



IUFRO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Reforestation under Drought

JULY 7-10, 2026

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON, USA



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Monday

Arrival
Evening icebreaker social @
Gilgamesh Brewing
370 S Main St, Independence, OR

Tuesday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day conference w/ lunch
Evening poster reception at Hotel

Wednesday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day conference w/ lunch
Dinner on your own

Thursday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Full-day field trip w/ lunch
Afternoon social at a winery
Dinner on your own

Friday

Breakfast @ Hotel (for hotel guests)
Half-day conference
Departure and lunch on your own

FIELD TRIP

Two field tours will take place on Thursday, July 9.

Pre-registration is required and is available during conference registration. No on-site field tour registration will be available.

To ensure accurate transportation and catered lunch arrangements, it is important that you attend the field tour for which you are registered.

Please meet your group by 8:00 a.m. in front of the Independence Civic Center & Hotel to load into the vans for departure. Transportation, lunch, refreshments, and detailed itineraries will be provided during the tours.

Field tours will return to the Independence Civic Center & Hotel at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Tour Options

Tour Option 1:

Visit nurseries (bareroot and container), seed orchards, a genetic × environment interaction study, and a Christmas tree farm.

Tour Option 2:

Visit an old-growth forest at the Oregon State University College of Forestry Research Forest, industrial operational plantations, and reforestation study sites.

What to Wear / Bring

- Comfortable shoes suitable for walking on uneven ground
- Layered clothing
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Notebook and pen

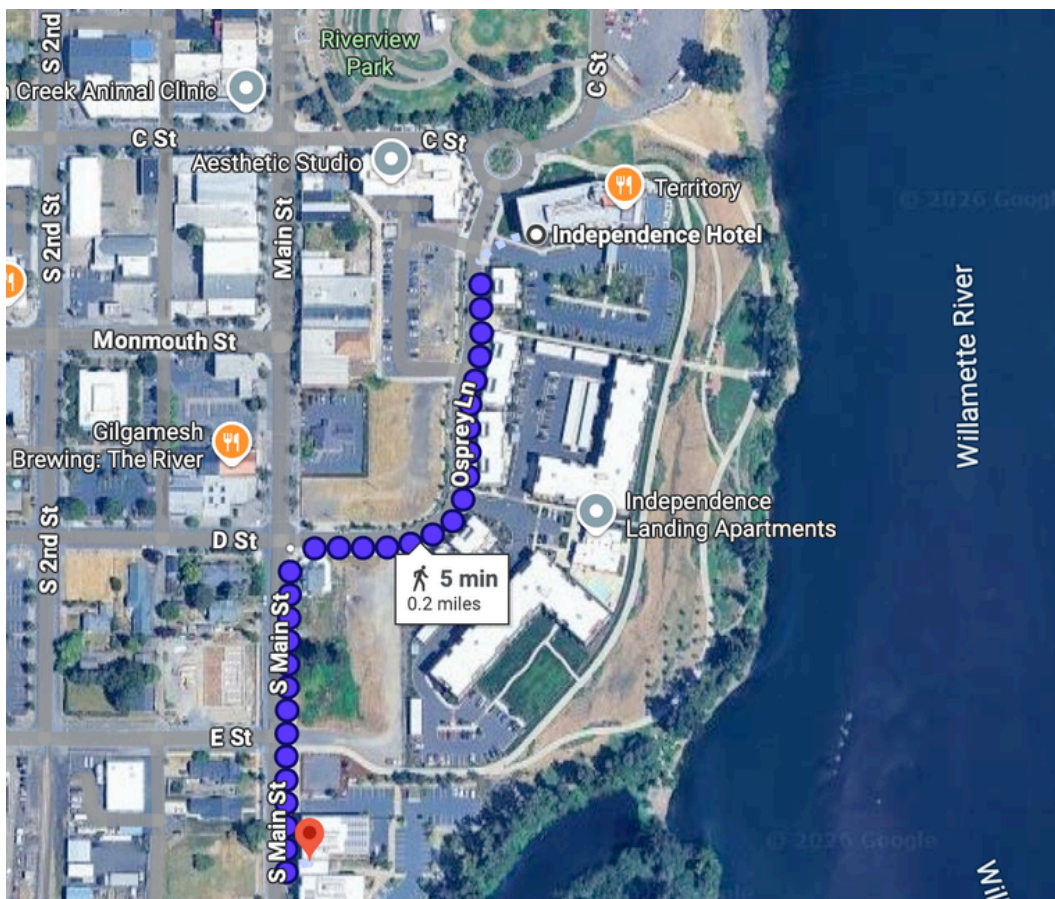
VENUE DETAILS

Independence, OR is a quaint western town located on the Willamette River in the heart of the Willamette Valley. The town features a charming walkable main street with plenty of shops and eateries as well as a riverfront park.

The Conference will take place at the Independence Civic Center in Independence.

555 S Main St, Independence, OR 97351

44°50'56.0"N 123°11'04.0"W



The Civic Center is a 5-minute walk from the Independence Hotel.

201 Osprey Ln, Independence, OR 97351

44°51'05.0"N 123°10'59.5"W

THE INDEPENDENCE HOTEL

A boutique hotel on the banks of the Willamette river. The hotel offers a roof deck, gym, reservable private hot tub, EV charging, and free loaner bikes.

Directly north of the hotel is the beautiful Riverview Park.



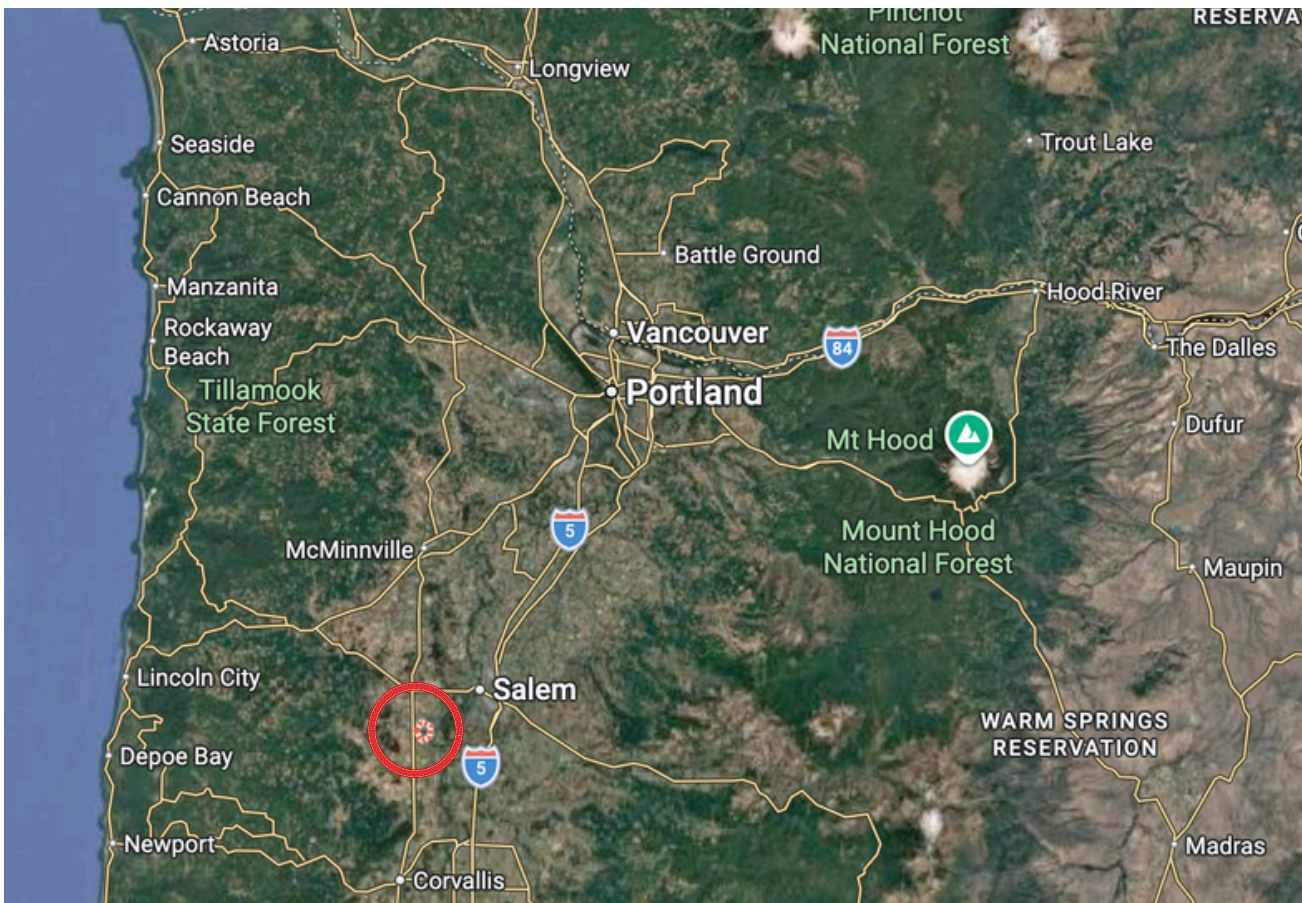
THE INDEPENDENCE CIVIC CENTER

For those not staying at the hotel, the civic center has free parking in the rear of the building.

The best entrance for the conference is also found at the rear of the building on the ground level.



GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE



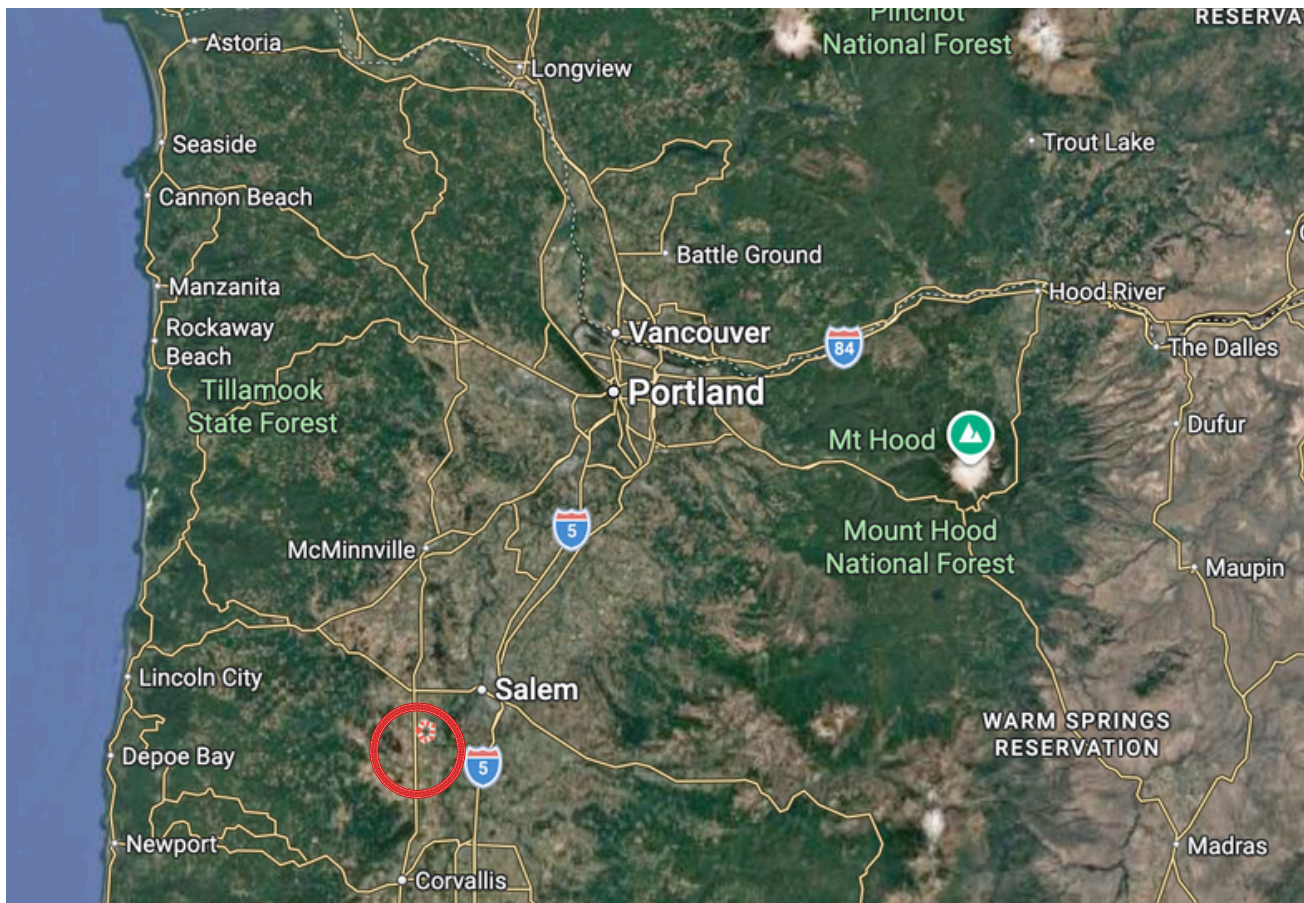
By Plane

For folks flying into the area, PDX (Portland, OR) and SEA (Seattle, WA) are the two major airports.

Independence is an 80-minute drive from the Portland Airport (PDX).

Independence is a 4-5 hour drive from the Sea-Tac Airport (SEA)

GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE



By Car

Shuttles are available from PDX to the Salem, OR Holiday Inn via Groome Transportation.

Shuttles are approximately \$50 each way and depart every hour on the :30. It takes 1.5 hours.

From Salem, you can take a Lyft or Uber to Independence for about \$35.

GETTING TO INDEPENDENCE

By Train

From the Portland Airport, you can take the light rail, called the MAX, to Union Station. Take the red line and walk to Union Station or connect to the green line. The Max costs \$2.80 per ride.

TriMet trip planner

From Union Station, you can take Amtrak train or bus to Salem, OR for approximately \$10-20. Buses and trains depart about every 1-2 hours from 7am-9pm.

From the Seattle airport, you can take the light rail to International District/Chinatown stop and then walk to King St. Station. From there, you can take Amtrak direct to Salem. A 5-6 hour train trip for about \$40-\$120.

Amtrak

From Salem, you can you can take a Lyft or Uber to Independence for about \$30.

WHAT TO DO IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The Willamette Valley is a renowned tourism locale celebrated for its wineries, abundant agrotourism, charming towns, and beautiful natural areas.



Area highlights:

Woodburn Premium Outlets
(Woodburn)

Evergreen Aviation & Space
Museum (McMinnville)

Silver Falls State Park
(Silverton)

Wineries Map

For more information check out

www.willamettevalley.org

Silver Falls State Park, located in Silverton, OR, is the crown jewel of the OR state parks system. Known for being home to more than 10 waterfalls.

WHAT TO DO IN PORTLAND

Portland, the largest city in Oregon, is nicknamed Stumptown. This moniker originates from the mid-1800s when trees were being cut down more rapidly than stumps could be removed to make way for streets and houses.

Portland-area highlights:

World Forestry Center
Portland Zoo
Japanese Garden
Tax-free shopping

<https://www.travelportland.com/>

Looking for a place to stay in Portland?

Park Lane Suites and Inn is a lovely, budget-friendly option in NW Portland with free parking conveniently located near the World Forestry Center & Zoo. Guests of the hotel receive free tickets to the Japanese Garden - a value of \$22.50 per ticket.