

Interesting Places to Check Out in Marion County

We live in an area that has numerous innovative businesses that help make our region a more sustainable place to live. These facilities help our environment by finding creative ways to reuse materials instead of discarding them, recycling materials we no longer need, composting organic materials, employing hundreds of people throughout the region and generally demonstrating how we can live more sustainably.

While many of the locations listed below offer public tours, some may not be able to and others may require minimum group sizes or only offer them during certain times of the year. **It is recommended that you first call these locations for details about their hours of operation and availability to offer tours.**

Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station

3250 Deer Park Dr. SE
Salem 97317
(503) 365-3191
www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/disposal/skrts.htm

The Earth Walk at the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station is a 1/3 mile trail with informational kiosks about recycling, composting, hazardous waste and more. It is free and open daily from 8:00am - 4:45 pm.



Garten Services

3334 Industrial Way NE, Salem 97303
(503) 581-1984
www.garten.org

This non-profit organization works with adults that have disabilities. They operate a large recycling facility in Salem. Their tour is very informative and a lot of fun for students of all

ages. You will see adults with disabilities engaged in meaningful work, huge sorting equipment and enormous piles of paper.



Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility

4850 Brooklake Rd. NE, Brooks 97305
(503) 393-0890
www.covantaenergy.com/facilities/facility-by-location/marion.aspx

This is where the majority of the garbage from Marion County is burned and turned into electricity. Students will see how the garbage is managed and burned. They will learn how electricity is generated and the complex array of safety measures and machinery that is needed to operate the facility.



Marion County Compost Demonstration Sites

Deepwood Estates, Salem
On the corner of 12th and Mission
Site is located in the Southeast corner of the gardens near the parking lot. No admission required.

Oregon Garden (Admission required)
879 W. Main St., Silverton 97381
(503) 874-8100
www.oregongarden.org

See a variety of active composters and a worm bin. Composting information and instructions

on how to build composters are available.



Pringle Creek Community

3911 Village Center Drive SE
Salem 97302
(513) 315-1055
www.pringlecreek.com

Pringle Creek Community, the largest sustainable community in the Pacific Northwest, is a 32 acre mixed used development located on the historic Fairview property. This development is focusing on regenerating and restoring the land and existing buildings. The project's homes minimize

impact on energy, air, and water while preserving most of the trees and keeping plenty of green space. Self-guided walking maps are available just outside of the Painters Hall building.



Interesting Places to Check Out in the Marion County Area (continued)

DIY Studio

155 Liberty, Suite 150, Salem 97301
(971) 208-5869
www.diystudio.net

DIY Studio is a non-profit organization that specializes in helping people to discover their inner artist by “upcycling” materials into fun crafts. Available for drop-in crafters or for personalized classes.



Habitat for Humanity ReStore

1220 12th St, SE, Salem 97302
(503) 364-6642
www.salemhabitat.org

225 Franklin St, Mt Angel 97362
(503) 845-2434
<http://nwvrestore.org>

ReStore sells building supplies and home items to the public and the profits from sales help support the building program of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.



A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

116 Marion St. NE, Salem 97301
(503) 371-3631
www.acgilbert.org

At A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village kids get to explore vet sciences, the magic of bubbles and much more! There's also a toy inventors workshop area where they can create various crafts out of donated household recyclables!



Fresh Start Market & Espresso

3020 Center St. NE, Salem 97301
(503) 585-4956
www.co.marion.or.us/JUV/freshstart

The market offers a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies, soups, salads, sandwiches, seasonal fruits and vegetables, plants, firewood, kindling, composters, locally made compost, hand crafted items and holiday gifts made from repurposed materials. They also



recycled Styrofoam. There is also a community garden nearby that you may tour.

Agri-Plas, Inc.

5016 Waconda Rd. NE
Brooks, OR 97305
(503) 390-2381
www.agriplasinc.com

Agri-Plas is a pioneer when it comes to recycling unusual types of plastics. They primarily recycle agricultural plastics. Their innovative facility makes for a fun tour.



North Marion Resource Recovery Center

3680 Brooklake Rd. NE, Brooks 97305
(503) 393-5522
www.mrtrashrecycles.com

This facility is where many of our recyclables in Marion County are initially sorted. Students will see the machinery and workers dividing up a wide range of materials. It is located near the Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility and Agri-Plas.



NW Greenlands

8715 Aumsville Hwy., Aumsville 97325
(503) 749.3117
www.compostoregon.com

This is the largest compost facility in Marion County. Yard debris and other organic materials are ground up and composted into an excellent soil amendment.



Brown's Island Compost & Demolition Site

2895 Faragate St. S, Salem 97302
(503) 588-5169 x5990
www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/disposal/BrownsIsland.htm

This is a landfill where contractors and remodelers come to take their inert waste. There is also a composting operation. Most of the leaves from the Salem & Keizer fall leaf haul are taken here. Long rows of compost are turned over with a large tractor. The facility is also bordered by miles of trails in the Eola Bend and Minto-Brown Parks.



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SeSequential Biofuels
4725 Turner Rd. SE
Salem, OR 97317
(503) 978-3218
www.sqbiofuels.com

SeSequential Biofuels is Oregon's largest recycler of post-consumer vegetable oil. Their Salem plant turns used cooking oil into fuel, thereby lessening the need for diesel fuel.



North Marion Recycling & Transfer Station
17827 Whitney Ln. NE
Woodburn, OR 97071
(503) 588-5169 x5919
www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/disposal/nmrts.htm

The North Marion Recycling & Transfer Station is both a drop-off location for businesses and residents with garbage and recycling but it's also where the ash from the waste-to-energy facility has been taken to be buried. The facility also screens ash to recover metals that were not already recovered for recycling.



Northwest Polymers
291 Commercial Parkway
Molalla 97038
(503) 829-3550
www.nwpoly.com

This company recycles plastics, including some plastics not recycled elsewhere in Oregon such as PVC.



SP Fiber Technology
1301 Wynooski St.
Newberg 97132
(503) 538-2151

The SP paper mill is a large consumer of recycled paper in the region. Located on the banks of the Willamette River in Newberg, this facility is a major supplier of newsprint for large newspapers throughout the western United States.



Bottle Drop Redemption Centers
4815 Commercial St. SE, Salem 97302
1917 Lancaster Dr. SE, Salem 97305
(877) 912-2019
info@bottledropcenters.com

Bottle Drop has two locations in Marion County. They accept bottles and cans with a redemption value. Salem's first location was established in 2012 and the second one in 2013.



Marion County Parks - Various locations throughout Marion County
(503) 365-3120
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Parks>

The Marion County Public Works – Environmental Services works to maintain the diversity and environmental integrity of Marion County's flora and fauna. School and community groups are encouraged to

take "service oriented field trips" to learn about invasive and native plants, while helping to improve our parks, watersheds, and their surrounding environment. These field trips are seasonal and usually require a few weeks of prior notice.



Water Treatment Plant
City of Salem
(503) 588-6211

City of Woodburn
(503) 982-5284
www.woodburn-or.gov/?q=waste_water

Learn about how cities deliver clean drinking water to our taps, why it's important to conserve water and what happens to water once it has gone down the drain!



Interesting Places to Check Out in the Portland Area

Green Depot

819 SE Taylor St. Portland 97214
(503) 222-3881
www.greendepot.com

Green Depot features many options to build or remodel in a healthy and more sustainable way. Their focus is on natural and renewable materials, like FSC-certified wood products, wool carpets, cork and natural paints. They also offer low-toxic, energy-efficient, solar and recycled content products.



Rebuilding Center

3625 North Mississippi Ave., Portland 97227
(503) 331-1877
www.rebuildingcenter.org

The ReBuilding Center is a popular destination for homeowners, do-it-yourselfers, contractors, artists, and enthusiasts interested in building with affordable, environmentally low

impact materials. With an inventory that changes by the hour, The ReBuilding Center carries the largest variety of quality used building materials in the region.



Environmental Building Supply

819 SE Taylor St., Portland 97214
(503) 222-3881
www.ecohaus.com

Environmental Building Supplies feature many options to build or remodel in a healthy and more sustainable way. Their focus is on natural and renewable materials, like FSC-certified wood products, wool carpets, cork and natural paints.

They also offer low-toxic, energy-efficient, solar and recycled content products.



Free Geek

1731 SE 10th Ave., Portland 97214
(503) 232-9350
www.freegeek.org

Free Geek is a nonprofit organization that recycles used technology and provides computers, education and access to the internet in exchange for a few hours of community service.



Community Cycling Center

1700 NE Alberta St., Portland 97212
(503) 287-8786
www.communitycyclingcenter.org

The Community Cycling Center provides programs for low-income youth and adults and a professional retail bike shop that is open to the public and sells refurbished bicycles. Bicycles and parts are donated then fixed by volunteers and staff.



SCRAP (School and Community Reuse Action Project)

2915 NE MLK Blvd., Portland 97212
(503) 294-0769
<http://scrappdx.org>

SCRAP is a materials reuse program and a resource for inexpensive materials to be used in educational and arts settings. Items that would otherwise have been thrown away are available at low cost. Reuse information, ideas, inspirational displays and a workshop room are available to the public.



Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center

721 NW Ninth Ave., Portland 97209
(503) 227-6225
www.ecotrust.org/ncc

A revitalized warehouse with a focus on green building techniques used in the reconstruction of the site and the stormwater management system included in the project (including an ecoroof), as well as the history of the building and the mission of the sustainable business and organization within the

building. All businesses in this facility have a deep commitment to sustainability.



Art ala Carte

8535 SE 13th Ave
Portland 97202
(503) 750-0522
www.artalacartepdx.com

Children's art studio that incorporates recycled materials.



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Hippo Hardware

1040 East Burnside St., Portland 97214
(503) 231-1444 www.hippohardware.com

Specializing in original and reproduction hardware, architecture, lighting, and plumbing since 1976.



Rejuvenation

1100 SE Grand Ave., Portland 97214
(503) 238-1900 www.rejuvenation.com

Classic American lighting & house parts, many of which are vintage/used.



Portland Metro Field Trip Guide

For a thorough list of field trip opportunities in the Portland area, check out the guide they put together:

http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/ftguide_2013_14.pdf



Interesting Places to Check Out in the Corvallis/Albany Area

Coffin-Butte Landfill

28972 Coffin Butte Rd. Corvallis 97330
(541) 745-7144

The Coffin-Butte Landfill accepts waste from all over Oregon. Learn about leachate and how methane gas is burned and turned into energy.



Pacific Region Composting Facility

29969 Camp Adair Rd., Monmouth 97361
(541) 745-5831

<http://www.republicservices.com/site/pacific-region-compost>

PRC was Oregon's first facility permitted to compost meats and dairy products along with wood waste and landscaping



materials (green waste). This is the facility where most of Marion County's curbside mixed organics is composted. The facility is located within the EE Wilson Wildlife Refuge just north of the town of Adair. It is within a mile of the Coffin Butte Landfill and is managed by Republic Services.

Interesting Places to Check Out in Eugene

MECCA

449 Willamette St., Eugene 97401
(541) 302-1810

www.materials-exchange.org

Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts is a materials reuse program and a resource for inexpensive materials to be used in educational and arts settings.



Bring Recycling Planet Improvement Center

4446 Franklin Blvd., Eugene 97403
(541) 746-3023

www.bringrecycling.org

BRING Recycling is one of the nation's oldest non-profit recyclers. Since 1971, they help the community keep useful items out of the landfill, find ways to use less stuff, reuse as many things as possible and recycle the rest.



Aurora Glass

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2345 W. Broadway, Eugene 97402
(541) 681-3260

www.auroraglass.org

Aurora Glass, part of St. Vincent de Paul, manufactures recycled glass products for wholesale and retail sale, as well as creating custom works large and small.



Interesting Places to Check Out Around Oregon

CART'M

34995 Necarney City Rd., Manzanita 97130
(503) 368-7764

<http://cartm.org>

CART'M has a resale store specializing in used building materials and much more.



Become a Master Recycler!



Make a difference and have fun doing it!

**Contact Us Today
mcrecycles.net
or call (503) 588-5169**



Become a Master Recycler and Visit Several of These Facilities on Guided Fieldtrips!

Join a network of over 600 people in Marion County that have taken the Master Recycler class. This 8 week class is on Thursday evenings and there are 3 Saturday field trips.

The course covers the following topics:

- What happens to your garbage: an overview of Marion County's solid waste management system
- Recycling: what can and can't be recycled and why
- Waste reduction in industry, at the office, and at home
- Green building - Waste management, water, energy, and resource efficiency as it relates to residential and commercial construction
- Composting and vermicomposting (composting using worms)
- Household hazardous waste reduction and alternatives
- Education and outreach techniques

Once you have completed the class, you will complete 30 hours of volunteer payback, helping to teach others about the concepts you will learn in class, establishing recycling programs at your work, volunteering at community events, or some other project of your choice.

We typically offer the class once or twice a year. If you would like to be notified of the next class, please visit our website (www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/master.htm), email us (EnvironmentalServices@co.marion.or.us) or call 503-588-5169 x0 and ask to be added to the Master Recycler notification list. If you call after hours, please just leave your name, email address and address. The class costs \$25.

Can't Take the Master Recycler Class? Consider Taking Recycling 101!

The Association of Oregon Recyclers has partnered with Oregon State University to create an online course which is similar to the Master Recycler class but it's online. People that take this class will not be required to complete volunteer payback hours, however they will not be considered official Master Recyclers. In Marion County there will be an option for people wishing to take the online course and also become an official Master Recycler. The cost of this class is \$75 (or \$50 for businesses purchasing 5 or more enrollments). For more information, visit:

<http://pne.oregonstate.edu/catalog/recycling-101>