

Bend, Oregon

Joys of Bend

JVs live near the hospital and public health departments and are within biking distance of a bounty of parks, river trails, coffee shops, and more. The JV support people in Bend are a wealth of resources for outdoor recreation gear and opportunities, spiritual resources, healthcare and social service learning opportunities and connections, local social and ecological justice work, and more! Bend has been called the outdoor playground of the West because of its proximity to nature and availability of year-round outdoor activities.

About Bend

Located in Central Oregon, where the Deschutes River connects the Cascade Mountains to the High Desert, Bend, and the surrounding area are a mix of urban and rural life. Bend's population has proliferated in recent years and is now home to 105K people. This rapid change has brought many benefits – beautiful parks and trail systems, new outdoor and tech industry jobs, music, arts and culture, and endless outdoor recreation opportunities. It has also brought new challenges to the area, including an affordable housing crisis, increased inequalities in income, access, and resources, dislocation, homelessness and housing insecurity, transportation and environmental concerns, and significant disparities in health.