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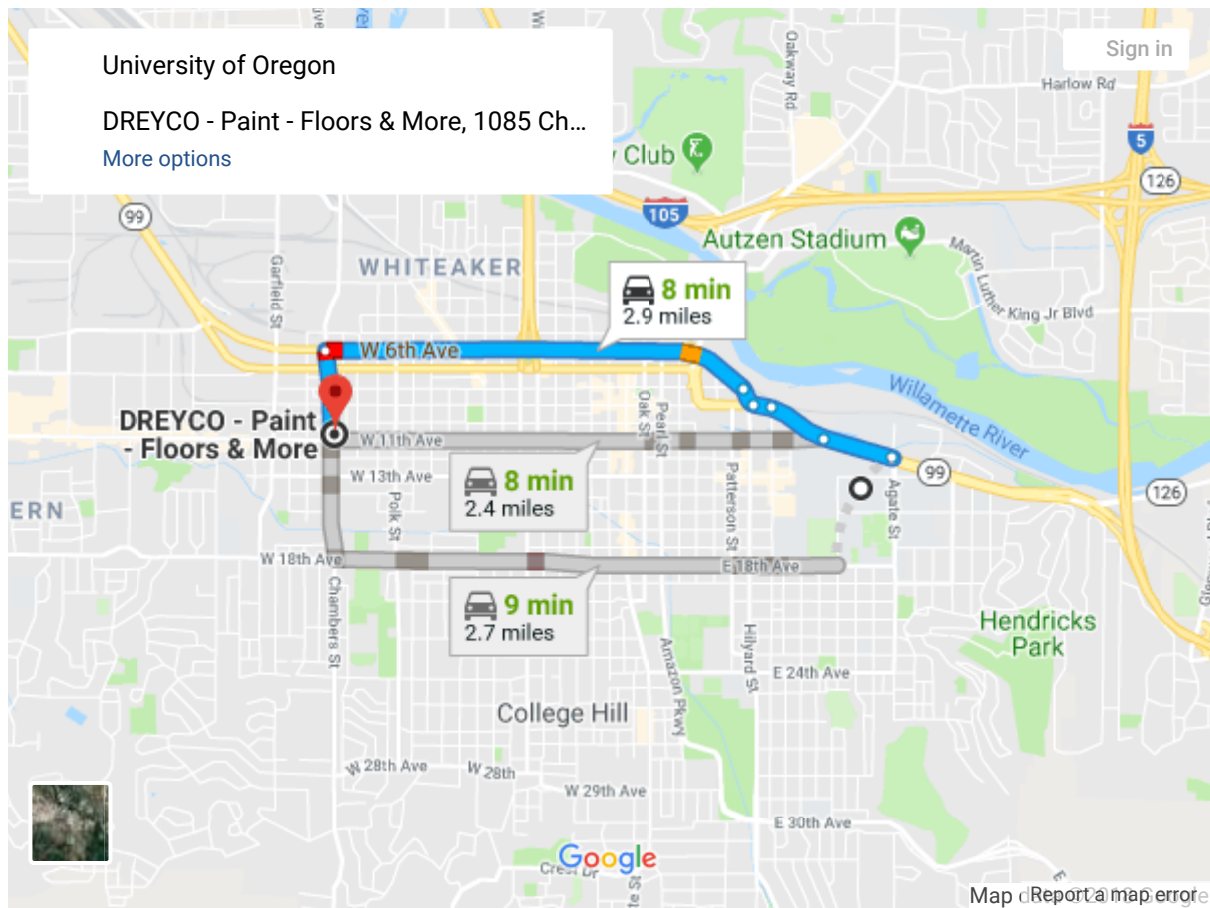
Here are more things to know about the University of Oregon.

1. The Oregon Duck mascot is actually Disney's Donald Duck. In the 1940s, then-athletic director Leo Harris struck a handshake deal with Walt Disney himself that allowed the school to use Donald Duck as a mascot but going under a different name. Disney had control over when the Duck could make appearances until 2010 when they relinquished that control.
2. In spite of Disney giving free rein on where and when the Duck mascot can make appearances, graphic art depictions of the mascot look similar enough to Donald and thus still fall under trademark agreement.
3. The University of Oregon is actually the second college founded in Eugene. The first was Columbia College, founded in 1856. Columbia College experienced two fires before internal conflicts caused the school to shut down in 1860. The University of Oregon opened in 1876, 16 years later.
4. Nike co-founder Phil Knight graduated from the University of Oregon in 1959 with a degree in journalism. The other co-founder was Bill Bowerman, who was also a U of O alum and former track and field coach.
5. Knight has since been extremely generous to his alma mater in regards to their Nike contract. For example, U of O athletes have often received first dibs on new Nike products. Nike also hosts special events during football and basketball games which can include tours of the facilities.

6. Other notable University of Oregon alumni include journalist Ann Curry, late runner Steve Prefontaine, film producer Don Simpson, author Chuck Palahniuk, and television producer Steven J. Cannell.
7. The friendly football rivalry between the Oregon Ducks and Oregon State University's Beavers is the seventh oldest in the nation.
8. Only seven other schools besides the University of Oregon have more inductees in the Professional Football Hall of Fame. The other schools are Syracuse, Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, Alabama, and Pittsburgh.
9. The University of Oregon is just one of two schools in the Northwest that's a member of the Association of American Universities. Schools are chosen on the basis of their quality of academic research and education.
10. The esteemed faculty at the University of Oregon include three Pulitzer Prize winners, eight National Academy of Science members, two Medal of Science recipients, and one McArthur fellow.
11. The University of Oregon's athletic department has 24 national team championships in sports that include men's basketball, men's outdoor track and field, women's indoor track and field, and women's cross country.
12. The University of Oregon's world-renowned Hayward Field has hosted the Olympic team trials in track and field six times.

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