

NW Trek Balloon Rally

4 nights, Thurs, Fri, Sat. & Sun. **Sept. 21-24, 2017**
@ **Wine Country RV Resort**, Prosser, Washington

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*2017 Greater Prosser
Balloon Rally*



Thurs, Sept. 21 -- Arrival by 4 pm. Attendees receive event information & colorful souvenir mugs; social followed by our usual hearty appetizer potluck. Bring your table service to north mtg room for all breakfasts/potlucks.

Opt.: 5-7 pm, wine-tasting in the resort's party room, featuring Milbrandt Winery. All their wine tasting parties \$5.00 ea. include 'Wine Country RV Resort' wine glass (reusable at their other nightly wine tastings at just \$2.50.)

Friday, Sept. 22

6 a.m. Walk or shuttle to/from nearby airfield for inflating & launch of 20+ hot air balloons (7-8 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at clubhouse.

FREE TIME in Prosser:

Harvest Fair (11-7 pm) celebrates Prosser's rich agricultural heritage and features hand-crafted Arts & Crafts, Fine Art, Photography, Live Entertainment and Food Vendors.

Social at north meeting room 4:30 p.m. 5-7 p.m. 'Country Gentlemen' catered BBQ.

Opt. winetasting party during BBQ hours: Barrel Springs Winery

7 – 10 p.m. Street dance to live music in historic downtown Prosser.

Saturday, Sept. 23

6 a.m. Head for airfield; 7-8 a.m. mass balloon launch!

10:00 a.m. Fresh bakery/coffee/tea/juice at clubhouse.

10:45 a.m. – Start Winery Tour – carpool; bring bag lunch. We have two stops planned as a group, starting with a 1-1/2 hour “Tour & Taste” at YVCC’s Vineyard & Winery Technology, 11-12:30. There’s a \$5 ea. tour charge which can be applied to any wine purchase. By 1 p.m. or so, we’ll all be expected at Barrel Springs Winery on N. Gap Road. This happens to be a ‘dog friendly winery’ by the way. There, we’ll divide into a manageable number to tour the winery/vineyard and taste wines as the other half picnics in a garden area. (No charge for our group, but you’ll surely leave with a bottle or two of your favorites!) Those in your carpool may then decide to head for other wineries on your Prosser winery map or the winery tasting rooms just a short walk from our RV park at Vintner’s Village and Winemaker’s Loft!

Free Time?

- **Prosser Farmer’s Market** – 8 am – noon, off of Sommers & 7th St. (Prosser City Park): Fresh produce, bedding plants, flowers, arts & crafts, Espresso, Events, Live Music & more.
- **Caren Mercer-Andreason Street Painting Festival** (downtown, 9 am until 6 pm)
- **Harvest Fair** (downtown, 9 am until 6 pm)

Opt. for evening meal: Support Prosser’s 4-H annual BBQ 5:30 p.m. at the Art Fiker Stadium and enjoy ‘pre-glow’ & Mariachi music prior to 7 p.m. Balloon Night Glow! (free admission/parking).

Sunday, Sept. 24

6 a.m. Head for airfield; 7-8 a.m. final balloon rally launch.

9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast at clubhouse.

FREE TIME to explore more in Prosser: Harvest Fair (10 to 3 p.m.) etc.

3 p.m. opt. ‘coach-side’ sale tables (RVing items, supplies, crafts, books).

4 p.m. at clubhouse: Business meeting/social

5:30 p.m. Potluck w/use of gazebo BBQs/ bring salads/side dishes; dessert provided.

Clubhouse open till late.