

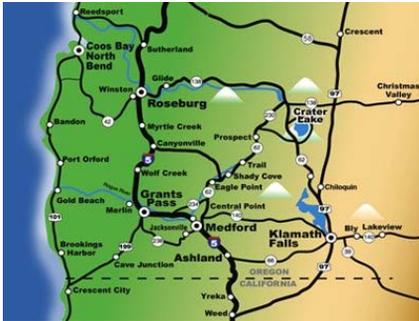
What's so important about Grants Pass, Oregon?

As told by Bonnie, the dog

January 8, 2011

Narrated by Steve Roe

Join Bonnie as she journeys around Grants Pass to show you the sights and many things to do



Grants Pass, Oregon is located on I-5 in southern Oregon. It serves as a gateway to the Oregon coast.



The beautiful Rogue River runs through Grants Pass and to the Pacific Ocean. Evergreen Park serves as a launching point for Hellgate Excursions. Over 85,000 visitors annually take the fun and educational jet boat trip.



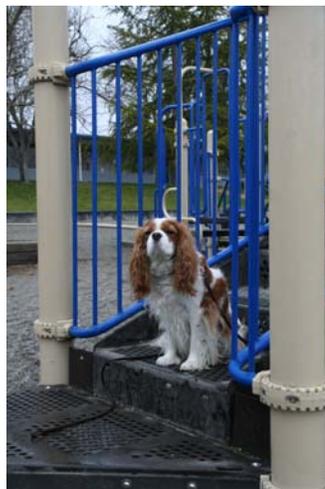
Public Safety is important to Grants Pass with a nationally accredited police and fire department.



There are many different service clubs in Grants Pass to help beautify and serve Grants Pass citizens.



Local business is important to the local Grants Pass economy. You can find many unique shopping items all over Grants Pass. We also have "big box" stores such as Wal Mart and Fred Meyers for a wide selection of items. Grants Pass is the county seat for Josephine County and is a vital hub for local commerce.



There are 18 parks in Josephine County and 21 parks & green spaces in Grants Pass for many different family activities.



Grants Pass is the home of Dutch Brothers Coffee with 154 locations throughout the western United States.



Downtown Grants Pass has many shops. My owner, Steve Roe, and I enjoy Blind Georges Popcorn. There are many historical buildings and antique shops in downtown Grants Pass. First Friday Art Night gives residents the chance to mingle downtown and enjoy local artisans and entertainment.

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It is fun to play with your friends at local parks. My pal, Abby, joins me at a local park that was built primarily by community volunteers and has many fun activities.



Grants Pass has many varied demographics and diversity. Grants Pass has 24,987 residents. Over 20% of local residents are over 65 years old, much higher than average. I am with my former owner, Beverly Lorr, as a puppy. When she developed inoperable brain cancer, she asked that I be given to Steve Roe, where Beverly was a long-time customer of Roe Motors in Grants Pass.



Grants Pass has many great schools including elementary, middle and high schools. Grants Pass is home to School District #7 and Three Rivers School District as well as Rogue Community College. There are many volunteer activities available for Grants Pass residents. I serve as a registered therapy dog through Delta Society and visit Highland Elementary School as well as Three Rivers Community Hospital (below). A kindergarten student is receiving a book through a local Rotary club from Steve Roe.



Grants Pass residents are very giving. There are many different ways to serve and give. The Josephine County Food Bank offers food supplies 8,000 emergency meals monthly to over 9,000 individuals. Food is donated, such as in the car above, and then distributed.



Three Rivers Community Hospital opened in 2001 at a new location. Part of Asante Health System, this hospital offers a full array of services for local residents. TRCH is the largest non-seasonal employer in Grants Pass.



Arts and entertainment are important to Grants Pass. It takes shape in many different forms. Evergreen Park on the Rogue River is filled with many different shapes of art. There are many different things to do in Grants Pass for entertainment including local plays and art exhibits throughout the year. Additional professional productions are also available nearby in Ashland, Jacksonville and Medford. There is no shortage of things to see and do for all ages in Grants Pass!