

SPPAC 2017

Location: Marriot Downtown Waterfront
1401 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97201

A great home-base for visitor information: <http://www.travelportland.com/>
<http://www.travelportland.com/travel-portland-magazine/>
<http://traveloregon.com/getting-around/online-guides/>

Public Transportation

Trimet: www.trimet.org

Rail, bus, and streetcar all run via the Trimet system. There is a free app you can download, or use the website. The Maps app on iPhones also connects with Trimet when you click the public transit option when getting directions.

Rail ("The Max"): the easiest way to use mass transit to get to/from the airport and downtown

Streetcar: for short trips within the inner east and west side areas (travel to the Pearl District, NW 23rd shops and restaurants, OMSI)

Bus: ideal for moving about within the city particularly to see outlying areas

Food

Nearby Recommended Restaurants:

http://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=restaurants&find_loc=Downtown%2C+Portland%2C+OR

PSU Farmer's market (Saturday): ½ mile walk from the conference hotel, a year-round farmer's market with locally made produce, nuts, flowers, honey, meats, food ready to go, coffee, tea, cider, and baked goods. Well worth the stroll, even just to see what is there, or to catch a meal on Saturday. Open 8:30am-2pm.

Pine Street Market: Food hall and culinary themed marketplace. Open floor plan with communal seating surrounded by nine restaurants featuring the top chefs and restaurant operators in the city. <http://www.pinestreetpdx.com/> Open 7am - 11pm, 126 SW 2nd Ave.

Food Carts:

<http://www.foodcartsportland.com/maps/>

- OHSU Pod: (SW Moody Ave x SW Whitaker St.)
- Downtown Pod: (SW9th Ave x SW Alder St.)
- PSU Pod: (SW 4th Ave x SW Hall St.)

Donuts:

- Voodoo Donuts: It's famous. You can get married there (the fryers are friars). The donuts are creative, though nothing to write home about in terms of culinary greatness. Expect lines. 0.9mile walk from hotel (SW3rd x SW Ankeny)

- BlueStar Donuts: This is where the culinary greatness of a donut shows up. 1.1mile walk from hotel. (SW Washington x SW 13th)
- Pips Original Donuts and Chai: Mini donuts made to order and a creative hipster tea menu. 4.7 mile drive/bike from the hotel. (NE Fremont St X NE 47th Ave)
- Coco Donuts: Fabulous donuts, and they roast their own coffee. 0.6 miles from conference hotel(SW 6th x Yamhill)

Coffee:

A vibrant coffee scene of local roasters and coffee shops are all over Portland. We encourage you to expand beyond your regular daily cup at a chain and visit a local shop. They are everywhere.

<http://pdx.eater.com/maps/20-great-portland-coffee-shops>

<http://www.wweek.com/portland/blog-29489-here-is-a-list-of-every-coffee-roaster-in-portland-we-think.html>

- Upstream Coffee is the closest local spot to the conference hotel. (SW Montgomery St and waterfront)
- Stumptown is a popular favorite company that roasts their own, and Stumptown coffee can be found in many bakeries, coffee shops, etc.
- Barista: coffee shop selling several local brews, has tastings, for the coffee connoisseur (SW 3rd x Alder)

Ice Cream phenomenon:

It may be cold and rainy during the conference, which just means the lines will be shorter for ice cream. If you have a love affair with ice cream, or even occasionally eat it before dinner, this is probably worth the trip. The places listed below have taken artisan ice cream to a new level.

<http://pdx.eater.com/maps/best-ice-cream-portland-scoop-shop-restaurant>

- Salt 'n Straw: It's worth the wait in line, but plan ahead for it. Multiple Locations. Olive Oil ice cream? It's amazing. They really have figured something out.
- What's the Scoop
- Cool Moon
- Ruby Jewel Scoops
- Fifty Licks

Local Beer Scene:

Portland has more local breweries and brewpubs than anywhere else. People take their beer seriously here, so there are delicious and interesting options. Here are some ideas if you want to explore; some also have a great food menu, others focus on the beer:

<https://www.beeradvocate.com/place/city/16/>

- Ross Island Brewing
- Deschutes Brewery
- 10 Barrel Brewery
- Bridgeport Brewery
- Fat Head Brewery

- Or take a brew-cycle or brew barge tour (www.brewgroupdx.com)

Recommended Things to Do (in order of distance from the conference)

1. **Walk the waterfront** (free): The Marriot connects with a several mile loop trail along the waterfront. Great for exercise, people watching, or a chat and stroll.
2. **Portland Saturday (and Sunday) Market** (free): (<http://www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com/>) Outdoor arts and crafts market. Featuring mostly local artists, a fabulous place to find gifts and inspire the creative mind.
3. **PSU Farmer's Market** (free): See description above in Food
4. **Art Museum:** (<http://portlandartmuseum.org/>)
5. **PCPA, See a show:** (<http://www.portland5.com/>)
6. **OMSI:** Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. A fantastic spot to stop by with children or with adults. IMAX theater, science-related exhibits, hands on activities, and a submarine you can tour! Less than 1 mile walk, or short streetcar ride from hotel. (\$10-14 entry)
7. **Powell's Bookstore** (free): (www.powells.com) A very large locally and independently owned bookstore. A myriad of author readings, classes, and activities are held here. And many Portlanders enjoy just strolling through the maze of rooms to happen upon new reads. 1 mile walk from hotel.
8. Tour breweries in the pearl district: (<https://www.travelportland.com/itinerary/pearl-district-nw-portland-brewery-itinerary/>) Take the streetcar to the pearl and take a self-guided tour or take a tour via bike (www.brewgroupdx.com)
9. **See a Timbers or Thorns game:** (<http://www.timbers.com/schedule>) – Major League Soccer, with major league fans. The Providence Park Stadium is a 1.2 walk from the conference hotel, or a short Trimet ride.
10. **Shop or Stroll NW 23rd Ave:** good food, locally owned shops of all kinds, accessible by streetcar (<http://www.travelportland.com/article/northwest-portland-shopping/>)
11. **Rose Garden** (free)/**Japanese Garden/Arboretum** (free): Located adjacent to one another, these gardens are a fabulous location for an outdoor walk if you are a plant-lover, gardener, or just need some fresh air. There is also a fantastic playground here (<http://www.thingstodoportland.org/washington-park-playground/>). Japanese Garden entry is \$9.50 for adults, free for kids under 5.
12. **Oregon Zoo:** Accessible by Max (www.oregonzoo.org)

13. **Pittock Mansion:** For the architecture or history buff, or a wonderful view of the city from the hilltop. Built in 1914 for one of Oregon's influential families, Pittock Mansion is filled with rich history and remarkable stories (www.pittockmansion.org)
14. **Mt. Tabor** (free): A beautiful and large park on a volcanic cinder cone, with trails, open space, and a great view of the city from the top. This is on the East side of the river, 4.5 miles from the conference hotel, and most accessible by bike/car/taxi/ or Trimet.
15. **WITH KIDS:** <http://www.thingstodoinportland.org/>

Getting Out of Town

One of the strongest draws to Portland, and Oregon in general, is the proximity to a variety of geographic attractions and recreation opportunities – the beach, the mountains, the Columbia River Gorge, wineries, some of the best fishing rivers in the lower 48. Here are some of our suggestions if you have extra time to explore:

1. Visit the Coast
 - a. Shop and Stroll: Suggested - [Cannon Beach](#)
 - b. Hike: Suggested – [Cape Mears](#) (easier), [Saddle Mountain](#) (harder)
 - c. Beach Comb ([tide chart](#))
 - d. Fishing or crabbing
2. Visit Mt. Hood
 - a. [Hike](#): This time of year is snowshoe season on Mt. Hood. Non-snow hikes recommended are in Forest Park, in Portland.
 - b. [Fish](#): Oregon is home to some of the best fly fishing in the U.S.
 - c. [Ski](#): Most popular- Mt. Hood Meadows
 - d. [Timberline Lodge](#)
3. Visit Mt. St. Helen's
 - a. Hike
 - b. [Visitor's Center](#)
4. Visit the Columbia River Gorge
 - a. [Hike](#): "The gorge" is home to many beautiful waterfalls and hikes that vary from accessible to park and view, to moderate, and overnight backpacking trails.
 - b. [Wine](#): Oregon is home to its own wine-country. Great for a day trip, in a beautiful region.