

## Oregon Tour Itinerary

Our tour guide will be Hans Noeldner, a former member of the Village Board. Hans writes, "This tour will quite literally represent a cross section of the Oregon area, along a west-to-east direction. . . . The watershed for the Oregon Branch of Badfish Creek drains in a west-to-east direction as well." EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Please join us for all or just some of the tour as your time permits. We'll try to observe the schedule below.

### **5:00 - 5:15 PM Intersection of Sun Valley Parkway and Ravenoaks Trail.**

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This location in the Township of Oregon, approximately four miles west of Village of Oregon limits, typifies the numerous pockets of "exurban" development which surround Oregon – very low density, no municipal sewer or water, no sidewalks, etc. The Badfish Creek watershed begins just to the east of this location.

**Directions from Madison** – Take Highway D/Fish Hatchery Road south. From Fish Hatchery Road and the Beltline, go 8.9 miles to the intersection of Hwy CC and Hwy D Turn right (west) on Highway D. (Country View Vet Service is at this intersection.) Go approximately 1 mile west on Hwy D and then continue going straight on Sun Valley Parkway where Hwy D turns south. Go approximately 1.25 miles west on Sun Valley to the intersection with Ravenoaks Trail. Turn right onto Ravenoaks Trail. Park along Ravenoaks, not Sun Valley.

### **5:35 PM Intersection of Hwy CC (Jefferson Street) and Bergamont Boulevard.**

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This location shows the most recent types of "greenfield" development within Village of Oregon limits, on over 600 acres of land that was annexed to the Village since 2000. It includes a gated golf course "community" with million dollar houses, modestly dense suburban development, and some "New Urban" areas zoned for mixed use. In this location, one can begin to appreciate the wetland and flooding issues associated with Village growth.

**Directions from previous meeting point** – Head east on Sun Valley Parkway to the intersection with Highway D. Continue going east on Hwy D for approximately one mile, to the intersection with Hwy CC. Follow Hwy CC (Jefferson Street) for about two miles, to the intersection with Bergamont Boulevard. Turn right onto Bergamont. Park along Bergamont, not Hwy CC.

**Directions from Madison:** Take Hwy 14 to the second Oregon exit, Hwy MM (Main Street). Follow Hwy MM to Hwy CC (Jefferson Street). Turn right and go about 1.5 miles to the intersection with Bergamont Boulevard (on your left, one block past Alpine).

### **5:50 PM Intersection of Netherwood Road and North Burr Oak Street park in Napa Auto parking lot.**

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From this location one can see 80 newly-annexed acres which are included in the Alpine Industrial Park. To the east is an inactive rail corridor. Immediately to the north is a wetland/pond which drains south under Netherwood Road into Lerner Conservation Park. The whole area receives a lot of water from the north and west. In a sense this is the "headwater" of the Oregon Branch of Badfish Creek. Approximately 0.5 miles north is the proposed site for a Lycon ready-mix concrete plant.

**Directions from previous point** – Continue east on Hwy CC/Jefferson Street for about 0.3 miles to the intersection with Alpine Way. Turn left (north) on North Alpine and go one-half mile to the

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intersection with West Netherwood Road. NOTE: Google does not show North Alpine yet!! Turn right (east) on Netherwood and go approximately 0.6 miles to the intersection with North Burr Oak Street. The Napa Auto lot is on the right.

**Directions from Madison:** Take Hwy 14 to the second Oregon exit, Hwy MM (Main Street). Follow Hwy MM to Netherwood Road. Turn right (west) and go a few blocks to the intersection with North Burr Oak Street. The Napa Auto lot will be on your left.

### **6:00 PM – IF THERE IS TIME Intersection of East Netherwood Road and Schuster Road. Park in Hillcrest Bible Church parking lot on the right.**

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This location provides a very clear view of the existing “hard” boundary on the east side of the Village – i.e. Highway 14. It also shows the Badfish Creek watershed where it receives discharge from the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District plant. To the east one can see a line of trees along “Keenans Creek” (sometimes called the north branch of Badfish Creek) – the tributary carrying the MMSD discharge. To the south are farm fields and considerable swaths of wetlands surrounding the Oregon Branch of Badfish Creek. The Oregon Branch passes under Highway 14 approximately 0.8 miles south of this point, intersects with Keenans, and continues in an easterly direction more or less parallel to Highway 138.

Recently there has been strong interest in developing this area – i.e. for the Village of Oregon to annex lands east of Highway 14, especially those sections nearest the Hwy 14/Hwy 138 intersection. A central issue is whether to extend Village sewerage service east of Hwy 14.

**Directions from previous point** – Continue east on Netherwood about one mile to the intersection with Schuster Road. Along the way you will cross Main Street and Highway 14 – slated to become divided in about five years.

**Directions from Madison:** Take Hwy 14 to the second Oregon exit, Hwy MM (Main Street). Follow Hwy MM to Netherwood Road. Turn left (east) and go about ¾ mile to the Hillcrest Bible Church (on your right).

### **6:10 PM**

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Depart for Senior Center. Go west on Netherwood for about 1/2 mile to the intersection with North Oak Street. Turn left (south) on North Oak and go about 3/4 mile to the intersection with Park Street. Turn right (west) on Park and go a few hundred yards. The Senior Center is just past the Library.

### **6:30 PM – July Progressive Dane Membership Meeting at Oregon Senior Center, 219 Park Street in the Village of Oregon. The public is invited.**

**Driving Directions from Madison:** Follow Highway 14 East to the second Oregon exit (County MM, aka Main St.). On MM, pass the traffic light at Netherwood Rd (Walgreen’s on the right, Anchor bank on the left) and go six blocks further. Turn left on east Grove St, bear right on Spring St., and turn left on Park St. The Senior Center is the second building on the left.