



North Umpqua River along Highway 138 in southern Oregon.

#### SWEET STOPS

## Cruising the Umpqua

➤ Meander through Douglas County to find tumbling waterfalls and scrumptious eats.

While many Oregon travelers stay on Interstate 5, a road trip around Roseburg delights with old-time timber towns and some of the state's most spectacular scenery. Explore small towns tucked along the North and South Umpqua Rivers where you'll find history, wildlife, and a "highway of waterfalls."

- Historic **Oakland** brings back old times. Start your trip at the free Oakland Museum, where displays depict everyday life in the 1800s, and pick up a walking-tour map. Then stroll down Locust Street to see original brick buildings now housing restaurants, antique stores, and shops such as Stearns Hardware, which has been family owned since 1887. Finish with beignets and portobello burgers

at Skogs' old-fashioned soda fountain, or lick a six-scoop cone of Umpqua ice cream from nearby K&R Drive Inn.

- Douglas County's seat and largest city, **Roseburg** has deep roots as a timber town. Learn about the region's history at the Douglas County Museum, where exhibits range from artifacts of the Umpqua Tribe, who still call the area home, to early logging equipment as well as Oregon's largest natural history collection. In town, peruse the shelves at While Away Books and chow down on wood-fired slices at Old Soul Pizza. After sundown, drive through more than 500,000 holiday lights at the Umpqua Valley Festival of Lights in River Forks Park, a local tradition running mid-November through December.



● In **Winston**, take a drive on the wild side at the Oregon Wildlife Safari, a 600-acre spread that's home to more than 600 animals. Drive the one-hour auto tour route to observe species including elephants, rhinos, and bison, then visit the Safari Village to meet a cheetah or ride the train. Down the road in Tenmile, dine on big breakfasts and tasty burgers at 1950s-themed Treats Highway 42 Cafe, then browse local goods from honey to handmade art at Porter Creek Mercantile next door.

● From Roseburg, travel east along the **North Umpqua Highway 138** as it follows the river through forested canyons. Known as Oregon's "Highway of Waterfalls," the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway features more than 15 cascades along its route, many accessible year-round, such as the double-tiered Toketee Falls and the towering 272-foot Watson Falls. Fuel up on sandwiches and street tacos at the Atom Bistro and Coffee Bar in Glide, or sample a seasonal menu of Northwest flavors at the Steamboat Inn at Idleyld Park.

● Beyond the tour of waterfalls, **Diamond Lake** boasts year-round recreation and beautiful mountain scenery. In fall, fish for rainbow, tiger, and brown trout in the lake, then bundle up around mid-November for winter fun when the snow flies. Winter activities include snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and 40 miles of cross-country ski trails, with a 470-foot snow tubing hill. Warm up later in the Diamond Lake Resort lodge by the stone fireplace as you fill up on a basket of fish and fries. —MARY FRANCES HINDS



**TOP:** Padrone the Hippo at Oregon Wildlife Safari. **BOTTOM:** Toketee Falls in the Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, Ore.

