



Explore Oregon 2009
“The Premier Summer Miata Tour Event”
July 17, 18 & 19

EVENT PLANNERS: WILLAMETTE VALLEY MIATA CLUB

“EXPLORE OREGON” is an annual premier three-day event, organized by the Willamette Valley Miata club. Be prepared to enjoy some of Oregon’s most beautiful and historic scenery as we explore the awesome back roads of the Cascade mountains, and beautiful Central Oregon as we spend an incredible weekend in Sisters, OR.

Sisters—Our destination

Pristine lakes, rivers and streams amid towering forests of Ponderosa Pines, all nestled beneath the snow-capped Three Sisters Mountains on the east side of Oregon's snowy Cascade Mountains. Sun-drenched days, star-filled nights. All this and more is waiting for you in beautiful Sisters, Oregon.

Stroll through the Western style town. Sisters has it all - antiques, art galleries, crafts, clothing, specialty shops - right next door to many great places to eat. The food ranges from barbecue and Wild West fare to some of the finest cuisine in the Pacific Northwest.

Whether you enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, golfing, rafting, mountain biking, skiing, horseback riding, snowmobiling or just plain relaxing, you can do it in Sisters country. On the edge of town, the Deschutes National Forest offers a 1.6 million-acre playground laced with miles and miles of trails, rivers, lakes, wilderness areas, scenic drives and vistas.

Come make yourself at home. Rustic cabins and campgrounds rub shoulders with world-class resorts, all within minutes of downtown Sisters.

Elevation:

The elevation of Sisters is 3180 feet. The population of the City of Sisters is 1706, and the population within the school district boundaries is approximately 15,000. Sisters is located in western Deschutes County.

Weather:

Sisters has four distinct seasons. We average 14 inches of annual precipitation (mostly in the form of snow in the winter). The air is dry and nights are typically cool. Summer temperatures average 84 degrees during the day and 41 degrees at night, while winter temperatures average 41 degrees during the day and 21 degrees at night.

Oregon Scenic Byways:

The McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass loop is a National Scenic Byway. Though accessible from cities west of the Cascades, Sisters is the place to begin this beautiful drive through two Cascade passes, past lava flows, and through 10,000-foot peaks. This loop can easily be driven in 3-5 hours, but plan to take longer if you want to enjoy all it has to offer. Total distance of the trip is 82 miles. The best time is July-October as McKenzie Pass is closed in the winter months. McKenzie Pass is closed to vehicles over 35 feet in total length and is not advised for trailers.

Other scenic drives are just a short distance from Sisters – The Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway and The Outback Scenic Byway.

Event Schedule

To be announced watch our website www.oregonmx5.com for more details as this exciting weekend develops.

Lodging



We will be staying at the Best Western Ponderosa Lodge in Sisters, call **541/549-1234** to reserve your room now be sure to mention either Explore Oregon or Willamette Valley Miata Club when calling. Rooms are \$116.00 plus tax and all rooms are double queens. The lodge features include an extensive complimentary continental breakfast, year round hot tub, and seasonal outdoor heated pool.

Banquet

Our Saturday evening dinner banquet will be held on the outdoor covered patio at Bronco Billy's Ranch Grill located in the historic Hotel Sisters



Costs: \$50.00 per person (\$90/couple) - includes Friday evening reception; the Saturday evening dinner banquet; Explore Oregon T-Shirt, attendee pack with event stickers, maps, and schedules.

Sign Up Now: Send registration check or money order to: WVMC, P.O. Box 70025, Eugene, OR. 97401. Be sure to preregister on the WVMC website: <http://www.oregonmx5.com/> (so we'll know who's coming!). For more info, call 503-364-6484

Staging areas:

For all events will be the parking lot at Ponderosa Lodge