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### **'BEST OF THE GORGE' 2013 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

*Columbia Gorge - September 17, 2013:* In 2013, the *Gorge Guide* asked visitors to vote for their favorite Gorge activities and establishments online at BestoftheGorge.com. The 2013 results are now available and are attached to this release.

“For over 30 years we’ve been showcasing the Gorge for visitors and our 4th annual Best of the Gorge contest was extremely insightful with a combination of new winners and past favorites taking the top prizes. We asked visitors to tell us about their favorite experiences in the Gorge and the voice of the visitor is what you’ll see here,” said Jeff Jones, editor of the *Gorge Guide*. The categories range from best restaurant food to best pet daycare. Winners received the most votes in their category. Several categories featured repeat winners.

The winning businesses will be featured at BestoftheGorge.com, GorgeGuide.com, and in the fall 2013 issue of the *Gorge Guide* app, which is now available for free on the iTunes and Google Play stores. Voting for 2014 ‘Best of the Gorge’ recipients is now underway.

For official contest rules, please visit BestoftheGorge.com.

The *Gorge Guide* is published by Gorge Publishing online and as a free travel app for Apple and Android devices. The app is available on the Google Play Store, Apple App Store and at gorgeguide.com. It is the official visitor app to the Columbia River Gorge as endorsed by the Columbia River Gorge Visitor Association.

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For more information or to schedule an interview about Best of the Gorge or the *Gorge Guide*, please contact Annisa Olsson Jones at 541-386-7440 or annisa@gorgepublishing.com.



# 2013 Best of the Gorge Winners by Category

**Best Art Gallery:**

Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood River, OR

**Best Museum:**

Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, Hood River, OR

**Best Cruise or Excursion:**

Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler, Cascade Locks, OR

**Best General Attraction:**

Hood River County Fruit Loop

**Best Lake:**

Lost Lake, Hood River, OR

**Best Park:**

Hood River Waterfront Park, Hood River, OR

**Best Tour: (operator)**

Martin's Gorge Tour

**Best Viewpoint:**

Vista House at Crown Point

**Best Scenic Drive:**

Historic Columbia River Highway

**Best Waterfall:**

Tamanawas Falls

**Best Fair or Festival:**

Hood River Hops Fest

**Best Orchard, Farm or Fruit Stand:**

Cody Orchards, Hood River, OR

**Best Band:**

The Shed Shakers

**Best Campground:**

Tollbridge Park, Parkdale, OR

**Best Hotel:**

Best Western Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR

**Best Bed & Breakfast:**

Carson Ridge Private Luxury Cabins, Carson, WA

**Best Winery/Tasting Room:**

Marchesi Vineyards, Hood River, OR

**Best Brewpub:**

Everybody's Brewing, White Salmon, WA

**Best Coffee: (tie)**

Ground, Hood River, OR  
10 Speed Coffee, Hood River, OR

**Best Restaurant Atmosphere:**

The Glass Onion Restaurant & Gallery, Goldendale, WA

**Best Restaurant Food:**

Apple Valley BBQ, Parkdale, OR

**Best Brunch:**

Nora's Table, Hood River, OR

**Best Happy Hour:**

Cebu, Hood River, OR

**Best Pizza:**

Solstice Wood Fire Cafe, Bingen, WA

**Best Restaurant Service:**

Baldwin Saloon, The Dalles, OR

**Best Salon:**

5th Element Salon, Hood River, OR

**Best Shopping (Gifts and Home):**

Apple Green, Hood River, OR

**Best Shopping (Sporting Goods): (tie)**

Shortt Supply, Hood River, OR  
Windance Boardshop, Hood River, OR

**Best Kiteboarding School:**

Kite the Gorge, Hood River, OR

**Best Kiteboarding Site:**

Event Site (Sandbar), Hood River, OR

**Best Windsurfing School:**

Big Winds, Hood River, OR

**Best Windsurfing Site:**

The Hatchery, Underwood, WA

**Best Rafting School:**

Northwest Rafting Co., Hood River, OR

**Best Ski Resort:**

Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood, OR

**Best Hiking Trail:**

Catherine Creek

**Best Mountain Biking Trail:**

Klickitat Trail, Lyle, WA

**Best Fitness Facility:**

Sole to Soul Health Center, Goldendale, WA

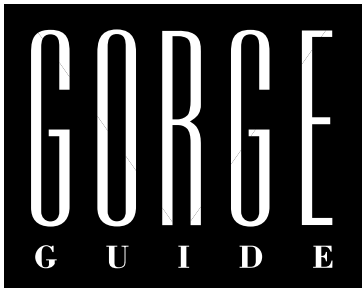
**Best Golf Course:**

Indian Creek Golf Course, Hood River, OR

**Best Pet Daycare:**

Cascade Pet Camp, Hood River, OR

Winners in each Best of the Gorge category were voted on by visitors to BestoftheGorge.com during 2013. All results are final. This list does not imply an endorsement by Gorge Publishing, the *Gorge Guide* or its affiliates.



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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Your business has been voted a Best on the Gorge 2013 Winner by visitors to BestoftheGorge.com, a part of the *Gorge Guide*. Please see the attached sheet for the list of winners by category.

By earning this designation, you will receive the following:

- 1) Bragging rights as a Best of the Gorge winner.
- 2) Most will have featured mention in the fall issue of the 2013 *Gorge Guide* app, available free on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- 3) Most will have a mention in the 2013 *Gorge Guide* fall issue e-version.
- 4) Featured mention on BestoftheGorge.com with a link back to your website.
- 5) A really cool “Best of the Gorge Winner” sticker for your business. You’ll receive it in the mail in a week or so.
- 6) Best of the Gorge Winner icon for your website and print materials (we’ll give you the html code and Illustrator files if requested).

2014 voting on BestoftheGorge.com is now open and will remain so through August 1, 2014.

Again, congratulations! We are proud to feature you as a Best of the Gorge winner.

Sincerely -

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