash and let Lassie run free at Marymoor or at a pop-up dog park. Woof. woof!



As you explore
the vast array of
outdoor activities,
it's important to
stay hydrated.
Whether you are
window shopping Downtown,
biking our interconnected
trails, or running in one of
our community races, you'll
always be close to the water.

This is the Pacific Northwest, after all, so we're known to get a rainy day or two.

A few raindrops won't stop the locals from exploring the great outdoors, but you're welcome to borrow a bright red umbrella at any Redmond hotel to remain rain-free in style.

As one of the world's most

A GOOD BOOK

well-read regions, you'll want to find a peaceful park or quiet coffee shop to curl up and get lost in a good book. If you didn't bring a book, you can always browse the endless aisles of one of several locally-owned bookstores.

CUP of COFFEE

The Seattle region is world renowned for our love of the roasted bean, and Redmond's cup runneth over with a wide variety of coffee shops, cafes, and bakeries for you to find the perfect morning drink (or afternoon pick-me-up).







SPRING

Festival of Color

APRIL-OCTOBER

Exotics at Redmond Town Center (RTC)

MAY-OCTOBER

Redmond Saturday Market



JULY

Derby Days Festival

Redmond Arts Festival

Ananda Mela Festival



SUMMER

Concerts at Marymoor

Movies at Marymoor

Northwest Share's VegFest

Rockin' on the River

Marymoor Grand Prix Velodrome Races



AUGUST

NW Family Fest

CHOMP! County Fair

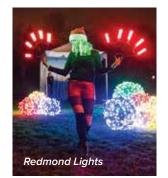
Summer of Games



DECEMBER

Winter Wonderland at RTC

Redmond Lights



Geek Out on Unique Experiences

Bakeries and Breweries

Redmond's bevy of breweries (*Black Raven, Post Doc, Mac & Jacks*, and others) is only rivaled by our bounty of bakeries (*Hoffman's, Kringles, The French Bakery, Lina's, Farine, Top Pot*, and many more).

Parks, Parks, Parks

Explore the more than 45 parks—Downtown Park, Redmond Watershed Preserve, Idylwood Beach Park, Grass Lawn Park, Anderson Park, Hartman Park, Marymoor Park, and many others.



Rush of Adrenaline

Get pumped up at K1 Speed, Climbing Wall, Redmond Bike Park (for BMX and mountain bikes), Edge Skate Park, or the Jerry Baker Memorial Velodrome.



Grand Golf Experiences

Swing away at Willows Run Golf Complex and The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, or perfect your swing at Pacific NW Golf Centers.

Epic Bicycle Trails

Redmond is replete with a reticulum of riding trails, including: Redmond Central Connector, Sammamish River Trail, 520 Trail, and the PSE Trail.

Fascinating Cultural Artwork

Walk around and discover our community's expression of artistic innovation and our large public art collection.



Engaging Outdoor Events

Redmond is an outdoor destination, surrounded by lush northwest nature. We host events all year long under the sun and stars, including outdoor movies, concerts, festivals, food fairs, cultural events, farmers market, and many more.

Elevated Shopping and Dining

Redmond is known for our distinct diversity, and nowhere else is that more prevalent than in the unique and varied collection of locally owned restaurants and retail. See map on other side for more details.

Two Scenic Strolls Through Redmond Neighborhoods

1 Redmond Central Connector and Sammamish River Trail

4.5 Miles | Approx. 1.5 to 2 Hours

The **Redmond Central Connector** follows former railroad tracks and is a lovely way to start your day, offering a glimpse of the lush nature surrounding the city.

Start at the **Redmond Town Center**, with a cup of coffee and a pastry from one of several bakeries or cafes.

Head north on 164th Ave. NE, then west on NE 76th St. to enter the **Central Connector Park**, taking notice of some of Redmond's myriad art installations.

Continue north along the path, and pause at the trestle bridge crossing the **Sammamish River** to take in the epic water views.

Inside two miles, exit the trail at NE 95th St. and enjoy a frosty pint of *Trickster IPA* at **Black Raven Brewery.**

From the brewery, head east on NE 95th St and turn left at 153rd Ave NE. At the gate where the street ends, access the **Puget Power Trail.** Go left to the bridge and cross over to the east side of the Sammamish River.

Join the other outdoor enthusiasts as they bike, skate and jog along the popular **Sammamish River Trail**, heading south toward Downtown.

Detour onto the **City Hall campus** to sit in the oversized red chairs and take some silly pictures.

Join the Central Connector again and complete your walk back to the Redmond Town Center.





2 Get Lost at Microsoft

2 to 5 Miles | 30 Minutes to 2 Hours

If you are visiting Redmond on official Microsoft business, consider this fun way to explore the massive campus.

Redmond is the home of Microsoft's global headquarters, hosting approximately **47,000 employees.** The campus spans **500 acres**, and is surrounded by a network of trails, expansive outdoor spaces, and secluded spots.

Start your outing at one of the Overlake area hotels, and walk northbound on 152nd Avenue NE.

At the roundabout, look for one of many posted signs indicating distances of 2- (yellow), 3- (red) or 5-mile (blue) trail loops.

Feeling adventurous? Embark on a treasure hunt to see how many of these fascinating features you can find:

- Visit the Microsoft Visitors Center to learn about the company's past, present, and future (Building 92)
- Say hello to the koi fish in **Lake Bill** which is named for company founder Bill Gates (behind Building 4)
- Explore the serene, stunning **Red West Wetlands** walking trails (north campus)
- Kick a ball around the Microsoft Soccer Field (behind The Commons)
- Stop and play on the Bocce ball courts, cricket pitch, softball field, beach volleyball, or one of several basketball courts
- Peruse the **commemorative plates** in the courtyard behind Building 16
- Climb to the upper reaches of the Microsoft

 Treehouses and Crow's Nest (behind Building 32)

Bring Your Passion Here

Home to the world's smartest and most innovative technology leaders, Redmond offers a diverse and eclectic collection of event venues to enhance your next group gathering. With a unique array of indoor and outdoor spaces, meetings are more fun in Redmond.







Host your event in Redmond, and you may qualify for financial grant support. Be sure to apply for an annual event grant to offset your marketing expenses.





Redmond has Hundreds of Fields & Facilities

Learn more about the City of Redmond's *Tourism Matching Grants Program* by inquiring online at: experienceredmond.com/host-your-event-here



2 60 Acres Park

16 Anderson Park

17 Bear Creek Park

14 Downtown Park

12 Edge Skate Park

21 Grass Lawn Park

4 Hartman Park

3 Arena Sports

17 Fit4Mom Eastside

16 The Lash Lounge

9 Flee Escape

19 iPic Theater

10 K1 Speed

18 Paint Away!

2 Art Chaos