

Unleash Your Inner Cowgirl

Experience the Ultimate Equestrian Lifestyle in Oregon

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THE WEST SIDE OF OREGON

Welcome to Oregon, where the climate can vary as much as the scenery!

When it comes to owning a horse property, it's essential to understand the unique climate differences across the state.

On the west side, you'll find lush pastures thanks to the wetter and cooler weather, but also a greater need for shelter during rainy seasons and the potential for muddy pastures. Don't forget to keep your horses dry and cozy during the wetter months!

If you're looking to own a property in Central Oregon, be prepared for more extreme temperature changes. Your horses will need extra attention during hot weather, including access to shade, plenty of water, and cooling measures to beat the heat.

And when winter arrives, make sure you're ready for colder temperatures and snow by stocking up on hay, bedding, and winter gear.



"Storm clouds on the plains, Central Oregon" by Bonnie Moreland





TERRAIN

The terrain in Central Oregon tends to be more rugged and mountainous than the west side of Oregon, but with much more wide-open spaces and stunning vistas. With more open range comes a greater need for additional management to provide natural shelter and grazing options for your horses.

Central Oregon has miles and miles of riding trails and getting to the "wilderness" is a shorter drive than around the western part of Oregon.



ACCESS TO SERVICES

Central Oregon is definitely "horse country" and there is a wide array of veterinarians who specialize in equine health. Central Oregon is home to many equine and livestock veterinarians and farriers.

EQUINE HEALTHCARE:

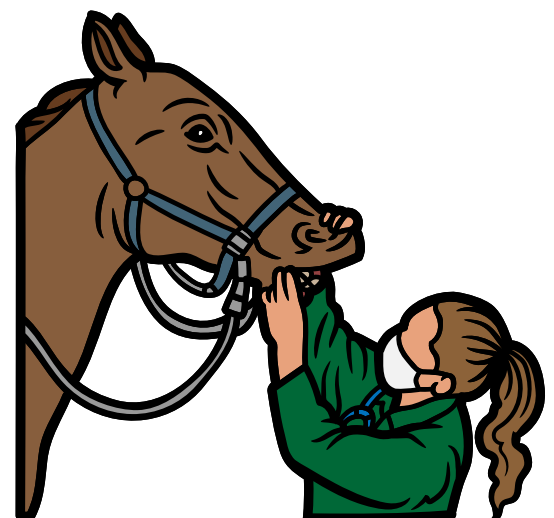
I personally recommend Bend Equine Center for horse care in Central Oregon.



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LIVE YOUR PASSION



In Central Oregon, you'll find a thriving horse show circuit and plenty of equestrian communities to explore.

Get ready to strut your stuff and make some new friends at local competitions and events. And when it comes to socializing, you'll have no shortage of like-minded horse enthusiasts to bond with!

If you're looking for some adrenaline-pumping action, head to Central Oregon.

Endurance riding and mounted shooting competitions are all the rage here, and the energy is infectious. Not into competing? No problem - with endless trails to explore, you can ride for miles and take in the stunning scenery.

When I first met TKyia 26 years ago, the excitement of this wild black beauty being mine was overwhelming. TKyia (pronounced ta-k-l-ah), was a one-year-old midnight black wild mustang captured in the South Steen Mountains. I met him in the Burns BLM holding pens on a bright Saturday morning.

Until that morning, I had never had a horse of my own, yet there I was, standing across from a majestic wild stallion as curious about me as I of him, determined to earn his trust and show the world what was possible.

When I started that journey of my life, I assumed I would teach him the ways of horse and human bonds. But what really happened was TKyia taught me ... he taught me patience, determination and stick-to-itiveness in ways I never thought possible.

Today, TKyia is 17 hands and weighs 1,550 pounds and is a beloved family member. With time and amazing progress gentling this powerful stallion, my goal became clear - to enter the Oregon Wild Horse Show competition and prove that anyone - regardless of experience - could gentle and bond with these stunning and powerful animals.

TKyia won Grand Champion. It is a day I will never forget. As I reflect on the challenges, goals, determination and sometimes discouragement, I find a story of hope, perseverance and the timeless bond that can exist between human and horse. I like to think that my experience is a reminder that anything is possible with patience, love and a little bit of wildness in our hearts.



TKyia strikes a pose



COST OF LIVING



Here's the lowdown: The cost of living tends to be higher on the west side of Oregon, including the cost of land and feed for horses.

Central Oregon tends to have more open range land available for grazing, while the west side of Oregon may have more restrictions on grazing due to the higher population density and environmental concerns.

If you're looking for more affordable land prices, head to Central Oregon. With plenty of open range and a more affordable cost of living, you can create your own little slice of horse heaven without breaking the bank.



TRANSPORTATION



Due to the differences in terrain and climate, trailering and transportation needs may be different between the west side of Oregon and Central Oregon. Horses may need to be acclimated to different elevations and temperatures when traveling between the two regions, which can affect their health and well-being.

Western Oregon's rolling hills and forested areas are lovely, but the higher population density can mean more traffic and longer drive times.

WATER

WATER RIGHTS & RESOURCES

Water rights and irrigation play a crucial role in supporting agriculture in Central Oregon.

Due to the region's arid climate and limited rainfall, farmers rely heavily on irrigation to grow crops. Oregon operates under the "prior appropriation" doctrine, meaning that the first person to claim a right to use water from a specific source takes precedence over subsequent users.

The Deschutes River, Crooked River, and Middle Deschutes Basin are the main sources of water in the region, and irrigation systems primarily consist of gravity-fed canals and ditches.

But, did you know that modernization efforts are currently underway to improve the efficiency of these systems and reduce water waste? By incorporating cutting-edge technology, Central Oregon's agricultural community is working to ensure that they can continue to thrive for generations to come!

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FUN FACT

A dry lot, sometimes called a paddock, is a small enclosure such as a pen, corral or run that serves as the horse's outdoor living quarters when they should not or cannot be on the pasture. This area holds horses and prevents overgrazing of the pasture when grass is in short supply.



Hoof it to the High Desert

Annual Horse Events You Don't Want to Miss!

OREGON HIGH DESERT CLASSICS: Held the last two weeks of July every year, this show attracts world-class riders from all over the US and Canada. For more information, visit oregonhighdesertclassics.org

SISTERS RODEO: The biggest little show in the world! Held every year on the second weekend in June. For more information, visit sistersrodeo.com

CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP: Rodeo and horse races are held in Prineville in late June and mid-July. For more information, visit crookedriverroundup.com

CENTRAL OREGON PEE WEE RODEO: Oregon's largest and longest-running youth rodeo association. For more information, visit copwra.org



OREGON HIGH DESERT CLASSICS



SISTERS RODEO



CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP



CENTRAL OREGON PEE WEE RODEO

GROW YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Dreaming of starting your own small-scale farm and living the rural lifestyle?

In a place where there's sunny weather, fertile soil, and abundant water resources, where else than Central Oregon.

Whether you're passionate about growing crops, raising livestock, or both, a hobby farm can provide endless opportunities to connect with nature and live off the land.

Starting a hobby farm is an adventure that's not to be missed. Picture yourself waking up to the sounds of chickens clucking and pigs snorting, while breathing in the fresh, country air. Imagine the satisfaction of growing your own fruits and vegetables and the joy of sharing your bounty with your loved ones and community.

And you won't be alone on this journey. The popularity of hobby farming in Central Oregon has grown so much that the High Desert Food and Farm Alliance was formed in 2012 to connect local farmers with each other and the community.

With the support of this vibrant farming community, you can start small and gradually expand as your skills and resources grow.

YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS!

My passion for the horse life and experience in luxury ranch real estate has allowed me to understand what it takes to make the dream become a reality. If you're curious and want to learn more send your questions my way!

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