

# Oregon

## 2012 State Report



Oregon's state tree is the Douglasfir.

### Oregon State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in Oregon: **12,542**



**TREE CITY USA®**

### Program in Oregon:

Tree City USA Communities: **55**  
Total population served: **1,859,692**

Largest Tree City USA in Oregon:  
**Portland, population 550,560**

Smallest Tree City USA in Oregon:  
**Echo, population 710**

Tree Line USA Utilities: **4**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **1**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **1**

**Oregon celebrates Arbor Day during the first full week of April.**

## Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.

Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at [natureexplore.org](http://natureexplore.org)). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Oregon, please visit [natureexplore.org/classrooms](http://natureexplore.org/classrooms).



## Oregon Members Plant 86,564 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 12,542 Oregon members helped plant more than 86,564 trees across the state last year.

Dale Hinkle, a loyal member from Central Point, Oregon has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1985. Dale's children were encouraging him to move closer to them, but he denied their offers, saying, "Because of the Foundation, I have the best-looking yard in town." With wonderful, dedicated members like Dale, Oregon will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



A photo of Dale's tree-filled yard.

## Tillamook State Forest

The Tillamook State Forest was established as a result of large wildfires in the 1930's and 1940's and the large-scale reforestation efforts that followed. More than 70 million trees were planted by volunteers and schoolchildren in response to the Tillamook burns. Due to these efforts, a diverse and sustainable forest is now a place of recreation and enjoyment.

Insect and disease outbreaks play a large role in affecting the forest's health. Much of the Tillamook State Forest is dominated by young Douglasfir trees which are susceptible to laminated root rot (*Phellinus weirii*). The presence of this disease is abnormally high in the forest due to the large number of Douglasfir trees, resulting in significant tree mortality in recent years. The goal of this project is to improve long-term watershed health and to provide diverse habitats for the many wildlife species that call this place home. The Oregon Department of Forestry plan of action is to diversify the tree canopy by planting more than 60,000 red alder, western redcedar, and western hemlock trees.



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## Tree Campus USA

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities can be recognized, just like **Oregon State University**, as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at [arborday.org/treecampususa](http://arborday.org/treecampususa).

## Oregon Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Oregon because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Oregon State Department of Forestry. Oregon boasts 55 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Oregon Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$13,403,608 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 1.8 million Oregon residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Oregon's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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