

## Midsummer Musical Retreat



### ENHANCE YOUR CAMP EXPERIENCE!

#### Welcome to Walla Walla!

Add a day or two to your stay and take advantage of what Walla Walla has to offer! Or perhaps your companion (who isn't participating in camp) would like to do some exploring. Either way, here are a few ideas of things to do in the area. This is an informal resource – just “one camper’s limited musings”, and not a formal MMR listing.

Details can change; call listing and/or double-check with Facebook for details.

#### Happy Exploring!

##### Sites for Information

- Visit Walla Walla: WW's visitor bureau with a storefront on Main St (near 1<sup>st</sup> St) where you can get flyers on a wide range of businesses and activities. Plus a volunteer to answer questions. <https://wallawalla.org>. Not all businesses, activities, music, restaurants, etc. are listed through this site, but it's a great starting place.
- Additional guides: <https://wallawalla.org/about-walla-walla/visitor-guides/>

##### Two “Parklets” on Main St.

- **First St. Plaza:** very pleasant place to have your coffee, sandwich or just to hang out.
- **Heritage Park:** renovated park area, similar to the First St. Plaza. Has a really interesting historic wall display re: WW regional history, plus a key to explain each image. See photo below.

##### Downtown Walla Walla – member listed organization and events calendar

<https://www.downtownww.com/>

##### Dining Options

Many restaurant options!

Walla Walla Eats and Drinks Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2805141982933756>

##### Grocery Stores Within Walking Distance

Safeway: 215 E. Rose St.

The Mill & Moosie and Baja: 130 E. Rose St. Prepped sandwiches, soup as well as select grocery items. Great smoothies.

##### Gluten-Free Options

-- Mama Monacelli's: 315 E. Rose St. <https://mamamonacelli.com/>. Pastries and light breakfast/lunch options. Great chocolates!

-- Hidden Valley Bakery: located at the airport (45 Terminal Loop). Dedicated GF kitchen for bread, pastries. Also has traditional breads as well. Offers breakfast and lunch. Closed Weekends . Usually 9-3, but call to confirm. 509 386-3460

## **Candy**

Brights Candy <https://brightscandies.com/>

## **Notable Retail**

Many good retail options in general downtown area (walkable locations).

Here's a couple that might fall under the radar:

-- Hot Poop: 210 E. Main St. Washington State's oldest independent music store – 52 years and still run by its founder. <https://www.hotpoop.com/>

-- Earthlight Books: 321 E. Main St. Also celebrating 52 years in business. Classically-cluttered used bookstore. Also sells some new books. <https://www.earthlightbooks.com/>

-- Shady Lawn Antiques: 711 N. Rose St.

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g60992-d4096348-Reviews-Shady\\_Lawn\\_Antiques-Walla\\_Walla\\_Washington.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60992-d4096348-Reviews-Shady_Lawn_Antiques-Walla_Walla_Washington.html)

-- The Thief: 102 E. Main St. Local and global wines, spirits and non-alcoholic options. Unpretentious and welcoming setting; can try wines by the flight. Also sells a broad selection of spirits. Thursday evening tasting events. <https://www.thiefshop.com/index.cfm?method=homepage.showPage>

## **WW Valley Wineries**

<https://www.wallawallawine.com/> Lots of choices in and near downtown Walla Walla, along with many 10-15 minutes' drive out of town. Check business hours.

## **Great Wine and Food Tour**

<https://www.bacchusandbarleyww.com/>

## **In-town Tasting Rooms**

-- Many tasting rooms in Downtown Walla Walla – most current info available at the Downtown Info Kiosk at First & Main, or check these sites: <https://wallawalla.org> or <https://www.wallawallawine.com/>

## **Unique In-Town Tasting Room**

Vital Wines is a non-profit winery that funds health care for vineyard workers in the region. Great wine as well! <https://www.vitalwines.org/>

## **Wine Tasting Rooms – slightly outside of town.**

**Especially nice outdoor ambiance; some offer food and/or music as well.**

-- Tranche: <https://www.tranche.wine/home>. Often has live music and food trucks Friday's 6-9

-- Valdemar: <https://valdemarestates.com/>

-- Amavi Cellars: <https://www.amavicellars.com/>

## **Outdoor Activities**

<https://outsidewallawalla.com>

## Art

You'll find art displayed at a local cooperative gallery, many tasting rooms and some small art-related businesses. Whitman College has a great gallery, but it's closed in the summer. Here are some options:

- Kingfisher Gallery - <https://www.kingfisherwallawalla.com/> Superb small framing shop that shows/sells local artwork.
- Combine Art Gallery - <https://combineartcollective.com/>. Local artist cooperative.
- Foundry Vineyard: <https://www.foundryvineyards.com/art-shows>
- Cavu Cellars: website doesn't list current showing, call for info <https://www.cavucellars.com/>

## Music / Dance (subject to change. May have music but not necessarily listed on website. Call to verify)

**Downtown – other tasting rooms may also have events, please check with individual tasting rooms.**

- WW Music Series: Heritage Park Saturdays 5-7 and 8-10. Details TBD.
- Bontzu Cellars Jazz Jam: some Sunday afternoons; call for next event 509 876-4128
- Plumb Cellars: Fri/Sat 7-9 <https://plumbcellars.com/tasting-room>
- Gard Vintner: Sun 4-6, Wed 5:30-7:30, Thur 6-8, Fri 6-8 <https://www.gardwine.com/wallawalla>

## Music or Dance within a 10-Minute Drive

- Tranche: live music and food trucks - Fri 6-9 <https://www.tranche.wine/home>
- Latin Dance Night: Cavu Cellars – call to confirm <https://www.cavucellars.com/>

## Downtown or Close Walking Distance, including Walking Tours

- Whitman Campus Statue Tour:  
<https://www.whitman.edu/documents/Global/Campus-Tours/Whitman-Sculpture-Walk.pdf>
- Historic Homes Self-guided Walking Tour  
<https://wallawalla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Walla-Walla-Historic-Homes-Walking-Map.pdf>
- Historic Downtown WW Self-guided Walking Tour:  
<https://wallawalla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Walla-Walla-Historic-Homes-Walking-Map.pdf>

## Bike Riding in the Area

Many parks have bike paths.

- The City of Walla Walla has a great fold-out map you can get at the Visit Walla Walla kiosk on Main near First. Here's a PDF version of it as well:  
<https://wallawalla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/BikeRidesArea1.pdf>
- Bicycle Barn (bike shop) - <https://www.bicyclebarn.com/>
- Great e-bike tours through the vineyards - <https://kickstandtours.com/walla-walla.html>

## Parks and/or Historic Sites - Short Drive – 10- to 30-minute Drive

- Pioneer Park and Aviary:  
<https://www.wallawallawa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/parks/pioneer-park-aviary>
- Bennington Lake and Rooks Park: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/bennington-lake>.  
<https://outsidewallawalla.com/activity/mill-creek-recreation-trail/> . Easy stroll, not much shade.
- Fort Walla Walla Museum: <https://www.fwfm.org/>
- Whitman Mission: <https://www.nps.gov/whmi/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>

## Close Scenic Drive

### Scenic Loop Drive: 15 minutes from Whitman

Left onto Alder, right onto Berney (road sign blocked by foliage, and it's near where Alder curves to the left, so it's easy to miss the turn onto Berney). Left onto Russell Creek Rd. Right onto Scenic Loop Road. Follow Scenic Loop Road up over the hilltop and down the other side. Scenic Loop dead-ends onto Mill Creek Road. Take a hairpin left turn onto Mill Creek Rd, which becomes Issacs where Whitman is located. Approx. 45-50 minutes all-in.

## Farther Afield

<https://outsidewallawalla.com/activities/trails/>: lots of options for hikes. Most take at least a half day or more, depending on how far to drive from WW to trailhead.

A couple of suggestions:

-- Twin Sisters: 25-minute drive. <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/twin-sisters>

Half mile each way up/down on a skibble-y dirt trail. Interesting geology and a view of Wallula Gap – read about the Missoula Floods and envision a great rush of water hundreds of feet above the Gap.

\*\*No shade; early hike suggested. \*\*Quick turn off to the left – keep your eye out for oncoming traffic.

<https://outsidewallawalla.com/activity/twin-sisters/>

-- Palouse Falls: 1-hour drive or so from WW - <https://www.nps.gov/places/palouse-falls-state-park.htm> . Day pass or parking fee applies.

Historic Wall (and key) at Heritage Park on Main St. – see description above.

