



DAY TRIP TO CHAMPOEG

From Newberg · Marion County, Oregon



RIVER AND
LAKE



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STATE HERITAGE AREA

Open all year for day use and camping, with a parking permit (Oregon State Parks, read October 29, 2026). Nothing of the town stands above ground.

Champoeg is a short drive from Newberg and under an hour from Portland. Plan two or three hours: the visitor center, a walk across the townsite to the river, the monument, and on a weekend from March to October the Newell House.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:30 | Leave Newberg on OR 219, cross the Willamette and turn onto Champoeg Road. |
| ☐ 10:00 | Buy a parking permit and start at the visitor center. |
| ☐ 10:45 | Walk the townsite to the river, then the monument and the Pioneer Memorial Building. |
| ☐ 12:00 | Picnic in the park. |
| ☐ 13:00 | On a Friday to Sunday from March to October, tour the Newell House and its neighbors. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The 1901 monument.** Its inscription records the 52 to 50 vote.
- **The street-corner posts in the meadow.** Shoot low across the grass to show how empty the town grid is.
- **The Willamette from the bank.** After winter rain the river shows how high it can run.



USGS topographic map, 1964 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	7 mi, about 12 min each way from downtown Newberg. From Portland: 29 mi, about 40 min.
HOURS	Open all year for day use. The park page lists no visitor center hours; call 503-678-1251 (Oregon State Parks, read October 29, 2026).
ADMISSION	Day-use parking permit required: \$10 a day for Oregon residents, \$12 for nonresidents, sold on site. Newell Pioneer Village charges \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12.
NEWELL HOUSE	Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., March through October, or by appointment (Newell Pioneer Village).
TIME ON SITE	Two to three hours.
RESTROOMS	Flush toilets in the park.
FOOD AND WATER	No food service is listed; bring a picnic. Newberg has stores and restaurants.
WALKING	Level walking across the meadow to the river and the monument.
CONTACT	Park: 503-678-1251. Newell Pioneer Village: 503-633-1852.
WEBSITE	stateparks.oregon.gov/park_113.php

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 45.24889, -122.89694 • 45°14'56"N
122°53'49"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oregon/champoeg/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.