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What's New in Oregon – November 2015

When the days grow shorter and the smell of wet leaves and pumpkin spice lattes permeate the air, we know that November (and the holiday season) is right around the corner. This is a time when Oregon's mountains prepare to put on their winter jackets, the ocean wakes from its summer slumber and adventures around the state may require a raincoat and scarf. Adventurers need not be deterred with a little rain, because autumn in Oregon is a feast for all of your senses.

All Work and No Play is Not the Right Way

Did you know that Americans leave 429 million vacation days on the table every year? Children and significant others across the U.S. are missing out on quality time with their loved ones more than ever before. With the holidays looming, we hope that you (yes, YOU) take part in the U.S. Travel Association's initiative: [Project: Time Off](#). It's now proven that taking time off is imperative to building and maintaining stronger relationships, and living a happier, more fulfilled life. It's a personal and business investment with proven ROI. There is no better time like the present to explore the upside of downtime.

Do Go Chasin' Wine Trails

Featuring some of the Pacific Northwest's premier wine regions, culinary offerings and outdoor scenery, the new [Willamette Valley to Walla Walla Valley Wine Trail](#) offers visitors an all-encompassing customizable itinerary traveling through three American Viticulture Areas: Columbia Gorge, Willamette Valley and Walla Walla. The journey includes lodging options in top boutique hotels and dining on farm-to-table fare from awarding-winning chefs. The unique, multi-state collaboration is designed to showcase the beauty and bounty of Oregon and Washington while boosting tourism to the areas around a common theme of wine. Get a taste of the trail [here](#), or book a trip with [EverGreen Escapes](#).

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Taking Your Time Off in Oregon

Protesting the travel delays this holiday season? Here are a few of our favorite winter activities in Oregon to make sure that doesn't happen.

- Snowshoe or cross-country ski at [Crater Lake](#) on one of the nine different trails varying in difficulty. Backcountry camping is also available with a permit.
- Soak in snowy hot springs: Warm up after a winter hike in an Eastern Oregon mineral spring like [Crystal Crane Hot Springs](#) near Burns.
- Storm watch on the [Oregon Coast](#): Sit by the fire, open a bottle of Pinot noir and enjoy the show. When it clears up, scour the beach for washed up treasures.
- Fish for [winter steelhead](#): The Columbia River, Rogue River and coastal rivers are prime habitat for the elusive winter steelhead.
- Cross country ski at [Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort](#): Enjoy miles of groomed trails for classic or skate skiing just a stone's throw from the cozy lodge.
- Sledding, shredding and tubing: Hit the snow-parks near [Mt. Ashland](#), [Hoodoo](#) or [Willamette Pass](#), or take things up a notch with downhill skiing at [Mt. Bachelor](#) or cosmic tubing at [Mt. Hood Skibowl](#).
- [Drink Oregon beer](#): Pouring on the indoor fun, Oregon's craft breweries (234 and counting) offer a warm spot to toast the winter season with fabulous brews and seasonal ales.

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