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Welcome to Lake County! Lake County encompasses a vast area of high desert at the edge of the Great Basin. The Northern end of the county (often referred to as North Lake) is home to the communities of Christmas Valley, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Summer Lake and the small incorporated town of Paisley. Each community is distinctive with its own history and traditions, yet together they celebrate life on the High Desert with unity. 'North Lake County' is diverse and beautiful in its extremes.

Recreational opportunities abound - the area offers something for everyone. Hiking, Mt. Biking, Hunting and Fishing, an 8900 acre Sandbox to ride and explore on your ATV, a challenging 3,000 yard links-style golf course and a host of fascinating geological sites that take visitors back through time. There are reservoirs, rivers, mountain trails, horse camps, wildlife sanctuaries and amazing birding. It is a great place to visit and a great place to live!

This guide is designed to enhance your visit by providing information to help ensure your experience is the best it can be and to introduce you to the many businesses that support our primarily agrarian economy and to provide information on the many available services travelers may need along the way: Motels, Restaurants, RV parks and some great surprises when it comes to shopping.

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Christmas Valley Back Country Byway

Lakeview to Steens Mt. Back Country Byway

Plan time in your vacation or outing to explore -- add the Back Country Byways and all they offer!

The Basin and Range is the result of the North American plate being stretched as the smaller plates to its west were subducted and broken up during the Miocene Epoch (23 to 5 million years ago). The hot lower crust stretched in a plastic fashion while the brittle upper crust tore into rocky strips that foundered in the soft rock below, tilting into widely spaced ranges with basins between. This activity was accompanied by ferocious volcanism and the emplacement of widespread metal deposits. During wet times the basins became lakes; in dry times like today most basins dried into dusty *playas*. Most of these events are visible in the rocks and landforms along the Outback Scenic Byway.

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The Lake County Board of Commissioners



James Williams



Barry Shullenberger



Mark Albertson

The Lake County Board of Commissioners gained a new presence in January 2021 when long-time commissioner Brad Winters' seat was filled by newly elected commissioner Barry Shullenberger. Mr. Winters served Lake County for many years and is looking forward to enjoying retirement and new life adventures.

Welcome you to Beautiful Lake County

History and General Information

Lake County was created from Jackson and Wasco Counties by the 1874 Legislature. At that time, it included what is today, Klamath County and all of the present Lake County, with the exception of Warner Valley. In 1882, Klamath was removed and, in 1885 the Warner area from Grant County was added.

In area, Lake County is 8359 square miles, making it the third largest county in Oregon, Conversely, the County's population is averaged at just slightly less than one person per square mile.

The County's cities and towns are: Lakeview, an incorporated city that serves as the county seat; the tiny communities of Adel and Plush; Paisley, an incorporated town of about 250 residents; Summer Lake, a tiny hub for surrounding ranchers and farmers; Christmas Valley, an unincorporated town which serves as the commercial center for communities located in the county's northern end; and the small towns of Silver Lake and Fort Rock, each serving wide ranging area ranches and farms.

Lake County is a kaleidoscope of large cattle ranches, and hay farms with a couple of large sheep operations thrown in the mix. Recreational opportunities are found throughout the county. Visitors will not only enjoy the amazing landscapes, but the lakes, rivers, geologic sites and camping.

Hunters love the area where there is a good deal of big game: Elk, Mule Deer and Antelope and some very good bird hunting as well. Those who love to fish will find that the high desert offers some great fly fishing as well and a chance to land a trophy bass.

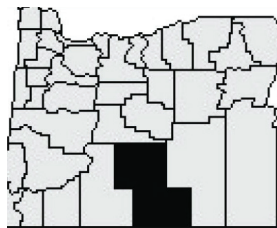
Hiking and wildlife viewing - photography - hang gliding. You name it and Lake County has it. There are also several camps and trail systems that are great for folks who enjoy trail riding.

Lastly there is the giant sand box not far from Christmas Valley where OHV riders come to play.



Points of Interest

- Abert Rim
- Christmas Valley Sand Dunes
- Crack in the Ground
- Ft. Rock State Park
- Gearhart Wilderness
- Hart Mt. Antelope Refuge
- Hole in the Ground
- Hunter's Hot Springs
- Lost Forest
- Old Perpetual Geyser
- Sheldon Nat. Wildlife Refuge
- Summer Lake Hot Springs
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- Sunstone Gathering near Plush
- Warner Canyon Refuge
- Warner Wetlands



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The Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber of Commerce serves the businesses and the communities of the northern end of Lake County, Oregon. Why, because Lake County is so large that one chamber simply can't provide for the north and south ends - they are 100 miles apart.

We are a small organization. The board members are volunteers, and we have no paid staff but as with many chambers in rural areas we get things done.

Every year the chamber produces this guide, manages the July 4th parade, including the purchase of the awards, hosts the annual Christmas lighting contest, places American flags along the highway through town in celebration of major federal holidays, and maintains a 24 hour, accessible Tourist Information center that is located at a front corner of J.W. Kerns parking lot. The Chamber also hosts an annual Awards banquet at which individuals and businesses are recognized.

The Chamber's Pocket Garden development

offers travelers as well as locals a cool peaceful space to enjoy a snack, read publications available at the Tourist Information building or simply enjoy the pleasures of our fragrant little garden..



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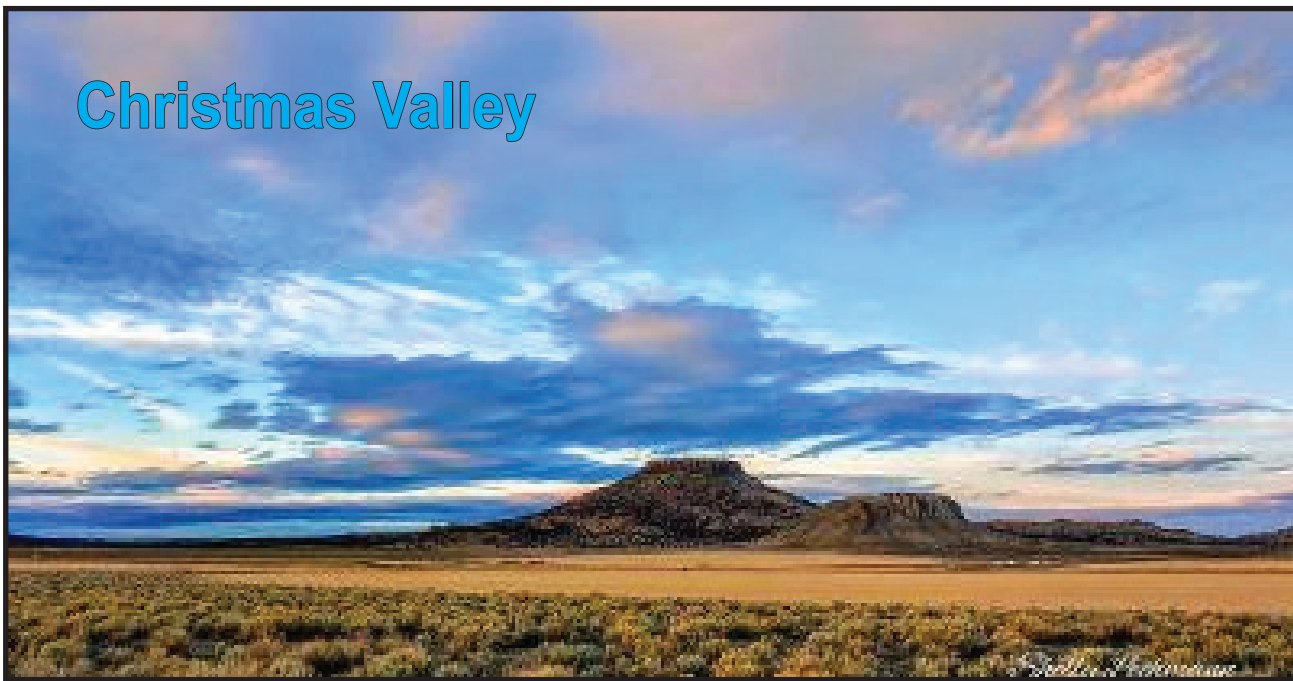
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Christmas Valley



Welcome to Christmas Valley

Christmas Valley is all about contrasts. When traveling through the area visitors will at one moment be surrounded by an endless ocean of desert brushes and bunch grass and in the twinkle of an eye, by vast circular fields of emerald green alfalfa and pastures filled with grazing cattle.

You are driving through what was once an ancient inland sea. The surrounding buttes, mountains and other elevated geologic features comprised its perimeter and the resulting landscape we see today.

You won't see Christmas tree farms; we grow HAY - lots of hay - some of the best Alfalfa Hay in the world. Most fields are watered by pivotal delivery systems that some describe as *Agricultural Sculptures*.

The little unincorporated township of Christmas Valley serves as the economic hub for the county's northern end with businesses ranging from suppliers of massive farming equipment and auto parts to a drive-through coffee stand.

Visitors will discover wonderful gift shops, three markets, a produce stand and several restaurants plus a full-service deli at one of the markets.

There are two motels, and an two RV parks providing full hook-up and a bath-houses. Tent

camping sites are also available. And, should one need a tire repaired there is a full-service tire shop too. Traveling in an RV, folks at times need repairs and they will find such services are available.

A small general store near the town's center offers a variety of items travelers often find themselves in need of - socks to frying pans and everything in between.

What visitors and residents alike find so alluring in this often harsh high-altitude area are the spectacular sunrises and sunsets, and a vast expanse of sky that pleases the eye and the heart.

Night skies are spectacular. With little ambient light, one is treated to clear views of stars, planets and constellations; many of which are undetectable in city scapes.

Walking on the desert or in the surrounding hills, hikers may see tiny groups of desert lilies and other wild flowers or a nest full of quail eggs.

Wildlife is everywhere, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, coyotes, jack rabbits and cottontails, and if you're lucky you might spot an elk or two.



Iconic Table Rock photo taken by Shelly Ratledge Leehman

Willows and Willows-West: A Shopping Delight

This coming fall will mark The Willows eleventh anniversary. Laura Parks with her love of the new, the old and the unexpected decided her busy life really needed to get even busier!

She purchased a nice little building at the east end of town and immediately filled it with antique pieces, large and small, collectibles from near and far, an array of kitchen goodies, original art work and one-of-a-kind wall decor. She called it *The Willows*.

Did the venture work? You bet. When



another property became available, Parks, and daughter Allison Rudolf decided to open a second shop. Initially the duo added a yarn store and a full-service, licensed floral shop along with major one-of-a-kind furniture

pieces and called it *Willows-West*.


The West now houses an amazing array of kitchen items with something for everyone. Their full service Floral offers fresh flowers year round.

The Willows is now

home to a lovely selection of fine yarns and knitting supplies, many antique pieces of furniture, complementary items, home decor, gifts, jewelry and so much more that one must simply stop in and browse, visit and enjoy an

unexpected shopping experience in Oregon's High Desert town of Christmas Valley.

Whether greeted by Laura, Allison or long time employee Jennifer, customers can count on leaving with smiles on their faces.



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High Desert Golfing at Its Best: *Christmas Valley Golf Course*

Golfers are in for a rare treat when in Christmas Valley, as this small remote town in Eastern Oregon is home to the challenging Christmas Valley Golf Course. Built back in 1964, this 9-hole, high desert, links style golf course is surprisingly long at 3,321 yards from the back tees; in addition, the extremely narrow fairways, small greens, and hard blowing winds combine to make this a tough test for any level golfer.

Rated by the Oregon Golf Association for all tees for both men and women golfers. The course is located in the middle of the town next to the old Christmas Valley Lodge, the library, and Baert Lake. When golfers show up, they'll find a modest sized practice green, a driving range practice field (around 300 yards), and a lot of geese in between. They'll also see a kiosk near the Parks and Rec building (by the library) where they can find

Condensed Article By Robbie Newport

scorecards, pencils, and a sign in sheet with instructions on how to pay.

With no tee times and, generally, no wait times, golfers will begin to appreciate the one of a kind attributes Christmas Valley Golf Course offers when it comes to tranquility and peacefulness.

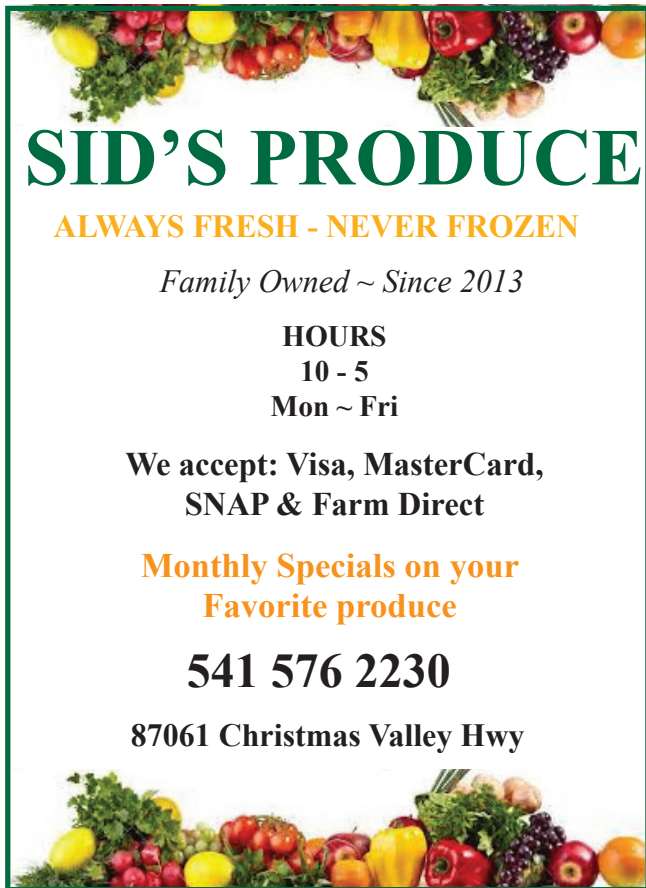
At only a few hundred dollars a year for a membership, \$20 for 9-holes, and \$25 for 18-holes, affordable golf rates is another unique attribute the Christmas Valley Golf Course offers.

Both serious and not so serious golfers alike should experience playing the Christmas Valley Golf Course at least once

in their lifetime, if not regularly. If they play the ball as it lies, this high desert gem will rival any challenge they've faced before. As for the peaceful surroundings and laid back atmosphere, they'll find this pure golfing experience second to none.



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Coyotes: Icons of the West

From the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife article, "Living with Wildlife: Coyotes"

The coyote may be iconic to the American West where they are widely distributed, but this amazing animal is found throughout the United States in wild, rural and urban settings. He is an adaptor and a survivor.



These predators are skillful with tremendous speed, agility strength and endurance and will eat just about anything, including fall grasses, fruits and berries. They are opportunistic so they are more than happy to eat pet food, garbage, garden crops and poultry. They are wily and at times conflict with human activity but in general they are wary of humans, which is why they are hard to spot.

Coyotes play an important role in the food chain by controlling mice, rats and other rodents as well as scavenging dead wildlife. Indeed rodents make up the bulk of their diet regardless the setting in which they live. In northern Lake County they help with the control of the Pocket Gopher and Sage Rat populations, both of which do tremendous damage in the hay fields.

Their preferred habitats include: patchworks of agricultural, but they are ever adaptable. Coyotes are considered "edge" users because this is where their primary prey is most abundant.

Coyotes in our area tend to be mostly tan with streaks of gray and black as this coloration blends well with the habitat.

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Once they know they have been spotted, they usually won't stick around.

The best chance of seeing and observing these beautiful animals is to look for them in open pastures and hay fields. When you do get a sighting, be very still. You may even get a chance to photograph one.



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Christmas Valley Sand Dunes

Welcome to the Christmas Valley Sand Dunes, the largest inland shifting sand dune system in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The complex covers 11,000 acres of which approximately 8,900 acres are open to vehicles. These dunes, often up to 60 feet high, are composed primarily of ash and pumice from the eruption of Mt. Mazama, that formed Crater Lake, 7,000 years ago.

The area offers a variety of activities including off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, hiking, sightseeing, photography, and camping and are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year. Since these activities often conflict, users are encouraged to respect the rights of other visitors as they enjoy their visit.



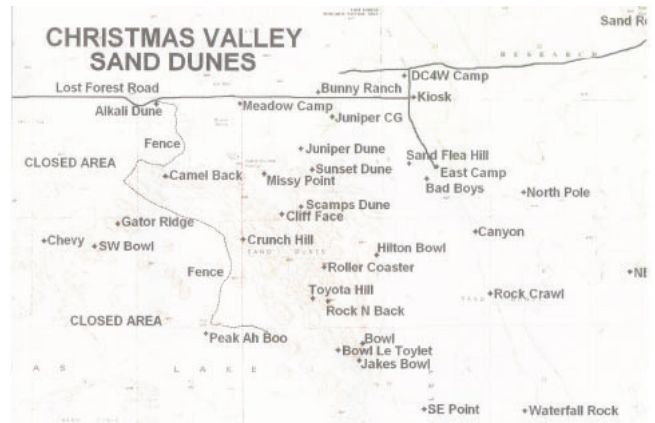
All Oregon state laws and regulations pertaining to off-highway vehicles apply. Vehicle operators must have a valid driver's license, state-issued all-terrain vehicle operator's permit or be accompanied by someone 18 or older with a valid driver's license. In addition all off-road vehicles must have a red or orange flag on an extended antenna while driving on the dunes.

State alcohol and drug laws also apply to all vehicle operators and passengers. A \$10 Oregon ATV operator permit may be required. Riders under age 18 are required to wear a DOT helmet.

Christmas Valley Sand Dunes

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Landmark	Latitude	Longitude
ALKALI DUNE	43°21'17"N	120°25'8"W
BAD BOYS CAMP	43°20'41"N	120°22'4"W
BOWL	43°19'20"N	120°22'48"W
BOWL LE TOILET	43°19'18"N	120°23'04"W
BUNNY RANCH	43°21'22"N	120°23'18"W
CAMEL BACK DUNE	43°20'42"N	120°25'01"W
CANYON	43°20'15"N	120°21'31"W
CHEVY TRUCK	43°20'10"N	120°26'24"W
CLIFF FACE	43°20'23"N	120°23'42"W
CRUNCH HILL	43°20'11"N	120°24'08"W
EAST CAMP	43°20'47"N	120°21'57"W
GATOR RIDGE	43°20'18"N	120°26'34"W
HILTON BOWL	43°20'04"N	120°22'38"W
JAKES BOWL	43°19'13"N	120°22'50"W
JUNIPER CAMPGROUND	43°21'10"N	120°23'08"W
JUNIPER DUNE	43°20'55"N	120°23'29"W
KIOSK	43°21'20"N	120°22'14"W
MEADOW CAMP	43°21'17"N	120°24'11"W
MISSY POINT	43°20'43"N	120°23'54"W
NORTH POLE	43°20'34"N	120°20'58"W
NORTHEAST CORNER	43°19'56"N	120°19'46"W
PEAK AH BO	43°19'25"N	120°24'34"W
ROCK CRAWL	43°19'45"N	120°21'21"W
ROCK N BAC	43°19'41"N	120°23'11"W
ROLLER COASTER	43°19'58"N	120°23'13"W
SAND FLEA HILL	43°20'46"N	120°22'16"W
SCAMPS DUNE	43°20'27"N	120°23'29"W
SOUTHEAST POINT	43°18'49"N	120°22'08"W
SOUTHWEST BOWL	43°20'07"N	120°25'50"W
SUNSET DUNE	43°20'45"N	120°23'22"W
TOYOTA HILL	43°18'42"N	120°23'21"W
WATERFALL ROCK	43°18'49"N	120°20'57"W



THE RULES

The Christmas Valley Sand Dunes are no secret to ATV enthusiasts. On major holidays such as Memorial Day and the 4th of July it is not unusual to see several thousand visitors camping at and riding the dunes.

- Whip flag that extends 8 ft from the ground**
- Stay on designated routes** Any trails without an "Open Road" sign is closed.
- No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle in a manner likely to cause environmental damage. Do not run over vegetation.**
- Do not collect firewood from the Lost Forest**
- Do not bring in, dispose of or possess any firewood containing nails, screws, or other metal hardware.**
- Spark arresters are required on all OHVs**
- Fossil Lake ACEC is closed to vehicles**
- Lost Forest RNA - stay on designated trails only.**
- Respect private property in the area.**

FINDING YOUR WAY TO THE DUNES



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Ten years ago a void was created when a local publication closed its doors. Enter Terry Crawford a recent resident with a love of writing, graphic design and layout. Crawford made a snap decision to fill that empty space with a new publication - one geared toward a little news, and a lot of content.

The first issue was just eight pages. Amazingly before Crawford reached home, after delivering the papers to local post offices, she had received calls from two area writers who wanted to regularly contribute to the publication. And so the pa-

per grew. First to 12 pages then to 16. And from 50/50 color to full color and great visual appeal.

"The goal" says Crawford, "is to offer the communities of the North end of Lake County a enjoyable read each month as well as a publication that guarantees advertiser's messages will reach readers."

Without local writers like Toni Bailie, Marie Lee, The Prospector, Marie and Gary Brain, Laura Parks and several guest contributors, *The Community Breeze* would not be the welcome addition it has become.

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Northern Lake County: A bird watchers happy place

Condensed from an article By Mary Jo Hedrick ~ Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

A wide variety of habitats from forest to desert shrub, from marsh to meadows can be found in Lake County and diverse habitats attract a wide array of birds. Even more fun for watchers is that with each season the variety of birds too will change.

Many species of raptors (hawks and eagles) can be observed throughout Lake County. Often they will sit atop power poles, pivots and fence posts.

Sandhill Cranes visit during the spring and summer breeding season and can be seen in the agricultural fields around Silver Lake, Summer Lake and Paisley. Viewers are urged to use binoculars or spotting scopes, and watch the Cranes from a distance.

Summer Lake Wildlife Area is one of best water-

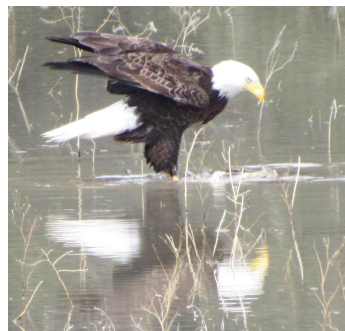
fowl viewing sites in Oregon during spring and fall migrations. The area consists of a large marsh with associated uplands that also support shorebirds, songbirds and mammals. Enjoy the eight-mile tour route between February and September. *Please be aware, occasionally the Viewing Loop may be temporarily closed due to habitat management activities.*

March through April, see migrating waterfowl flocks: ducks in their best breeding plumage, geese and swans. April through May see migrant waterbirds and songbirds. Fall migration picks up in August. Bird checklists and maps are available at the check station.

The Southern Oregon Basin & Range Birding Trail is a winding auto route that highlights specific sites for stopping and viewing birds among vast inland valleys, alkali flats, ethereal marshes, and forested slopes. Maps and recommended routes can be found on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife web site.



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The year was 1938. Anthropologist Luther Cressman, from the University of Oregon was on a dig at the Fort Rock Cave (located about one mile from Ft. Rock) when he unearthed weapons, tools, scrapers, drills awls, baskets and most memorably more than 70 pairs of sagebrush sandals.

Cressman was convinced that these artifacts were at least 9000 years old. His expectation was not validated until 1951 when fibers from the sandals were dated to more than 9000 years old.

Footwear of the same structure has also been found in six other sites in Southeastern Oregon and Northwestern Nevada. They are all called Fort Sandles.



Importance of Paisley Caves in the Archeological Record

Paisley's 5 Mile Point Caves are listed by the National Park Service as one of the nations most important archeological and historic sites.

The caves have been of archaeological interest since the late 1930s, but only since the turn of the century have truly significant discoveries been made.

Archeologist, Dr. Dennis Jenkins of University of Oregon, along with other researchers used chemical analysis along with radiocarbon dating on fossilized human feces to date ancient human occupation of the caves to more than 1000 years pre Clovis or roughly 14,300 years in the past. The caves are not open to the public.



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Crack-in-the-Ground: A great family adventure!

Crack-in-the-Ground is the result of tectonic and volcanic activity and is fairly new at only about 1,000 years. Viewed from the air its name is self explanatory.

Over all the feature is more than two miles long, however most is not accessible. The entrance is to the right as you reach the hiker log box. A little scramble down and over some large boulders and you're on your way to a cool (even in summer you may need a light jacket or sweater) adventure through time. Much of the trail is unobstructed; there are a few rock-falls to negotiate and one choke stone to go under.

Wherever your gaze lands you will find interesting cracks, crevices and intriguing



formations. At one point there is a narrow vertical gash that reveals a section of a parallel space that has not caved in. Look up and you see an expanse of deep blue sky.

This is a great, multi-generational outing as other than the scramble in, the difficulty is moderate. The kids are delighted with the adventure and the adults take pleasure in the more subtle aspects of the hike. And as hikers return through the crack they soon discover new and interesting perspectives around each bend.

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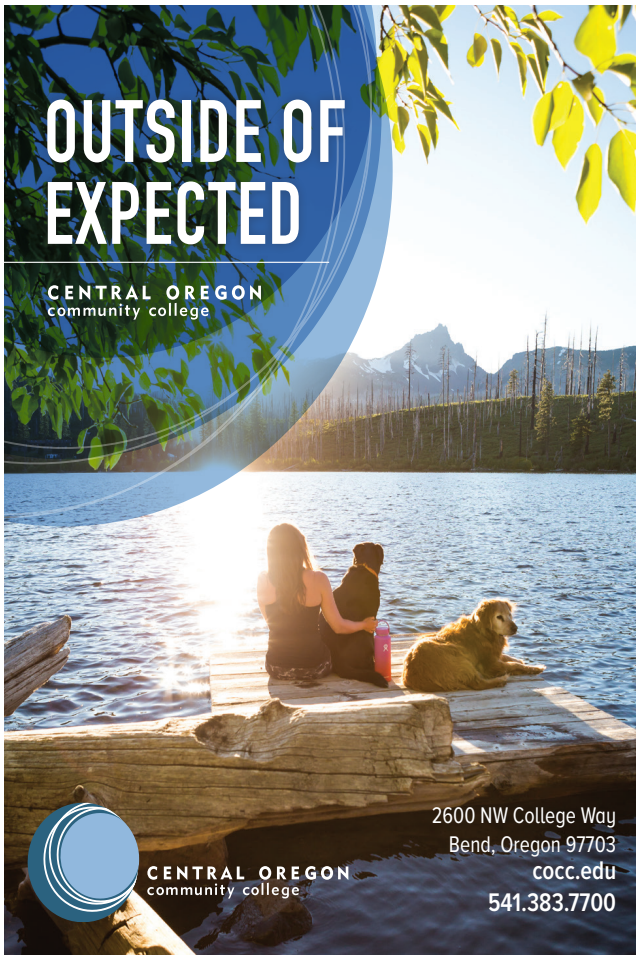
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North Lake School



North Lake School is a K-12 school serving approximately 235 students who reside in the communities of Fort Rock, Silver Lake and Christmas Valley, Oregon. The school is centrally located between these communities, and is designed to meet the needs of all of our students in our attendance area. We completed our construction bond projects, and with expanded facilities we are better able to serve our students with outstanding academic and extra-curricular programs.

North Lake operates on a four-day school week with students attending from 7:45-3:45 PM. Our K-12 staff is outstanding, and very committed to delivering a high quality education to all students. Because of our small size, we know our students well and are able to enable them to be successful in school.

North Lake Elementary students gain a solid foundation for early learners, and learn valuable social skills, as well. Our K-6 staff genuinely cares for the academic and social development of their students, and regularly collaborate to enhance the success of school wide programs. Elementary students participate in sports activities for beginning athletes, and we offer our school facilities for use by outside organizations who provide enriching activities for our students, as well. We offer a regular meeting place for 4-H groups, and parents help organize Santa's Secret Shop, Scholastic Book Fairs and the Clothes Closet. See North Lake School, Page 25.

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What's Going On?

June 3&4 2022 ~ Weekend Market
June 11, 2022 ~ Park & Rec Gymkhana Play Day
June 18, 2022 ~ Circle T Ranch Play Day Buckle Series
July 1&2 2022 ~ Weekend Market
July 2, 2022 ~ Catfish Derby at Baert Lake
July 3, 2022 ~ Luck of The Draw Golf Tournament
July 4, 2022 ~ Parade, Music, Food, Fireworks
July 9, 2022 ~ Park & Rec Gymkhana Play Day
July 16, 2022 ~ Park & Rec Jackpot Barrel Racing
July 23, 2022 ~ Circle T Ranch Play Day Buckle Series
July 30&31, 2022 ~ Paisley Oregon Mosquito Festival
Aug. 6, 2022 ~ Circle T Ranch Play Day Buckle Series
Aug. 13, 2022 ~ Park & Rec Gymkhana Play Day
Sept. 3&4, 2022 ~ In A Landscape: Music in the Wild
Ft. Rock State Park (see pg. 41)
Sept. 24, 2022 ~ Harvest Festival Golf Tournament
Four person best-ball fund raiser
Oct. 7&8 2022 ~ Weekend Market
Oct. 15, 2022 ~ Fall Festival: Country Store, food booths, Kids games & Auctions!!!
Oct. 31, 2022 ~ Trunk or Treat throughout the town
Nov. 4&5, 2022 ~ Weekend Market
Dec. 2&3, 2022 ~ Annual Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 9&10, 2022 ~ Weekend Market

Dec. 10 or 17, 2022 ~ Annual Christmas Light Parade
Jan. 6&7, 2023 ~ Weekend Market
Feb. 3&4 & March 3&4 , 2023 Weekend Market
March TBA 2023 ~ Ft. Rock Grange Annual Beef Dinner and Pie Auction
April 8, 2023 ~ Christmas Valley Boosters Annual Easter Egg Hunt at CV Golf Course
April 9, 2023 ~ Easter Sunrise Service at the Fort Rock Caldera
April 7-8, 2023 ~ Weekend Market
April 15, 2023 ~ Park & Rec Gymkhana Play Day
May 6, 2023 ~ Park & Rec Gymkhana Play Day
May 13, 2023 ~ North Lake Rodeo Association
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Dates may change, so please check the Christmas Valley Chamber web site and the Christmas Valley Park and Recreation Facebook page for updates and more information.

Come Celebrate! July 4th, 2022

Fabulous Family Fun

Annual "Luck of the Draw" Golf Tournament July 3rd

North Lake Park and Recreation hosts its *Two-Person Best Ball* with a BBQ to follow at Greg Rhondo's on Sunday, July 3rd. Sign up at 8:30 am near the first tee ~ Play starts at 9 am. Entry fee \$10 plus greens fee. This is a shotgun start.

The Parade!

July 4th Parade~ 11am~through the middle of town

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Line-up in front of Stockton Farm Market and El Gallo Loco on Park Rd. Judging will begin at 10:30 am with trophies being presented to winning entries as they move onto the highway. The parade travels east on the highway for nearly a mile.

GIANT WATER SLIDE IN FRONT OF PARK & REC OFFICE AFTER PARADE

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In 2010 the current property was purchased, giving the store 5000 sf of inside sales space and the ability to offer even requested and needed items to the community. As product lines were added so was space. A hay shed, and then a large-covered building materials and garden center.

J.W. Kerns Christmas Valley store continues to fill the needs of farms and ranches in North Lake County with nearly 20 years of service.

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Geological Adventures

Devil's Garden



Latitude: 43.512 N
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The Blowouts, the spatter vents in the foreground, are some of the source vents of the voluminous Devil's Garden lava field.

Devil's Garden Volcanic Field is located southeast of Newberry Caldera in Oregon and consists of several flows of pahoehoe lava (thick slow flowing) that erupted from fissure vents in the northeast part of the Devil's Garden.

The main vent on the north end of the fissure fed two large gutter/tube systems.

Several small vents to the south produced The Blowouts (two large spatter cones), several small spatter cones, and flows. Several older hills and higher areas were completely surrounded by the flows to form kiputas. The distal ends of the flows show excellent examples of inflated lava.

The flows cover an area of 45 square miles and are most likely between 50,000 and 10,000 years old. It is older than the formation of Crater Lake as ash from the eruption of Mount Mazama overlays the Devil's Garden lava flows.

Derrick Cave's entrance looks like a broken-face hole in the ground, but once inside you are in a wide lava tube that runs in two directions. The north cave is small. It is the main southern section of the cave that is fun to explore. It slopes downward, its floor covered in fine volcanic sand. Several areas of ceiling have collapsed allowing light to filter in.

Once past the last of these light sources you will need artificial light. A short walk will bring you to a large room that is 80 feet wide with a ceiling height of 46 feet. There is more to explore beyond the *Big Room*. You will see signs of the actual lava flow such as *lava-cicles* hanging from the ceiling, etched walls, and overhanging rounded shelves. The cave is at 4,960 feet, its length is 1,134 feet long and ranges from 14.5 to 53 feet below ground level.

Derrick Cave is located at the northeast corner of Devil's Garden about 22 miles from the community of

Derrick Cave



Fort Rock. The road taken to reach the cave is very rough and there are no facilities at the site. Visitors are advised to plan carefully for the trip and also to plan on wearing a jacket, even in summer, as cave temperatures are quite cool. Be sure to bring along reliable illumination.

Abert Rim

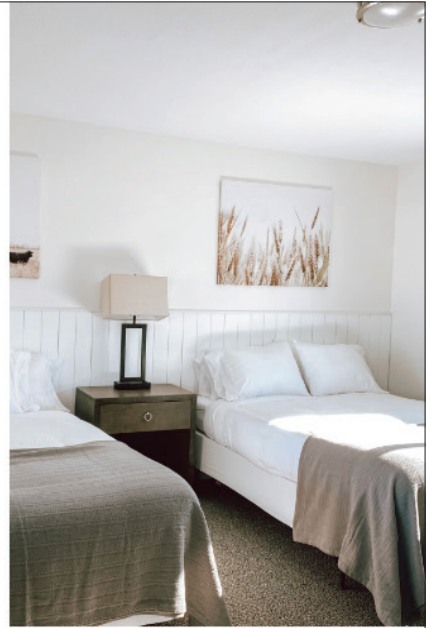
Abert Rim is the largest exposed fault scarp in North America and, from the top, you will have a view of Lake Abert, Oregon's



most saline lake. Keep an eye out for bighorn sheep along this hike. A herd was introduced in 1974 to help perpetuate the species. Other wildlife you might see includes prairie falcons, golden

eagles, great-horned owls, red-tailed hawks, deer, antelope, cougar, bobcat, coyotes, badger, lizards, snakes and songbirds.

Abert Rim can be difficult to access, but, for the determined and hardy, there is a cross-country option up the Juniper Creek drainage off of Highway 395. From the pullout, hike up the drainage, but be aware the last 300 feet involve some intense bushwacking through trees and climbing over boulders. This hike is not for the faint of heart. Once at the top, you are a short distance from the intersection with the Oregon Desert Trail route and the start of Section nine.



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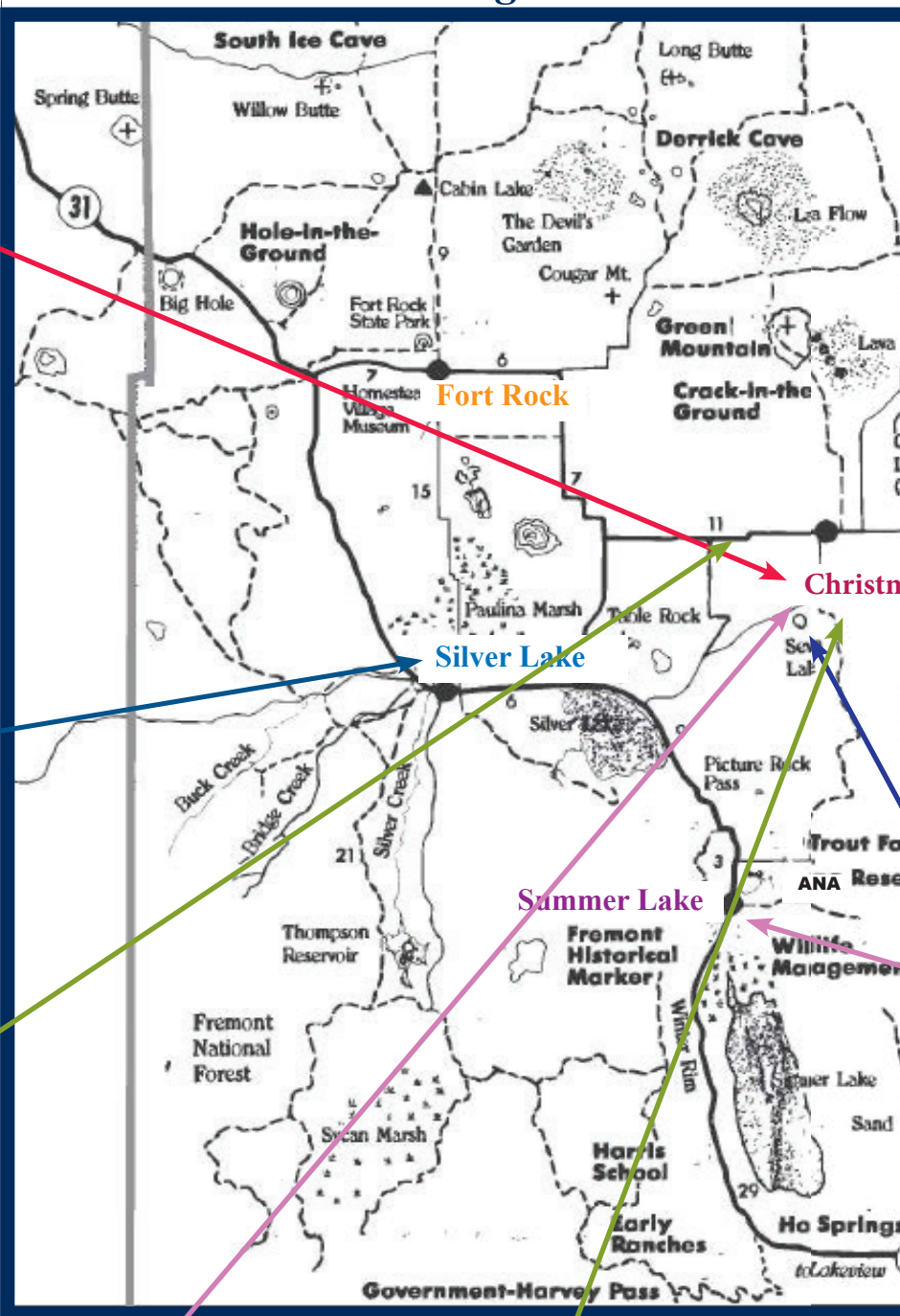
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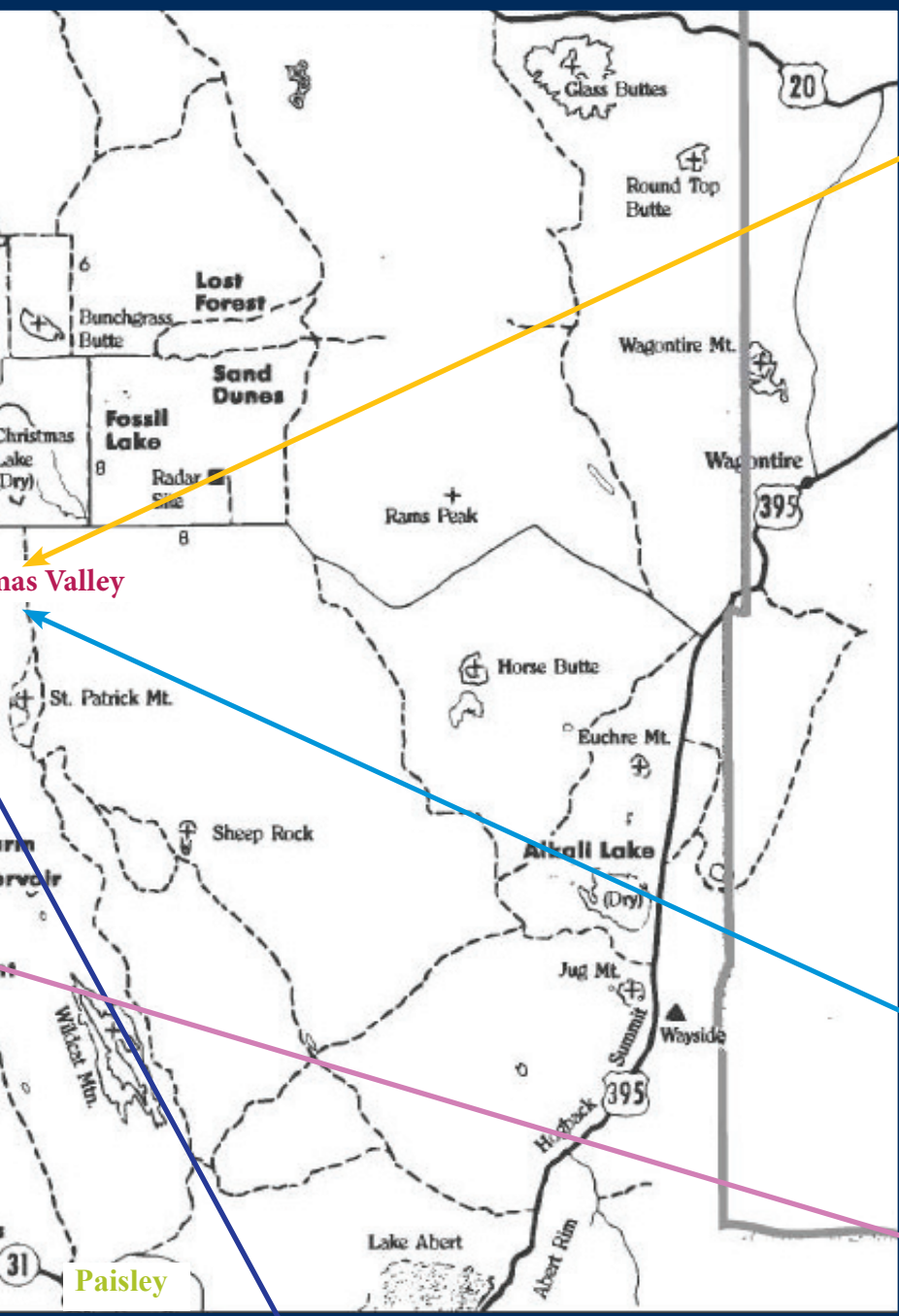
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Bitterbrush is in the rose family. It has three well spread out "teeth" on the end of the leaf. The full common name is "antelope bitterbrush." It's an importance browse plant for wildlife. Well adapted to desert life: with water-loss resistant leaves and long taproots, a plant may be decades or even centuries old.



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Hole-In-The-Ground: A great side trip



Hole-in-the-Ground is really huge! And, it is well worth a side trip while enjoying and exploring Oregon's Outback.

The floor of the crater is about 490 feet below the surrounding ground level with its rim rising 110-210 feet. The distance across the crater is about one mile.

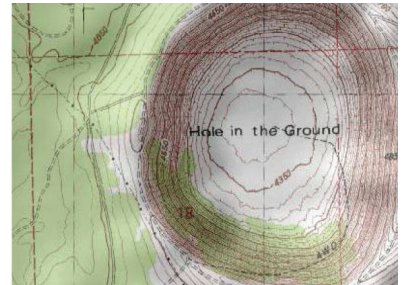
Hole-in-the-Ground is between 13,500 and 18,000 years old and was once quite near the shore of the Fort Rock Basin's ancient lake.

The 'Hole' is volcanic in origin and was caused when Basaltic magma intruded near the surface ground water and turned it to steam which then blew out overlaying rock and soil.

A huge hole was formed and over time material slid into the crater covering the vent. This process occurred many times. During these events blocks of basalt as large as 26 feet were flung as far as 2.3 miles from the crater.

There is a trail around the crater's rim as well as a trail that takes hikers down the rim's side, across the crater floor and up an

Un-drivable jeep road.



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Fishing Oregon's Outback

Condensed from an article by Dave Banks of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

North Lake County is full of excellent fishing opportunities. Whether you are a novice, or an expert fisherman, you can find many challenging and rewarding fishing experiences nearby.



Many small streams flow from the East slope of Yamsay Mountain: **Silver Creek, Buck Creek, Long Creek, Coyote Creek and Bridge Creek**, and they all provide good fishing for pan sized Redband and Brook trout. There is an 8-inch minimum length and two-trout per day limit on the Redbands. There is no size or catch restriction for the Brook trout.

The above creeks are open to artificial lures and fly-fishing year round, but access is severely limited during the winter due to snow and ice. The best time to fish these creeks is in the late

Fishing the ANA River

Did you know that the Ana river is the shortest spring-fed river in Oregon? This little river is a fantastic spot to escape to in the both winter and summer. For such a little river, Ana can produce large trout in excess of 20 inches and a good number of smaller fish.

Flies, lures and bait are all productive.

The river flows out of Ana Reservoir and then through Summer Lake Wildlife Area where it empties into Summer Lake.

Most stocked trout fishing occurs in the stretch of the river between the Reservoir and River Ranch Campground which is located on the wildlife area.



spring when high flows from winter run-off start to recede and the water clears.

Duncan Reservoir, located south of Hwy. 31 and about five miles east of the town of Silver Lake, is a 33 acre reservoir stocked with fingerling (3-4") and trophy (> 12") Rainbow trout. A boat ramp is available for launching boats up to 18 feet, but smaller boats are advisable.

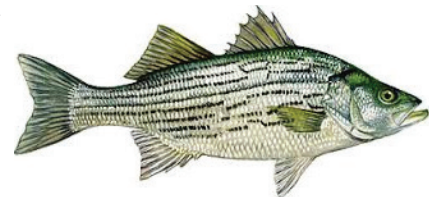
Pontoon boats or float tubes are an excellent way to fish this body of water and bank angling is very productive. The reservoir has a maximum depth of 15 feet.

Duncan's elevation is 4,832 feet. There are four single campsites on the west side and a group site below the dam. Duncan is fantastic for taking out small boats, canoes, and is very peaceful and quiet. Ice fishing is also possible when the weather is cold enough.

Fishing ANA Reservoir

Ana Reservoir is a 62 acre reservoir located near the town of Summer Lake. The water temperature remains around 60 F year round due to warm geothermal springs. The reservoir is stocked with fingerling rainbow trout.

Hybrid bass, or 'wipers' are available in the reservoir as well and can grow to in excess of 20 pounds. Many anglers target Hybrid bass in late winter and early spring, although they can be caught throughout the year.



Hybrid Bass

These bass are a schooling fish and work as a group to capture prey. Casting or trolling *crankbaits* (fish-looking lures that dive) or vertical jigging lures are both effective methods for catching the Hybrids.

Anglers are reminded that they may keep only one Hybrid bass (at least 16" in length) in a 24 hour period.

Thompson Valley Reservoir

FISH - CAMP - EXPLORE

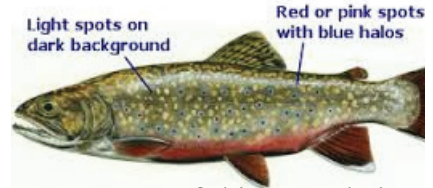
Thompson Valley Reservoir is one of Lake county's most popular fishing destinations. This large reservoir provides ample opportunity for boat and bank anglers alike. The average size of Rainbow trout is 14 inches and trout in excess of 18 inches are often landed. Thompson is stocked during May and June. The reservoir is also home to Large Mouth Bass. There is no size or number limit on the bass fishery.

There are two forest service campgrounds found along the shore with 18 camp sites having a hand pump for water, picnic tables, metal fire-rings with BBQ grills and outhouses. Also of note is that several spur roads leading down to the reservoir have great unimproved campsites.

There is one boat ramp at Thompson but there is no moorage.



Brook Trout



The current Oregon sport-fishing regulations can be found at: <https://www.eregulations.com/oregon/fishing/> Anglers are urged to consult these regulations for up-to-date seasons and limit restrictions

The Chewaucan River: A great place to fly fish

The Chewaucan River is formed by the confluence of Elder Creek and Dairy Creeks in the Gearhart Mountains. Small streams that flow together in an almost flat meadow, then through a forest and a canyon and into more high desert meadows in its lower section.

The River flows through a combination of Fremont-Winema National Forest, Bureau of Land Management public property and private property. The majority of access is through public lands.

Fish population consists of Red Band Rainbow trout and Brown trout.

The river's Red Band Rainbows average about eight to ten inches but grow as large as 16 inches and sometime even larger.



Foot Bridge across the Chewaucan River

This river has become a good quality trout stream since stocking ceased in 1996 along with many improvements that have improved trout habitat.

The Marstars Springs Campground is on the stream not far from Paisley. There are back-country sites all along the river on public property.

Above the Coffee Pot Creek confluence the river flows through private ranch land.

The best section to fish is the twelve mile canyon stretch from Coffee Pot Campground to Paisley.



FORT ROCK



Photo by Alisa Macelhaton

Explore - Be Surprised

Fort Rock is an unincorporated township not far off Highway 31. Named for the prominent volcanic feature that dominates one's view, the surrounding area boasts large cattle and hay growing operations as well as some substantial solar farms.

The hub of the town includes two full-service restaurants and bars, a small grocery that also has fuel, an RV park and the local Grange.

The Fort Rock Natural Area and State Park are only a mile off the highway as is the historic Fort Rock Cemetery where many homesteaders lay at rest along with more recent residents who have passed.

Also near the tiny town's center is the Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum where visitors can immerse themselves in the history of Oregon's high desert.

Fort Rock is a space in time worth exploring. Drive the back roads (if your vehicle has good tires, clearance and plenty of fuel) and discover vistas, canyons and grottoes you never imagined were hidden in the oceans of the desert's brush-covered floor.

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Ft. Rock's Geological History

What might you get when basaltic magma rises to a surface that is a mud covered lake-bottom? You may get what is called a *tuff ring*. Such geologic events create an incredibly powerful jet of steam that blows molten basalt into the air which then become



a fountain of hot particles and frothy ash. These come to rest around the vent and form a ring. If the event is significant enough the resulting tuff may be an island in the lake. In the case of the ancient Fort Rock Lake it is notable that the valley floor beneath was comprised of layers of red and black lava rock. Some of this material was also dislodged and was incorporated in the resulting tuff ring.

Over many thousands of years the wave action of the ancient and receding Fort Rock Lake eroded and cut terraces into the tuff ring. This wave action along with strong prevailing southerly winds eventually took out a section of the tuff wall. (Fort Rock Lake was the largest pluvial lake in Oregon and covered over 1260 square miles to a depth of 320 feet.)

Current scientific thought on the age of Fort Rock have it as 50,000 to 100,000 years old. The highest lake level in the tuff's history is based on the ramifications of wave action and occurred about 21,000 years ago.

Fort Rock is without a doubt one of the most recognizable geologic features in Oregon. Jutting up over 200 feet, Fort Rock today truly represents a major story in the geologic diary of the edge of the Great Basin. Its iconic fort-like appearance offers an ever-changing array of color, texture and shadow. Interestingly, Fort Rock tuff ring is one of approximately 40 such features in the Brothers Fault Zone of the Fort Rock basin.

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Step Back in Time at the Museum

Step back in time to Oregon's homestead era of the early 1900s at the **Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum!** The **Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum**, a display of preserved and protected homestead-era structures that have been moved from their original locations to the museum site just west of the town of Fort Rock. The buildings and structures have been renovated for entry and furnished in early 1900s decor so visitors can experience what life was like in eastern Oregon before electricity arrived.

A village has been created including period homes, school, church, store, garden and more. Vintage farm equipment and a blacksmith shop create a sense of the hard labor experienced by homesteaders of the time.

A self-guided tour offers visitors this unique setting. Some dub it a ghost town, supporters describe the museum as rich and alive with Oregon's homestead era and a great way to step into history.

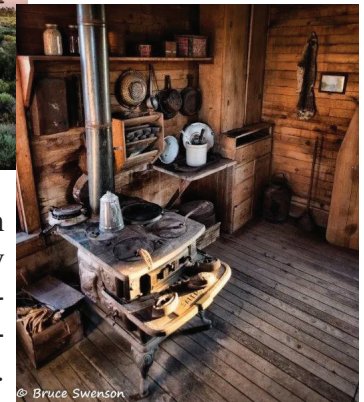
A specialty gift shop offers souvenirs, gift items and unique books of area history. Open Memorial Day weekend through 2nd weekend in

By Jana Kittredge

September, Thursdays through Sundays, 11:00-5:00, with the last tour at 4:30 pm. Children and adults alike can learn from this special experience!



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The museum is managed strictly by volunteers. Reviews are extraordinary. Admission: \$6. Adults; \$4. Children 12 & under; 5 and under free! Credit cards accepted.

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Perhaps as amazing as their speed is the distance a pronghorn can run. Pronghorn have been seen running 35 miles per hour more than two miles without stopping. About the size of a large house cat at birth, pronghorn grow to over 100 pounds. Most of this weight is amassed in their thick bodies with extremely large heart and lungs necessary for distance running. Instead of being heavy and muscular, a pronghorn's slender light legs can move much more quickly. Specially padded hooves work like a car's shock absorbers for rough and rocky terrain.

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Pronghorn rely not only on speed but also keen vision for protection. Their eyes, as big as an elephant's, see the world as you would if using binoculars with 8 power magnification. With eyes set far apart, a pronghorn's field of view is much wider than you see even with the naked eye.

Pronghorn conservation

Even with super speed and vision, pronghorn could not escape over hunting and the threat of extinction following settlement and development of the western United States. But with refuges and other protections the pronghorn were saved. Today the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service continues to ensure all Americans can visit their refuges to see pronghorn run wild and free.



Photo by Larry Jo Watts

Facts About American Pronghorn

Origin: western North America (Canada, United States, Mexico), 20 million years ago

Population: 30-40 million (1700s); 20,000 (1924); nearly 1 million (present day)

Weight: 7-9 lbs (3.5-4 kg) at birth; 75-130 lbs (34-59 kg) adult

Horns: Bony interior covered by keratinous (horn-like) sheath shed annually (like antlers)

Top Speed: 60 mph (100 kph)

Migration: 100 + miles

Age: 7-10 yrs

This page's information gleaned from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Hart Mountain National Refuge Oregon site.

IN A LANDSCAPE: Fort Rock State Park September 3 & 4 at 6:00 pm

Founded in 2016 by classical pianist Hunter Noack, IN A LANDSCAPE: Classical Music in the Wild is an outdoor concert series where America's most stunning landscapes replace the traditional concert hall. We bring a nine-foot Steinway grand piano on a flatbed trailer to National Parks, urban greenspaces, working ranches, farms, and historical sites for classical music concerts that connect people with each landscape.

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About the Concert at the Rock

A visit to the Fort Rock Valley Historical Homestead Museum, a collection of original homestead era buildings including a church,



school, houses, homestead cabins, and several other structures in a village setting is included in your ticket price

No chairs will be provided. Please bring low-back chairs. Those with high-back chairs will be asked to sit on the outer edges to avoid blocking the view of those behind you.

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Mule Deer Range Throughout the County

Mule Deer gained their name from the size of their ears - they are big and are about 3/4 the length of their head. Their coats change with the season and are tannish brown in the summer brownish grey in winter. They have white rump patches and small white tails with black tips. They do not flash their tails in alarm.



Mule deer are browsers and are selective feeders. Rather than eating a lot of low quality feed they select the most nutritious plants and parts of plants.

The spotted fawns are born over several weeks in summer and weigh only about five and half pounds. They stay down and hidden for about 10 days until they are strong enough to keep up with the doe.

When running, deer bound in a motion called "stotting," in which all four hooves push off the ground at the same time.

Western Pocket Gophers love alfalfa roots and they love to dig. The results are huge mounds of equipment damaging dirt and weakened plants. They are solitary and are seldom seen above ground so shooting them is not an option. Many hay ranches contract with locals to trap their fields, not to eradicate the gophers but to manage them. Just one of these tiny mighty creatures can move 3000 pounds of dirt in a year.



Belding Ground Squirrels (Sage Rats) are highly destructive to alfalfa fields and their burros on rangeland often cause a leg break in cattle and horses. Managing them is difficult and many hay farmers allow "ratters" to shoot the *rats*. It is not a free for all as hunters are expected to gain the landowner's permission to shoot on a field. Sage Rats; left unchecked can eat nearly half of a crop.



Silver Lake Oregon



Silver Lake is an unincorporated community on Route 31 in Lake County's north end. The town is sparsely populated yet quite lively and boasts many services and recreational opportunities.

There is a mercantile, filling station and convenience store with a full service deli, a cafe & bar and a few miles from town - The Cowboy Dinner Tree. Travelers will also find a six unit motel, two RV parks a laundromat and a US Post Office.

Wildlife is abundant throughout the area and it is not unusual to see mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, coyotes, badgers, and a multitude of raptors. The area has multiple camp grounds, fishing opportunities and numerous trails to hike or ride.

Silver Lake is home to several large cattle operations so don't be surprised to find yourself driving through a herd of cattle on its way to a new grazing site -- after all you are visiting
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On the summit of Yamsay Mountain, the views are spectacular. It is best to start your adventure from **Antler Horse Camp** out of Silver Lake from which you can ride west to Yamsay or east to Silver Creek Marsh and beyond.

Antler Horse Camp is lovely but quite rocky with only a few corrals. There is a water hydrant for your horse's water needs but be sure to bring water for yourself. The trail from Antler to Yam-

say is frequently blocked with blow-downs but the trail leading west to Silver Creek Marsh Horse Camp is usually open. The entire section may not be open (especially early on).

Silver Creek Marsh. In a forest setting, this facility has 17 tent and trailer sites, picnic tables and fire grates. Drinking water is available for both humans and horses. The horse corrals are plentiful, spacious and secure.

Ride west toward Antler or head east toward Farm Well and beyond. Some sections of this trail can be hard to identify. You will come to a FS road where the trail crosses and continues

upward then branches to **Farm Well** or to a final up and down to the top of Hager Mt.

Farm Well Horse Camp and campground has numerous campsites suitable for trucks with trailers as well as motor homes. The corrals are solid and well maintained. The trail that heads east toward Fremont Point is extremely rocky and with few markers. The trail section heading west has stretches that become overgrown easily so it's important to make some mental notes along the way.

It is a good idea to bring plenty of drinking water and water for the horses if possible.



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Picture Rock Pass - Divide or Intersection?

In northwest Lake County a low tilted-fault-block ridge divides the Summer Lake basin (a remnant of Lake Chewaucan) from the Fort Rock/Silver Lake basin. Even during the high stands of the late glacial maximum, about 18,000 years ago, the pluvial lakes were never joined.

This dynamic geologic and hydrologic intersection became an important cultural intersection. To the south the Paisley Five-Mile caves and to the north the Fort Rock region, both studied by Luther Cressman in the 1930s, are now known to have been occupied by early peoples over 12,000 years ago.

Petroglyphs in this region are diverse and distinctive, ranging from archaic (early Anthropocene) to later Anthropocene (the last 3000 years.) The ridge divide is now called Picture Rock Pass. There are many varieties of petroglyphs on sub-ridges and low basalt rims and boulders within a mile of the Highway 31 road cut and within six miles, along the south edge of Silver Lake, to the north; and south of the divide along the northern periphery of the Summer Lake basin near Ana Springs, now a reservoir. *From Rock Art Oregon - Blog: To Become Visible*



Sandhill Cranes: A tie to pre history



Sandhill cranes have one of the longest fossil histories of any extant bird. A 10 million year old crane fossil from Nebraska is said to be of this species, but this could be from a prehistoric relative or the direct ancestor of sandhill cranes and not belong in the genus *Grus*.

The oldest unequivocal Sandhill crane fossil is 2.5 million years old, older by half than the earliest remains of most living species of birds, primarily found from after the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary some 1.8 million years ago.

As you travel along the shoreline of Summer Lake and along through Paisley and into Lakeview, keep an eye out for these amazing birds. You may get to see the pairs reconnecting by performing their elaborate courtship mating dance. Sandhills pair for life. Later in spring the dotting parents can be seen tending their young colts - yes that is what the young Sandhills are called - as they feed along the lake's edge and in flood irrigated pastures..



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Summer Lake: A Mecca of Natural Beauty

One of the largest lakes in Oregon at over 20 miles long, Summer Lake is home to great historical ranches and properties as well as wildlife, hot springs, stunning landscapes and a few creature-comforts too.

As you drop into the basin in the morning, geothermal vents send plumes of steam high into cool air - offering some spectacular visuals. The Summer Lake Basin is a landscape abundant with desert and forest flora and fauna. The area is also hosts rich geological and archaeological sites and has a long homesteading history. Summer Lake is truly a land of diversity as well as beauty.

The landscape you saw one year may be much different the next. This large shallow alkali lake may be wet one season and dry the next, nevertheless, it is the area's major feature. It separates the wide-open sagebrush step of eastern Oregon and the rocky, forested mountains of the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

The area is a mecca for lovers of the great outdoors offering a wide variety of hiking, biking and riding opportunities as well as access to the Summer Lake Wildlife Area where visitors can enjoy over 300 species of fish and wildlife (primarily

birds) as they explore nearly 18,000 acres of wetland and habitat. So bring your binoculars, hiking boots, and camera.

Travelers and visitors have a nice range of lodging choices, from primitive tent camping to cozy cabins overlooking the lovely bass pond at The Lodge at Summer Lake. Further south along Hwy. 31, is the Summer Lake Hot Springs which offers a variety of accommodations including dry-camping. You will need to make reservations for two nights. The hot springs is not open for day use.

Summer Lake is home to the Summer Lake Store where visitors and locals can grab a forgotten item, fill up on gasoline or diesel, purchase propane, and even post a letter.

A favorite side-trip is the drive through the Summer Lake Wildlife Area on an 8.3 mile tour route. The road is well maintained but is closed during hunting seasons (early October through late January) to provide refuge for waterfowl.

The best time to visit for viewing migrating flocks of waterfowl, including plumaged ducks, geese and swans is March - April. April to May is a good time for viewing migrant waterbirds and songbirds.

Ana Reservoir RV Park

If you are looking to get away and enjoy some peace and quiet, Ana Reservoir RV Park is the location to come to. Our Park is a great Base Camp to start your day trips and adventures. From here you will have access to Ana Reservoir and Ana River, the Fremont National Forest, the Summer Lake Basin, and much more...

You will enjoy catching record setting hybrid Bass at the reservoir and great trout fishing at Ana River.

Summer Lake Basin is best known for its excellent bird watching, and duck and goose hunting.

There are other reservoirs and streams in the area which are always well stocked.

Nearby Picture Rock Pass offers ancient petroglyphs. This is a great area to come and enjoy nature at its finest.

For more details about the park and area, please visit our web page at www.anareservoirrvpark.com

Oregon Airstream Club Rally



Airstreams at Ana Reservoir RV Park

Seventeen Airstream trailers from Oregon and Washington Rallied at the Ana Reservoir RV Park in Summer Lake.

While enjoying the beauty of the park's setting, rally participants also ventured out to neighboring communities to shop and dine. The group love supporting the communities they visit.

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The Lodge at Summer Lake: Serenity in a Breathtaking Landscape

In the midst of one of the area's most amazing and beautiful landscapes is The Lodge at Summer Lake. This lovely small resort features four self-contained cabins, seven hotel rooms, a full service restaurant, an event room, a gift shop, and a private pond stocked with trophy bass. The Lodge is located on Highway 31 between Silver Lake and Paisley, and just across the road from the 18,941 acre Summer Lake Wildlife Area.

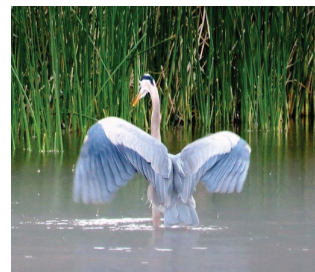
With the Winter Ridge as the backdrop and the Summer Lake Wildlife Area in the forefront, visitors will enjoy picturesque settings as they contemplate the day's adventure. A favorite outing is driving through the wildlife refuge to observe some of the 280 species of birds that use the area. Other nearby attractions include: fishing or swimming at Ana Reservoir and Ana River, fishing in the private pond right outside the Lodge's cabins, hunting birds and deer in season, hiking, horseback riding, and more.

While fishing and bird watching/hunting are some of the main attractions to this unique area, The Lodge's serenity, great food, and comfortable environment are universally appealing for all visitors - many simply stay at the facility and enjoy the solitude.

The Lodge's Flyway Restaurant, compliments the

fine views and quality accommodations with home-made and fresh menu items for both casual and fine dining experiences. The top quality chefs and staff will delight patrons with hand-cut steaks, Angus burgers, batter dipped chicken tenders, fresh dinner bread and biscuits, clam chowder, delicious desserts made from scratch and all at an affordable price.

The wide open spaces give nature lovers multiple opportunities to observe Sandhill Cranes, Ibises, Egrets, White Pelicans, and Tundra Swans and many other fascinating birds and animals native to the area.



The Lodge at Summer Lake is an oasis of serenity and natural beauty; it gives both visitors and residents alike a great place to stay and eat while they enjoy this unique area tucked away in Southeastern Oregon. With the Summer Lake Hot Springs and PLAYA also nearby, visitors have even more compelling reasons to make their way to this special destination throughout the year.



Paisley: A Walk Through History

Story and Photos by Toni Bailie

A walking tour through Paisley is a step back into history. The hamlet of 250 people hasn't changed much since it was established in 1878. In 1905, the Illustrated History of Central Oregon featured this description: "Approaching the town from the north, the road ascends a small prominence, revealing a scene of beauty. The town sits beside the sparkling Chewaucan River. To the west, rise mountains relieved by canyons and high cliffs, to the south lies an expansive valley."

Several historic buildings are situated along the main street. The Pioneer Saloon has been in continuous operations since 1883, except during prohibition when it was operated as a pool hall. The back bar was built in Boston in 1905 and shipped around the Horn to Portland. It was freighted from Arlington to Paisley by a six-horse wagon. In the early years, Paisley had a reputation as a brawling town. The saloon was the site of two hangings and a fatal stabbing. Claude, the resident ghost, is friendly, but sometimes likes to change television channels. A photo gallery of cowboys and ranch

life line the walls. House smoked meats are a specialty and the menu includes burgers, sandwiches, salads and pizza. Take-out too.

The Paisley Mercantile dates back to the Chewaucan Mercantile, established in 1878. Ralph and DeeAnn McAllister have been proprietors since 1976, offering groceries, hardware items, pharmaceuticals, a liquor store and a hot food case. Just up the street is the old Winter Ridge Market. Now a private residence, it was built by Virgil Conn who also constructed a flour mill on the river in the 1800s.

The two-story Paisley school with imposing pillars was constructed in 1917. The school offers classes for K-12 students from Summer Lake, Paisley and the Chewaucan Valley. International students live in a dormitory and attend high school here.

Before the new school was built, students were instructed in a school house that boasted a bell tower. The old school building was moved to a lot along Green Street. During the move, a lo-

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cal contractor was electrocuted by a live wire over the street. Once situated on the new lot, the building became the home of the Catholic Church until 1959 when a new church was constructed. The old church house was purchased in the 1980s and renovated as a summer home for the O'Sullivan family.

Near the school is a small white church with steeple and stained glass windows. Paisley was a missionary town of the Methodist Church who erected the building in 1900. The church bell was installed in 1914.

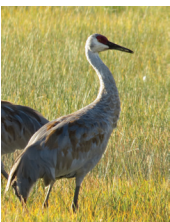


In 2016, the congregation became an inter-denominational community church. The bell rings every Sunday summoning worshipers to the service.

On the hill above town, the Paisley Pioneer Cemetery offers another glimpse into the past. Head stones tell the tale of children who died young, and early settlers of the valley. Among the graves are Ed Lamb, shot by his wife in 1918, Lambert Jones, shot by a jealous husband and Troy Lawson, killed while trying to stop a post office robbery in 1957. A view from the cemetery reveals the Chewaucan Valley, where local ranchers graze their cattle.



Blue Street leads to Highway 31. Across the highway, a gravel road extends out into the valley. A walk along this road offers glimpses of Sandhill cranes, geese, ducks, redwing and yellow-headed blackbirds.



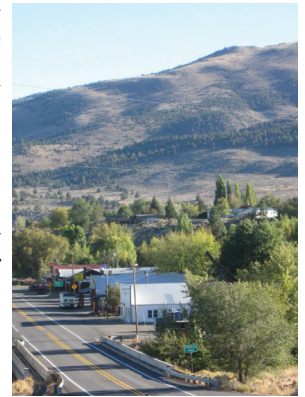
Buildings at the Paisley Ranger Station were constructed in 1938 by young men from the Civilian Conservation Corps. Displayed outside is a dug-out canoe fashioned from a pine log by the young men for outings at Campbell and Dead Horse Lakes, a few miles from town. Visitors can obtain maps and brochures of hiking trails

and camp sites along the river. In September 2020, the Brattain Fire burned much of the area for 10 miles up the Chewaucan River, but some of the trails and camp grounds are still in use.

The Sage Rooms, a modern motel, rents four units with Western décor. Three units have two queen size beds and one unit has a king size bed.

Each room has a private bath, microwave and mini-fridge. To reserve a room, call 541-943-3145.

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vehicles and pump gas. Fuel can also be obtained at the Pacific Pride card-lock pumps.

Paisley Volunteer Fire Department and Disaster Car with EMTs are

on call. A Community Center was constructed in the 1980s with donated material and labor. The Center houses city hall and a large communal room with kitchen. People gather here for memorial services, parties and community pot lucks. The Inner Court Family Center occupies a donated modular office building. The non-profit center organizes public transportation, sponsors Food Share and the school lunch program. Office services include copying, faxes and notary public, as well as meet-

ing space for AA and other groups.

Take a stroll through the quiet streets of Paisley and imagine life

here back in the pioneer days. It's not that hard to do. If you come in the spring or fall, you might see a cattle drive through town, as ranchers push their herds up into the high country.

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At the 2017 Chamber Awards Banquet, Graham was honored as the Business of the Year in recognition of how he has, over the years, implemented his philosophy of balance and creativity into the development of a wonderful hot spring destination that is enjoyed by patrons from near and far.

Summer Lake Hot Springs, also offers sites for dry tent camping, recreational vehicles, campers and trailers.

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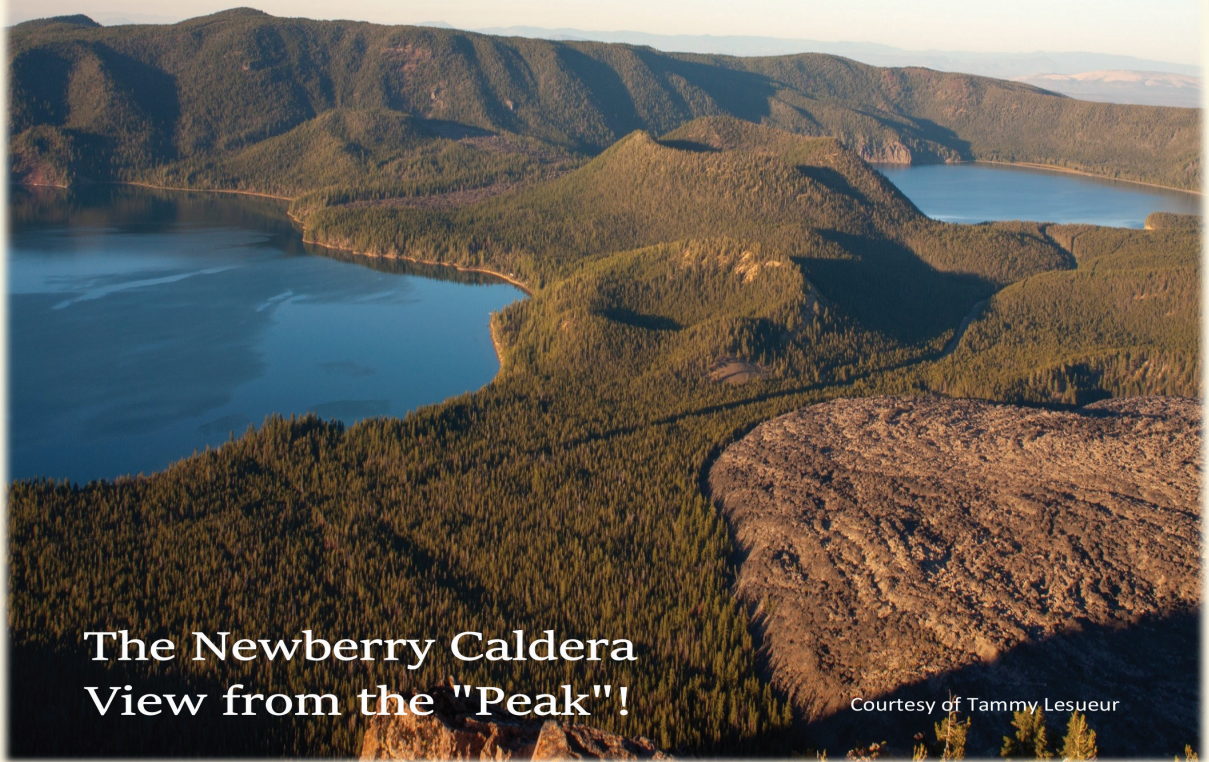
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The Newberry Caldera
View from the "Peak"!

Courtesy of Tammy Lesueur

Crater to Crater on the Newberry Country Trail... Lakes, Desert and National Parks

Originally starting as a three-hour car tour around the Newberry Crater, the trail has morphed into a **three-loop tour** of the region: the High Lakes, the High Desert (Oregon Outback) and the Crater Lake area to the south of the Newberry National Monument in La Pine, Oregon- the trail-head for the Newberry Country Trail.

Starting in La Pine you can take the **first loop** – **The High Lakes Loop**- into the mountains to the Central Oregon Lake Region. (West of the Newberry Crater). Take Hwy 97 to the Cascade Lakes Hwy and Hwy 58. You will visit Sunriver Resort, 30 famous fishing lakes, Crescent Lake Junction and Odell Lake, back to Crescent-a Railway town and Gilchrist a logging town on Hwy 97. You can camp, hike, bike, fish and enjoy summer and winter. Mount Bachelor Skiing is on loop one.

The **second loop** is **The Crater Lake Loop** that goes south from Chiloquin on Hwy 97 (home of Train Mountain) past Fort Klamath to Crater Lake National Park on Hwy 62, then over to Union Creek, Shady Cove and back north to the Crown Jewel of the Cascades- Diamond Lake on

Hwy 138, returning to Hwy 97. There are some world famous fishing spots, camping and activities galore!

The Desert sunsets, geology and history are featured in **loop three- The High Desert Oregon Outback Loop!** You will turn southeast off Hwy 97 to Hwy 31 and head to Fort Rock, the State Park and Heritage Village Museum in the first little farm community. From there drive to Christmas Valley- a farming and ranching community and home to many sights such as Crack-in the-Ground and the Black Hills, back to Silver Lake, home of the Cowboy Dinner Tree and on to Summer Lake and Paisley on Hwy 31.

Largest Volcano in the Cascade Range

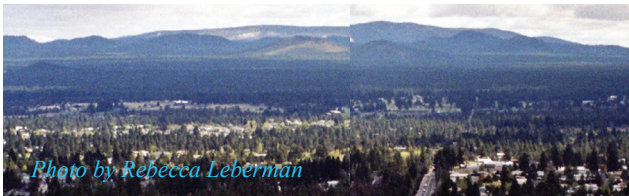


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Newberry Volcano

Newberry Volcano is the largest volcano in the Cascades volcanic arc as can be seen in the photo above. Just its central caldera encompasses a four by five mile depression that was formed about 75,000 years ago. The caldera's two lakes, Paulina and East are fed in part by active hot springs heated by magma deep beneath the caldera. The lakes are separated by a large pumice cone.

Big Obsidian Flow, 1,300 years old is the youngest flow on the volcano.

The volcano's highest point, Paulina Peak (7,984 feet) can be reached by car and offers amazing views in every direction.

Just a few of the Annual Events !

La Pine Rhubarb Festival	June 17-18, '22
Fairy Home & Garden Art Tour	June 24-26, '22
High Lakes Car Club Vintage Car Show	June 25, '22
La Pine Frontier Days	July 1-4, '22
La Pine Rodeo	July 2-4, '22
Trunk 'R Treat & Treat Tour	Oct. 31, '22
La Pine Christmas Bazaar	Dec. 2 & 3, '22
Christmas Lights Parade	Dec. 3, '22
All You Can Eat Crab Feed	March 11, '23
Red, White & Blue-grass Festival	Aug 18 & 19, '23
Chamber Awards Banquet	April 22, '23

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