Discover some of Oregon’s most famous film and television site locations, along with several hidden gems found in every corner of the state. Join us on a thrilling adventure that showcases Oregon’s rich cinema history while also incorporating the great outdoors.

Day 1: Portland
The dream of the ’90s is alive in Portland! Come discover the hipster culture of Portlandia film locations in the Mississippi District – Stop by local art gallery and gift shop Land which served as a film location for Portlandia’s famous “Put a Bird On It” sketch. Just up the street is Paxton Gate, an eclectic store of taxidermy and vintage scientific gizmos, which also served as a Portlandia location of guest star Jeff Goldblum’s artisanal knot store.

Take a step into Portland’s supernatural side with an exciting adventure of unexplained mysteries on a Beyond Bizarre Ghost Tour from Portland Walking Tours.

In downtown, enjoy a classic dining experience at Portland’s landmark restaurant Jake’s Famous Crawfish, one of the many film locations from My Own Private Idaho. Top off the evening with a famous Spanish Coffee at Huber’s, also a location from Gus Van Sant’s iconic My Own Private Idaho.

Suggested Hotel: The Mark Spencer Hotel

Day 2: Oregon Coast
Welcome to the gorgeous scenes of the Oregon Coast: Begin your exploration at the Oregon Film Museum in Astoria, lovingly known as ‘Hollywood North.’ Astoria has been the site location of many movies and the museum features exhibits and artifacts from films like Twilight, Kindergarten Cop, and namely, The Goonies, which the museum is housed in and was once the site of the Clatsop County Jail.

Continue your journey to Cannon Beach, where your first spot is Ecola State Park. You’ll have spectacle views of the Oregon Coastline where scenes from Kindergarten Cop, among other films were filmed. Next stop is a visit to Haystack Rock, possibly one of the most iconic of all scenes in The Goonies.

Suggested Hotel: Tolovana Inn

Day 3: Willamette Valley
Known for its robust arts and outdoors scene, Eugene is also home to multiple filming locations from the iconic film, Animal House, including many of which are on the University of Oregon Campus. Join an Animal House Tour that showcases the 1960s college life and cemented Eugene as an iconic college town in the United States.

Take time for a stop at the Albany Pix Theatre for it’s first-run movies and if time allows, experience the magic of the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum.

Onward to Salem, the capital city of Oregon for a One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest Tour of the State Hospital.

Suggested Hotel: The Grand Salem
Day 4: Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge
Come climb to the heights of Mt. Hood’s Timberline Lodge which offers one of the most unique high-alpine mountain experiences in North America. Visitors can view the exterior part of the lodge, which is the hotel featured in The Shining directed by Stanley Kubrick.

Drive the Columbia River Gorge to Cascade Locks and walk along the Bridge of the Gods where Cheryl Strayed played by Reese Witherspoon in the movie Wild, completes her soul-healing journey hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. Get another perspective of this incredible bridge and head out on the Sternwheeler for a dinner cruise featuring fresh local ingredients. Along the way you can explore dozens of majestic waterfalls.

Suggested Hotel: Best Western Cascade Locks

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EASTERN OREGON – WESTERN FILM HISTORY

Southern Oregon
Take a jet boat tour that traverses the narrow canyons and pulse pounding white water along the thrilling Rogue River where the River Wild was filmed.

Continue to explore the natural wonders from the movie Wild. The Pacific Crest Trail also passes through Crater Lake National Park including 6 miles along the caldera. One can start a beautiful hike at Crater Lake Lodge.

Portland & Columbia River Gorge
Look for Sasquatch with Cliff Barackman, star of Animal Planet’s show Finding Bigfoot. Join him on a North American Bigfoot Expedition in the Mt Hood National Forest or enjoy one of upcoming the Bigfoot Cruise on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and decide for yourself fact or fiction.

Eastern Oregon
2019 is the 50th anniversary of the release of Paint Your Wagon starring Clint Eastwood and Lee Marvin. The film was shot on location in the Wallowa Mountains and Elkhorn Mountains outside of Baker City. The film has a featured exhibit at the Baker Heritage Museum in Baker city which includes the original scale model of No Name City. Visitors to Anthony Lakes Ski Resort can also enjoy a bite and a drink at the Starbottle Saloon named after the saloon in the film including the original sign form the movie set.

For young readers and ghost hunting enthusiasts a trip to the Sumpter Dredge State Park in search of the Ghost of Joe Bush is a must. The Dredge is the inspiration for the Skeleton Creek book series and the accompanying videos were filmed on location.