

McMENAMINS EDGEFIELD SELF-GUIDED TOUR

1. Administrator's House

This three-story, stately farmhouse was home to administrators and their families when Edgefield was the Multnomah County Poor Farm and, later, Edgefield Manor for retired elders. Today it boasts six bed-and-breakfast rooms, including a spacious attic room, a breakfast nook, dining room and homey living room. Attached to the house, in what was once a garage, Cris Corcoran creates blown-glass treasures in her workshop and store. Corcoran Glassworks is open seasonally.

2. Herb Garden

Beginning as a flower garden for residents of Edgefield Manor, the herb garden was one of the first cultivated plots at McMenemy Edgefield. Craft, medicinal and cooking herbs mingle among Mediterranean plants along the garden's winding path. Handmade bird feeders hang seasonally from the branches of the garden's trees: These gourds were hollowed and painted with unique designs by the gardening staff. A stroll throughout the property reveals colorful and sprightly gardens at practically every turn.

3. Power Station Pub

Still donning its original identification sign, this building provided coal power to the property until electrical lines were installed. It also housed the farm machinery and served as the Poor Farm's fire station. During the nursing home era, the Power Station became a laundry facility utilized by inmates of the county jail. McMenemy rejuvenated the building, damaged by fire in the 1980s, and opened its first-floor pub and second-floor guest rooms to the public. The third-floor attic attracts groups of up to 125 people for social and business gatherings.

4. Power Station Theater

This space was built as the boiler room in the 1930s to provide heat and hot water to the Main Lodge and surrounding buildings. Converted to a 125-seat movie theater in the early 1990s, it now shows recent releases and popular films nightly. Pub fare and beverages are available for the complete brew 'n' view experience.

5. Loading Dock Beer Garden

Umbrellas shade groups of picnic tables between the Brewery's loading dock and the Power Station Pub, providing an ideal gathering spot under the summer sun. The Loading Dock serves savory barbecued treats and pub fare with your choice of nonalcoholic beverages or brews and wines handcrafted on property. Open seasonally from lunch through dusk, weather permitting.

6. Water Tower

In 1927, the Poor Farm was declared a firetrap because it lacked fire detection and deterrent systems. At that time, the sprinkler system was installed throughout the Main Lodge and, in 1930, the water tower was erected. The gravity-run tower is now empty, yet it still stands tall, supporting hop vines that stretch toward its top during summer.

7. Blackberry Hall & Meadow

Edgefield's largest meeting space, Blackberry Hall holds up to 225 people and can be divided into the North and South Hall for smaller groups. The former mechanic's garage, turned police storage, turned recycling room when McMenemy first opened evolved into a grand meeting area in 1994. It is adjacent to the meadow where weddings and special events take place.

8. Distillery Bar & Pub Course Clubhouse

The Poor Farm once stored potatoes here, then converted the shed into a stable. In April 1998, Edgefield started producing spirits in part of the shed and converted the other half into the Distillery Bar. Edgefield's newest watering hole welcomes guests with fresh-juice cocktails, cigars, and an intriguing pipe sculpture suspended from the ceiling. The rustic lair also presides as the Pub Course Clubhouse. Sign up for a tee time on our 18-hole, 3-par, pitch 'n' putt golf course.

9. Vegetable Garden

In 1993, then Gardener Patrick McNurney planted a pumpkin patch in order to provide bulbous orange globes for the Troutdale Harvest Fair. Today a vegetable garden sprouts annually just east of the Blackberry Hall meadow, providing homegrown produce to the Black Rabbit Restaurant. A cutting garden also blooms there, supplying the Main Lodge with fresh and dried flowers.

10. Brewery

Originally built in 1937 as the cannery and meat-packing plant (the rails used for hanging beef are still visible) this is McMenemy's largest brewery. Its brewers handcraft over 30,000 kegs per year, including traditional favorites such as Terminator Stout, Ruby Ale and Hammerhead. The Brewery is one of numerous unexpected spots at Edgefield animated with art. Here the walls tell the history of beer as painted by Joe Cotter.

11. Ice House

This quaint room was utilized as cold storage for the Poor Farm before refrigeration arrived. It is rumored that escaped inmates from Rocky Butte Jail would hide out here in the '30s and '40s. Now it broadcasts sports with the only television at Edgefield, plays the blues, and serves spirits and cigars in a mellow atmosphere.

12. Halfway House

During Poor Farm days, this diminutive house served as the interim morgue – the resting spot for residents recently passed on until the coroner made the trip from Portland. When Edgefield first rejuvenated the one-room building it was used as a meeting space. In January 1996, onsite artisan Am Griswold began infusing the space with spirit and allure, not to mention a variety of clay creations. Am is present at Earth Art Clayworks, her studio/showroom, Thursday through Monday.

13. Winery & Tasting Room

In 1934, an infirmary wing was constructed for the aging Poor Farm population. Its basement opened as the Commissary, selling supplies such as soup, sweets and tobacco to residents. McMenemy turned the previous Commissary into a winery, Edgefield's first facility opened to the public since the rejuvenation, and Wine Tasting Room. The candlelit interior features antique British pub tables and a grand view into the Tank Room where white wines ferment.

14. Main Lodge

The Georgian Revival-style lodge was the dormitory for folks working on the Poor Farm and, later, recuperating in Edgefield Manor. The Main Lodge contains the majority of Edgefield's bed-and-breakfast rooms, the Black Rabbit Restaurant, the majestic Ballroom on the second floor, and hostel accommodations on the third floor. Wander the halls and enjoy the never-ending gallery of artwork adorning the elevator, walls, ceiling, staircases, doors, pipes, fuse boxes and guest rooms. Fifteen local artists have painted fantastical images all over the property.

15. Edgefield Gifts

Located just inside the main entrance, the gift shop features a variety of specialty Edgefield items, McMenemy memorabilia, and seasonal handmade gifts.

16. Black Rabbit Restaurant & Bar

The Black Rabbit opened in June 1993 as McMenemy's first fine dining restaurant. An extension of Old World fine dining, the Black Rabbit offers Pacific Northwest cuisine in a comfortable setting. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served seven days a week, while an adjacent bar provides full-service cocktails, premium spirits, and an extensive wine list.

17. Black Rabbit Courtyard

A lovely, peaceful spot for lunch and dinner, the Courtyard is open during summer. This New Orleans-style dining area is set with traditional wrought-iron furniture and offers the Black Rabbit menu.

18. Little Red Shed & Grove

The Poor Farm's incinerator shed has become one of Oregon's smallest freestanding pubs. Enjoy fine liquors and cigars in this rustic, cozy den, illuminated and warmed by a deep brick fireplace. Check out the English chimney pots, resembling stoic chess rooks, while enjoying a brew at one of the outdoor tables in the Shed's surrounding grove.

19. Jerry Garcia Sculpture

Standing over 7 feet tall, Joe Cotter's sculpture in honor of Jerry Garcia looks like a craggy tree from a distance. Upon closer view, visitors can make out contorted faces and creatures in its twisted bronze boughs. The statue was conceived when McMenemy approached Cotter with the idea of creating an "organic" piece for Edgefield. What evolved from that idea is for you, the viewer, to determine.

20. Vineyard

One of the first things visitors encounter is the three-acre Pinot Gris vineyard at the entrance of Edgefield. Used for the Winery's Estate Pinot Gris, this vineyard was planted in 1991 and harvested for its first fall crush three years later. A second vineyard of Syrah grapes was planted in 1995 to the west of Blackberry Hall.



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