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WALLA WALLA VALLEY WINE



LOS ROCOSOS VINEYARD

ROGER LEMSTROM, OWNER, VITICULTURIST

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: SPEND THE DAY EXPLORING OREGON



"After a 30-year career in government and serving as a proud U.S. veteran, I found a new passion in winemaking. Inspired by the movie *Bottle Shock*, I now own Los Rocosos Vineyards in The Rocks District of Milton Freewater AVA, where I farm Rhône varietals like Grenache and Syrah. I love this community and am excited to take you on a day that is close to my heart. *Come along and experience my perfect day in the Walla Walla Valley.*"

9:00 AM | BREAKFAST AT WEE BIT O'HEATHERS

Gotta start the day right, and there's no better place than [Wee Bit O'Heathers](#). This spot's been a local favorite for over three decades, and I never pass up their eggs and hash or a slice of homemade pie. Trust me, you'll need a good breakfast before diving into the day's adventures!

10:30 AM | DUCLEAUX CELLARS

Next, head to [Ducleaux Cellars](#), where things are always laid-back and fun. Toby Turlay and Chris Ducleaux are serious about Rhône-style wines, but they don't take themselves too seriously—my kind of place! Their Syrah Cabernet blend, Stella of the Vines is a standout for me, but enjoy their flight and see what speaks to you.

12:30 PM | EXPLORE LOS ROCOSOS VINEYARDS WITH ROGER

Alright, now it's time to swing by [Los Rocosos Vineyards](#)—my place. After 30 years in government service and my time as a proud U.S. veteran, I found a new chapter in winemaking. At Los Rocosos, I'll personally guide you through our estate vineyards and share the story of how I transitioned from serving my country to cultivating the unique volcanic soils of the Rocks District of Milton Freewater. You'll get a chance to taste Rhône varietals like Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, all grown right here. It's a laid-back, intimate experience, with plenty of stories along the way.



1:30 PM | LUNCH AT BOMB TACOS

Time to refuel, and [Bomb Tacos](#) is where it's at. If you've never had a carne asada taco from here, you're in for a treat. The meat is packed with flavor, and the salsas? Well, they've got a kick, so be sure you are ready! This taco truck is always a great stop when you're exploring Oregon—quick, flavorful, and just what you need for lunch on the go.

2:30 PM | STOP IN FOR A TASTING AT WATERMILL WINERY

Next, head over to [Watermill Winery](#), founded by the Brown family in 2005. They've been farming the Valley for over 40 years, so they know a thing or two about growing great grapes. Enjoy their estate-grown Bordeaux and Rhône varieties, or, if you're feeling adventurous, try their refreshing [Blue Mountain Cider](#).

4:00 PM | POP IN FOR SOME HONEY

Stop by [Sweet Bee Honey Co.](#), a family-owned shop known for its locally sourced honey and handcrafted bee products! It is a truly unique experience. Setup your tasting online.

4:30 PM | TAKE IN MONGATA WINERY

Take a scenic drive over to [Mongata Winery](#). As you pull up, you'll be greeted by two Great Pyrenees dogs (who love visitors!) and the stunning barn. It's a laid-back, beautiful spot to relax and taste their exceptional wines. The views and the wine are both unforgettable.

6:30 PM | DINNER AT KELLY'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

End the day with dinner at [Kelly's](#), my go-to spot for a hearty meal. Whether you're in the mood for a juicy steak or something Irish-inspired, this place has it all. The lively casual atmosphere is perfect way to wrap up a day of adventures in The Rocks District of Milton Freewater. Trust me, you'll leave happy and full. No reservation necessary.



As a veteran and volunteer firefighter, I'm proud to honor those who serve. On Veterans Day—or any day—I offer discounts to veterans, firefighters, and law enforcement as my way of saying thank you.



LISTEN TO MY TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE PLAYLIST

Tune into my personally curated Spotify playlist as you explore. As a musician, I've shared some of my favorite tracks, along with music I've created, to provide the perfect ambiance for your adventure. Click here or scan the QR code below to start listening!

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