

Whispering Words

Summer 2016



Whispering Woods Resort Managed by Vacation Resorts International

SUMMER IS HERE!

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Following a pretty amazing winter and spring, we are looking forward to an equally lovely summer here on Mt. Hood.

It seems that the mountain is synonymous with relaxing. Walking in the woods, sitting by a river just watching and listening, slowing down just enough to take in the sights, sounds and smells of nature are part of being on the mountain. These are all “free” activities and go a long way towards putting some balance back into life.

Speaking of “free,” according to Dana Tims of The Oregonian/OregonLive, reporting on mountain biking trails, “awesome is about to get super awesome.” www.whisperingwoods.net/sandyridge

The Sandy Ridge Trail System, less than 20 minutes from Welches, is being expanded and will offer an additional two miles of new trails. At its March 10, 2016, meeting, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved the sale of 188 acres to the Bureau of Land Management and BLM will begin adding up to two miles of new trails to the system as well as significantly increasing the parking capabilities. Bring your mountain bike and the rest is FREE!

Such is the location of Whispering Woods Resort that you can “do” whatever interests you. For example, the City of Portland is about an hour away, a 27-hole golf course adjoins the property, live entertainment is offered within minutes of the resort, outstanding restaurants serving everything from burgers to some of the finest gourmet meals are abundant and can be reached quickly (two are within walking distance), Mt. Hood Adventure Park at Ski Bowl is 15 minutes away, historic Timberline Lodge is less than a 30-minute drive and offers year-round skiing, Columbia Gorge wine country is a little more than an hour away...you get the idea, right? The “things to do” are too numerous to mention, but for a bit more detail on a lot more things, visit www.whisperingwoods.net and click on the “Things to Do” and “Local Information” tabs.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon and remember to let us know what we can do to make your vacation the best ever!

ANNUAL WEATHER SUMMARY

November 2015 to October 2016 (...as reported in The Old Farmer's Almanac!) Weather forecasting is not an exact science, right? But the Old Farmer's Almanac was pretty accurate with its 2016 winter and spring forecasting, so here's what it says about summer 2016: “Summer will be warmer and rainier than normal, with the hottest temperatures in mid- and late-July and early August.” If you need a rain hat, check out our gift shop!

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HIKING ON HOOD

Most of us like to walk. Hiking always implies strenuous physical activity and there are plenty of challenges on Mt. Hood for those who enjoy pushing themselves to the limit. However, some just want to take in the sights and not be sore for days afterwards. To learn more, visit www.whisperingwoods.net/mthoodhikes, which links to a very informative website about Mt. Hood area hikes. You will find information on difficulty, distance, elevation change and additional details. One very easy hike is to Little Crater Lake. While it's called a "hike," it's more of a short walk in the woods, ending at a little gem of a view of Little Crater Lake. While this is not a long enough hike to make a day of it, it's a worthwhile stop on your way to someplace else! For details, go here: www.whisperingwoods.net/littlecraterlake.

YOU STILL CAN CATCH A FISH FOR A BUCK!

People who live in the Northwest are familiar with the Rainbow Trout Farm and look forward to its March 1 opening every year. The trout farm is one place you can bring a small child and guarantee it will be a successful fishing trip! Located approximately ten miles from Whispering Woods Resort, the trout farm is a terrific place for families to spend the day, enjoy the fresh air, and catch some fish.

There is something for everyone at Rainbow Trout Farm. You catch 'em, they'll clean 'em! You can even cook your bounty right there and enjoy a fresh fish BBQ picnic-- just bring a couple of side dishes and charcoal and they'll provide the rest. Or, you can bring your catch back to your condo and prepare a quick, simple but tasty trout dinner using one of the recipes you'll find on the trout farm's webpage or in the A Taste of Oregon cookbook found in your unit.

Visit www.rainbowtroutfarm.com and make a plan to treat yourself and your family to an amazing day...you won't be disappointed!

NO PET POLICY

Please remember that Whispering Woods is a "pet free" zone (except for service animals). This policy is not because we don't like cleaning-up after animals, although that can be a factor. The primary reason is that many people suffer from severe allergies and/or respiratory illness and as a result the Boards determined that a NO PET POLICY will prevail.

If your pet will be traveling with you, please make other arrangements for them while at the Resort. Following is a list of pet boarding facilities in the area:

Nature's Acres
Damascus, Oregon 97089
503-666-4800

Countryside Pet Spa
Gresham, Oregon 97080
503-663-3370

Mt. Hood Pet Resort
Sandy, Oregon 97055
503-668-8900

Power Line Kennels
Sandy, Oregon 97055
503-668-3212

Green Acres K9 Resort
Boring, Oregon 97009
503-917-1164



NO SMOKING POLICY

All units at Whispering Woods are non-smoking units. Smoking is not allowed within 10 feet of any door or window, making the decks and patios non-smoking areas. For those who do want to smoke, we are building several small shelters around the property. The first shelter has been completed and is located at Whispering Woods II, between Buildings A and B.

To eliminate any confusion about what is and is not considered “smoking,” the No Smoking policy includes e-cigarettes and other vaping devices, as well as marijuana.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT

Day Use

Even if you aren't staying at Whispering Woods and just happen to be in the area, take advantage of your Day Use Privileges. Stop by the Clubhouse and sign-in to use the pool, hot tub, sauna and exercise room. This is one of your ownership perks and we look forward to seeing you.

Bonus Time

Whispering Woods I and Whispering Woods II both offer Bonus Time reservations. Plus, you can use Bonus Time in either location regardless of where you own. To check availability, call Cyndy, our Reservationist, Monday-Friday from 9 am-5 pm, at 503-622-3171.

AND A WARNING...

Don't Become a Victim

If you are contacted “out of the blue” by a company offering to take your timeshare off your hands, relieving you of future fees and assessments, please proceed with extreme caution. Many of these companies are scammers and will take hundreds or even thousands of your dollars to help you get out of your timeshare. Before you decide to act, please give us a call as we may be able to assist in your decision-making. It doesn't cost anything to make the call or send an email to pat@whisperingwoods.net. We want to assist you with ALL your vacation needs.

WHAT IS VRI?

Vacation Resorts International (VRI) is YOUR management company, with the tagline “Perfecting the Art of Hospitality.” VRI's professional management services touch more than 140 resort and club locations and over 250,000 families in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

And what does all this mean to YOU? Whispering Woods Resort has been affiliated with VRI since 1996 and the services they provide are invaluable to the running of the Resort as a whole and to you as an owner. You can visit VRI's website at www.vriresorts.com to learn more.

Service Directory			
Resort Office - Information, Reservations, Bonus Time	503-622-3171	FAX	503-622-5685
Rentals - Whispering Woods	503-622-3171	Vacation Resorts International	1-800-874-8770
RCI Weeks	1-877-874-3334	RCI Points	1-877-968-7476
VRI Vacation Tyme	1-866-469-8222		
VRI*ety Exchange Service	1-888-203-1044		
Owner Services - Assessment Billing/Collections	1-800-788-2181 (maintenance fees)		
Local Information - Visitor Info	1-800-424-3002	Road Report	1-800-977-6368
Highway Patrol (Emergency)	911		

Board Members			
Whispering Woods I			
Cheryl Scarcelli, <i>Chairperson.</i>	503-761-7753	Al Harrison, <i>Vice Chairman/ Treasurer</i>	503-256-9617
Gloria Wells, <i>Secretary</i>	503-291-1703	Open Seat, <i>Director</i>	000-000-0000
Judy White, <i>Director</i>	503-622-3171		
Whispering Woods II			
Pat Buckley, <i>President</i>	503-622-1234	Ron Quick, <i>Vice President</i>	503-397-5595
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Whispering Words is brought to you by the Whispering Woods Homeowners Associations. Its purpose is to bring news and stories of interest to the Whispering Woods Owners.

FIND US ONLINE!

If you haven't visited the Whispering Woods Resort website recently, click on by and check it out. One of our most recent additions is a Local Information page with links to details on Welches area restaurants, local artisans, climate and weather information, and things to do. We add new local information all the time.

What else can you find at www.whisperingwoods.net?

Besides online reservations, pictures, things to see and do and area FAQs, you will also find the Owner's Only Page with Reservation Request Forms, Property Tax Information, the Whispering Woods newsletter, financial audits, governing documents and more.

When you visit the Whispering Woods website, click on the "Owner's Only" link at the top and you will be taken to a resource page for Whispering Woods owners.

Enter the following password: 6223171

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www.facebook.com/whisperingwoodsresort

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