

Discovery Challenge

2025 Guide to Discovering Philomath



(Photos courtesy of Philomath News)

Places and events worth exploring in and around Philomath, Oregon

Brought to you by Marcia Gilson & the City of Philomath

Your Challenge...

Philomath is the most spectacular place with a variety of exciting and rewarding places and events to explore. We hope this booklet will help you find and enjoy those locations throughout the Philomath area.

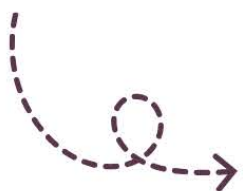
Should you choose to accept it, we offer you the 2025 Philomath Discovery Challenge. Visit or participate in at least 20 different locations, events, or volunteer efforts between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 to participate. To qualify for this challenge, you must visit sites that are listed in this booklet and document your visits by sending photos via email or tagging posts on social media. Turn in your completed tracking sheet by the deadline.

We welcome participants new to the area and those who have been around for decades. There is something for everyone in this challenge. You'll get to visit places and events in Philomath and depending on number of locations, will be eligible for an invitation to a participant event, City Council recognition, shout-outs on socials, and prizes. We hope you will take this opportunity to explore new places and visit some you may have forgotten about.

Sincerely,

Marcia Gilson

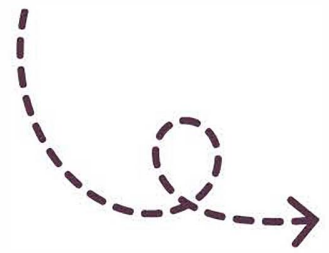
Philomath resident and volunteer



Discover
Philomath



Challenge Overview



1. Select and Visit Sites

Use the chart below to determine your goal. We recommend you select multiple sites from several categories to get the most out of your journey to explore Philomath. Keep visiting sites and events throughout the year!

Visit at least	and be recognized as a:
20 sites in 2 categories	Philomath Scout
30 sites in 3 categories	Philomath Pathfinder
40 sites in 4 categories	Philomath Adventurer

2. Snap Photos and Share

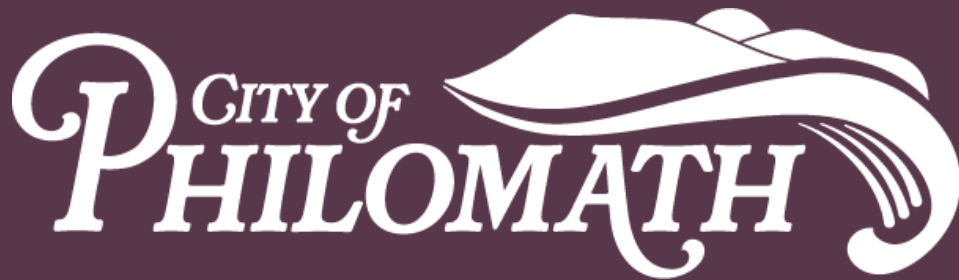
Snap a selfie at each spot with you and the location identifiable in the photo. Share your visits with the world via social media (tag #DiscoverPhilomath on Facebook or Instagram) or email if you prefer.

3. Track your Progress and Submit

Use the tracking sheet in this booklet to track your progress and submit by December 31, 2025 to discover@philomathoregon.gov or by mail to City of Philomath, P.O. Box 400, Philomath, OR 97370. You can also drop it off at Philomath City Hall, 980 Applegate Street.

4. Wait for your Invitation and Reward!

Visiting Philomath is a reward in itself but for those of you who complete the challenge, you'll receive an invitation to a celebration and depending on the recognition level obtained, you'll win local swag which could include mugs, tickets to local events, branded clothing, and more!



**Thank you for participating in the
Philomath Discovery Challenge!**

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980 Applegate Street, Philomath, OR



Keep track of places you visit and events you attend throughout the year! Post a photo with location description and #DiscoverPhilomath or send email to discover@philomathoregon.gov. Record your details on this scoresheet. At the end of the year, return the sheet for verification and wait for your invitation!

Discovery Challenge



How to get started:

- Take a selfie at one of the locations below
- Fill in information below including date posted

- Post or email your selfie - tag post #DiscoverPhilomath
- Check posting location box (Facebook, email or Instagram)

Facebook: Name: _____ Instagram Name: _____ Email Address From: _____

Parks & Paths



	<u>Date Shared</u>			
Dale Collins Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flossie Overman Discovery Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newton Creek Park & Path _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul J Cochran Veterans Memorial Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath City Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pioneer Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reservoir Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Westbrook Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skirvin Park _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marys River Park & Natural Area _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bezell Memorial Forest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alsea Falls _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marys Peak _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corvallis-Philomath Multi-Modal Path _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

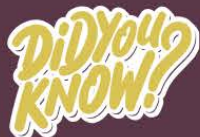
Historical Sites



	<u>Date Shared</u>			
Mount Union Cemetery _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benton County Historical Museum _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath College Building (marker) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marys River Grange _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wren Community Hall _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independent Community Center _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kings Valley Church (Community Center) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softstar Shoes Building _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Community Church _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shipley Family Homestead Historical Marker _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Places of Interest

	<u>Date Shared</u>			
Farmer's Market _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corvallis to the Sea C2C Trail _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downtown flower baskets _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downtown Holiday light pole decorations _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Philomath Heritage Tree Tour _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peak to Pacific Scenic Byway audio tour _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The community called Marys River Settlement first built a school, which was named Philomath, which means "love of learning," and in the process created a town, which they incorporated in 1882 and also named Philomath.

Events



*May have fee

Date Shared

Philomath schools sports events*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PYAC Carnival*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music in the Park Concert	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NW Youth Rodeo Association Event	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dirt Road Brewing Street Party	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Classic Car Show	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Frolic & Rodeo*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Frolic & Rodeo Parade	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Challenge of Champions Bull Riding*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sip & Stroll*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lions Club Book Sale	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Night Out	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety Chili Cookoff*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lily's Lope for Hope*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Fire & Rescue Open House	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Open Studios Tour	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chamber of Commerce Trunk-or-Treat	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Samaritan Awards	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Schools Turkey Bingo*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Christmas Tree Lighting	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Parade of Lights	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Services & Activities



Date Shared

Philomath Community Services	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philomath Library	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ride the Philomath Connections Bus	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clemens Pool*	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Businesses



Choose your own adventure and support our local Philomath businesses! Take a selfie in or outside your favorite business. Visit up to 10 different locations for more points in this category!

Business Name

Date Shared

_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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City of Volunteers



Volunteer at your favorite Philomath spot, take a selfie and post it!

Date Shared: _____

Name of organization: _____

How to Submit



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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____