CANBY TOURISM PLAN Assessment Report - September 5, 2019



Today

- We're sharing our assessment and initial recommendations
- Gathering feedback and ideas
- Then we'll finalize report, send it to advisory team
- Present report at the City Council meeting on 9/18

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Breakdown

- Assets
- Challenges
- Opportunities

1: Assessment Inputs

How did we get here?

Destination Assessment: Process

- 1. Familiarization trip:
 - Familiarization tour of Canby
 - Introductions to with Chamber board members, city officials
- 2. Conversations with local leaders:
 - Jamie Stickel, Calvin LeSueur, and Kyle Lang Canby
 - Meetings with Canby Tourism Advisory Committee
 - Jim Austin, Samara Phelps Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory
 - Dawnielle Tehama Willamette Valley Visitors Association
- 3. Boots on the ground
 - Merchant meeting
 - Visitor for a Day exercise
- 4. Research
 - Collateral & marketing communications review
 - Primary & Secondary
- 5. Report out (today)

Things we love about Canby

- Community pride "We love it here."
- Manicured neighborhoods near downtown
- Molalla and Willamette Rivers beauty, access, nature, gathering places
- Intact downtown
- Nurseries, gardens, farms
- Proximity to Portland
- Wonderful annual events





Interview themes

- Fresh start let's do this right
- Opportunity, both within Canby and regionally
- Integrate Molalla and Willamette Rivers into the Canby experience
- Willing and engaged group of citizens and business owners
- Optimism
- Let's figure out how to support a growing downtown scene
- Solid relationships between Chamber, city, and business community

Canby Visitor for a day exercise

WAYFINDING:

<u>Challenge:</u> It's not clear when you enter town, some signs covered by foliage that you are in Canby. Approach from East is not so pretty. (approach from West is beautiful!)

I<u>dea</u>: make the bridge overpass at north entrance into a giant welcome to Canby sign/mural

<u>Challenge:</u> Hard to see sign pointing to downtown from 99

<u>Idea</u>: Put a spanning sign over 99 - "Welcome to Canby The Garden Spot - Historic Downtown Town this way" (see right)

<u>Challenge:</u> When you are downtown, you have no idea all the things Canby has to offer

<u>Idea:</u> Add bright, colorful wayfinding sign posts and directional to downtown (this would be a great grant idea): bike, hike, river, parks, farmers market, library, etc.







Idea: put sign over 99 in Canby to direct people to downtown



Signage Canby



Approaching from West - nice but hard to see.
Lighting? Move out of shadows?



Golf and dahlias are clear, rest is cluttered. Could better present Canby as a seamless experience.





GORGEOUS. Let's add directional signs

Visitor for a day cont'd.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF ATTRACTIONS:

Challenge: Locals tend to send you <u>out of town</u> for dining and activities. "Not much to do here."

Ideas:

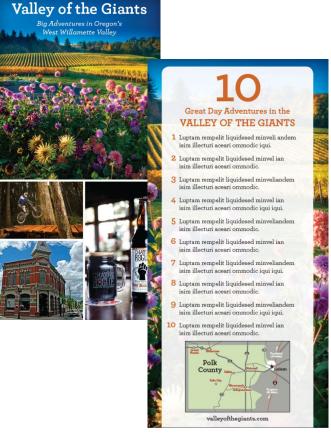
Create and send top 10 things to do in Canby rack card to all residents

Promote it in community forums & newsletters

Train local business staff - especially at restaurants - take them on a Canby Fam Tour

Better signage downtown will also help familiarize locals with experiences





Sample top 10 rack card mock up for Polk County

Merchant Meeting

- Engaged group of merchants
- Cautiously enthusiastic about downtown development
- Seeing Increasing demand for higher end products and services, i.e. former assistant manager of Veritable Quandary opening downtown lunch location
- Willing to engage as partners and implementers of city and chamber led plans

Existing Plans

- City of Canby Comprehensive Plan
- Canby Community Visioning Forum 2018
 - Downtown business recruitment: i.e. Ice Cream shop, wine bar
 - Described as "quiet," bland," "closed," "not believable as a destination."
 - Aspires to be: "Vibrant," "charming," "Oregon City/Silverton"
- Canby Fairgrounds plan
 - More events: beer festival, concerts, camps, recreation, etc.
 - More use outside of fair season
 - 30 space RV Park
- Downtown Retail Market Analysis

Data tells a story

https://www.travelstats.com/dashboard?ucode=4100



Tourism is Economic Development

Oregon

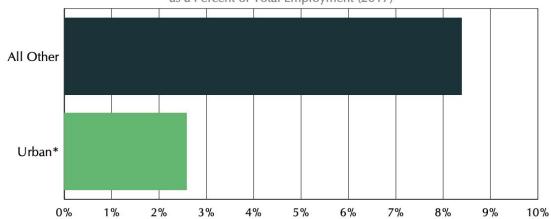
- \$12.3 billion in direct visitor spend
- Provides 115,400 jobs statewide
- Generates \$539 million in tax revenue





Travel Generated Employment

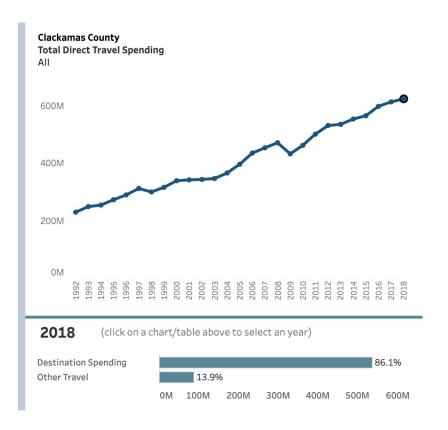




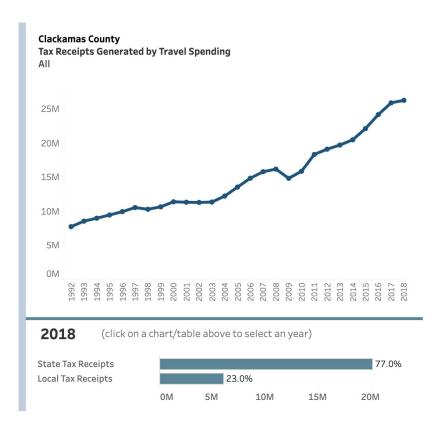
*The urban counties are Clackamas, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington. The most current data is for 2017.

Source: Dean Runyan Associates, Bureau of Economic Analysis

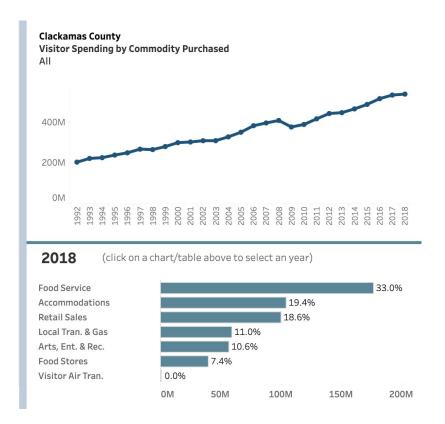
How much do visitors spend in Clackamas County?



How much tax revenue do visitors create?



What do
visitors
spend
money on in
Clackamas
County?



Implications

- Tourism is big business
- Tourism is a growth industry
- Tourism brings export dollars, which have a multiplier effect
- Tourists dollars support businesses and amenities that benefit locals
- Tourism industry can be tapped into at a state, regional, and county level
- Likely that visitor spend can increase with targeted approach

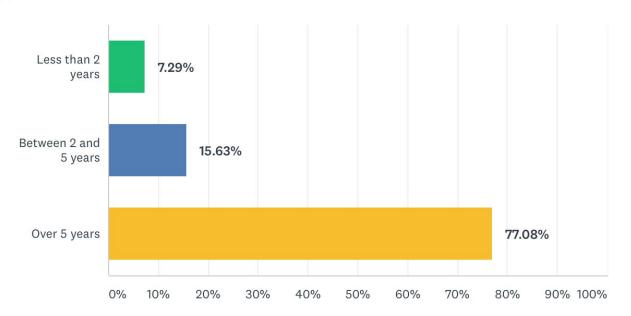
Community Survey Findings

Survey was developed to assess community perceptions of Canby as a visitor destination and opportunities / ideas for future development and programming

Survey distribution through all City communication channels and open for 3 weeks response; very high engagement: 147 responses

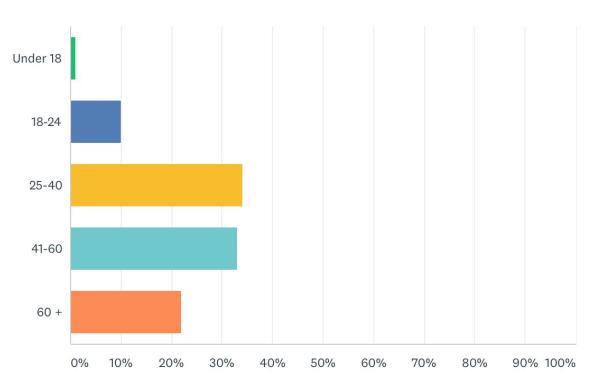
If you are a Canby resident, or live on the outskirts of Canby, how long have you lived in here?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 51



What is your age?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 47



4.08% Entrepreneurial Which of the following words describe Canby & the surrounding area? Ch as many as are relevant. 54.08% Family-focused Answered: 98 Skipped: 49 Close-minded 31.63% Farming 34.69% community Small town 79.59% Abundant 1.02% Friendly 54.08% Scarcity 3.06% 2.04% Dreamers Current 3.06% tourism... Rural 48.98% Possible 22.45% future touri.. 55.10% Community 6.12% Timeless 36.73% Wine country 5.10% Farmers 13.27% 33.67% Hard-working Tight-knit 18.37% Community 36.73% Minded Good place to 58.16% live Good place to 16.33% visit

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80%

90% 100%

Do you have concerns about increasing tourism? Themes:

Infrastructure/traffic concerns: "We're not set up to handle tourists." "Traffic is a BIG concern, especially on 99."

Perception of nothing to do: "Why would anyone come here as a tourist?"

Ruining small town charm

Diversity/inclusivity needs to be addressed: "Worried that those who are not straight and white will not feel welcome here."

Economic growth a positive: "Nothing wrong with increasing revenue & commerce!" About 15% of responses stated they had no concerns about increasing tourism.

Survey findings

https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/OOr2UUvSWhaRLubO6ydsP0H8EN7QMMZJPgR1b7T_2BGpE_3D

2: Product Development

What experiences bring visitors to Canby?

- Landscape
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Connections to downtown Canby

Product Development

Where we are now: Landscape

- What types of experiences appeal to visitors and what are the destination's assets?
- What's working and what can be developed?
- What types of experiences should be built on?

Product Development

Opportunities

- Willamette & Molalla Rivers
- Agritourism nurseries, Swan Island Dahlia & Dahlia Farm & Festival, Canby Farm Loop
- Major redevelopment just downriver (mill sites + locks)
- Central downtown area
- History & Culture End of the Oregon Trail

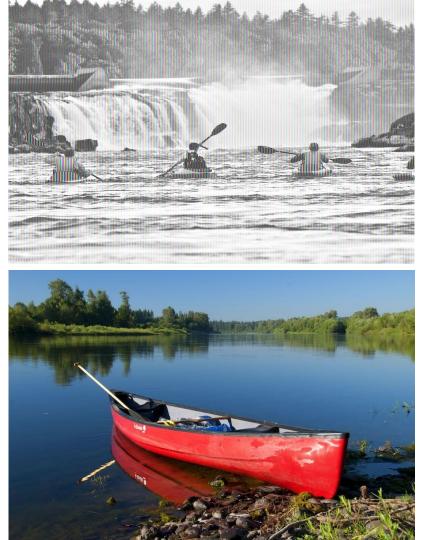


Product Development

Challenges

- Lack of downtown businesses offering amenities to visitors
- 99E not a pretty approach
- Some anxiety from residents about growth
- Lack of lodging for visitors (also means lack additional TLT for investments in tourism growth)
- Lack of infrastructure on rivers
- Lack of connectivity between assets and downtown





River Recreation

River Recreation: Landscape

- Molalla River State Park
- Canby Ferry and landing = 142 riverfront acres owned by city - ferry is truly special
- Summer gathering place
- Near year round fishing
- Rugged and aging infrastructure





River Recreation: Challenges

- Lack of infrastructure (bathrooms, signage, etc.)
- Diminishing returns of anadromous fish
- Not navigable beyond defunct locks
- Lack of rentals

- Lack of tours / guided experiences
- Lack of wayfinding/signage to river access
- Lack of wayfinding/signage connecting rivers to downtown

River Recreation: Challenges continued



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River Recreation: Opportunities

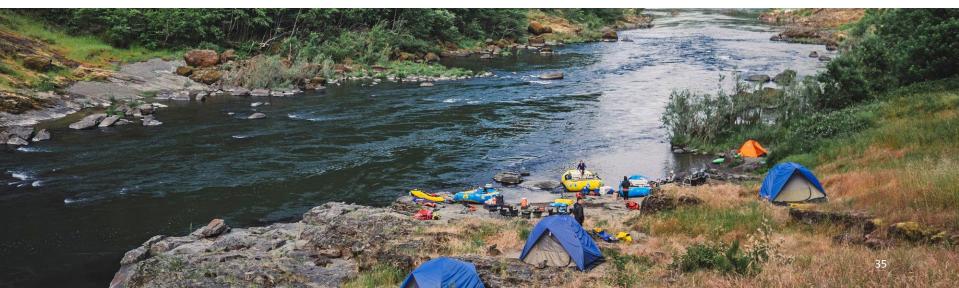
Mt. Hood Territory: Water Tourism Strategic Plan

Upper Willamette River Corridor



River Recreation: Specific Opportunities - Infrastructure Improvements

- Improve boat ramp at Molalla River State Park
- Provide camping at Molalla River State Park, and in surrounding areas
- Create a primitive camping/paddling trail in partnership with communities between Wilsonville <-> Milwaukie (13 potential locations over 20 river miles).



River Recreation: Specific Opportunities - Programming

Create a community event (spring or fall) that helps connect riverfronts to downtown

Connect to Willamette River
Water Trail
http://willamettewatertrail.org/map/



River Recreation: Connect downtown/business community

Hiking trails between downtown and public riverfront properties

• Work with small business development orgs to recruit tour operator/equipment rentals on Willamette and Molalla Rivers

in Canby



Culinary/Agritourism: Landscape



Agritourism

- Dahlia farm & festival
- Nurseries
- Canby Farm Loop
- Wine country adjacent
- Seasonal farmers market

Culinary

- A few boutique shops, i.e. Puddin' River Chocolates, TMK Creamery, Pacific Hazelnut Candy Factory
- New restaurant with local food emphasis coming to downtown

Culinary/Agritourism: Challenges





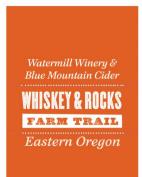
Culinary/Agritourism: Challenges

- Seasonality of agritourism activities
- Farm Loop right experiences?
- On site consumer experience
- Lacking robust retail experience
- Lack of culinary experiences tied to local agriculture
- Competitive nearby markets (PDX, Wine Country)

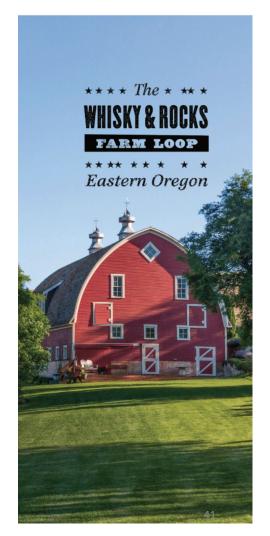
Agritourism: Opportunity

Canby farm loop brochure design should be simple and compelling, and feel like same family as signs

- -Add sign system to individual agritourism businesses easily visible from road
- -On farm experience + linkage to downtown









Agritourism BIG IDEA: Make Canby/Swan Island Dahlia the Keukenhof Gardens of America

Swan Island Dahlia is the country's largest dahlia farm! Let's own it and build on that. Let's create the Keukenhof of America in Canby! (Keukenhof is a world famous tulip garden attraction in Holland)





Agritourism: Opportunity

- -Label Canby made products both in town and out of town
- -Visitors love to bring home locally made items
- -Create and turnkey display of 3-4 Canby made products and put in all the boutiques cash register area
- -Example at right: Blue Raeven from Amity is at farmers markets in Portland -- adding "Made with love in Amity" stickers
- -Create Swan Island Dahlia Pop Up Cart in downtown Canby. Giant buckets of bouquets and shelves of bulbs. "Honor Bar" - refill every day. Could be a photo locale. Directs people to "See more at Swan Island Dahlia just 1 mile away!"



Agritourism: Connecting to downtown/local businesses

Specific Opportunities

- Dahlia Farm and Festival sessions that complement farm experience
- Seasonal shuttle loop between destination farms, river access, and downtown
- Restaurant/specialty food shop recruitment
- Group discussion

Downriver Development: Landscape

- Riverwalk in Oregon City
- Blue Heron site purchase and redevelopment
- West Linn Mill site redevelopment
- Locks Commission and potential reopening under local management



Leverage Downriver Development: Challenges

- How does Canby position itself to be a part of a growing suite of experiences on the Willamette River?
- How does Canby capture spend, esp. considering lack of lodging
- What is unique about the Canby experience compared to communities up and downriver?

Leverage Downriver Development: Opportunities

- Inviting infrastructure
- River to downtown access, wayfinding and signage
- Outdoor recreation kayaking, cycling (infrastructure & rentals)
- More natural riverfront setting
- Less water volume, more navigabled for novice paddlers

Leverage Downriver Development: Specific Opportunities

- Is this best treated as its own initiative or project team? Or served by river recreation and intentional downtown connections?
- Group discussion as we dive into the planning conversation
- Let's get specific on what downtown needs brewery, open hours, etc.

Destination Development: Additional Assets

- 1. Pat's Acres & racing culture
 - Great niche activity/good PR hook
- 2. Cultural / Heritage
 - Tag into the "End of the Oregon Trail" experience offered in Oregon City and West Linn
- 3. Golf
 - Likely not a big destination driver for visitors given competitive product in area
- 4. Cycling Tourism
 - Group rides and tournaments attract big event to come through Canby
 - See next slide

Cycling - Low Hanging Fruit

Low hanging fruit: bike shop certified as bike friendly business

Cyclists are high income/spend a lot on equipment

Routes already mapped and in place but wayfinding / signage is poor







Add bike routes and map my ride links to Visit Canby website

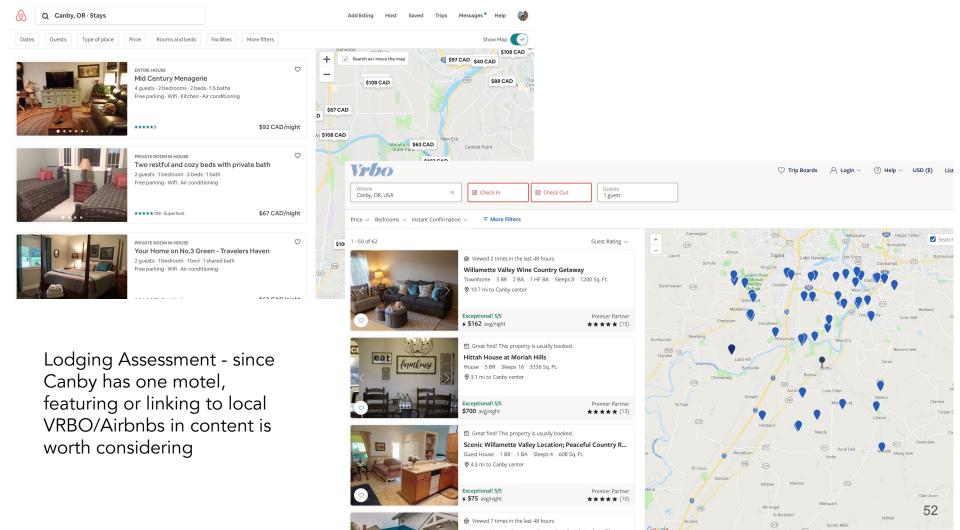
Alternative Lodging Network?

How can this group encourage increased tourism funding?

- Audit city and county regulations
- Rapid market assessment
- Assess and articulate livability impacts
- Foster a regional/city-wide approach
- Build off of RV park at fairgrounds







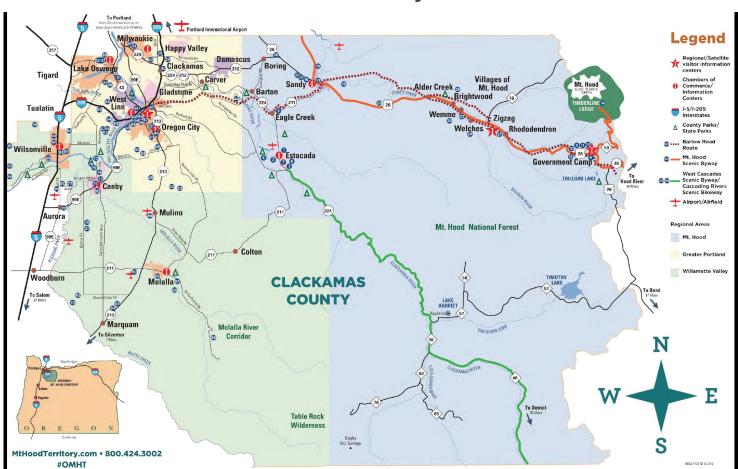
3: Destination Marketing

What communication tools do we have and how can we better inspire visitors to visit Canby?

Destination Marketing

- •Successful destination marketing helps achieve the overarching goals of an area's tourism plan.
- •Destination marketing organizes a place's experiences and services (*product*) then communicates them in a way (*positioning/branding*) that inspires an identified target audience to visit that destination & consume those experiences.
- •Successful marketing promotes the destination's benefit and real value to its audience, not just a list of attractions.
- •The destination marketing plan will be developed by the new Tourism Organization and its board, and will consist of:
 - -Goal(s) and measurable objectives
 - -Target audience(s)
 - -Brand positioning and messages
 - -Tactics (e.g., PR, advertising, collateral, social media)
 - -Budget
 - -Timeline
 - -Measurements

Tourism Ecosystem - MARKETING



PEOPLE PLAN
TRIPS TO
DESTINATIONS
(especially
overnight
visitors)

They'll put a town on their itinerary if they know about it & it's worth the stop WVVA - RDMO Will. Valley Visitors Association

MT HOOD TERRITORY - DMO Clack. County Tourism

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WILSONVILLE

CANBY

NEWBERG

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The Marketing FUNNEL

Travel Oregon gets visitors to the state \$\$\$

Strong Regional & Local association attracts visitors to this area \$\$

Local towns (Canby, etc.) lure visitors to your town \$

Marketing Communications Audit

Tourism Ecosystem - Who currently markets Canby & how?

- Travel Oregon (to a lesser extent)
 - Web, PR, Social Channels, Advertising, Content
- Mt Hood Territory (good coverage of Canby)
 - Web, PR, Social Channels, Advertising, Content
- WVVA (ok coverage of Canby)
 - Web, PR, Social Channels, Advertising, Content

Canby Chamber

City of Canby

Canby event organizers

Canby Farm Loop

We need to feed these tourism engines with Canby content: more reasons to come to Canby, more Canby stories, more experiences

Travel Oregon



CANBY
Stop and smell the flowers in Canby, home to some of Oregon's richest farmland and fall festivals.

No matter the season, there is something fun happening in Canby — from grape stomping and pumpkin weigh-offs to ferry rides and year-round trout fishing.

Delve deeper into the farm landscape and discover a variety of shops and restaurants downtown, including wine bars and artisan chocolateries that go so well

Nearby cities: Aurora, Wilsonville, Mulino, Donald, Oregon City





Molalla River State Park Conby, Willomette Volley



Mark Memorial Park a Schoolhouse Canby, Willamette Valley



The Bloom Beat: Flower Festivals Statewide



Aurora Colony National Historic District Aurora, Willamette Valley





TO Visitor Guide



Mt Hood Territory- County DMO

The Willamette Valley is home to numerous landscape nurseries, luscious berry farms, fields

farmers markets. Adults can relax ar Willamette Valley wineries. Repres

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auroracolony.com Antiques capital of Oregon and national hist

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888 NE 4th Ave, 503-266-6712 canbyhistorical society.org One of the oldest remaining railroad stations operated by Canby Historical Society.

@ CANBY FERRY ®

Holly St (eastside) and Mountain Rd (westsic clackamas.us/roads/ferry.html One of only 3 operating ferries on the Willar

B CLACKAMAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER 694 NE 4th Ave, 503-266-1136

clackamas.us/fair Home to the Clackamas County Fair and Ro

variety of events year-round. FLOWER FARMER/PHOENIX & HOLLY R

2512 N Holly, 503-266-3581 flowerfarmer.com Take a train ride through acres of flowers to animals. Fruit stand, Open spring to fall,

HANSON VINEYARDS T

34948 S Barlow Rd, 971-338-9760 hansonvineyards.com Small boutique winery with a hands-on philoso

MOLALLA RIVER STATE PARK THE MARK

Canby Ferry Rd, 800-551-6949 oregonstateparks.org/park_111.php Large natural park at the confluence of the Willamette, Molalla and Pudding Rivers.

PAT'S ACRES

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Annual Tulip Festival in spring. Walk the vibrant tul country store, tasting room and buy bulbs.

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Willamette Valley Visitor Association -Regional DMO



Search Results

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PLAN YOUR TRIP

Visit Canby for Summer Fun

August is the perfect time to visit Canby, Oregon in the Willamette Valley as some great familyfriendly events happen during the month. The fun gets started with the Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo which takes place August 14-18 at the County Events Center. Enjoy traditional old-time fair activities as well as

2018 Annual Canby Timberline Canby Cycling Event - Events

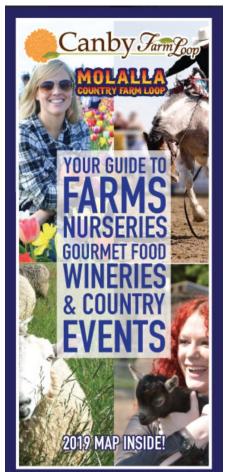
First Annual Bike Ride from Canby to Timberline & back. 187 mile round trip with 12,987 feet of total climbing. Parts of the route is on gravel roads and over 60 miles with no stops after Estacada, One day ride or two it is totally up to you. Pide is

Clackamas County Fair & Canby Rodeo - Events

Farm fresh, hand made or homegrown: there is something for everyone at the county fair. Find prized FFA animals and 4H students displaying their creative talents. View award-winning paintings, photos, and flower displays. Get an adrenaline rush on carnival rides, or relax while enjoying entertainment

East of Eden - Oregon Wine in Molalla, Canby & Silverton

The Willamette Valley's East Valley Wine Growers invite you to join them to Vacation on 'Wine Time.' Heading south from the Portland area, we take you off-trail to find boutique wineries, bright gardens



www.CanbyFarmLoop.com www.MolallaFarmLoop.com



Canby

HOME FARM STOPS MAP EVENTS WHERE TO STAY FOR MEMBERS



VISIT SOON, AND OFTEN!



The Canby Farm Loop is a self-guided farm tour route that leads you to 12 farm stops in the Canby Aurora area. You'll find things to do and see all year 'round. It's the perfect outing for family and friends, right in Portland's hardward.

In just a few minutes travel time from Portland, you can gather natural goodness from a farm, per farm animab, taste hazefurus and chocolates, sip fine wines produced from the region's Jory soils, watch a rodeo or shop for western wear.

The community of family farms and value-added operations welcome you to join them for a taste, both literal and figurative, of what the Williamette Valley has to offer. The Canby Farm Loop can connect you to local family farms and Canby Farm Loop
Plan your visit to all of our farm
stops today!
Start Here

Wooden Shoe

Canby Farm Loop / Oregon Farm Loop - be sure you are cross linking & cross marketing https://canbyfarmloop.com

https://www.instagram.com/oregonfarmloop/

https://www.facebook.com/OregonFarmLoop/?ref=br_rs

Canby Farm Loop
Farmlandia Farm Loop
Molalla Country Farm Loop
Marion Farm Loop



Read on to learn what's happening on your local family farms & country attractions

July Brings the Biggest Bounty

July is all about produce on the Oregon Farm Loop! Berry season is in full swing and salad greens and all the fixings are in abundance. Pickling cucumbers will be ready in the next few weeks. Sweet corn and tomatoes are just around the corner and peaches start near the end of the month. Find these and lots of other goodies at the farm stops listed below. Make sure to follow the individual farms on Facebook or check their websites for the latest crop reports.



On the Canby Farm Loop

- Fir Point Farms & Country Grains Super sweet corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, apples.
- Morning Shade Farm & Nursery Blueberries, currants, raspberries, boysenberries, Marionberries, apples, and vegetables.

On the Farmlandia Farm Loop

- Fiala Farms Corn, pole beans, beets, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and more.
- Hartnell Farms Tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries,



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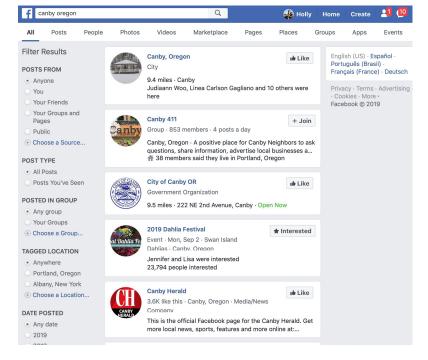
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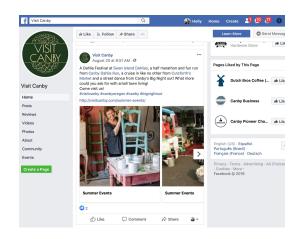


Events!



Facebook sites are confusing - Visit Canby does not appear when searching Canby, OR





DESTINATION MARKETING RECOMMENDATIONS

DO A SMALL BRAND REFRESH/UPDATE

Revise logo slightly to modernize and make it pop - work with a professional designer experienced in destination branding and wayfinding

Photos: Canby desperately needs a photo shoot. First create a library of existing shots. Then list what's needed. Work with a professional and show styles of photos needed

Update your WEBSITE to current standards INCLUDING MOBILE (see examples on next slides)



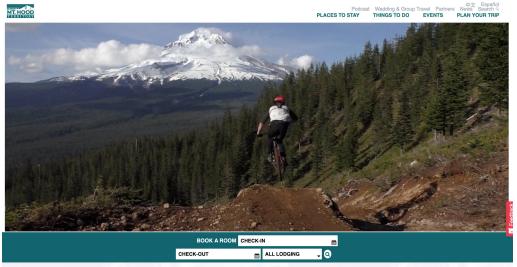
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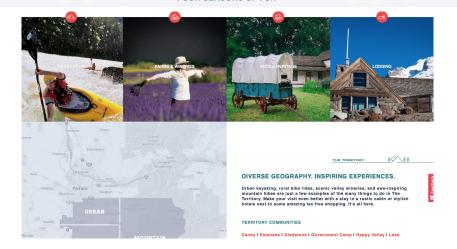


Some best practices destination websites https://www.mthoodterritory.com

https://www.oregonwinecountry.org



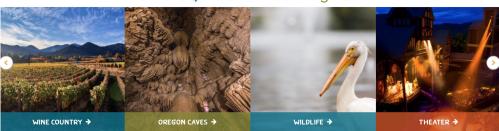
FOUR SEASONS OF FUN



www.travelsouthernoregon.org









Journey Through History





The Visit Canby Mission

"To inspire Canby area visitors to explore the many unique experiences, events, and attractions our community offers."







A few recommendations to modernize your website & content to destination standards

Change dark green background -- it's sad. Make it white or or pale color and change your logo to vibrant colors that will pop off the white.

Change Visit Canby over photo to Family Fun - Replace image with one of people in park having fun

ADD a Photo to slider of RIVER RECREATION River Fun

Paddle or boat the Willamette & Molalla Rivers

Remove this line - visitors don't care what your organization's mission is. They want to be inspired to visit

Love the use of the dahlia leaves--keep those!

Experience See VISITCANBY

Play

Event.

Would you like to submit a Canby area Day Trip Itinerary?

SUBMIT A DAY TRIP ITINERARY

Learning and Parks Day Trip



Day trip itinerary

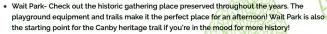
This daytrip is an excellent adventure for adventurous kids of all ages.

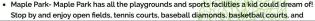
The Canby public library is always a great place to start any day! This brand new facility is packed to the brim with books and entertainment. Browse for new books and experience sections reserved for every age group. Check out with the state of the art scanners and get ready to enjoy the rest of your day!



Just a short distance from the library is the Canby Depot Museum. Watch the history of Canby come alive for you and your children. The museum is housed in the oldest standing railroad station in Oregon!

After all this learning it's time to burn off some energy! Why not visit one of our many parks!





MAKE SURE ALL PHOTOS ARE HIGH QUALITY - people having fun, beauty shots. No blurry shots or poor resolution



Spring in Canby

Spring in Canby is all about the garden. Between Gardenpalooza and the Spring Garden Show - you will be introduced to many wonderful plants, quite a few are grown right here in the Canby area. [...]

Building shots are not inspiring unless historically or architecturally super beautiful



Local Canby Parks

Canby has several local parks with playgrounds and tons of space to run around or play sports. We have a list of our local parks here on the site. The link is listed below.

CANBY PARKS



Bricks and Minifigs

250 SW 1st Avenue, Canby, OR

(503) 263-3337



Bricks & Minifigs® is your one-stop LEGO® shop! We are the largest toy store of our kind, specializing in only new and used LEGO® items. We buy and trade all things LEGO®, from tubs of bulk to storage unit sized collections. If it's LEGO®, we'll take it! Enjoy our selection of individual minifigs, bulk bricks, components and accessories. With the largest assortment of new, used and retired sets we keep your collection growing! You will also find amazing LEGO® art! We have 5ft. murals, giant Minifigure sculptures, 20 feet of motorized train track with wired carnival attractions, and many more.

VISIT BRICKS AND MINI FIGS WEBSITE

No black lines around photos, enlarge photos

Add Rivers to Play dropdown

Add a google map with all the parks, attractions, trails, river access, downtown, fairgrounds etc.

DESTINATION MARKETING RECOMMENDATIONS

DEVELOP SOME NEW, KEY COLLATERAL

"A lot of people requesting bike trails and walking trails" map

The bike map is not specific enough to Canby

Need a top things to do in an around Canby rack card or tri-fold brochure

Distribute all ALL boutiques, restaurants and chamber; evaluate distribution in some outlying areas (e.g., Woodburn shops, etc.)

PAID SOCIAL MEDIA

Once you've updated your items above, test paid social media on Facebook with look alike groups who love the things Canby has - fishing, cycling, gardeners, farmers markets, family/kids, etc.

Only 105 followersto Visit Canby -- need to raise profile of social channels

Be sure Visit Canby Facebook etc. is on ALL partner sites in and out of town

No paid social to get people here; but we'll cross promote with other chambers events in our monthly newsletter

Sample top 10 rack card for Polk County





DESTINATION MARKETING RECOMMENDATIONS

FOCUS ON YOUR STRENGTHS & LEVERAGE REGIONAL & OTHER LOCAL MARKETING

Podcast - Tyler Francke (goes by Francke) - do a "great things to do in Canby series" talking about hiking trails, biking routes, agritourism and all the resources

Low hanging fruit - Focus on your current strengths, then in a year or two, grow your marketing to attract new audiences when the destination is more developed

Meet with other local towns and DMOS/RDMOS - how can you work with them to promote Canby and what do they need from you (specifically) to help you? Photos? Stories? Event feed?

Opportunity: Tap into Power of Regional Marketing

Leverage and tap into the resources and all the great marketing programming created by *larger regional organizations*

Pool resources to make a bigger impact as a group, than individual towns might be able to do on their own

Does Canby have enough experiences on its own to make it a destination when a big event isn't going on? Maybe not yet. So the experience of the <u>area</u> is critical.

Chapter 4: Organizational Infrastructure

Who is doing what to promote and develop

Canby as a destination?

Organizational Infrastructure

Where we are now:

- Who are the stakeholders currently promoting tourism activities in Canby?
- How are they using their resources? Where do the resources come from?
- What tourism strategies are guiding the existing players?
- How can others get involved?

Organizational Infrastructure: Assets

City of Canby

- Brian Hodson, Mayor I Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director I Calvin LeSueur, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator
- City will manage TRT funds

Chamber of Commerce

- Kyle Lang, Director
- Tourism Committee (on hold)

County - Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory

- Jim Austin, Community Relations Lead
- Samara Phelps, Executive Director

Heritage and Landmark Commission

• https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OHC/Pages/index.aspx

Volunteer

Strong volunteer base

Organizational Infrastructure: Roles of the City & Chamber

City of Canby

Reach

• Jurisdictional – Canby focused + directly related businesses (agritourism)

Events

 Independence Day, Big Night Out, Halloween, Light Up the Night, First Thursday

Promotion

- Brochure collateral
- Promotion of Canby's Big Weekend

Signage & Wayfinding

- Heritage signage
- Kiosks Wait Park, Clackamas Co. Fairgrounds, Legacy Park
- Bike Friendly Business program
- Wayfinding signage
- VisitCanby website and social (Full Bloom Digital)

Financial

- Project based fundraising
- TRT management

Canby Area Chamber

Reach

- Membership based
- Designated visitor center

Events

 Gala, Swinging Good Time, Chamber luncheons, State of the City

Promotion

Brochure collateral

Organizational Infrastructure: Challenges

- Funding. Otherwise a blank slate
- Additional considerations?

Organizational Infrastructure: Opportunities

- 1. City of Canby is engaged and leading
- 2. New Chamber leadership and engaged board
- 3. County tourism and economic development staff aligned
- 4. Engaged county tourism leadership
- 5. Tap into OMHT and WVVA plans and Travel Oregon reach
- 6. Destination development planning underway
- 7. Public funding available for development and promotion

Chapter 5: Planning for Destination Development

Canby Tourism Planning Agenda

Vision

Project Teams

- What is your goal?
- What can you accomplish in 3 months? 1 year? In years 2-5?
- What challenges do you anticipate?
- Who will the project benefit?
- Who else needs to be involved (organizations and people)?
- Who will convene the team?
- When will you meet next?
- How will you communicate?

Marketing

- Content creation
- Target markets
- Partnerships
- Distribution plan

Report Out

Canby Tourism Plan

"A history lesson should be shared prior to every major public policy decision or project is launched"

- Patricia Limerick



Goal

Create and promote experiences that attract visitors to Canby and increase their spend

Principles

- 1. Stay Focused Investments of time, and chamber and city funds are directed to specific activities, targeting specific markets
- 2. Leverage funding Attract partners and submit proposals that augment the chamber and city budget for priority projects
- 3. Engage the community Create a vision and empower local leaders to implement specific projects to fulfill it
- 4. Partner Formalize partnerships and articulate goals and roles

Organizational Capacity: Level 1

- In this room, what are we particularly capable of?
- In the past, what barriers have made new initiatives more challenging?
- How much political support does the implementation of a tourism plan have?
- What do we need to do to make sure the plan will have resources and be implemented?

Organizational Capacity: Level 2

- How will this group decide which projects are a priority, and which organization will lead planning and implementation?
- What role should the Chamber's tourism advisory council play?
- Will the city's tourism advisory group continue? If so, how should it relate to the Chamber's advisory group?

Potential Funding Sources

- Start local, start small
- Start building relationships early
- Prove concept
- Demonstrate community support
- Find partners

River Recreation: Planning

What will move the dial toward existing community and economic development goals? Best support growth downtown?

What is most fundable?

What will be most catalytic?

River Recreation: Planning

Project Concepts:

- 1. Improve boat ramp at Molalla River State Park
- 2. Provide camping at Molalla River State Park, and in surrounding areas
- 3. Create a primitive camping/paddling trail in partnership with communities between Wilsonville <-> Milwaukie (13 potential locations over 20 river miles).
- 4. Create a community event (spring or fall) that helps connect riverfronts to downtown.
- 5. Connect to Willamette River Water Trail http://willamettewatertrail.org/map/
- 6. Hiking trails between downtown and public riverfront properties
- 7. Work with small business development orgs to recruit tour operator/equipment rentals on Willamette and Molalla Rivers in Canby

Culinary/Agritourism: Planning

What will move the dial toward existing community and economic development goals? Best support growth downtown?

What is most fundable?

What will be most catalytic?

Culinary/Agritourism: Planning

- Add sign system to individual agritourism businesses easily visible from road
- Dahlia Farm and Festival sessions that complement on farm experience
- Seasonal shuttle loop between destination farms, river access, and downtown
- Group discussion
- On farm experience + linkage to downtown
- Design/rebrand audit
- Agritourism BIG IDEA: Make Canby/Swan Island Dahlia the Keukenhof Gardens of America
 - Swan Island Dahlia is the country's largest dahlia farm! Let's own it and build on that. Let's create the Keukenhoff of America in Canby! (Keukenhoff is a world famous tulip garden attraction in Holland)

Downriver Development: Planning

What will move the dial toward existing community and economic development goals? Best support growth downtown?

What is most fundable?

What will be most catalytic?

Downriver Development: Planning

- Should this be a discrete initiative or is it covered under River Recreation and downtown efforts?
- How does Canby position itself to be a part of a growing suite of experiences on the Willamette River?
- How does Canby capture spend, esp. considering lack of lodging
- What is unique about the Canby experience compared to communities up and downriver?

Leverage Downriver Development: Specific Opportunities

- Group discussion
- Let's get specific on what downtown needs - brewery, open hours, etc.

Destination Development: Additional Assets

- 1. Pat's Acres & racing culture
 - Great niche activity/good PR hook
- 2. Cultural / Heritage
 - Tag into the "End of the Oregon Trail" experience offered in Oregon City and West Linn
- 3. Golf
 - Likely not a big destination driver for visitors given competitive product in area
- 4. Cycling Tourism
 - Group rides and tournaments attract big event to come through Canby
 - See next slide

Cycling - Low Hanging Fruit

Low hanging fruit: bike shop certified as bike friendly business

Cyclists are high income/spend a lot on equipment

Routes already mapped and in place but wayfinding / signage is poor







Add bike routes and map my ride links to Visit Canby website

Next steps

- Synthesize today's inputs
- Send final report to Jamie and Calvin who will share it with all of you
- Jon-Paul to present report at the City Council meeting on 9/18 (abbreviated?)

Thank you!



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