



The Grove of the States Restoration Project is led by the following:  
Friends of Trees, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the  
Oregon Travel Information Council.

## Grove of the States Sponsorship Opportunities

Your chance to become a lasting part of Oregon history.



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## A mission to preserve history and nature

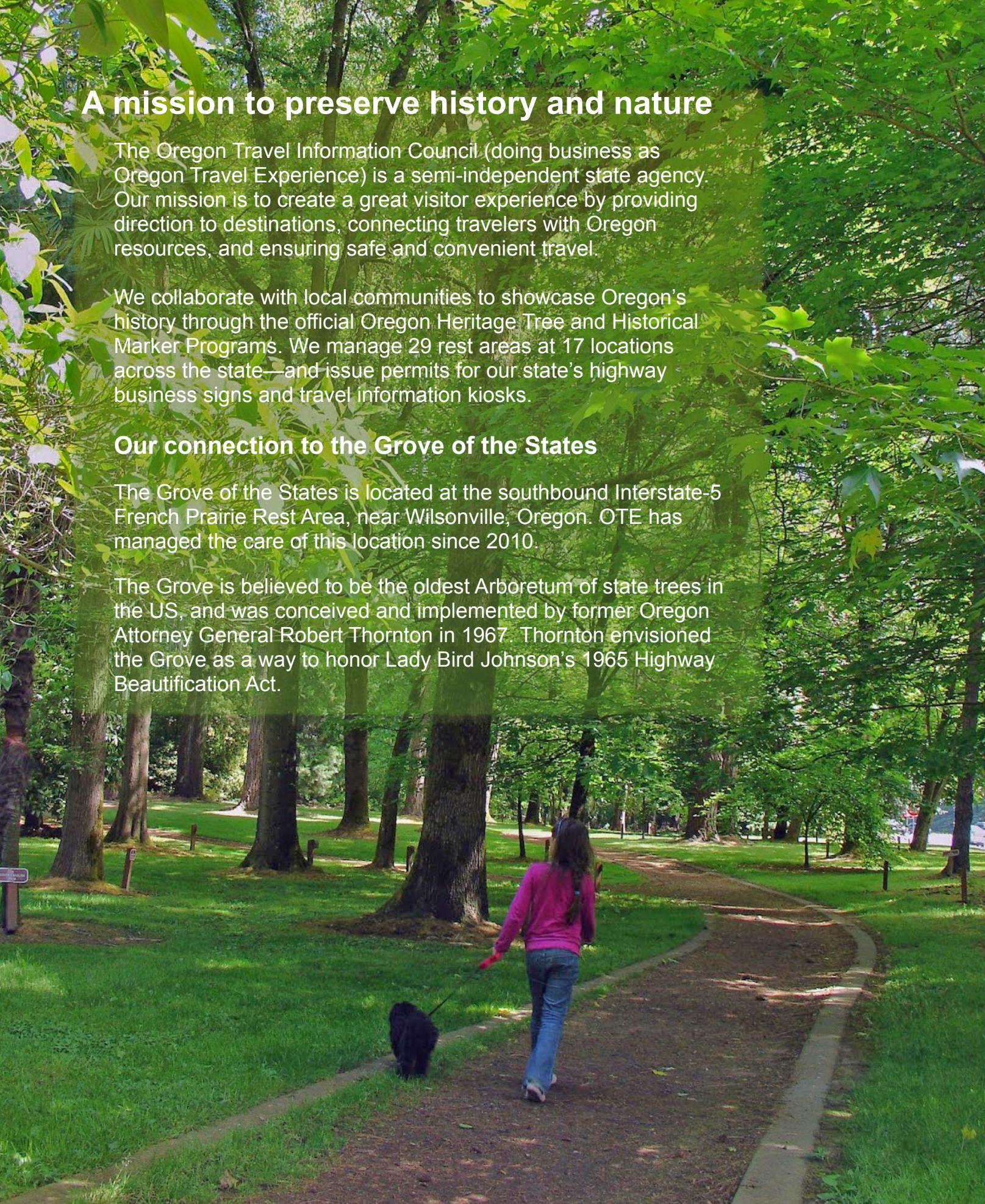
The Oregon Travel Information Council (doing business as Oregon Travel Experience) is a semi-independent state agency. Our mission is to create a great visitor experience by providing direction to destinations, connecting travelers with Oregon resources, and ensuring safe and convenient travel.

We collaborate with local communities to showcase Oregon's history through the official Oregon Heritage Tree and Historical Marker Programs. We manage 29 rest areas at 17 locations across the state—and issue permits for our state's highway business signs and travel information kiosks.

### Our connection to the Grove of the States

The Grove of the States is located at the southbound Interstate-5 French Prairie Rest Area, near Wilsonville, Oregon. OTE has managed the care of this location since 2010.

The Grove is believed to be the oldest Arboretum of state trees in the US, and was conceived and implemented by former Oregon Attorney General Robert Thornton in 1967. Thornton envisioned the Grove as a way to honor Lady Bird Johnson's 1965 Highway Beautification Act.



## Find your place in the future

OTE is on track with our restoration partners to preserve and restore this national treasure. When the original 53 trees (representing US states and territories) were planted, the young specimens were sited in a symbolic geographic location. No one imagined how rapidly Oregon's native Douglas-fir trees would overwhelm and adversely affect the health of the specimen trees.

As the 50th anniversary of the grove's dedication approaches—a public ceremony is slated for August 2017. We have opened the doorway to the first phase of the restoration project; this includes remedying overcrowding, planting new trees, restoring and expanding pathways, and installing new interpretive signs.

### Project partnerships

Joining OTE in the Grove Restoration Project is an alliance of individual conservationists, foresters, arborists, community leaders, volunteers, well known organizations and sister agencies.

Included are: Friends of Trees, the Oregon Heritage Tree and Historical Marker Programs, and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

### Sponsorships engage and enlighten

Grove of the States sponsorships are open to businesses, organizations, and individuals who would like to contribute in a meaningful way to the preservation of the Grove and Oregon history.

Urban forests are becoming increasingly important as cities expand their development, and the restored Grove will stand for many years as a historical discovery for travelers. Young students from the surrounding region will learn more about local history at the Grove—and your sponsorship will help support their educational curiosity.

Southbound French Prairie Rest Area welcomes over 2-million travelers each year. This is the first time that rest area sponsorship has been allowed in our state. Your business name will be seen by millions over the next few years, and your contribution will maintain the Grove in good health for many generations to come.

Please join us on this extraordinary journey. Sponsorship levels and benefits are listed on the insert of this publication.

