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Looking for a raft? Bike at Hood River, or hang out on the scenic cliffs of Acadia National Park.

OUTSIDE IN

SEEK SUMMER THRILLS IN THESE LIVELY LOCALES

DREARY GRAY WINTER GETS in your bones, and by the end, who isn't dreaming of the outdoor life? The following four destinations marry geography and attitude, creating unique adventures day and night as you explore the ethos of a new spot. What's your M.O.?

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK Here on Maine's rugged Atlantic Coast, the view seems endless from Cadillac Mountain or one of Acadia's 25 other summits. Slackers and masochists can unite on the 100-plus miles of trails: Take an easy hike or a staggering climb like Precipice Trail, where you'll need to use hands, feet and iron rungs built into the rock. Bikers cruise along 57 miles of packed gravel carriage roads. Prefer an upper body workout? Paddle a kayak in the ocean surf, or try Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School, which puts you face-to-face with granite sea cliffs. Look to Bar Harbor for a place to stay and pubs to crawl after a day in this 46,000-acre wonderland.

ASHEVILLE A small city of 69,000 people, Asheville, N.C., and the luminous Blue Ridge Mountains glow with a young, active vibe. Hippies and indie-rock kids, kayak bums and

biking gearheads are all welcome. After a day's adventure, nosh on a smoked trout burrito, then catch a band at the Orange Peel. Kayaking rules the region's countless rivers, whether you're battling Class V rapids or just getting started at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, a premier site where you can also get hooked on rafting. You'll feel the pull of natural beauty—and a tug in your thighs and calves—hiking or biking in the mountains, especially treading routes like the renowned Appalachian Trail.

HOOD RIVER Hood River, Ore., pop. 6,000, sits in the Cascade Mountain Range along the Columbia River Gorge. The town's a mecca for windsurfers seeking speed, sun and the rush of eight-foot swells. Lately you can find plenty of kiteboards too, and any outfitter in town can set you up with gear and lessons. Other boarders are also welcome: Spend a summer morning on snowcapped Mt. Hood, snowboarding or skiing at Timberline, then race among Douglas firs on your mountain bike. Kayaks and rafts tumble through the Columbia's tributaries, and Smith Rock, 136 miles southeast, offers world-class bouldering and rock climbing for all skill levels. Had your fill? Your muscles won't mind a glass of the area's acclaimed Pinot Noir or a micro-brew and movie at Skylight Theatre.

TAMARACK RESORT Check out the first new U.S. all-season resort in 22 years. Nestled in unspoiled western Idaho, Tamarack resembles Vail, Colo., or Deer Valley, Utah—but smaller, with more personal attention. Here you'll find the state's only full-service mountain bike park. Or throw your bike on the lift and plunge into the backcountry: Lake Cascade and its environs get props comparable to Tahoe, while the mountain meadows of Robert Trent Jones II's 18-hole golf course almost make you forget you just dumped your ball in the drink. For a true escape, float the Middle Fork Salmon River on a multiday raft trip. Tamarack's lodging includes chalets and cottages, while nearby towns Donnelly and McCall offer other hotels. Check McCall too for bars, cafés and hot spot Bistro 45.—Alec Morrison

GEAR TO GO

MUST-HAVES FOR A STYLIN' SUMMER

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