

Oregon Spotlight

The deep wonder of Crater Lake

About 240 miles from Portland, Crater Lake is overwhelmingly beautiful yet sublimely moody. At times it is brilliantly blue and ominously somber; at other times it is buried in a mass of brooding clouds. The lake is a remnant of fiery times, a reflector of its adjacent forested slopes, and a product of nature's grand design.

Even in a region of volcanic wonders, Crater Lake can only be described in superlatives. Stories of the deep blue lake can never prepare visitors for their first breathtaking look from the brink of this six mile wide caldera, created by the eruption and collapse of Mt. Mazama almost 7,000 years ago. Seasoned travelers gasp at the circle of cliffs, tinted in subtle shades and fringed with hemlock, fir, and pine near a lake of indescribable blue.

Today, the nation's fifth oldest national park serves to stand as a memorial to time. In 1902, Congress decided that Crater Lake and its surrounding 180,000 acres were to be "dedicated and set apart forever as a public park or pleasure ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States." With a depth of 1,943 feet, it is the deepest lake in the United States and the seventh deepest in the world.

Crater Lake National Park is host to a diverse array of activities. While enjoying the natural scenic wonders, park visitors may hike in old growth forests, participate in a variety of interpretive activities, camp, stay in a historic hotel, or even cross-country ski during the long winters.



Volcanic Crater Lake, located in south-western Oregon, is the deepest lake in the United States. The lake is featured on one of Oregon's specialty license plates.

Central Oregon: the wild and wonderful west

From picturesque views of the Cascades Mountains and vanilla-scented pines to resorts and numerous outdoor festivals, Central Oregon offers big-city luxuries with a rural feel.

Located in the high desert, the area is a recreation paradise, with skiing and snowboarding at Mount Bachelor, snow parks, golf courses, rafting and kayaking on the Deschutes River, and rock climbing at Smith Rock. Mountain bikers enjoy the extensive mountain biking trails in the region.

If shopping, dining and festivals are more your style, don't worry. The Old Western-style town of Sisters draws quilters from all over the country. Stop by Bronco Billy's for a steak in the saloon or grab a pastry at the Sisters Bakery.

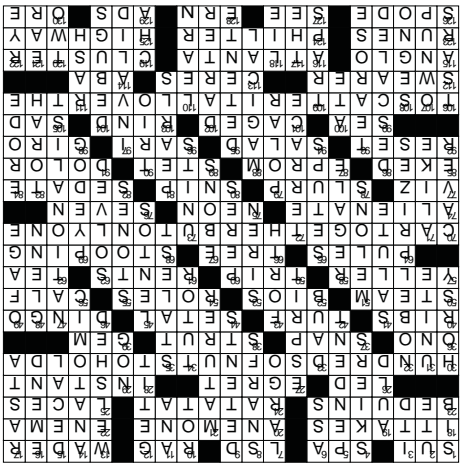
Head a little farther west and visit Bend, which has recently

received national coverage in the *New York Times* and *Outside Magazine*. The downtown area offers shops, galleries and restaurants such as the Deschutes Brewery. A festival or major event is nearly guaranteed to take place every weekend. Head down to Drake Park, which meanders around Mirror Pond and historic homes.

If you're looking for a balance between relaxation and recreation, check out one of the several resorts in the area. Sunriver, located south of Bend, is a favorite of long-time visitors. Rent a condo or house for the comfort of home, with the benefits of vacation. The area offers quick access to mountains and river, yet still provides fine dining and even the Sunriver Music Festival. Eagle Crest Resort, near Redmond, is close to the regional airport and is located in the heart of Central Oregon.

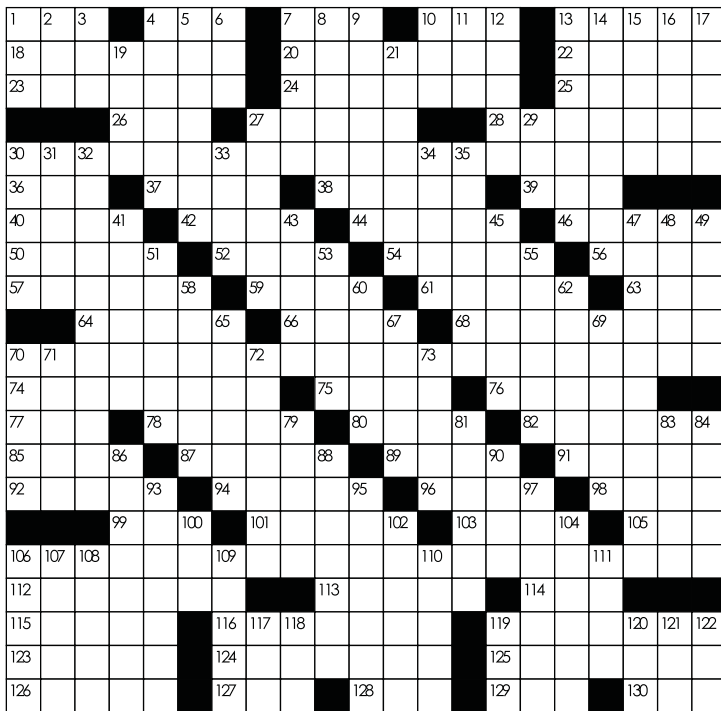
No matter how you like to spend your vacation, Central Oregon is sure to have it. Located 160 miles from Portland, it's about a three-hour drive and an easy weekend trip.

Puzzle answer



Quip: "It takes hundreds of nuts to hold a car together, but only one to scatter it all over the highway."

AASHTO Sunday Crossword



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Across

- 1 ___ generis (unique)
- 4 Health resort
- 7 60's psychedelic
- 10 Bad newspaper (slang)
- 13 Long-legged shore bird
- 18 Start of quip about transportation safety
- 20 Marine polyp resembling a flower
- 22 Liquid cleaning of the bowels
- 23 Nomadic Arabs
- 24 Comic book sound of machine gun fire
- 25 Ties a shoe
- 26 Headed
- 27 White heron
- 28 A very short time
- 30 Part 2 of quip
- 36 Lennon's love
- 37 Sudden break
- 38 Self-important swagger
- 39 Precious stone
- 40 Chest bones
- 42 Gang territory or grass mass
- 44 Stiff bristle
- 46 Australian wild dog
- 50 Boiling water vapor
- 52 Life histories
- 54 Actors' parts
- 56 Cow's kid
- 57 "Old ___" (1957 classic film)

- 59 Accidental mishap
- 61 Tenants' monthly payments
- 63 Oolong, Darjeeling, e.g.
- 64 Cries weakly; whimpers
- 66 Alder or aspen
- 68 Having rounded back and shoulders; not erect
- 70 Part 3 of quip
- 74 Arouse hostility
- 75 Glowing gas
- 76 Deadly sins; Hills of Rome; seas; Wonders of the World; etc.
- 77 Namely, namely
- 78 Drink noisily
- 80 Nip off
- 82 Staid
- 85 Got by, with great difficulty
- 87 Read-only memory chip that can be erased
- 89 Editor's note: cancel correction
- 91 Poetic painful grief
- 92 Button on remote control
- 94 First course, usually
- 96 Hindu garb
- 98 Brit's unemployment benefit check
- 99 Large body of water
- 101 Cooped
- 103 Orange peel
- 105 Gloomy

- 106 Part 4 of quip
- 112 Oath utterer
- 113 Roman goddess of agriculture; also, the largest asteroid and the first to be discovered, orbiting between Mars and Jupiter
- 114 Atty. assn.
- 115 ___-Saxon
- 116 1996 Summer Olympics home
- 119 Bunch
- 123 Ancient, perhaps magical, letters
- 124 Love potion
- 125 End of quip
- 126 Fine English porcelain
- 127 Meet
- 128 Sea eagle
- 129 Spots on TV or radio
- 130 Host state for the 2006 AASHTO Conf. (Abbr.)

Down

- 1 Bro. or sis.
- 2 Shoshone
- 3 Common contraction
- 4 People using T-bars
- 5 Supported from above; suspended
- 6 Pompous fool
- 7 Florida Key
- 8 Consumes very quickly (informal)
- 9 Hinged catches on ratchets
- 10 Decompose
- 11 Anecdote anthology
- 12 Understand, finally
- 13 Failed to pay a debt
- 14 Structural, when talking about an organism
- 15 Decorative design on sticky paper
- 16 Make better
- 17 Caribbean religion follower
- 19 Scottish for old
- 21 Riper
- 27 Liveliness of mind
- 29 Christmas quaff
- 30 Like a horse
- 31 Combine
- 32 Annual international awards named in honor of Swedish engineer Alfred Bernhard ___
- 33 Apply in irregular way
- 34 Teacher
- 35 Least fresh
- 41 Military signal of respect

- 43 ___coming; back and ___
- 45 Slow pieces of music
- 47 Patriot
- 48 Made the first rocket-powered U.S. orbital space flight in 1962; U.S. senator since 1975
- 49 Old enough
- 51 Fruits of the gourd family
- 53 Wailing warning
- 55 Rocks
- 58 Delight
- 60 Israeli prime minister in the 1980s, Shimon ___
- 62 Figured out
- 65 Deceptive schemes
- 67 Brownish black colors, in poetry
- 69 Asian stray half-wild dog
- 70 Underground passage explorer
- 71 Same
- 72 Porch
- 73 Inches, gallons, kilograms, e.g.
- 79 Opposite
- 81 Ocean gems
- 83 Jewish scripture
- 84 Wear away
- 86 Cleaned lime from
- 88 Mystical; supernatural
- 90 Band of three
- 93 Pale yellow/pink-tinged garden flower with a scent resembling 63 A
- 95 Lessening of hostility between nations
- 97 Person incapacitated by chronic illness or injury
- 100 Snacked
- 102 Fast-moving freshwater fish
- 104 Fixes computer programs
- 106 Old Russian emperors
- 107 Take responsibility for
- 108 Sheet music symbol to repeat
- 109 Catches
- 110 Memorize
- 111 Reckless
- 117 Definite article
- 118 Fib
- 119 Half a dance?
- 120 $\sqrt{4}$
- 121 Serving of corn
- 122 Bread type

