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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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As with most small rural communities, many of our services are delivered through special taxing districts and frequently manned by volunteers. All of information for each of these services is easily located on-line.

From top to bottom and left to right they are: The Christmas Valley Rural Fire Protection District, The High Desert Rangeland Fire Protection Assn., The Silver Lake Fire and Rescue RFPD, The Lake County Annex building, Christmas Valley Domestic Supply, the North Lake county EMS., The soon to open Dental Clinic, the Christmas Valley Branch of Lake County Library and Humane Society of North Lake County.

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A Guide to Oregon's Northern Lake County & Beyond ~ 2024 - 2025

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.

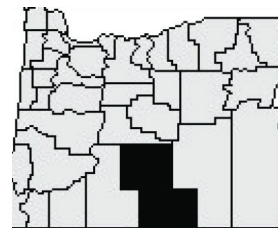
The County's cities and towns are: Lakeview, an incorporated town that serves as the county seat; the tiny communities of Adel and Plush; Paisley, an incorporated city of about 250 residents; Summer Lake, a tiny hub for surrounding ranchers and farmers; Christmas Valley, an unincorporated town which 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 also 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 and some of the darkest skies in the world.

Hunters love the area where there is a variety 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 - stargazing - photography - hang gliding - off road adventures and more. You name it and Lake County has it. There are also several camps and trail systems that are great for folks who enjoy hiking and trail riding.

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



‡ Real Market Value
\$1,198,406,596
Annual Precipitation:
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Economy: Livestock,
forest products,
agriculture, recreation

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Welcome you to Beautiful Lake County

Greetings and welcome,

Lake County Oregon provides an amazing array of adventures that range from quiet sightseeing road trips to thru-hiking. Geologically the county is, in the scheme of things, quite young and has many interesting features to explore. It is a great place for families, travelers and tourists.

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- Abert Rim
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- Ft. Rock State Park
- Gearhart Wilderness
- Hart Mt. Antelope Refuge
- Hole in the Ground
- Hunter's Hot Springs
- Lost Forest
- Old Perpetual Geyser
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- Summer Lake Hot Springs
- Summer Lake Wildlife Area
- Free Sunstone Gathering Area
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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 is what we see today.

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 that an exceptional shopping opportunity awaits them at The Willows. There are three markets, a produce stand and several restaurants two bars and also a full-service deli at one of the markets.

There are two motels, and three RV parks providing full hook-ups and bath-houses. Tent camping sites are also available.

Should one need a tire repaired there is a full-service tire shop too. Vehicles break down and it is good to know there is a full service Auto Mechanic's shop.

Santa's, a small general store near the town's center offers a variety of items travelers often find themselves in need of from - socks to frying pans and everything in between. Additionally they have an extensive sporting goods section that includes a large selection of fishing gear, and ammunition.

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. Indeed, Lake County has been identified as having some of the darkest skies, not just in Oregon or the United States, but in the World, and now features a designated Dark Sky Sanctuary! Drive any direction into the desert and gaze, with unaided eyes, the Milky Way in a star-filled night sky.

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. Looking up - birds are abundant, so bring your field guide with you.

The Willows

The Willows Antiques has been serving Christmas Valley and surrounding communities for nearly thirteen years.

Laura Parks, with her love of the new, the old, and the unexpected began this venture in a small building at the east end of town.

Since opening she has added onto the building twice in order to expand the offerings from antiques and gifts and much more.

Large antique furniture pieces are incorporated throughout the shop to display the incredible variety of items to be found

throughout the shop.

In one section shop a delightful selection of



kitchen items, including specialty spices, honey, teas and other culinary treats.

The "Kitchen Store" is well stocked with hard to find kitchen tools and gadgets, serving dishes, table runners, place mats

and much, much more. It is a cooks delight.

Round another corner and you discov-



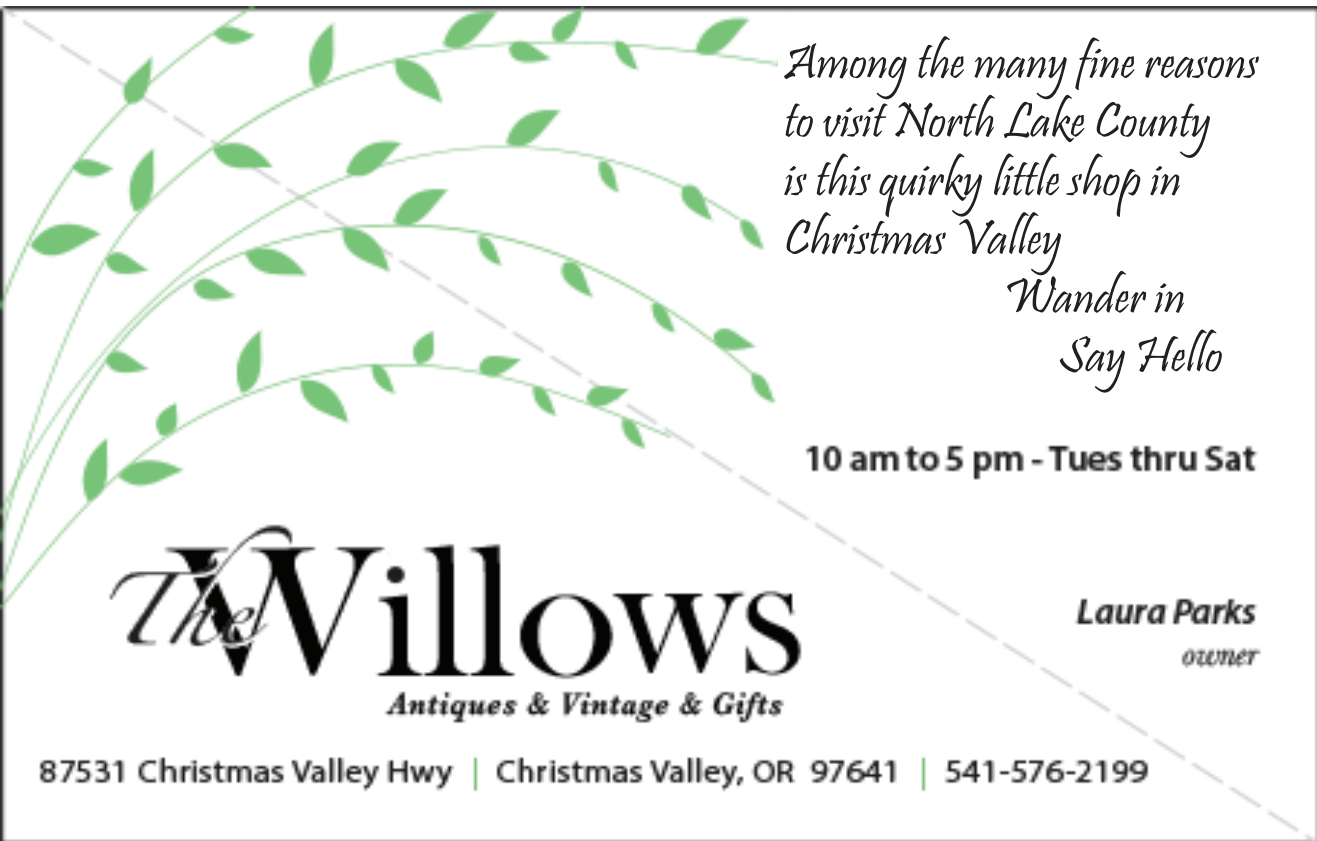
er one of a kind pieces of jewelry.

When you venture into the east room you will feast your eyes on

unique home decor items and some fabulous antique furniture pieces.

The Willows also hosts a "Knitting Store" where locals and visitors alike will find beautiful top quality yarns and knitting supplies. The shop offers group and individual knitting lessons.

Willows offers a refreshing opportunity to shop at a brick and mortar store with down-home hospitality. You can count on a friendly greeting and helpful assistance.



Among the many fine reasons to visit North Lake County is this quirky little shop in Christmas Valley

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Christmas Valley History is Both Rich and Colorful

By Rueb Long (Co-Author of the Oregon Desert)

Many chapters of the Earth's four and a half billion years can be read in Lake County, through the geology, fossils and artifacts found here. As scientists read the signs, for instance, it is reckoned as late as 1,000 years ago a vast lake . . . which they call Bonneville . . . covered what is now Lake County and extended as far as the great Salt Lake. When John C. Fremont looked down from Winter Ridge into Summer Valley in 1843, he recorded that his party had seen "the eastern border of this great basin three months ago at the Great Salt Lake."

Fossil Lake, adjacent to Christmas Valley, is a storehouse of history, and has yielded tons of bones of ancient horses, camels, fish and birds of strange species of the Pleistocene epoch (the past million years).

The presence of man in the north Lake County area around 10,000 years ago was established in 1938 by the finding of 75 sagebrush sandals in Cow Cave, now called Fort Rock Cave. The Carbon 14 test established the sandals' age at about 9,052 years or dated at about 7098 B.C.

The Lost Forest is another reminder of an age long past. Scientists believe this 7,000 acre stand of Ponderosa Pine in the desert, far from existing mountain pine forests, to be a relict of an ancient forest of much greater size.

Signs of the ages of land upheaval are seen in the area. Fort Rock, ancient and crumbling volcano cone; lava flows, underground tubes and ice caves, the jumble of cones and tilted lava that is Devil's Garden.

The first white men to see the area in the 1820's and 30's were probably trapping parties of the Hudson's Bay Company or American Fur Company, such as John Work or Ogden. In the 1800's three trails were laid across the Christmas Valley area. One was a military trail from The Dalles to San Francisco: another was the Yreka trail made by miners heading for the new John Day gold fields, and another was traveled from Jacksonville to Fort Boise.

During the next three years the area was passed by or ignored by homesteaders and ranchers who sought choicer bottom lands with flowing water, but the wide desert did service for "free grass" for cattlemen and vast roving bands of sheep. Those days saw cattle and sheep wars that touched the area.

From 1909, when the government began offering its lands in 320 acre parcels rather than 160, homesteading took rapid hold in the Fort Rock and Christmas Lake Valleys. The desert land boom intensified after 1916 when the allotment was raised to 640 acres (Stockraising Homesteaders Act).

Homestead houses, fences and windmills blossomed across the sagebrush desert in those days, as did some two dozen towns and school districts. Arrow, Buffalo, Cliff and Connley, Fremont, Lake, Loma Vista, Sink and Viewpoint to name a few: and there were Antler, Burleson, Fleetwood. The whole north end of Lake County bustled and boomed.

And also it bust. The land was there, the people were willing, but the problem was water. There was little water from the sky, none in the dry-washes, and that vast reservoir known to be underground was difficult to bring up. There was no electricity to power the pumps, gasoline engines or steam were costly, and windmills were slow.

So they pulled up stakes and left: sold if they could, but they left, broker and wiser. The hardest hung on and stayed . . . Reub Long, Ed Eskelin, the Godon family, the Parks, Miles, Nick and Zula Klerk and a few others.

The coming of electricity to the area has brought changes, too, in many fields, from sagebrush grey to alfalfa green . . .and a new oasis at Christmas Valley.

This article was originally printed in the booklet "Where the Pavement Ends," published in 1968 by the Christmas Valley Women's Club. The Photo is of a, still standing, homestead cabin located near the end of Fossil Lake Rd.



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.



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.

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.

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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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.



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.

The trail parking lot is just a short drive from Christmas Valley with a 1/4 mile walk in to the trail's beginning.

Coordinates:
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Wherever your gaze lands you will find

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.

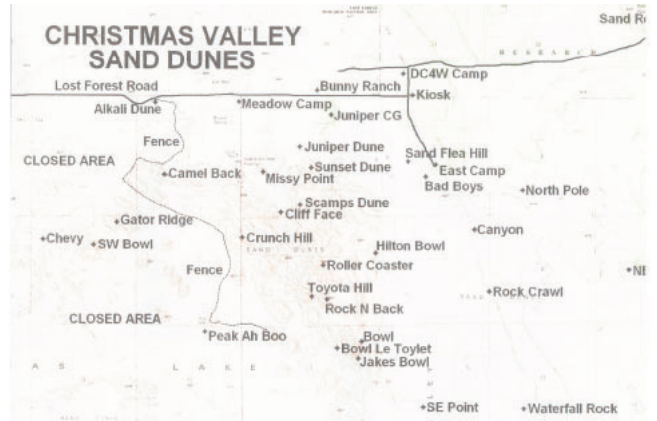
State alcohol and drug laws also apply to all vehicle operators and passengers. A \$10 Oregon ATV operator permit may be required. Riders under age 18 are required to wear a DOT helmet.

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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
CANYÓN	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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Thirteen 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, a little advertising 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 paper grew.

The Breeze is available on-line, however the publication does not use social media as a primary

distribution source. People still enjoy having a newspaper they can hold, peruse, pick up and set down. They don't want an advertising sheet with little content, they want to read.

"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 as well as serialized books by local authors *The Community Breeze* would not be the welcome addition it has become.

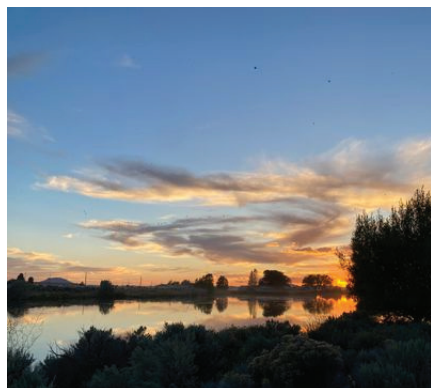
Goose Landing DISC Golf

Goose Landing DISC Golf Course is situated on a long peninsula that extends into Baert Lake which makes for beautiful vistas and frequent sightings of local wildlife. This nine-hole course is a Par 29 and measures 2744 feet. The tee boxes are pavers and the targets are Axiom pro.

It is important to note that this is a work in progress and players can expect to see improvements in signs and other directional information on the course. The terrain is not appropriate for players with mobility issues.

Please bring your own drinking water. No dogs are allowed on the course. There is parking near the small maintenance building as well as parking near the Park and Recreation office near the Christmas Valley Golf Course's first hole.

For more information please call Michael at 458-287-8180 or SMS 1-458-287-8180.



Hole by hole information:

Hole	Par	Tee	Target	Distance	Hole Notes
1	4	Main	Main	360 ft	Mando Right of trees
2	4	Main	Main	511 ft	Right of road OB
3	3	Main	Main	161 ft	
4	3	Main	Main	327 ft	
5	3	Main	Main	374 ft	
6	3	Main	Main	296 ft	Mando left
7		Main	Main	247 ft	
8	3	Main	Main	227 ft	
9	3	Main	Main	241 ft	

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Come and Enjoy an Afternoon or Evening at the Lodge

Over the years the Historic Christmas Valley Lodge has had many ups and downs and for quite some time it was closed and for all intents and purposes abandoned. The first major improvement was a new copper colored metal roof. Then came new plank flooring. And little by little the seating improved.

Eventually several locals stepped in and began the slow process of bringing the historic property back to life with a full kitchen update .The Bar received some much needed attention as did the property grounds. Lawns were rejuvenated and mowed, Sixty-year -old juniper hedges were trimmed and the outside seating areas were brought back to life.

Late July found Amber LaPlant redecorating the restaurant. New blinds for the windows, and all new tables and chairs as well as some comfy booth seating. The new furnishing have created

an inviting, cohesive and welcoming dining area.

Visitors and locals can now enjoy the magnificent views of the Golf Course and lake as they enjoy their meals and beverages.

During the fall and winter months dart league players compete on the electronic dart boards which is entertaining for players and everyone in the Bar.

There are Karaoke Saturday nights. These often include free raffle tickets for the chance to win tickets to concerts throughout Oregon.

Open seven days a week, the Christmas Valley Lodge - Restaurant & Lounge is family friendly and underage children can enjoy the patio, or play a game of pool or darts with

their adult family members until 9 pm.

Be sure to check for hours on Facebook as they will adjust seasonally.

Kenny and Amber LaPlant and their staff welcome you!



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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Proceeds go to the necessary improvements of the Christmas Valley Golf Course.

New to North Lake County?

by Shawn Lavallee

I am completely amazed at the rate of growth in our area over the last several years. It's been a delight to witness. And I might add that those who've been here for a couple of decades or so, whole heartily agree. We all seemingly love the change and welcome all of you newbies. It's been wonderful albeit strange to constantly see new faces. You see, not long ago we all knew everyone and a new face was usually a tourist or passerby.

Along with new faces are the new happenings (and sadly, the loss of a couple of wonderful haunts and eateries.) Being a massage therapist at the North Lake Clinic for close to 20 years I'm surprised to hear, "Oh, there's massage here? Well yes there is - and Yoga too, and so much more, which prompted me to write this article.

The North Lake Clinic has reopened with well-respected Asher Community Health at the helm. How wonderful to have this much needed service back open for us all. The neighboring new dental building looks almost complete. Also, the county has been awarded \$1.5 million for our new Christmas Valley Library. We have more entertainment establishments and places to eat, including BBQ. Now that makes sense out here in cowboy country!

There's so much more than I've written about but most importantly, WELCOME! This really is a great area to "Grab a Bull by the Horns" and ride out your dream(s)!

Inland Seas

Before the rise of the Cascade Range, which now blocks Pacific air masses, precipitation was much more prevalent in this region, meaning greater erosion rates creating canyons such as those cutting deeply across the west face of Hart Mountain. The eventual rise of the Cascades and a warming planet meant the end of glacial snowpacks in the Oregon High Desert and brought about massive accumulations of meltwater in the desert basins. Inland seas accumulated in low laying basins, in many cases reaching depths great enough to overflow into drainage systems that reached the sea. Malheur Lake overflowed into the Malheur River, Fort Rock Lake into the Deschutes, and even in this present era Goose Lake sometimes reaches depths great enough to drain into the Pit River in Northern California.

Oregon's Basin and Range

Oregon's basin range lands are the northwestern most extent of America's Great Basin. The geology and topography of this region is the result of fragmentation of the continental crust in Southern Oregon as a result of Western Oregon being pulled away from the eastern half of the state. The fragmentation caused the earth's crust to break into massive blocks which may lift into isolated ranges such as Hart Mountain, or plunge leaving deep flat valleys such as the Alvord Desert, or tilt (because they sunk unevenly) creating soaring cliffs on one side and a gradually descending slope on the other.

As you travel through and explore Oregon's Outback and its scenic byways, it soon becomes apparent that geologically there is a lot going on. You see a flat-topped mountain, a massive cliff that runs for more than 20 miles, vast oceans of sagebrush, rabbit brush and bunchgrass, isolated islands of lava flow, buttes and tuffs. Some of the features found throughout the region are so massive they may not register as a single entity. Throughout this Guide we have highlighted some geological features as well as offering a simplified overview of the geological events that lead to the landscape we see today.



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Hiking the Oregon Outback

By Toni Bailie

Moving to Paisley from Southwest Washington in 1994, we were delighted to find a system of trails that are not heavily used. I often head out on a trail with my dog Shasta and never meet another hiker. I can enjoy the beauty of the stately ponderosa pines and solitude punctuated by a soaring hawk or a chattering squirrel.

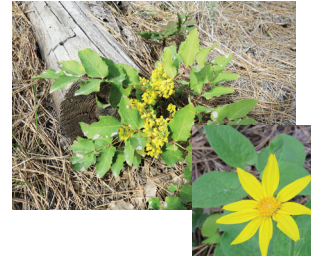
Some of my favorite hikes are along the middle segment of Fremont National Recreation Trail #160. The road that follows the Chewaucan River leads me to the Chewaucan Crossing trail head, just six miles from Paisley. Here, a foot bridge crosses the river and the trail goes for 10 miles along the hillside, crossing a stream at Cougar Canyon, winding through the pines and reaching Morgan Butte summit where a fire lookout provides panoramic vistas, 150 miles in all directions.

Across the road from the foot bridge, the Bear Creek trail ascends a steep slope in a series of switch-backs, unfolding a sweeping view of the Chewaucan River valley. The trail then skirts the rim of Bear Creek canyon and eventually intersects with Forest Road #3315.

Another one of my favorite hikes begins at Moss Pass Trail head (elevation 6,250 feet) on Forest Road 3510. The trail

skirts the shoulder of the mountain, providing unsurpassed views of the Chewaucan Valley and Gearhart Mountain, leading to Morgan Butte fire lookout and continuing on another 10 miles to the Chewaucan Crossing trail head.

Late June is the prime time for hiking Gearhart Mountain Trail #100, situated within the Gearhart Wilderness. It's a delightful trip in early summer, with lush meadows strewn with colorful wild flowers, stands of aspen and majestic ponderosa, white bark pine and white fir. The Lookout Rock Trail head is one mile past Corral Creek Campground. The trail winds through the Palisades, 10 acres of convoluted rock formations standing like sentinels above the forest, then up toward the volcanic dome, 8,347 feet in elevation. From there, the trail descends



Photos by Toni Bailie

Chewaucan River Valley from Bear Creek Trail



Moss Pass Trail offers amazing views.

past Blue Lake and terminates at Lee Thomas Meadows, with a 13 mile total distance.

For more details, consult the Fremont National Recreation Trail website.



View from the Palisades

Enjoy!

The world's largest 'dark sky sanctuary' is now in Oregon

A section of southeastern Oregon is now home to the largest "dark sky sanctuary" in the world.

The area spans 2.5 million acres of Lake County. It was certified this month by Dark-Sky International, a U.S.-based nonprofit that aims to reduce light pollution.

Travel Southern Oregon director Bob Hackett said this new title recognizes the sanctuary's pristinely clear skies, and the commitment of its landowners to preservation.

"It's not a no-light movement," he said. "It's a good light movement."

Hackett said to get here, project partners have had to develop a lighting management plan. He said eight state and federal agencies have agreed to follow it.

Hackett said within 10 years, every light source in the sanctuary will need to comply with DarkSky International's standards. That means installing timers or motion detectors, shielding the light from shining skyward, and using light sources that aren't excessively bright.

Dawn Nilson, a natural resource consultant and project manager for the sanctuary,



said these measures will protect nearby wildlife.

"Every being evolved with a day and a night," said Nilson. "So when we light up the sky, we disrupt all those basic circadian rhythms, mating, breeding, foraging."

Nilson said dark skies are also an important resource for stargazers. She said galaxies and nebulas are visible to the naked eye in the sanctuary.

"It's something that most people really don't experience unless you're in the Australian Outback or parts of South America, Alaska or Africa," said Nilson. "It's just rarer and rarer."

The Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary includes the unincorporated communities of Plush, Adel and Summer Lake. More than half of the area is under the control of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Project leaders said they're already working to expand the sanctuary into nearby Harney and Malheur counties. The projected final footprint would surpass 11 million acres.

The final sanctuary certification came in August, 2024

Posted on March 15, 2024 by Nathan Wilk for KLCC.

Come Celebrate! July 4th, 2025 *Fabulous Family Fun*

Annual "Luck of the Draw" Golf Tournament

North Lake Park and Recreation hosts its *four Person Best Ball* with a BBQ to follow at the 6th fairway, Weekend Date determined by the fall of the 4th. Sign up at 8:30 am near the first tee ~ Play starts at 9 am. Entry fee \$20 plus greens fee. This is a shotgun start.

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Geological Adventures

Devil's Garden



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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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Rocky Mountain elk are one of two subspecies of elk found in Oregon, with a population estimate of more than 74,000 in the state. They are lighter in color and slightly smaller in size than Roosevelt elk, but their antlers are the largest of all elk and can weigh up to 40 pounds.

Habitat: Rocky Mountain elk inhabit most of eastern Oregon with concentrations in the Blue Mountains and south-central Oregon.

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For Pre-Kindergarten students, we offer a 0-3 Mommy and Me program as well as a preschool for 4-year-olds. These programs help connect families of our younger students, and offer early learning skills to those entering Kindergarten at age five.



North Lake operates on a four-day school week with students attending from 7:45 AM - 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 it is our goal to provide the individual attention each student

needs to be successful.

North Lake Elementary students gain a solid academic foundation, and learn valuable social skills. Our K-6 staff genuinely cares for the academic and social development of their students, and regularly collaborates to enhance the success of school wide programs.

With the addition of an elementary gym, our sports programs for younger students continue to grow, offering athletic and social skill development.

For students in grades 7-12, we have



an outstanding agriculture and Future Farmers of America (FFA) program, which is vital for preparing students for college, vocational experiences and the workforce. Our FFA pro-

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Klamath Community College (KCC) was founded in 1996 in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Over its more than 25 years the campus has grown exponentially for both on-campus and on-line instruction, offering 29 degree programs and many more certifications and specialty courses. Services and its reach incorporate northern Lake County and much of Klamath County. KCC also collaborates closely with Lake Health District in Lakeview for

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gram relies on the Ag. Advisory Council, which is comprised of a group of local farmers, ranchers, and businessmen and women who guide the FFA in current economic issues, needs and opportunities. With the addition of a second agriculture teacher, we have been able to offer Ag. In the Classroom to elementary students. Thus, we are proud to say we have agriculture classes at all grades levels, K-12. Our Ag. In the Classroom program won first place in the Ag. Youth Awareness category at the 2024 FFA State Convention.

We also offer a comprehensive selection of classes, and supplement those choices with on-line course opportunities, many at the college level. For the motivated student, it is possible to earn dual high school/college credits and straight college credits prior to

NORTH LAKE SCHOOL

graduation. Therefore, students may graduate with their high school diploma in their hand, and several college credits in their pocket.

Extracurricular activities for middle and high school students include football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball and track. We are the second largest geographic athletic district in the state of Oregon, and the resulting travel time commitments demand that students balance their athletic interests with their academic responsibilities. The results are a consistently high graduation rate, acceptance at community colleges and universities, and positive citizenship in our halls.

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Girls' Circle group. We have a licensed school counselor who meets with whole class groups and individuals, and teaches the Character Strong program. We also have an intern mental health professional who is on campus twice per month. We have increased opportunities in leadership and student government to enable students to learn soft and organizational skills essential for college or the workforce.

We offer our school

facilities for use by outside organizations who provide enriching activities for our students. We are a regular meeting place for 4-H groups, and parents help organize the Santa's Secret Shop, Scholastic Book Fairs and the Clothes Closet. We occasionally host community meetings such as the Lake County Commissioners, Klamath Community College outreach events, and Lake County Stock Growers. We have an active parent group who supports the school by preparing and serving meals for school activities, and coordinating a yearly fundraising event to provide each student most of the school supplies needed for the entire school year.

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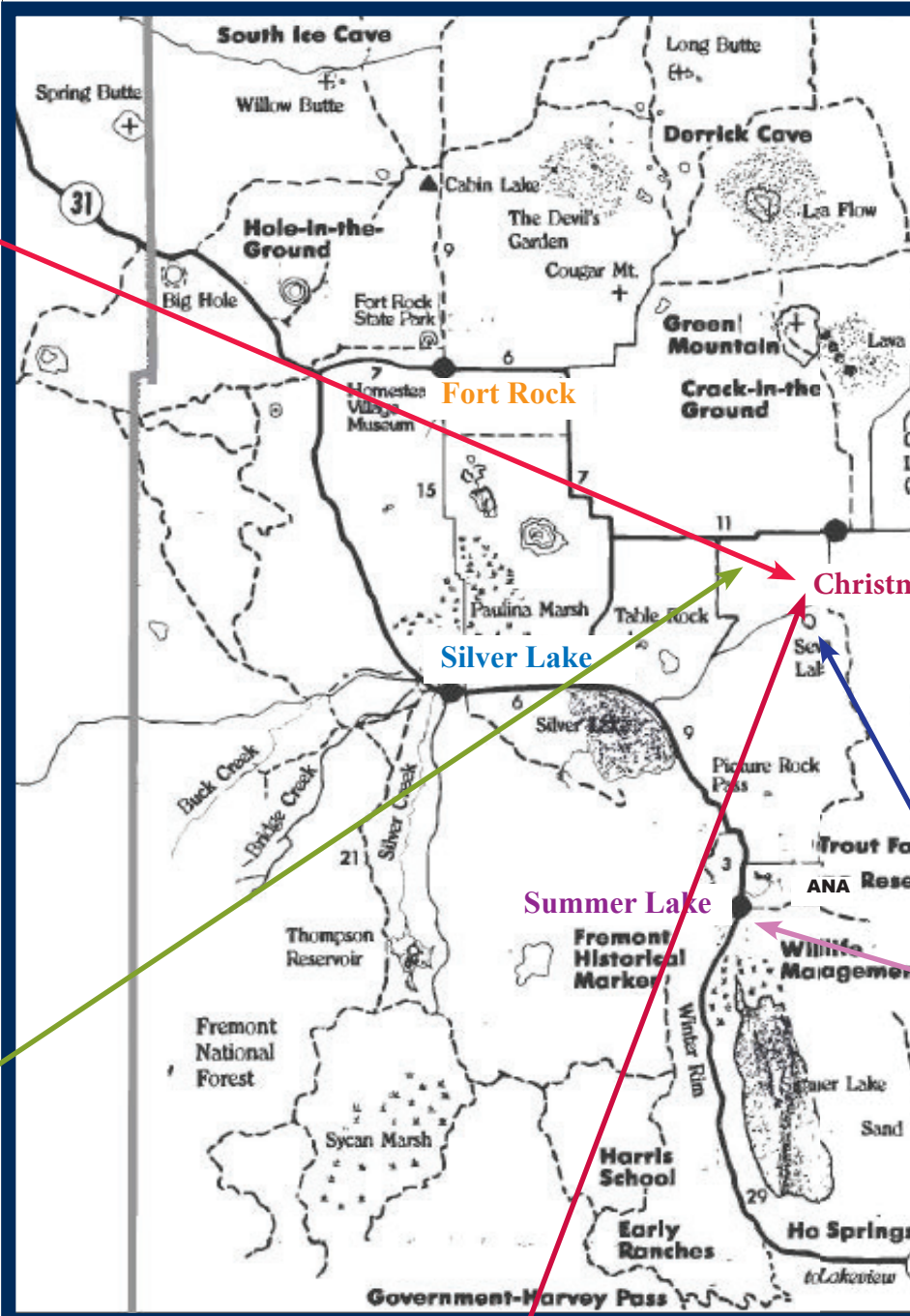
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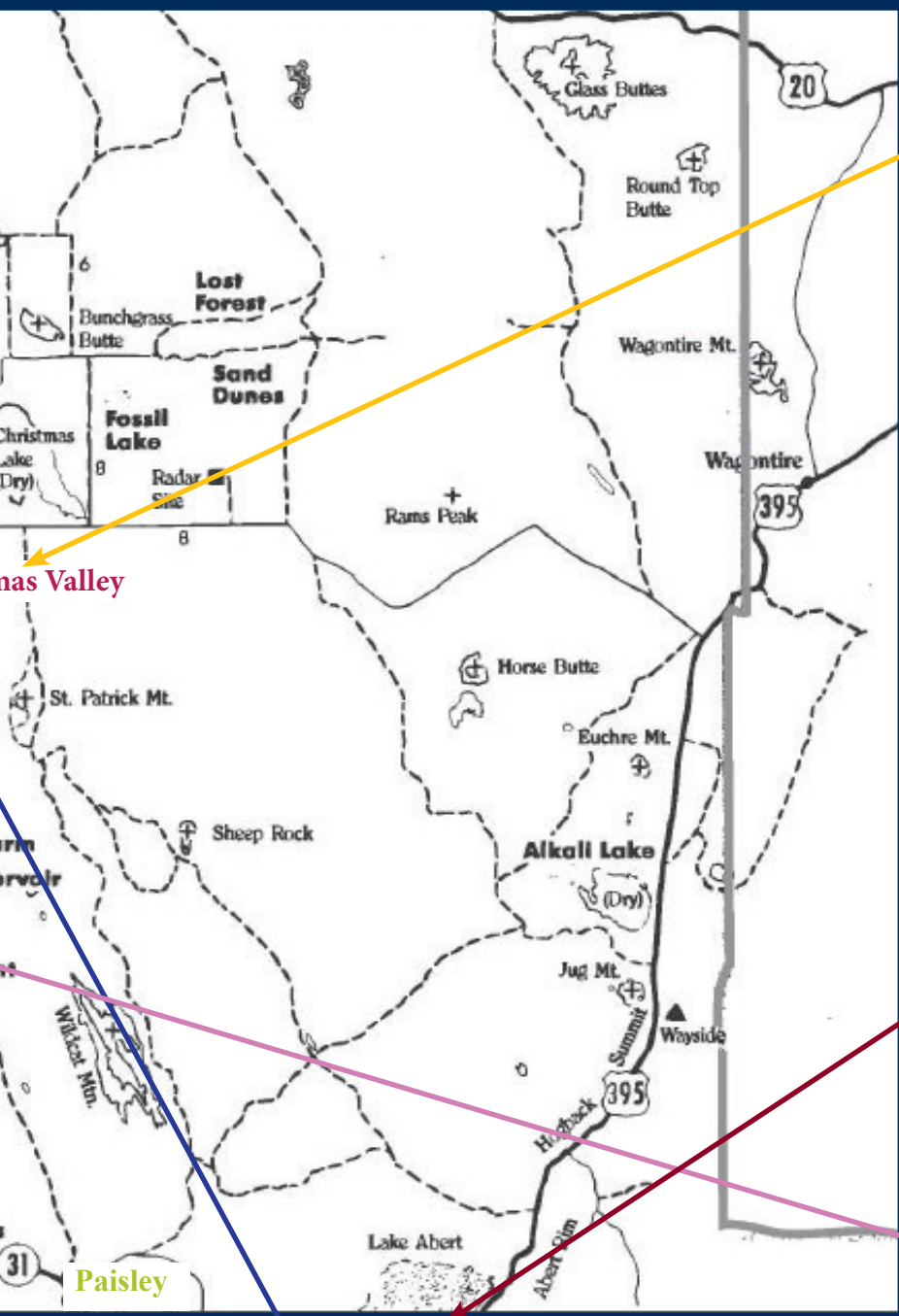
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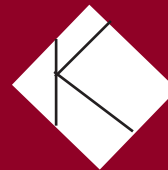
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Sagebrush

Rubber rabbitbrush is a perennial shrub. In some locations, it can be an important browse species for mule deer, pronghorn, and jackrabbits during fall and winter. Flowers bloom from August to October as other plants



Rabbitbrush are fading, providing vivid color and a pollen source for insects late in the summer.

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 important 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.



Bitterbrush

The Lost Forest

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One of the places the desert sand has been blown to for many thousands of years is the Lost Forest, a protected relic stand of genetically distinct trees. The ancient dune system in which the Ponderosa pines grow acts as a natural mulch, trapping moisture near their roots.

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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.

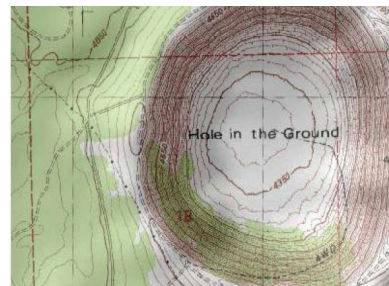
Hole-in-the-Ground is between 13,500 and 18,000 years old and was once quite near the shore of the Fort Rock Basin's ancient lake.

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

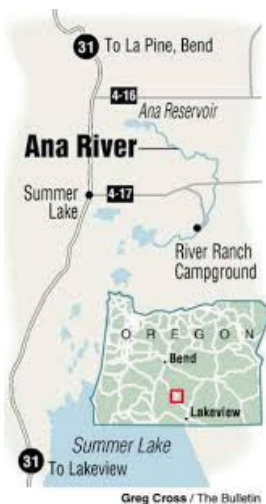
Fishing the ANA River

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 runoff 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

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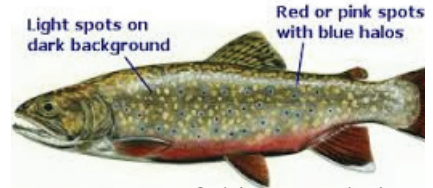
Thompson Valley Reservoir is one of Lake County's most popular fishing destinations. This large reservoir provides ample opportunity for boat and bank anglers alike. The average size of Rainbow trout is 14 inches and trout in excess of 18 inches are often landed. Thompson is stocked during May and June. 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 enhanced trout habitat.

The Marsters 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



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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Stepping Back in Time

Experience Oregon's homestead era of the early 1900s at the Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum where protected homestead structures have been moved to the museum property and renovated and restored including period furnishings, tools and the trappings of everyday life.

The village includes period homes, a school, a church and a store, a heritage garden and more. There is a blacksmith shop and various pieces of antique farm equipment throughout the grounds.

A self-guided tour allows visitors a relaxed,

leisurely exploration of the structures and their contents as well as the well kept natural environment of desert flora.

Tours are offered for school groups and large groups with advance reservations. Photographers and filmmakers rental opportunities are available and the historic church is available for rent for small groups.

Fort Rock is located 70 miles southeast of Bend, Oregon, and 45 miles southeast of La Pine, Oregon just off highway 31.

Fort Rock State Park

Like a desert mirage, this monolith rises huge



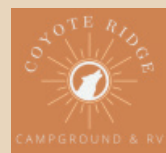
out of the barren, immense flatness of Oregon's high desert. An enormous near-circle of towering jagged rock walls make it seem like

a fort. Hike around and you'll soon realize it's even bigger than it looks. It's an old shield volcano set in what was a shallow sea in prehistoric times. As you walk around inside, imagine the early American Indians who canoed to and from what was then an island. Sandals found in a nearby cave are the oldest ever discovered in Oregon, dating back more than 9,000 years

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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 that 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 Sandals.

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.

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 tuff ring is one of approximately 40 such features in the Brothers Fault Zone of the Fort Rock basin.

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Bird Watching Throughout Lake County

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-

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 doting 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.

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.

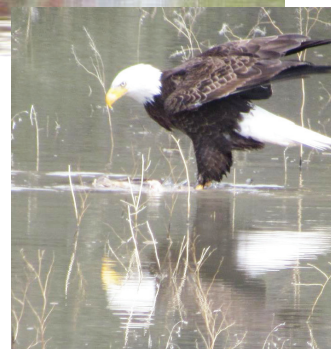
The Southern Oregon Basin & Range Birding Trail is a winding auto route that highlights specific sites for stopping and viewing birds among vast inland valleys, alkali flats, ethereal marshes, and forested slopes. Maps and recommended routes can be found on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife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



Photos by
Fawn Newport



The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Recreation Report birding information is updated weekly and can be found



<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/viewing/birdwatching.asp>

American Pronghorn

Faster than...everything!

Able to run up to 60 miles-per-hour, pronghorn are the fastest land animal in North America. Their incredible speed evolved thousands of years ago at a time when two species of cheetahs hunted in North America. Fast predators like the cheetahs, short-faced bears and dire wolves became extinct many thousands of years ago—but the pronghorn survived.

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.

Bionic binocular vision

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.

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.

Antilocapra americana



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

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 burrows 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



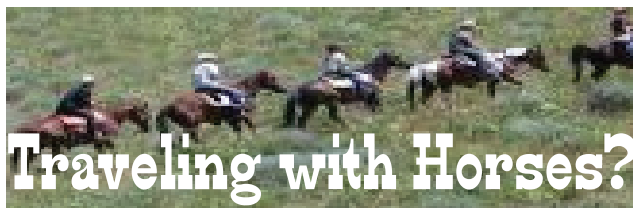
Silver Lake is an unincorporated community on Route 31 in Lake County's north end. The town is sparsely populated yet quite lively and boasts many services and recreational opportunities.

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

Oregon's Outback!



Traveling with Horses?
Fremont National Recreation Trail #160, starts at the top of the 8,196' Yamsay Mountain and ends at Government Harvey Pass. You will need to go online to map this trail.

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 Yamsay is frequently blocked with blow-downs but the trail leading west to Silver Creek Marsh Horse Camp is usually open. However, 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
See Traveling, Pg. 43

Winter Camping Adventure



At an elevation of 7,195 feet, and not far from Silver Lake, Hager Mountain Lookout treats visitors to panoramic views of the Cascade range. On a clear

day Mount Hood to the North and Mount Shasta to the South can be seen.

The lookout is available from November 15 through May 15th at a cost of \$40 per night per group (maximum occupants-four). You get a 14'x14' room with one bed and three cots, table and chairs, propane stove, heater and refrigerator and some cookware. There is no potable water.

This is primitive winter camping, but for hardy outdoor adventurers it may be just the ticket. The Lookout is only accessible by foot, snowshoes or cross-country skis. Skiing or snowshoeing can take a couple of hours to half a day, depending on weather conditions and one's fitness.

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Traveling with Horses from Pg. 42
fire grates. Drinking water is available for both humans and horses. The horse corrals are plentiful, spacious and secure.

From this camp you can ride west toward Antler or head east toward Farm Wells and beyond. Be aware that frequently sections of this trail are difficult to identify and much of the footing is very rocky.

Should you chose to ride toward Hager Mt. Look Out or to Farm Wells you will encounter a steep decent to a water crossing (which does have a bridge.) It can also be forded. The assent from the creek will bring you to a forest service road where the trail crosses and continues upward. The trail will branch to **Farm Well** or to a final up and down to the top of Hager Mt. Should you chose to ride up to the lookout, be sure your horse is fit as the final

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climb is very steep and technical.

Many local riders catch the section of #160 about nine miles up East Bay Road. There are a few signs, but it is easy to drive right past the pull out on the left. No worries, if you do there is a good place to turn around about a quarter of a mile further up on the left.

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.

You will need to bring plenty of drinking water and water for the horses as accessing available water is quite difficult.

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



The Medicine Men Trail: Finding Petroglyphs Picture Rock Pass

Above is the title of a lovely little publication produced by His Church, in Summer Lake, Oregon. Its purpose is to help visitors and locals alike to discover and enjoy the cluster of petroglyphs found near the summit of Picture Rock Pass on highway 31.

The authors begin with the subtitle "WARNING: The Medicine Men Trail is only 2700' long but with the return trip and all the side trips and looking around, several miles may be walked before returning to your vehicle."

Remember you are at an elevation over 4000 feet in a dry, often hot, high desert climate. Dehydration can happen quickly so be prepared. Take some water and pace yourself. It is best not to go alone.

Finding the trail's beginning. "Just south and below Picture Rock Pass, between mile post 63 (the summit) and mile post 64, there is a large parking area to the west side of highway 31."

The parking area offers interesting sites if you



know where to look. Notice the medium size boulder on across the highway to the east. This is Sheep's Head rock, and it has light petroglyphs upon it. On the northeast end of the parking area there is the old rock-lined road

used by the early settlers leading up to the pass. You can walk up this road to the 4830 feet summit of the pass.

This trek up the old road takes you to the beginning of the Medicine Men Trail.

And so the adventure begins. Some of the petroglyphs you will be viewing are: Sheep's Head Rock, Summit Rock, Wheel Rock, Lizard & Pat Rock, Dancing Man Rock and Medicine Men Rock.

Visitors are reminded to tread lightly. If you want to enjoy all the petroglyphs at Picture Rock Pass then make it a point to stop at The Lodge at Summer Lake & Flyway Restaurant and purchase a copy of this very accurate and interesting guide. It is priced at just \$3.



Summer Lake

Summer Lake: Nature's Beauty in Every Direction

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 host to 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.

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

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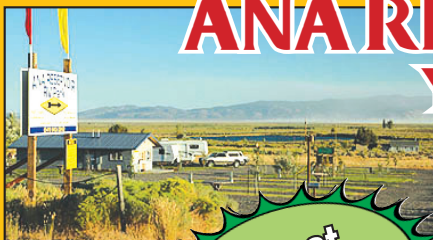
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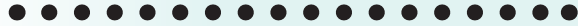
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The Lodge at Summer Lake: Serenity in a Breathtaking Landscape

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

Condensed from an article 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 now interdenominational church was erected by Methodist missionaries in 1900. The church bell was installed in 1914. 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 val-



A Walk Through History continued

ley. 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 Val-



ley, 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.

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 right through the center of town, as ranchers push their herds up into the high country.



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 fossil-

ized 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.



Archeological field work at Paisley Caves



Mosquito Festival Celebrates 40 Years

The Mosquito Festival began in 1984 as a community fund-raiser for mosquito control to help mitigate the local mosquito population. The early festivals raised enough money for essential equipment, including a truck, a fogger and chemicals, and several bug zappers to combat the relentless mosquito swarms.

Held the last full weekend in July, the festival is filled with activities, some of which are held at the rodeo grounds. There is always a very fun to watch parade, a fun run, music, food vendors and many play activities for youngsters. At left two Corn Hole players are intent on winning their match and obviously having a good time.

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Enjoy outdoor pools with incredible vistas, or float and swim in the bath house pool. And honestly there is nothing quite like sinking into the healing waters of an outdoor pool, late at night and taking in the brilliance of the night sky unadulterated by ambient light.

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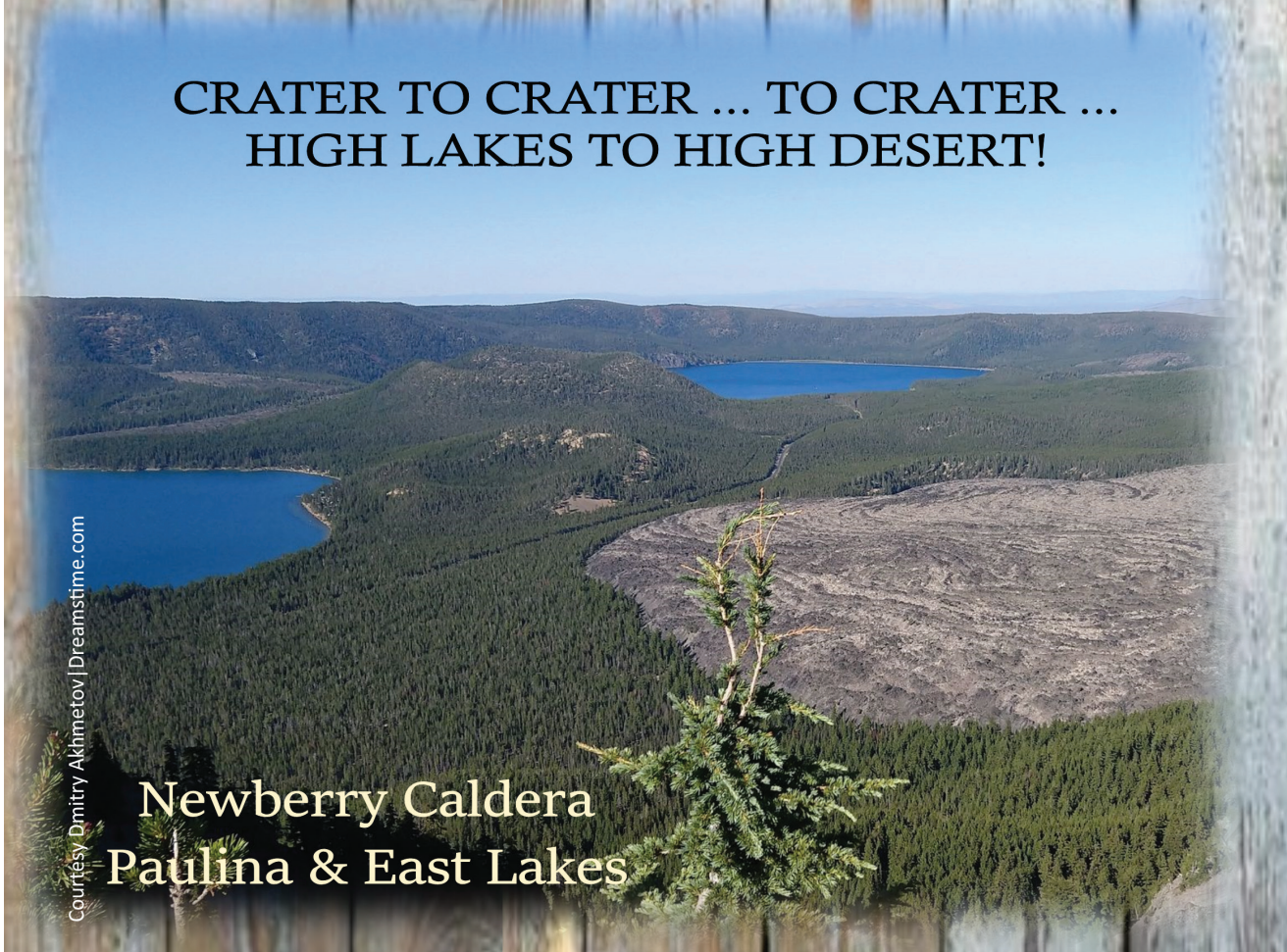
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Crater to Crater on the Newberry Country Trail... Lakes, Desert and National Parks

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. Then travel 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 activities on this loop. Mount Bachelor Skiing is part of 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 which will intersect with Hwy 97. There are some world famous fishing spots, camping opportunities and activities galore on loop two!

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 are 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

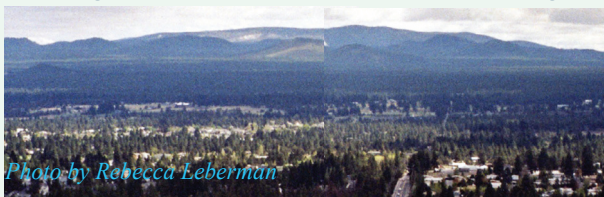


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Newberry Volcano

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 La Pine's Annual Events!

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La Pine Frontier Days	July '25
La Pine Rodeo	July '25
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Christmas Lights Parade Dec.	TBA
All You Can Eat Crab Feed	March '25
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