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IF YOU'VE EVER WONDERED what it's like to be a flying squirrel, find out on an exhilarating two-hour adventure with **Sonoma Canopy Tours** (right). The experience takes you from treetop to treetop on a course of zip lines and sky bridges through towering stands of coast redwoods off the Bohemian Highway near Occidental, Calif. sonomacanopytours.com.

■ Drive southwest from Portland into the Willamette Valley and civilization quickly gives way to bucolic wineries and tiny towns. And then wham!—you come upon an enormous glass-walled building with waterslides pouring down the front of a Boeing 747 propped on the roof. You're looking at McMinnville's Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum and its new **Wings & Waves Waterpark**, complete with four slides, a wave pool, and exhibits about the power of water. Find out about reduced admission at AAA.com/discounts.evergreenmuseum.org.

■ There's more slippery fun at Silverwood Theme Park's Boulder Beach Waterpark, just north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The new **Ricochet Rapids** washes riders down an almost vertical tube, swirls them around sharp turns at high speeds, and then tumbles them into a splash landing. silverwoodthemepark.com.

■ No, it's not the Hollywood set for *Jurassic Park*. The stars of the Dinosaur Hall, opening July 16 at the **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County**, are the real deal, including a growth series with three *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossils—a baby, a juvenile, and an adult. Afterward, you can head downtown to spot celebrities of more recent vintage. nhm.org.

■ Hop on your bike and follow Oregon's **Banks-Vernonia State Trail**, a freshly paved 21-mile stretch of former railroad grade half an hour northwest of Portland. Rent wheels at Banks Bicycle Repair, then gradually climb from the pastoral valley into the wooded foothills, over 12 bridges and an old trestle,



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to Vernonia. Set up base camp at L.L. Stub Stewart State Park, with campgrounds, cabins, and picnic areas. oregonstateparks.org.

■ Tucked away in California's northeast corner, **Lassen Volcanic National Park** is a hidden treasure with turquoise lakes, cascading waterfalls, volcanic domes, and no crowds. New this summer: 20 charming cedar cabins equipped with platform beds on the shores of Manzanita Lake. nps.gov/lavo. ●