



Ways to Look For Land

(for Oregon-based land seekers)

We're the first to admit - there's no secret sauce to the land search process. Successfully finding land requires a mix of determination, clear communication, good planning and frequently a dose of luck. *What you can do* is get your search out into the world - create content, knock on doors, talk to everyone you know. We hope that with a little bit of luck and a lot of grit, that you will soon be well on your way to acquiring new land.

Where to look for land

This list is intended as a starting point. Start here, go further.

- Search** [Oregon Farm Link](#) land holder postings (must create a seeker profile to make contact) Other nearby states like [WA have their own sites](#).
- Search** [Zillow](#) / [Landwatch](#) / [Loopnet](#) / [Capital Press](#) land listings
- Work** with a trusted realtor (see these [sample questions to interview realtors](#))
- Search** Craigslist
 - "Housing" filtered by type "land"
 - For Sale - Farm and Garden - search "lease"
- Search locally** with [Google Earth or Maps](#). Take a drive around areas you are interested in. Jot down addresses to contact landholders. Use county website data to get more information on the land and who the owner is. [Onxmaps.com](#) is a state hunting map tool where you can look up property lines.
- Contact** local entities that may hold excess land
 - Government districts like schools, parks and counties
 - Churches and mission-aligned nonprofits
 - Land Trusts in your area

How to share about your search

Be creative. Network. Persist.

- Create** an Oregon Farm Link landseeker posting
 - [How to create a great listing](#)
- Share** your search on social media platforms
 - Don't forget to link to your OFL landseeker posting
 - Consider paying for a boosted ad to have a wider reach
 - [Sample](#) ad
- Post** on Craigslist under the Farm and Garden section

- Advertise** your search in the Classifieds section of the Oregon Ag paper [Capital Press](#)
- Sign up** for and share to these listservs -
 - OSU Small Farms listserv (southern Willamette Valley)
 - Regional OSU extension listservs
- Send** physical letters to landholders
 - Find landholders with Google Earth/Maps, or, by driving around an area you like. Do research through your county land assessor / property taxation site.
- Create** a one-pager ([sample here](#)) describing your search to post at locations such as feed stores, market booths, farm/food conferences, and events. Some examples include
 - Oregon Small Farms Conference
 - CSA coalition events
 - Farmers Market events
 - Your website if you have one
- Attend** events for farmers. Sign up with organizational newsletters like these examples to learn about upcoming events:
 - [Friends of Family Farmers](#)
 - [Rogue Farm Corps](#) (also see [Changing Hands](#))
 - [Oregon Agricultural Trust](#)
 - [OSU Small Farms](#)
 - [Willamette Food and Farm Coalition](#)
 - [Gorge Grown Food Network](#)
 - [High Desert Food and Farm Alliance](#)
 - [Rogue Valley Food Systems Network](#)
 - [Soil Water and Conservation Districts](#) and [local land trusts](#)
- Connect** with your existing customer base and social networks. Always link to your OFL landseeker posting or attach a one-page summary.
 - Chefs, wholesale accounts, etc may have connections
 - Market managers may be able to help
- Post** to special interest groups around farming
 - [Oregon Pasture Network](#), OSU Farmer to Farmer listservs, etc
 - Search for FB or Google groups centered around farming in Oregon
 - [Oregon granges](#) - events, gatherings

Useful information and resources

- **Learn** how to use your county's website to look up property information including landholder info, zoning, and water rights.
 - [Property Information look up](#)
- [New England Farmland Finder](#) has tips that apply to Oregon too
- [Land For Good](#) has great resources about next steps in your landseeking journey.
- Use your best judgment! If something feels too good to be true, it is.