



## The Best Craft Breweries In Washington

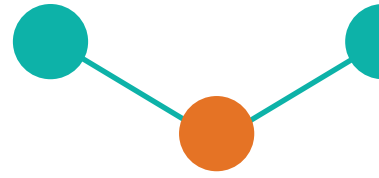
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There is no doubt that the state of Washington has one of the largest craft beer scenes. With over 250 craft breweries throughout the state, plus new ones opening up frequently, beer lovers will have no problem finding flavorful and creative brews to satisfy their cravings. From Seattle and Spokane to Stevenson, we've put together a list of some of the great craft breweries found in Washington.

### Airways Brewing Company

Airways Brewing Company has been delighting beer lovers with its craft brews since 2010. With two locations within Kent – a brewery and tap room plus a beer and bistro venue in historic downtown – Airways is a great place to unwind with friends after a long day. Guests can visit the adults-only tap room Tuesday through to Saturday to sample a variety of brews, which include favorites such as the Sky Hag IPA, a bitter beer, the Chocolate Stout with notes of coffee and chocolate, and the Oatmeal PSA with a hint of citrus. Adults may also visit the bistro any day of the week for the brewery's popular brews and tasty eats.





### **Bale Breaker Brewing Company**

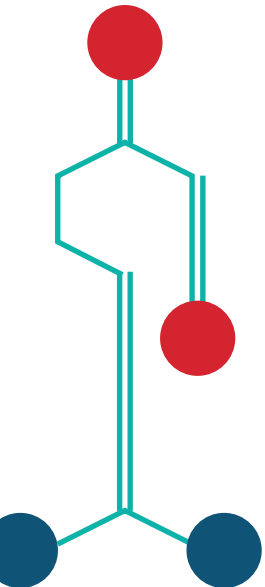
Situated in the middle of one of the oldest hop farms in Yakima, Bale Breaker Brewing Company is a family affair, serving its crafts brews Tuesday through to Sunday. Established in 2013, the friendly establishment features an interior space plus a beautiful outdoor area, complete with lush lawn, perfect for a picnic with family and friends. An assortment of tasty brews can be found on tap, including the award-winning Field 41 Pale Ale, the flagship Topcutter IPA, and the summer seasonal Raging Ditch Dry-Hopped Blonde. While they do not serve food, Bale Breaker allows guests to bring their own and hosts local food vendors during the summer.

### **Black Raven Brewing Co.**

Located in Redmond, Black Raven Brewing Co. is an award-winning establishment offering an array of mainstay and unique seasonal brews. Not afraid of experimenting, the brew team likes to use ingredients not often used in brewing to create very limited cask ales and often employs barrel aging. Beer aficionados can visit this adults-only venue to try a pint or sample tray of great brews, including the Trickster IPA with light fruit, citrus, and piney hop aromas, the Tamerlane Brown Porter with light nut flavors, and the Pour Les Oiseaux Wine Barrel Aged Saison with notes of Washington wine grapes. All of these award-winning brews, along with other varieties, can be sampled seven days a week.

### **Boundary Bay Brewery**

Established in 1995, Boundary Bay Brewery is a vibrant establishment featuring an array of handcrafted award-winning craft brews – over 100 awards – plus mouth-watering cuisine made with the best ingredients the area has to offer. Locally owned and operated, the welcoming brewery is nestled inside a renovated 1922 warehouse creating a great environment the entire family will enjoy. Offering many taps, which include seven taps devoted to year-round house brews plus rotating taps for special and seasonal beers, Boundary Bay is sure to have something for every beer lover. Craft brews to try include the Oatmeal Stout, which is a very rich brew, the Ski to Sea EBS, a seasonal copper colored brew, and the ever-popular IPA. Try these and more seven days a week.



## Burwood Brewing Co.

Currently celebrating its first anniversary, Burwood Brewing Co. is a family-friendly craft brewery located in Walla Walla. Owned by David and Jennifer Marshall, the cozy venue serves its handcrafted brews to thirsty drinkers Thursday through Sunday within an inviting atmosphere. Some of the brews guests will find include the Black Beer, also known as Schwarzbier, with notes of chocolate and vanilla, the American Pale Ale, and the IPA, which is a West Coast American IPA. Burwood does not serve food but does allow outside edibles and even hosts food trucks during the summer months. Other events also take place throughout the year all of which can be found on their website.

## Heathen Brewery

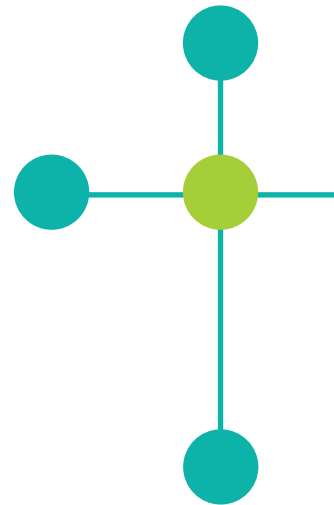
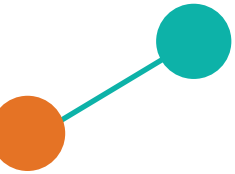
Setting out to create craft brews bursting with bold flavors, Heathen Brewery was born. A small craft brewery found in Vancouver, Heathen's brew team seeks out the freshest, high quality ingredients from local sources when available for its 'progressive ales.' Open Thursday through Saturday, this brewery is known for its small batch, seasonal, and experimental brews with current highlights being the Promiscuous Blonde, the Son of Malice Imperial IPA, the Transcend IPA with a light citrus flavor, and the Rip Porter. The Heathen Brewery will also be opening a brewpub in downtown Vancouver soon.

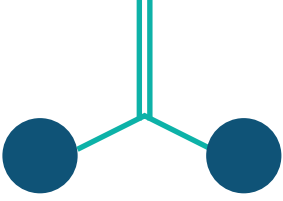
## Icicle Brewing Company

A family-friendly establishment until 10pm every night, Icicle Brewing Company is a spirited craft brewery serving a variety of handcrafted brews seven days a week. Found in the Bavarian-inspired town of Leavenworth, the brewery combines water from the Icicle River with the freshest ingredients available for its great beers. Guests can sit in their tasting room, which overlooks the brewery, to enjoy highlights such as the Crosscut Pilsner, the Bootjack IPA, and the Dark Persuasion with hints of chocolate and coconut. For those beer lovers who are interested in the behind-the-scenes action, the brewery offers tours on Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 1pm.

## Iron Goat Brewing Co.

A conversation that began between two strangers turned into a great craft brewery known as Iron Goat Brewing Co. Located in Spokane, this cozy place, complete with a bar built with reclaimed materials, has a lively atmosphere perfect for enjoying a variety of craft brews, including very small test batches, while having a





good time with friends. Some of the offerings visitors might find on tap include the Head Butt IPA with notes of citrus, tropical fruit, and spice, the Goatmeal Stout with hint of coffee and chocolate, and the Bleating Red Ale. Beer drinkers can find these and more Tuesday through Saturday plus attend events throughout the year, including the famous Thursday night trivia.

### **Republic Brewing Company**

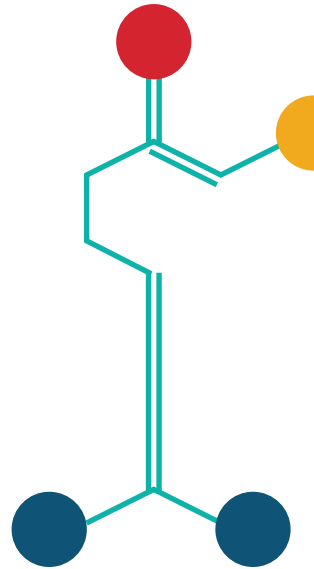
Situated in the charming community of Republic, the eponymous Republic Brewing Company is a family-owned and operated venue delighting customers with its flavorful brews Wednesday through Sunday. Within a comfortable space, complete with a handmade beer cap bar, couches, picnic tables, and wine barrels, beer lovers can sample any one of the six beers on tap, which include a few mainstays plus rotating selections. Enticing choices include the Republic Pale, which is packed full of fruity flavors, the Brush Fit Brown with notes of toffee, chocolate, and coffee, and the award-winning Big Mischief Porter with hints of molasses, dried cranberries, currants and plum pudding.

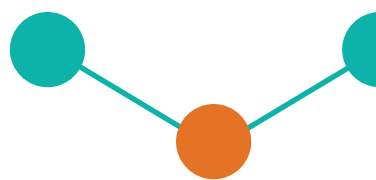
### **Reuben's Brews**

Opened in 2012, Reuben's Brews is a family-owned and operated microbrewery located in the beautiful city of Seattle. Open seven days a week to the delight of beer lovers, this welcoming place focuses on small batches and rotates its offerings frequently ensuring that there is always something different to try and something to suit many tastes. Within a laid-back environment, guests can sample current highlights and award-winning brews such as the Imperial Rye IPA with citrus and floral aroma, the Cream Ale, and the Robust Porter with roast and caramel aroma. While the brewery does not serve food, they often host food trucks.

### **Stoup Brewing**

With an interest in 'the art and science of beer', Brad Benson, Lara Zahaba and Robyn Schumacher followed their dream and passion and opened Stoup Brewing in Seattle in 2013. Located in Ballard's Brewing District, this great gathering place is open Tuesday through to Saturday and features a variety of award-winning brews sure to make beer lovers happy. Must-try options include the Bavarian Hefeweizen with banana and clove notes, the Session IPA, the Robust Porter with hints of chocolate and coffee and the NW Red. For those guests looking for something to nibble, the brewery hosts various food trucks.





## Walking Man Brewing

Creating award-winning brews since 2000, Walking Man Brewing is a great craft brewery found in the Columbia River Gorge town of Stevenson. Featuring an inviting interior and lovely beer garden, Walking Man is perfect for a relaxing day or night out with friends. Open Wednesday through Sunday, guests can sit back and enjoy a pint of Saunter on Saison with notes of fruit, black pepper, and sugar candy, Barefoot Brown with flavors of caramel, hazelnut, and coffee, Black Cherry Stout with chocolate and cherry flavors, and Littlefoot ISA to name a few. Walking Man also offers an array of edibles, including artisan pizza, burgers, salads, and more.

