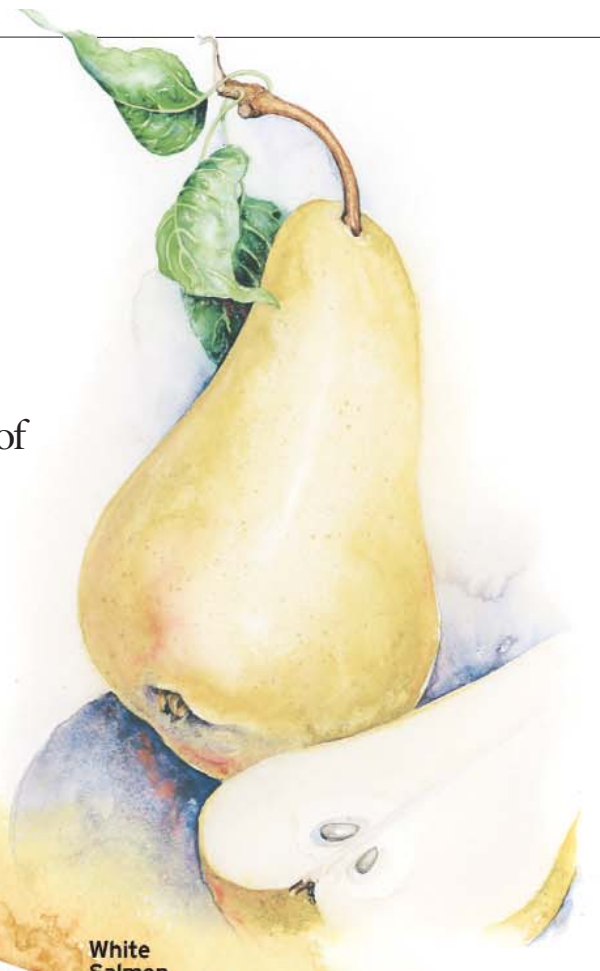


The Fruit Loop

Hood River farmers, combatting the decline of the Red Delicious apple and mounting imports of pears and apples from overseas in the early 1990s, settled on a plan to bring customers to them: Market the fruit and fruit products (such as jam) directly. Fifteen years after starting to print its own maps, the Hood River County Fruit Loop attracts visitors to 36 stands, and offerings have broadened to include wine, nuts, antiques, alpaca products and more.



1. Cherry Karma's "Purple Pit Stop," 1120 East Side Road; Fri.-Sun. 10-6 July-Aug., call for Sept. hours; 541-386-5683; honey, smoothies, jewelry

2. Pearl's Place, 1860 Highway 35; 9-5 daily through Oct.; 541-386-1801; jams, cider, hazelnuts

3. The Gorge White House Farm Stand, 2265 Highway 35; 10-6 daily through Sept., Thurs.-Sun. 10-6 in Oct.; 541-386-2828; thegorgewhitehouse.com; picnic on the patio

4. Mt. Hood Winery, 2265 Highway 35; 11-5 daily through Oct.; 541-386-8333; mthoodwinery.com; chardonnay, pinot gris, more

5. Heirloom Orchards, 2380 Highway 35; Fri.-Sun. 10-6 through Nov.; 541-386-6315; heirloomorchards.com; 30-plus varieties of heirloom apples

6. The Fruit Company, 2900 Van Horn Drive; Mon.-Sat. 11-4 through Oct. 1; 800-387-3100; thefruitcompany.com; orchard, packing tours at noon, 1 and 2 p.m.

7. Kiss Orchard, 2791 Glass Drive; 8-6 daily through end of July or until supplies run out; 541-386-3360; bring boxes, wear shoes for U-pick; also picked fruit

8. Smiley's Red Barn, 2965 Ehrck Hill Road; 10-6 daily through Oct.; 541-386-5989; smileysredbarn.com; cherries, peaches, pears, more

9. Rasmussen Farms, 3020 Thomsen Road; 9-6 daily through Oct. 3; 541-386-4622; rasmussenfarms.com; flowers, pumpkins, vegetables, berries

10. Wy'East Vineyards, 3189 Highway 35; 11-5 or so daily through Oct.; 541-386-1277; wyeastvineyards.com; own pinot noir, pinot gris, and chardonnay grapes

11. Nutquacker Farms, 3435 Neal Creek Road; Sat.-Sun. 11-4 Oct. to mid-Nov.; 541-354-3531; nutquackerfarms.com; colossal chestnuts, honey

12. Cody Orchards Fruit Stand, 3475 Graves Drive; 10-6 daily Aug.-Oct., Sat.-Sun. 10-4 in Nov.; 541-354-1085; arts, crafts, gifts, fruit

13. Hood River Lavender Farms, 3801 Straight Hill Road; Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-5 through Oct.; 541-354-9917; hoodriverlavender.com; 70-plus varieties, all certified organic

14. Cascade Alpacas, Foothills Yarn & Fiber, 4207 Sylvester Drive; 10-5 daily through Sept., Thurs.-Mon. 10-5 Oct. on; 541-354-3542; foothillsyarn.com; books, yarn; meet alpacas

15. Packer Orchards and Cookie Stop Bakery, 3900 Highway 35; 10-6 daily through Oct.; 541-354-1140; packerorchardsandbakery.com; specializes in sugar-free items

16. Draper Girls Country Farm, 6200 Highway 35; open year-round, self-serve after hours; 541-352-6625; drapergirlsfarm.com; nonpasteurized cider mill, petting zoo, fruit

17. Aubert's Fruit Stand, 6955 Highway 35; Fri.-Sun. 9-7, Mon.-Th. 10-6 through Oct.; 541-352-1054; winery tasting, sales first weekend of each month



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- Picnic site



26. Pheasant Valley Winery, 3890 Acree Drive; 11-6 daily through Oct., 11-5 daily Nov.-Dec., closed Jan.; 866-357-WINE (9463); pheasantvalleywinery.com; organically grown pear wine, more

27. McCurdy Farms, 2080 Tucker Road; 10-5 late Aug.-Nov. 1; 541-386-1628; fresh-picked fruit, jam, honey

28. Lavender Valley Lavender Farm, 3925 Portland Drive; 10-6 daily through Labor Day; Thurs.-Sun. 10-5 in Sept.; Sat.-Sun. 11-4 in Oct.; 541-386-1906; lavendervalley.com; lavender products, U-cut through August

29. A & J Orchards, 4600 Kenwood Drive; 10-5 daily through Oct. 15; 541-386-1974; if possible, please call ahead

30. Phelps Creek Vineyards, 1850 Country Club Road; Thurs.-Mon., 11-5 through Oct., Sat.-Sun. 11-5 in Nov.; 541-386-2607; phelpscreekvineyards.com; tasting room, adjoining restaurant

31. Country Girl Fruit Farm, 1450 Moser Road, Sat.-Sun. 10-5 mid-Sept.-Oct.; 541-490-3415; dried fruits, pear butter

32. Alice's Orchard & Fruit Stand, 1623 Orchard Road; 10-6 daily through Sept.; Fri.-Sun. 10-5 in Oct.; 541-386-5478; alicesorchard.com; specializing in U-pick

33. Hood River Vineyards, 4693 Westwood Drive; 11-5 daily through Oct., Thurs.-Mon. 11-5 Nov. on; 541-386-3772; hoodrivervineyards.us; the gorge's oldest winery

34. Berry Brier, 4257 Post Canyon Drive; Wed.-Sun. 10-5 through Aug. 1; 541-490-8274; ready-picked raspberries, tayberries, peaches, more

35. Cathedral Ridge Winery, 4200 Post Canyon Drive; 11-6 daily through Oct., 11-5 daily Nov.-May; 800-516-8710; cathedralridgewinery.com; free tasting; specializing in weddings and events

36. Wilinda Blueberry Patch, 730 Frankton Road; dawn to dusk through mid-Sept.; 801-556-7964; U-pick; under new management

Note: Participants may change from year to year
Source: Hood River County Fruit Loop

