

2010 ASEH/NCPH TOURS and FIELDTRIPS

Friday, March 12, 12:15 pm – 5:00 pm

All buses board at 12:15 pm and leave promptly at 12:30 pm. Buses will be located on Salmon and Broadway, adjacent to the hotel. Check the signs in the hotel lobby for your field trip number and the specific location of your bus. *Box lunches will be provided.* As always in the Pacific Northwest, be prepared for the rain that makes the area west of the Cascade Mountains so green. Most buses will return to the hotel around 5:00 PM.

1. **Columbia River/Bonneville Dam**—guided by staff of Northwest Power and Conservation Council; will address dam and hydropower issues, salmon-passage system, and historic buildings; will stop at overlook for view of Columbia River Gorge. (Limit 48 participants)
2. **Birding at Sauvie Island on Columbia River with Audubon Society guide**—great place to see waterfowl and raptors. (Limit 48 participants)
3. **Fort Vancouver and Cathalpotle Plankhouse**—exploration of Hudson's Bay Company fort and Columbia River Chinook archaeology site. (Limit 48 participants)
4. **Tryon Creek State Natural Area**—short walk through urban forest and tour of historic iron smelter in nearby Lake Oswego. (Limit 48 participants)
5. **Bicycle tour of Portland guided by Portland bicycling specialist**—most of the route through this urban area is flat; be prepared for rain. (Limit 20 participants)
6. **Mt. St. Helens Visitors Center at Silver Lake**—includes interpretive talk and short walk. If the road is open in March, the bus will also travel to Hoffstadt Bluffs for a closer view of the volcano, near the blast zone. Note: this tour could include up to 3 hours of driving time, and might return to Portland at 6:00 pm. (Limit 48 participants)
7. **Organic winery**—tasting and tour of facility by the owner of Sokol-Blosser, a sustainability award-winning winery at Dundee in the Willamette Valley. (Limit 48 participants)
8. **METRO's "Urban Growth Boundary"**—an inside view of Oregon's famous land-use planning system, with UGB managers. (Limit 48 participants)
9. **Downtown Portland's Historic Architecture**—The tour explores the evolution of the city's commercial architecture from the Cast Iron era (1850s-1880s) along Portland's waterfront to the International and Post-Modern styles in the heart of today's business and cultural district. The tour will also view other important commercial buildings, such as a grouping of early 20th century, cream colored terra cotta skyscrapers designed in the Classical Revival style. The tour will be conducted both on foot and by light rail. Led by William Willingham and Richard Engeman, architectural historians. 2.5 hours. (Limit 24 participants)
10. **Portland's Park Blocks: Defining a City by its Open Spaces**—The tour will begin with a brief presentation on the founding of Portland's park system from the first public spaces in the 1850's to the Olmstead Bros. 1903 parks plan. The Park Blocks, north and south, formed the open space "spine" of the city initially as a fire break and then as a pattern for urban development in the central city and later in the 21st century a model for linear parks in the River District Urban Renewal Area known as the Pearl District. The tour will begin in the South Park Blocks and walk through the Mid-Town Blocks to the North park Blocks and end at Tanner Springs Park in the Pearl District. Tour participants will be able to either walk back to the Conference hotel or ride the Portland Street Car from Tanner Springs. The walk will last for 90-minutes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Led by Henry Kunowski, architectural historian. (Limit 15 participants)