

Walla Walla Outdoor Day Date

Bledsoe Family Winery

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The Walla Walla Valley is home to world-class wine, along with an abundance of gorgeous views. Wander around the region while taking in the great outdoors and some truly amazing wines.

8:00 AM: Wake up and head to <u>Bacon & Eggs</u> in downtown Walla Walla for breakfast. This is a popular local spot, so give them a call and make a reservation. My favorite thing on the menu is the Papas Pastores.

9:30 AM: One of my favorite things about the Walla Walla Valley is the amazing outdoor locations and views. After breakfast, hop in the car for a scenic drive. I recommend heading up Mill Creek, along the foothills of the Blue Mountains and then back into town on this route. This scenic drive takes over an hour, so throw on this playlist for the drive.

11:30 AM: On your way back into town, stop at <u>ALUVÉ</u> for a tasting at their beautiful winery in the Eastside Wine District. From there, you'll enjoy vineyard and mountain views alongside the wine. Their winery has ample outdoor space, so feel free to bring some lawn games, or a football to toss around in between tasting.

Reservations are required for tasting.

1:00 PM: Head back to downtown and stop by <u>Graze</u> for lunch. They have amazing salads and sandwiches. You can dine in their restaurant, on their patio or grab it to go and enjoy a picnic lunch at <u>Pioneer Park</u> – just a couple minute drive from downtown.

If you want something sweet after lunch, pop into neighboring <u>Pine Cone Creamery</u> and grab some ice cream. They have a huge selection of unique flavors, many made with locally sourced items. One of my favorite flavors is the Klicker's Strawberry.

2:00 PM: It's time for a tasting with my team at <u>Bledsoe Family Winery</u>, located on Main Street in downtown Walla Walla.

Bledsoe Family Winery was started in 2017 by Drew and Maura Bledsoe to explore different varietals and growing regions of the Walla Walla Valley region. Taste through our lineup of wines and be sure to grab a few bottles to take home, or even enjoy them with dinner this evening.

Reservations are recommended for tasting.

3:30 PM: There's time for one more wine tasting this afternoon, and I recommend visiting Gramercy Cellars or FIGGINS.

<u>Gramercy Cellars</u> crafts some of my favorite wines in the region. Gramercy Cellars and Bledsoe Family Winery just opened a joint tasting room and wine bar with the crew at Gramercy in Seattle called Four Eleven Wine Lounge.

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Chris Figgins, winemaker and owner of <u>FIGGINS</u>, was one of my first mentors in winemaking when I started at Leonetti Cellar. At FIGGINS, you can taste wines from a single vineyard, located on the Eastside of the Walla Walla Valley (you drove past this site this morning headed back to town on your drive).

Reservations are required for tasting.

5:00 PM: Wind down with a seasonal cocktail at <u>Passatempo Taverna</u>. If you'd like a predinner snack, order some of their house made focaccia to tide you over – it won't disappoint. On a pleasant fall day, I highly recommend grabbing a seat on their patio – it may be the best one in town.

Reservations are recommended.

6:00 PM: Head to dinner at <u>Saffron Mediterranean Kitchen</u> – my favorite place to grab dinner in the Walla Walla Valley. There's not one thing on their menu that isn't delicious, so order what looks good to you.

Reservations are recommended.



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