



*Welcome to*

# *Portland*

American Evaluation Association  
Conference 2024

The members of the Oregon Program Evaluators Network (OPEN) and AEA want to offer you an enthusiastic welcome to Portland, Oregon.

We hope that you will immerse yourself in the local culture and discover many weird and wonderful features of this unique city. Not sure where to begin? In this guide, we offer some suggestions for restaurants, cafes, bars/pubs/lounges, vintage shopping, and entertainment, with an eye for some of Portland's most popular, quirky, and walkable neighborhood spots.

It is an honor for our city to be hosting for this year's AEA conference, and we very much look forward to helping you make the most of your time in Portland.

*Welcome to the City of Roses!*

While you're here, be on the lookout for Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch. Legend has it he roams the Pacific Northwest forests, leaving behind large footprints and sparking curiosity.



## *About Portland*

Portland, Oregon, affectionately known as the “City of Roses,” “Stumptown,” “Rip City,” and “PDX,” is a vibrant metropolis nestled in the verdant landscapes of the Pacific Northwest. Renowned for its eco-conscious mindset, progressive ethos, quirky charm, and thriving arts scene, Portland embodies the spirit of “Keep Portland Weird.”

Among Portland’s many points of pride are its farm-to-table culinary options, themed coffee roasters, multicultural food cart pods, microbreweries, vintage shopping, and eclectic nightlife. That is before even mentioning the astonishing natural landscapes that envelop the city, drawing in hiking aficionados from all over the world. Nearby Forest Park and Hoyt Arboretum - with its many accessible walking trails - and Washington Park - with its beautiful Japanese Garden - are true highlights that can be enjoyed on a crisp October day (bring a rain jacket!). Many tree-lined streets are brimming with gorgeous fall foliage at this time of year, like those found in the walkable Alphabet District and Ladd’s Addition neighborhoods. From the bustling streets of downtown and the Pearl District, to the bohemian vibes of neighborhoods like Alberta Arts District and Hawthorne, each corner of Portland tells a story of innovation and community spirit. Portland invites exploration and promises charming discoveries at every turn.





# *Getting Around Portland*

## **Taxi Services**

You may call a taxi by phone at 503-227-1212 or by downloading the Portland Radio Cab app. Taxis are able to be scheduled in advance (e.g., pre-scheduling your ride to the airport).

## **Ride Share**

For ride shares, Lyft or Uber are commonly used in Portland and may be accessed through their respective apps.

## **Public transit**

For information about using public transit, we recommend using the PDX Bus app for nearby bus or rail stop locations and for trip planning assistance. Before boarding, tap the green Hop Fastpass reader at the station with your phone, contactless credit/debit card, Hop card, or Hop ticket to pay. Information about how to get MAX fares on your phone or on a Hop Fastpass card, please visit [trimet.org/fares](https://trimet.org/fares).

## **How to take the MAX lines**

The MAX is Portland's local transit system. The MAX Red Line provides service from the airport to many hotels and to the conference location, the Oregon Convention Center.

## **Directions from each recommended hotel to the conference location**

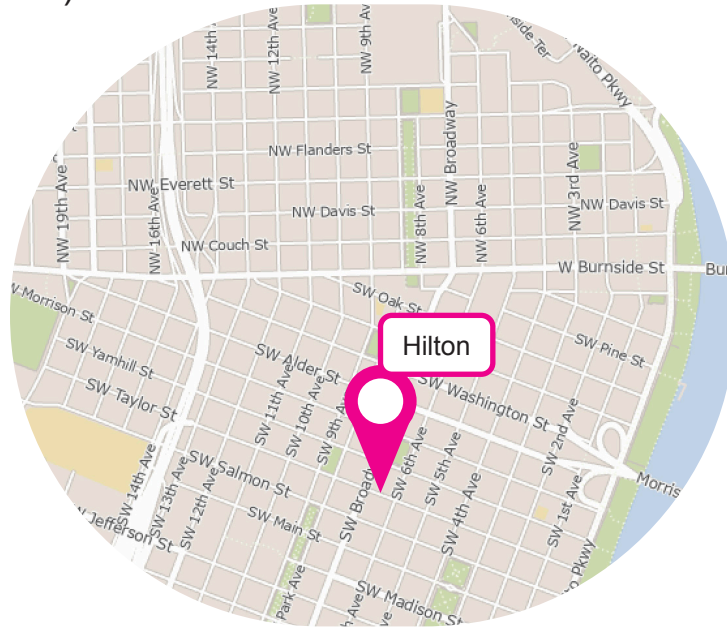
- **Hyatt Regency (375 NE Holladay St.):** This hotel is across the street from the conference location.
- **Doubletree by Hilton Portland (1000 NE Multnomah St.):** The Doubletree is a 10-15 minute walk to the Hyatt Regency, just walk West on NE Multnomah St., or Take the MAX Green, Blue, or Red MAX lines from the Lloyd Center/NE 11th Ave. stop that is across the street from the hotel to the Convention Center MAX station.
- **Hilton Portland (921 SW 6th Ave.):** Walk to the MAX Red or Blue Lines at the Pioneer Square South stop and ride it to the Rose Quarter Transit Center then walk to the Hyatt Regency.



# Neighborhood Hot Spots

## Downtown/NW Quadrant

(Close to Hilton Portland)



## Popular Restaurants

- [Luc Lac](#) (\$)
- [Sizzle Pie](#) (\$) (SW Oak St location)
- [AFURI](#) (\$\$) (SW 3rd Ave location)
- [Dar Salam](#) (\$\$)
- [Grassa](#) (\$\$) (SW Washington St location)
- [Mermosa](#) (\$\$)
- [Oven and Shaker](#) (\$\$)
- [Salt & Straw Ice Cream](#) (\$\$) (NW 23rd Ave location)
- [Screen Door Pearl District](#) (\$\$)
- [Top Burmese](#) (\$\$) (NW 21st Ave location)
- [Departure](#) (\$\$\$)
- [Portland City Grill](#) (\$\$\$)

## Food Cart Pods

Information about all of the food cart pods below can be found in this article: <https://www.travelportland.com/food-cart-finder/food-cart-pods/>

- [Pine Street Market](#) (indoor; 126 SW 2nd Ave)
- [Pioneer Courthouse Square](#) (outdoor; 701 SW 6th Ave)
- Portland State University food cart pods (outdoor; 1901 SW 4th Ave)
- Third Avenue Food Cart Pod (outdoor; SW 3rd Ave & SW Harvey Milk St)
- Midtown Beer Garden (outdoor; 431 SW Harvey Milk St)

## Cafes

- [Bridge City Cafe Pioneer Place](#)
- [Case Study Coffee Roasters](#)
- [Deadstock Coffee](#)
- [Lovejoy Bakery](#)
- [St. Honorè Bakery](#) (SW Broadway location)
- [Stumptown Coffee Roasters](#)

## Bars, Pubs, & Lounges

- [10 Barrel Brewing](#)
- [ABIDE](#)
- [Bar Diane](#)
- [Deschutes Brewery](#)
- [Old Town Pizza & Brewing](#)
- [Pink Rabbit](#)
- [Teardrop Lounge](#)

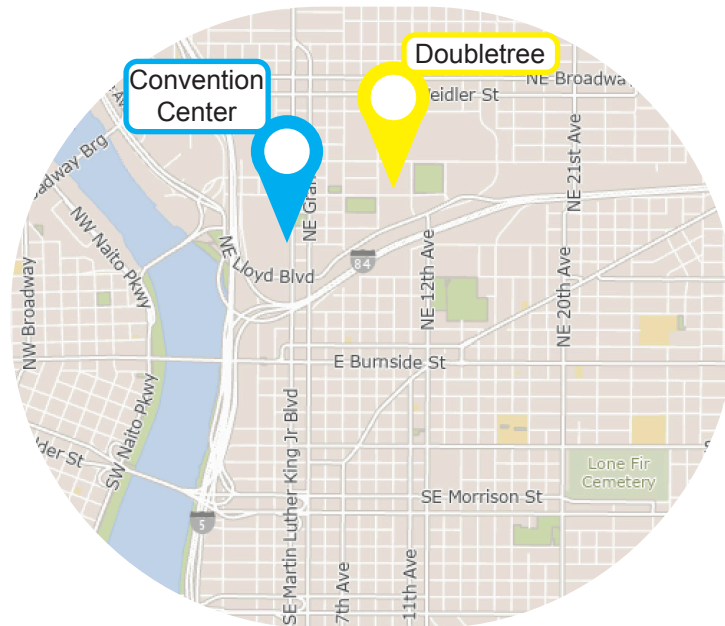
## Culture & Entertainment

- [Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade and Bar](#)
- [Lan Su Chinese Garden](#)
- [Oregon Historical Society Museum](#)
- [Portland Art Museum](#)
- [Portland Spirit Boat Tours](#)
- [Powell's Books](#)
- [Punch Bowl Social](#)



## Convention Center/Central Eastside

(Close to Convention Center/Hyatt Regency/Doubletree by Hilton Portland)



### Popular Restaurants

- [Sizzle Pie](#) (\$) (E Burnside St location)
- [Dimo's Apizza](#) (\$\$)
- [Erica's soul food](#) (\$\$)
- [Friendship Kitchen](#) (\$\$)
- [Hat Yai](#) (\$\$) (SE Belmont St location)
- [Matador East Portland](#) (\$\$)
- [Nong's Khao Man Gai](#) (\$\$)
- [Olympia Provisions](#) (\$\$)
- [Screen Door Eastside](#) (\$\$)
- [Wa Kitchen Kuu](#) (\$\$)
- [Bamboo Sushi](#) (\$\$\$) (SE 28th Ave location)
- [Noble Rot](#) (\$\$\$)

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- [Cartside Food Carts](#)
- [Little American Food Cart Pod](#)

### Cafes

- [Green Bridge Coffee](#)
- [Roseline Coffee Cafe & Roastery](#)
- [Saint Simon Coffee Company](#)
- SORO SORO
- [TwentySix Cafe](#)

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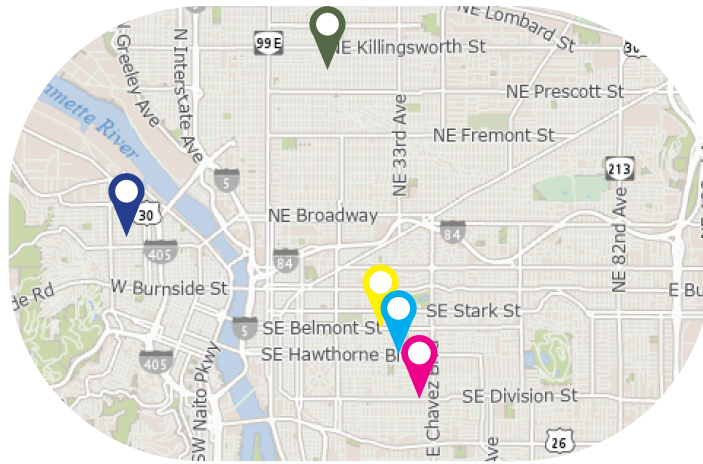
- [Bar Botellon](#)
- [Dirty Pretty](#)
- [Hungry Tiger](#)
- [Metropolitan Tavern](#)
- [Rontoms](#)
- [Scotch Lodge](#)
- [Spirit of 77](#)
- [The Sports Bra](#) (Sports bar focusing on women's sports only)
- [Wayfinder Beer](#)
- [Workers Tap & Cafe](#)

### Culture & Entertainment

- [Alberta Rose Theater](#)
- [Bagdad Theater & Pub](#)
- [Clinton St. Theater](#)
- [Hollywood Theater](#)
- [Hopscotch Portland](#)
- [Lone Fir Cemetery](#)
- [Oregon Museum of Science & Industry](#)
- [The Zymoglyphic Museum](#)

For a list of Black-owned restaurants, see: <https://iloveblackfood.com/pdx-directory/>  
For a list of queer-owned restaurants, see: <https://everout.com/portland/articles/14-lgbtq-owned-bars-and-restaurants-in-portland/c4980/>

## Other Trendy Neighborhoods



The [Alphabet District](#) (NW 21st-23rd Avenues between NW Burnside St & NW Overton St) is a historic and vibrant neighborhood renowned for its charming, tree-lined streets and beautifully preserved Victorian and Craftsman-style homes. The district gets its name from its streets, which are arranged in alphabetical order. The area offers a mix of trendy boutiques, cafes, restaurants, and bars, particularly along the bustling NW 21st and 23rd Avenues. Salt & Straw ice cream is especially popular, with its unique flavor options. The Alphabet District's proximity to downtown Portland and the scenic Forest Park makes it a desirable place to visit.



The [Hawthorne Street neighborhood](#) (SE Hawthorne Blvd & SE 35th-37th Ave) in the Southeast quadrant is a lively and eclectic area known for its bohemian vibe and historic charm. It is a major thoroughfare lined with an array of unique shops, cafes, restaurants, and entertainment venues. Hawthorne is particularly famous for its vintage stores, which attract shoppers seeking retro clothing, antique furniture, and quirky collectibles. Notable vintage shops include Red Light Clothing Exchange, House of Vintage, and Vintage Pink. Its proximity to Mount Tabor Park also provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoying scenic views of Portland.



The [Division Street neighborhood](#) (SE Division St & SE 30th-37th Ave) in the Southeast quadrant is a dynamic and rapidly growing area known for its culinary scene, hip boutiques, and vibrant community atmosphere. This neighborhood seamlessly blends modern developments with historic charm. Nearby attractions include the Richmond neighborhood and the leafy Clinton Street, home to the eccentric Clinton Street Theater.



The [Belmont Street neighborhood](#) (SE Belmont St & SE 28th-38th Ave) in the Southeast quadrant is a groovy and walkable area known for its diverse mix of historic homes, trendy cafes, restaurants, and a strong sense of community. Belmont is a haven for vintage enthusiasts, offering several notable vintage stores. Belmont also boasts a lively arts scene, with beautiful street drawings found near Belmont & 35th St.



The [Alberta neighborhood](#) (NE Alberta St & NE 15th-33rd Ave) and [Mississippi neighborhood](#) (N Mississippi Ave & N Beech St - N Skidmore St) in the Northeast quadrant are culturally rich areas known for their artistic flair. These dynamic neighborhoods are hubs for creativity, featuring numerous art galleries, murals, and independent boutiques. Both neighborhoods are great destinations for vintage shopping, with several well-known stores catering to lovers of retro fashion and unique finds. Shops like Frock Boutique (Alberta St) and Flutter (Mississippi Ave) offer an array of vintage clothing, accessories, and quirky finds.



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thanks you*

*Come back soon!*