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Travel Portland

Top 10 Dive Bars

Portland, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Oh dive bars, how we cannot live without you. The one true dive bar in Portland is the Yamhill Pub in Downtown, but there are many others that come a close second. During the winter months in Portland, dive bars offer us a chance to get out of the rain, take off our shoes, and drink way-too-much-almost-clear-beer. Yay dive bars!

My List

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location:

223 Southwest Yamhill Street
Portland OR 97204

1 Yamhill Pub & Diner

DESCRIPTION: This pub is perfect for late-night eats. The full bar, lottery games, jukebox and darts keep you entertained. Also a great lunch spot, it is even open on Sundays, when many downtown diners are closed. If you plan on a night of bar hopping, this is a good place to start or finish. Located right on MAX, you do not even need to designate a driver. Although the menu is stacked with burgers, you will also find fried chicken, barbeque ribs, gyros and basket meals. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: +1 503 227 0033

location:

725 Southwest Park Avenue
Portland OR 97205

hours:

Daily 11a-2:30a

2 Virginia Cafe

DESCRIPTION: Hope that you have a lot of time on your hands, because it is easy to pass the hours sipping inexpensive drinks at this downtown diner. Businesspeople, shoppers and students gather at the bar for happy hour every day of the week. Drinks are stiff and people-watching is free. One visit here, and you will know why good times are nearly guaranteed. Standard bar food is available at a decent price. © wcities.com



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location:

1 SW 3rd Avenue
Portland OR 97204

hours:

Daily 11a-2:30a

3 Dante's

DESCRIPTION: One of Portland's busiest nightclubs, Dante's is a mid-sized, flame-themed venue that hosts national acts and cabaret, all week through. It keeps on spreading joy through its weekly acts and live paranormal talk radio till the late hours of the night. The menu has a gist of Americana and Italian touch and the pizzas of Dante's have even won an award! On Mondays, you can even do a karaoke with the live band whose performance is slated for that day. Some of the regulars here are Clyde Lewis, Iron City Rock, Candlelight Comedy Show and Sinferno Cabaret. © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Dante's

contact:

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location:

1420 S.E. Powell Blvd.
Portland OR 97202

hours:

M-Sa 7a-2:30a, Su 7a-1a

4 The Twilight Café and Bar

DESCRIPTION: Open earlier and later than most bars in town, the Twilight makes the perfect basic drink. Stiff but not overpowering – a perfect balance. The expansive bar wraps around the tender like a stage. There's plenty of seating and the service is prompt. Live music of widely varying quality is free on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. A surprisingly good and inexpensive breakfast is available daily at 7am with a gentle acoustic guitar serenade and ample portions. Check out the chalkboard when you enter for daily drink specials. Happy hour from 3-7pm features well drinks for \$1.75 and \$2.50 microbrews. -Marie Richie © wcities.com

contact:

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http://portland.citysearch.com/profile/8454352/portland_or/clinton_street_pub.html

location:

2516 Southeast Clinton Street
Portland OR 97202

hours:

7a-2:30a

5 Clinton Street Pub

DESCRIPTION: Located in the little village at Southeast Clinton Avenue and 26th Street, this neighborhood bar has all the makings of a night filled with finger foods and microbrews. Shoot some pool or sit at the beer-only bar that looks like an old bowling alley diner. The local haunt is across the street from Noho's Hawaiian Cafe and just next door to the Clinton Street Theater. The short menu runs down all the important bar foods like jalapeno poppers, French fries, chicken strips and meatballs. © wcities.com

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location:

600 Southeast 146th Avenue
Portland OR 97233

hours:

11a-3:45a M, noon-3:30a
Tu-W, noon-2:45a Th,
11a-3:a F 11:30a-3:30a Sa,
10:30a-2:45a Su

6 All Star Bingo

DESCRIPTION: Forget the cliché that only the elderly play bingo. There are plenty of younger people at this good-time establishment, perhaps because of the large prizes—some exceeding \$1,000. True addicts can play until dawn, with some games lasting until nearly 4a. Regular and speed bingo sessions are available, and most play packets start at \$2 each. The laid-back bingo hall also features a snack bar. If bingo is not your forte, stop in for a game of video poker. Cash Only. © wcities.com

contact:

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location:

2401 Southwest 4th Avenue
Portland OR 97201

hours:

M-F 9a-2:30a, Sa-Su
11a-2:30a

7 Suki's Bar & Grill

DESCRIPTION: Well, this place says a lot about Portland, or perhaps, sings a lot! One of the few karaoke bars for revelers in the city. It is 'the' place to go to if you know you sound bad and your friends still love you. Expect drunk people dancing and having a great time in their own right during Happy Hour. Definitely not a place for a sit-down dinner and conversation! Bathroom singers welcome by all means. © wcities.com



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location:

3400 SE Milwaukie Ave.
Portland OR 97202

hours:

Daily 12p-2a

8 Brooklyn Park Pub

DESCRIPTION: Though small, this truly friendly neighborhood bar has one of the largest selections of whiskey, scotch and rye in Portland, with over 50 selections. Rotating taps always feature local brews, with local spirits behind the bar. Also a sports bar, there are several large TVs situated around the walls showing both major and minor sports alike, including full World Cup coverage. The food is standard bar fare, but the incredibly accommodating staff will happily take any suggestions you might have and give it a try. Check out the specials board for the daily whiskey and beer deals. - Marie Richie © wcities.com

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<http://www.groundkontrol.com/>

location:

511 NW Couch Street
Portland OR 97209

hours:

Su-Th noon-2a; F-Sa
noon-2:30a

9 **Ground Kontrol**

DESCRIPTION: This vintage video game and pinball arcade is a trip though time – you will find a black lit wonderland of 80s video games that still cost a single quarter. DJs or bands entertain on most nights, with a small cover charge on band nights. Minors are allowed during the day, but a recently added bar is opened up at 7pm every night to serve beer. Climb the ornate staircase to the largest collection of pinball machines in the area. You can even take the fun home with real, working home consoles and cartridges. -Ground Kontrol © wcities.com



Photo courtesy of Ground Kontrol

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location:

320 Southeast 2nd Avenue
Portland OR 97214

10 **Loveland**

DESCRIPTION: Loveland in Southeast Portland is like a magnet for all those who enjoy great bands. This joint in the Industrial District has a great vibe from the moment you step in. Live bands play here regularly. Be warned, the place tends to get crowded really fast so get there early to be assured of a good spot to watch the show. The food at Loveland is quite good and they even have options for vegans. All in all this is one place you don't want to miss. © wcities.com

Portland Snapshot

Local Info

Portland, Oregon... a city of wanderers, artists, and nature lovers. The unique atmosphere of Portland is unrivaled by any other city in the United States. Here you'll find hippies, farmers, accountants, musicians, entrepreneurs, and artists coexisting in the rainy Oregon climate. Sustainable living has taken root and taken over. In a city of sublime restaurants, galleries, coffee shops, and yoga studios, it is easy to see why Portland is such a well loved destination.

Downtown

The diversity of Downtown Portland creates a bustling and bubbling atmosphere of West Coast Life. Hop on the Fareless Square and travel Downtown for free, as you explore this small yet eclectic city. Peruse literature in the largest book store in America; Powell's Books, and then explore the art galleries of the Pearl District. Watch a movie on the giant couches in the Living Room Theater, and get as much coffee as you can handle at Café Umbria. Downtown Portland is easily explored by foot if the weather is accommodating. Don't miss wandering Chinatown during the daytime, a rough and tumble little section of Downtown Portland. And if you're craving a Maple Bacon Donut, Voodoo Donuts is open 23 hours a day, and is absolutely not-to-be-missed.

Multnomah

The Multnomah District is a true glimpse of how most of Portlanders live. With beautiful little houses and home grown gardens, this area is considered true Portland. The quaintness of the main street is the best place to explore in this attractive and quiet neighborhood. Check out the Multnomah Art Center, which is well-loved by the people who live here.

Waterfront

Portland's beautiful Waterfront is a great area to view the spectacular Willamette River that separates the east and west

sides of Portland. During the day, walk the length of Waterfront Park. Every June, the Rose Festival sets up shop here, a city wide party and parade that illustrates Portland's dedication to life and celebration. The Waterfront is always full of locals, and on a beautiful Portland summer day this is a relaxing and unique area to explore.

Old Town

Old Town is one of the more colorful and unique parts of Downtown Portland. It is here that a visitor can really discover the dark underbelly of Portland's history. Wander the Classical Chinese Garden, an oasis in a busy and bustling city. During the day, take a tour of the Shanghai Tunnels, which run under Old Town and were once used for human trafficking. The nightlife here is a fun experience but borders on the nitty and gritty, especially because Portland has the most strip clubs per capita of any city in the United States, including Las Vegas.

Northwest

Northwest Portland, or the trendy shopping area of Portland, boasts beautiful old homes, snazzy clothing boutiques, and a glimpse of the more 'comfortable' lifestyles in Portland. Also known as Nob Hill, both 23rd Street and 21st Street have some of the best shopping in Portland, with a range of local independent designers and upscale clothing chains. If you have a love of shopping, this is well worth the visit.

The Pearl District

The Pearl District is most akin to NYC's Meat Packing District. With cobblestone streets, urban living, and art galleries galore, it's easy to see the comparison. Trendy bars and restaurants are popping up here on a weekly basis, making the Pearl District an interesting and luxurious neighborhood of Downtown Portland. On the First Thursday of every month, the galleries open their doors to the general public into the late hours of the night, turning this upscale neighborhood into a loud and bustling party for all.

Sellwood

Sellwood is a quaint neighborhood, and home to the best antique shops in Portland. Nicknamed Antique Row, this is a great area to spend an afternoon perusing shops and drinking coffee. If it's a nice day out, the Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge is a scenic spot to spend an afternoon. Sellwood has a distinctly 'livable' feel, and it's hard to not feel like a true Portlander when wandering this quietly beautiful area.

Convention Center Area

The Convention Center Area is located just across the river from bustling Downtown Portland. The Rose Garden Arena is the largest venue in Portland, and is the home of the Portland Trailblazers, Oregon's well-loved basketball team. If you're in this area, don't miss the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (also known as the OMSI), especially if you're toting little kids around on your travels. The children's exhibit is fantastically interactive. Although this area can be a little difficult to get to, it is worth a gander if you're planning on attending any concerts while you're in the area. The Oregon Convention Center is located here, and is busy every night of the week with a different local event. When your travel dates are finalized, make sure to check out the local happenings here!

Hawthorne District

The Hawthorne District is what Portland is known for. Whether you enjoy record shopping, local coffee shops, or browsing unique stores, this area is well-loved by all. Mount Tabor, an inactive volcano, towers over this eclectic district, and if you have time, the sunset is rather enjoyable from the top of this redwood-filled park. The local bars and restaurants in this area provide great entertainment and enjoyment for the evening no matter what kind of night you're looking for.

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