

Best Day Trips from Vancouver, WA for RV Park Visitors



Driving just north of Portland, OR in the majestic Pacific Northwest, Vancouver is an excellent place to establish a 'base camp' for exploring the region's natural beauty and cultural attractions.

Piper RV Park offers a convenient and affordable long-term spot for RV enthusiasts looking to explore the area while enjoying modern amenities. The following are some of our best day trip recommendations for those seeking adventure, relaxation, and discovery.

1. Columbia River Gorge

Just a short drive from Vancouver, the Columbia River Gorge offers breathtaking views and many great possibilities for outdoor adventures. Known for its dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, and hiking trails, the gorge is a must-see for nature lovers.

Highlights of the area we recommend include Multnomah Falls, one of the tallest waterfalls in the U.S., and Vista House at Crown Point, which offers gorgeous panoramic views of the Columbia River.

RV-friendly parking and picnic areas also make it an ideal destination for a day of hiking, photography, or simply soaking it all in.

2. [Mount St. Helens](#)

A visit to Mount St. Helens is an absolute must for nature lovers in the area. Nothing is more awe-inspiring on earth than an active volcano. Located about an hour's drive from Vancouver, this still-active volcano offers a glimpse into the raw power of nature and how humanity deals with it, as you can check on how the region has recovered since its 1980 eruption. Johnston Ridge Observatory provides exhibits, ranger talks, and viewing platforms where you can take it all in.

Hiking trails of varying difficulty also allow visitors to explore the area's unique geological features.

3. [Portland, OR](#)

A quick trip across the Columbia River takes you to Portland. A unique city captured in all its quirky charm in the TV show 'Portlandia,' the city is always changing and growing, with an excellent food scene and cultural attractions. Explore the International Rose Test Garden, the Portland Japanese Garden, or Powell's City of Books—the largest independent bookstore in the world. The city's walkability and solid public transportation make it easy to explore without a car.

Also, don't miss sampling the city's famous food carts or taking a stroll along the vibrant waterfront.

4. [Silver Falls State Park](#)

For those willing to drive a bit farther, Silver Falls State Park is about 90 minutes from Vancouver and a hiker's paradise. The Trail of Ten Falls offers a great 7.2-mile loop showcasing stunning waterfalls, some of which you can even walk behind - enjoying the majesty of the falls from an almost 'secret spot.'

RV travelers to the park can enjoy its picnic areas and day-use facilities, though camping requires prior reservations, so be sure to check ahead!

5. [Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#)

Only 20 minutes from Piper RV Park, this wildlife refuge is perfect for a relaxing day immersed in nature. The refuge has been selected and preserved for its diverse bird species and other wildlife, with walking trails and an auto tour route for easy exploration. It's also a great spot for birdwatching and photography enthusiasts.

Plan Your Stay at [Piper RV Park](#)

We work to make Piper RV Park a great spot for RV travelers to make camp and enjoy the area in their own time. We focus on cleanliness, amenities, and safety, with new updates coming in based on feedback from our residents all the time.

That's why we're the perfect spot to start your day trips while returning to the comfort of a well-equipped, friendly community. So, whatever your desire for adventure, Vancouver, WA, offers something for everyone.