

# Welcome

Experiencing wildlife in Central Oregon can be thrilling yet quite, unique, and very memorable. We invite you to learn more about the species that share our landscape, through this website and during your visits to viewing areas. We welcome any information about rare sightings, additional photos of species, potential viewing sites, and comments for how we can improve this website to better serve your needs.

## Upcoming Events

**Wings over  
Central  
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Migratory  
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Celebration  
May 2004**



**A series of three local community events are scheduled:**

- **Saturday May 8, 2004**  
from 9 am to 4 pm at  
Drake Park in Bend
- **Saturday May 15, 2004**  
from 9 am to 4 pm at the  
Warm Springs Museum  
in Warm Springs
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from 9 am to 4 pm at the  
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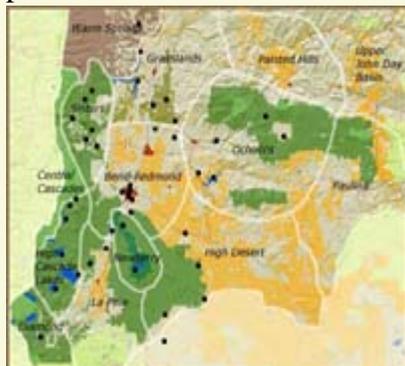
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# Viewing Sites

Currently, we have identified 45 wildlife viewing sites in Central Oregon. You will find that not all of these sites are on Forest Service lands. The sites can be located by two methods:

**By Name** - an alphabetical list of viewing sites.

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## Before you go . . .

1. **Etiquette** - Know the proper etiquette for wildlife viewing.
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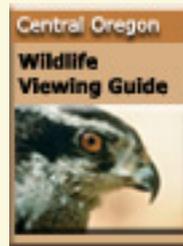
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## Etiquette For Wildlife Viewing

1. Adjust your behavior to protect wildlife. Watch or photograph animals without knowingly disturbing, chasing, or repeatedly flushing the animal in alarm. Keep a respectful distance from nests and young, especially in hot, cold, or windy weather.
2. Protect the natural surroundings. Stay on existing roads, trails, or pathways to protect fragile ground cover. Leave the area as you found it (including gates).
3. Respect the rights of others. Know and observe the laws, rules, and regulations governing the site. Get prior permission to enter private or posted property. Be considerate of others around you.
4. Observers in groups have added responsibility. Remember that group actions have magnified effects. Inform others in your group about these guidelines and monitor so all behave responsibly.
5. Don't tolerate unethical viewing behavior. If you witness inconsiderate or harmful viewing etiquette, assess the situation and intervene if prudent. Otherwise, document it in detail and promptly notify appropriate authorities.

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## Techniques For Finding Wildlife

The most essential ingredient to appreciate the secrets of nature is patience. Whether hiking or sitting, patience will allow an experience that hurried observations often miss.

## Getting Close To Wildlife

If you visit by vehicle, remember that some wildlife are not alarmed by an automobile. Your vehicle can become a blind from which to observe, hear, or smell. It's the automobile occupants that may cause distress - humans exiting, making noise, freeing a pet dog, or deliberately chasing wildlife. While watching roadside wildlife, stay put. Crank the windows down slowly. Be still or move slowly.

## Using Common Sense

Use your vision - look forward and behind - to spot movement or a distinguishing color, shape, or texture. In summer, expect animals to be in the shadows instead of direct sun, and in concealing vegetation rather than openings. During the cold of winter, searching the opposite places can be productive. Look for evidence of an animal's former presence: tracks, hair, feathers, shed skin, ground-level or cliff-face excrement, burrow or tree excavations, and chewed, rubbed, or trampled vegetation.

Hearing can be vital to finding - or distinguishing - birds and mammals. Certain animals are difficult to see because they are tiny, wary, or nocturnal. However, their calls or songs can give away their presence and identity. Some birds sing in notes too high-pitched for impaired human ears, but a companion observing with you might compensate for that deficit.

Your nose can locate wildlife that sight or sound may not detect. For example, Rocky Mountain elk emanate a strong 'barn-yard' odor that can give away their presence even at a distance. The smell of a bushy-tailed woodrat's nest is so distinctively like turpentine that alert observers in proper habitat can find the precise location.

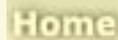
## Studying Natural History

Spend some time reading local field guides. Get to know the habitat, physical appearance, and behavior of your quarry. That understanding will increase your probability for seeing animals, and heighten the exhilaration of an encounter.

Although some animals generalize in their habitat preference, many are very specific. You can find the American robin almost anywhere, but don't expect the horned lark within dense forest or the American dipper far from water.

Distinguishing one species from a close relative can be difficult without a field guide in hand. A nuance in marking or size can be telling - separating the house wren from the winter wren, for example - so such knowledge can make you the expert.

Understanding animal behavior can even help you anticipate the unknown. The frenzied alarm-calls of red-winged blackbirds could be unmasking a predatory great-horned owl hidden nearby. Observing only a sentinel California quail can alert you to an entire covey if you know that the species is colonial.

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- Viewing Site Accessible  
+ Premier Wildlife Viewing

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec							
Aspen Flat						+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Big Marsh								+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-		
Big Summit Prairie					-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown's Mtn. Crossing					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	
Cabin Lake Viewing Blind					-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Cold Springs Campground					-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
Crane Prairie Reservoir					+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Crater Creek Ditch										+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	
Crooked River	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davis Lake						+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Drake Park	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Fall River Fish Hatchery	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Fort Rock State Natural Area	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Green Ridge Lookout										-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-		
Haystack Reservoir				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Highway 20 East	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Hosmer Lake										-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Indian Ford Campground	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Lava Lands Visitor Center								+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Metolius River	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Newberry Crater										+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Oatman Flat Deer Viewing Area	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ochoco Reservoir	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ODFW High Desert Regional Office	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Paulina Marsh	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Pelton Wildlife Overlook	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Pioneer Park	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Prineville Reservoir					-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Rimrock Springs Wildlife Management Area	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Round Butte Overlook Park	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Sand Spring								-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Sawyer Park	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Shevlin Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Sisters Ranger Station	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	
Smith Rock State Park	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Sparks Lake										-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Sunriver Nature Center	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Suttle Lake					-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
The High Desert Museum	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
O'Neil Highway	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tumalo Reservoir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Tumalo State Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Walton Lake								-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wickiup Reservoir						+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
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# Habitats

Unique combinations of food, climate and shelter define wildlife habitats. There are five distinctive habitats in Central Oregon, with micro habitat conditions within each of them.

This diversity in landscape supports the diversity of wildlife who live here year round or visit seasonally.

Current conditions of habitats are influenced by some of the following factors:

## Edges

The place where plant communities meet or successional stages come together is called edge. Edge effect describes the increased diversity of plants and animals due to the mingling of two adjoining communities or successional stages. Some wildlife species associate with edge because of the close proximity of food, shelter, and other habitat components. As examples, the mule deer commonly grazes in openings but hides or rests in dense cover. The northern goshawk typically nests within dense forest next to a small wetland seep.



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## Weather

Periodic extremes of dry or wet climate may allow plant species to enlarge or shrink their distribution. For instance, as a wet meadow dries from extended drought, coniferous trees from adjacent uplands may pioneer and alter the new site through water consumption and shading. Conversely, sites which are normally too dry for conifers can moderate sufficiently after years of copious or timely precipitation to allow tree seed germination and seedling survival.

It takes a hardy plant to survive the root-wrenching topsoil upheaval during Central Oregon's freeze-and-thaw spring season. In addition, an accumulation of heavy snow can break or deform even the strongest tree. Trees toppled in windstorms cause openings in the forest canopy where seedlings can germinate on the forest floor, although massive accumulations of woody debris can actually delay seedling establishment.

## Fire

Until the early-1900's, wildfire regularly burned across Central Oregon. Depending on the kind of habitat or subhabitat, the time between fires averaged 8 to 100 years. These fires - usually of low intensity because fuels didn't accumulate - pruned or cropped aerial growth instead of killing plants. With the arrival of European settlers and the establishment of public wildland reserves, energetic fire suppression became a common practice. As a result, habitats - especially forest - accumulated fuel in such great amounts that today's ignition burns hot enough to cover massive areas and to kill vegetation. While cool ground fires release nutrients stored in soil humus, hot fires can destroy soil microorganisms that help make these nutrients available to plants.

## Insects/Disease

Small mammals, insects, and microorganisms are essential processors of the nutrients in dead vegetation. At an endemic level, insects and diseases kill some plants in a natural thinning process, freeing adjacent vegetation to grow fast and abundant. However, insects or disease can proliferate to weaken or kill vegetation - especially trees - when there is too much plant life for the moisture, sunlight, or nutrients available.

## Animal Use

Animals, whether wild or domestic, exert a significant effect on vegetation. Rodents and birds spread seeds or vegetative parts that sprout new plants. They crop, injure, or kill vegetation for food or construction materials. Grazing can retard or halt tree seedling regeneration in either conifer or hardwood forests. Conversely, grazing can stimulate growth in some lethargic plants that evolved from natural cropping by fire or native grazers.

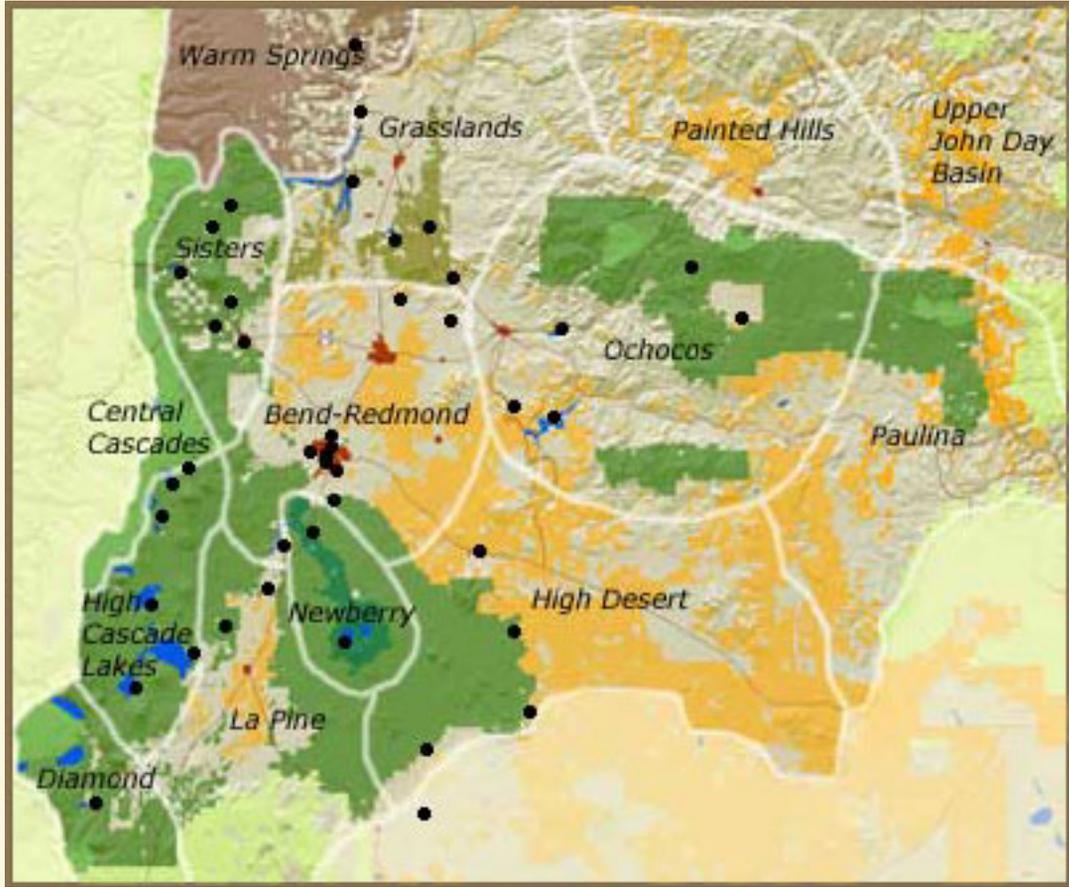
## Human Activity

Human carelessness or excessive use may compact soil, disrupt animal or plant behavior, ignite wildfire, and introduce environmental contaminants such as foreign species or chemical pollutants. Vegetative manipulation - timber management, prescribed burning, or plantings, etc. - can change the direction and speed of succession.

## Succession

Ecological succession is the orderly change in vegetation and animal life that takes place over time as a tract of land evolves from bare ground to a highly stable condition. Each of several plant communities that follow one another in sequence is called a seral stage. You might visualize this by picturing the advance of a forest following wildfire, where bare ground is colonized or resprouts with grasses, forbs, or shrubs. In turn, those plants are overgrown by tree seedlings that progress to saplings, poles, and mature trees. Generally, species diversity increases as succession advances, with the most diverse communities being the most stable.

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## Drake Park



Bend Metro Park and Recreation District



This site may be Bend's most popular outdoor public gathering place, so it receives more human use than any other city park. With majestic ponderosa pine and deciduous hardwoods throughout, it fronts the Deschutes River at Mirror Pond and is adjacent to downtown shops. Scheduled summer events are many and diverse, so weekdays and early morning are usually best for finding "wild" wildlife.

Depending on the season, species of waterfowl that may be found are [American wigeon](#), [mallard](#), [wood duck](#), [Canada goose](#), and [American coot](#). [Tundra swan](#) was recently re-introduced to the park and has nested and fledged cygnets since then. Raptors including [bald eagle](#) and [osprey](#) are occasionally seen, and [peregrine falcon](#) was once spotted here.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 389-7275
- Website: [www.bendparksandrec.org](http://www.bendparksandrec.org)
- Dimensions: 13 acres
- Elevation: 3,596'
- GPS Latitude: 044°03'32.9" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°18'57.5" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

Dogs must be under control and on leash.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **In Bend** -- From jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on THIRD ST. for 0.3 mile to FRANKLIN AVE.
3. Turn WEST onto FRANKLIN AVE. for 0.5 mile to Drake Park

- **Total Distance:** 1 mile
- **Estimated Time:** 3 minutes

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## ODFW High Desert Regional Office



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



To educate and inspire homeowners, the agency constructed a "naturescape" demonstration area at the south end of the office building. Plantings of trees, shrubs, and other vegetation shelter an artificial stream and tiny pond. Nestboxes, roostboxes, and seed feeders add to the habitat. A unique eye-catcher is the outside wall mural painting. At the kiosk, pick up a free copy of the instructive brochure, "Create Your Own Naturescape". You can purchase ODFW's popular book, "Naturescaping: A Partnership with Nature", at the office.

You're likely to see [mountain chickadee](#), [evening grosbeak](#), [pygmy nuthatch](#), [red crossbill](#), [Cassin's finch](#), or [rufous hummingbird](#).

You might even glimpse [western gray squirrel](#) at the seed feeder or [mule deer](#) bedded in the dense shrubbery. Less conspicuous are [long-toed salamander](#), [Pacific chorus frog](#), and [western terrestrial garter snake](#).

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### FACILITIES:

- Parking
- Handicap-accessible
- Interpretive Signs or Literature

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 388-6363
- Website: [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)
- Dimensions: 20' x 50'
- Elevation: 3,780'
- GPS Latitude: 044°01'29.6" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°18'29.2" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

View taxidermy-mounted wildlife and fish in the office lobby during weekdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

### CAUTION:

No outdoor lighting is available for night viewing.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on THIRD STREET for 2.2 miles to POWERS ROAD (stoplight)
3. Turn EAST onto POWERS ROAD for 0.2 miles to PARRELL ROAD (stop sign) opposite the ODFW office

- **Total Distance:** 2 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes

## Viewing Sites

## Pioneer Park



Bend Metro Park and Recreation District



This city park borders the Deschutes River. Thick-trunked ponderosa pine and deciduous hardwoods provide habitat for songbirds and shade for human observers. In spring, summer, and fall, the park receives much human activity throughout the day, so early morning is best for wildlife viewing.

While there may not be a great variety of species here, it is possible to see waterfowl such as [wood duck](#), [American wigeon](#), [mallard](#), [Canada goose](#), and [American coot](#). Terrestrial species include [Townsend's warbler](#), oak titmouse (taxonomists recently separated this species from "[plain titmouse](#)"), [yellow-rumped warbler](#), and [Brewer's blackbird](#). In April or May, listen at night for the rapid "toot" call of [western screech-owl](#).

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 389-7275
- Website: [www.bendparksandrec.org](http://www.bendparksandrec.org)
- Dimensions: 5 acres
- Elevation: 3,590'
- GPS Latitude: 044°03'55.3" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°18'29.2" W

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

## CAUTION:

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## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **In Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel WEST on GREENWOOD AVE. for 0.4 mile to BOND ST.
3. Turn NORTH onto BOND ST. for 0.1 mile to WALL ST.
4. Turn NORTH onto WALL ST. for 0.3 mile to Pioneer Park

- **Total Distance:** 1 mile
- **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes

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## Sawyer Park



Bend Metro Park and Recreation District



The developed park is popular for picnicking and other group activities during warm months, but a streamside trail provides opportunity for productive wildlife viewing. Mountain bike riders also use this trail during any season.

In season, expect to see woodland birds such as [pygmy nuthatch](#), [yellow-rumped warbler](#), and [Anna's hummingbird](#).

Riparian birds found here include [Bullock's oriole](#), [red-winged blackbird](#), [Wilson's warbler](#), [yellow warbler](#), [American dipper](#), [bank swallow](#), [northern rough-winged swallow](#), [warbling vireo](#), [spotted sandpiper](#), and [calliope hummingbird](#). A bird that is rare-to-Oregon but found here with surprising regularity is [Costa's hummingbird](#). Like many places where surface water breeds flying insects, you may see more than one kind of bat hunting the evening sky.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 389-7275](#)
- [Website: \[www.bendparksandrec.org\]\(http://www.bendparksandrec.org\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 66 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,500'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°05'13.2" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°18'28.2" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

The entrance road gate is sometimes locked in winter. Dogs must be under control and on leash. Be alert to avoid trespassing at private-owned residences and landscaping that border this public park.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **In Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel NORTH on THIRD ST. for 1.5 miles to O.B. RILEY RD.
3. Turn NORTHWEST onto O.B. RILEY RD. for 0.4 mile to Sawyer Park entrance

- **Total Distance:** 42 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 60 minutes

## Viewing Sites

## Shevlin Park



Bend Metro Park and Recreation District



This park is the prized jewel of Bend's city park system. Thick-trunked ponderosa pine and western larch grow within the topographic draw, yielding to western juniper on the uplands. Groves of quaking aspen add invaluable habitat diversity. A 2.3-mile road parallels Tumalo Creek, but most of the park is undeveloped except for hiking and mountain bike trails. Be sure to visit the self-guided interpretive trail at Fremont Meadows. In 1990, a wildfire roared with swift ferocity up to the park's east edge.

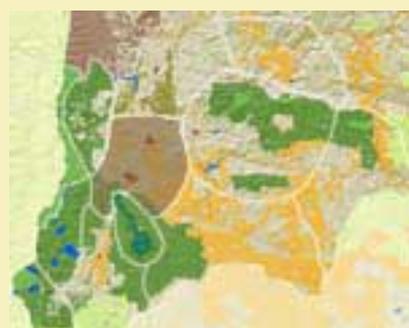
You might see [Lewis's woodpecker](#) at the park's burned east edge. Shrubbery of red-osier dogwood and common snowberry could conceal [ruffed grouse](#) in locations removed from human activity. Listen for their distinct wing "drumming" during pairing in May. [Northern goshawk](#), [northern pygmy-owl](#), and even the rare [peregrine falcon](#) have been sighted here. Other birds to discover are [red-naped sapsucker](#), [pileated woodpecker](#), [warbling vireo](#), [orange-crown warbler](#), [grey catbird](#), [MacGillivray's warbler](#), [black-headed grosbeak](#), and [lazuli bunting](#).

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 389-7275](#)
- [Website: \[www.bendparksandrec.org\]\(http://www.bendparksandrec.org\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 603 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,600' - 3,800'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°04'59.0" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°22'34.7" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

A children-only fishing pond stocked with rainbow trout is located next to Aspen Hall.

## CAUTION:

The road south into the park is gated and may be closed to vehicles when summer wildfire danger is extreme, and also in winter until April.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel WEST on GREENWOOD AVE. for 0.5 mile to NEWPORT AVE.
3. Continue WEST onto NEWPORT AVE. for 1.2 miles to SHEVLIN PARK MARKET RD.
4. Continue WEST onto SHEVLIN PARK MARKET RD. for 2.7 miles to Shevlin Park at Tumalo Creek bridge.

- **Total Distance:** 4 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Smith Rock State Park



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department



World renowned by climbers for its rock walls, this site offers a spectacular view of the Crooked River canyon. Accordingly, it's popular with visitors during any season. You can easily discern the path of a wildfire that burned a few years ago.

This is a good place to see [white-throated swift](#), [prairie falcon](#), [golden eagle](#), [canyon wren](#), and [western fence lizard](#). Look for [yellow-bellied marmot](#) in rock talus or piles, and for [bats](#) flying their zig-zag mission over the river at dusk (bats in flight are difficult to identify by species). [Gray flycatcher](#), [dusky flycatcher](#), [ash-throated flycatcher](#), and [lazuli bunting](#) are occasionally sighted.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 548-7501](#)
- [Website: \[www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\\_51.php\]\(http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\_51.php\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 310 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 2,800'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°22'14.3" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°08'01.1" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

For a truly breathtaking view of vertical walls bordering the Crooked River, journey 3 miles north on Highway 97 to the Peter Skene Ogden Scenic Wayside.

### CAUTION:

Check posted signs for seasonal restrictions on smoking or open fires. Pets must be controlled on leash at all times, and hikers are urged to stay on the designated trails. Be alert for rattlesnakes.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Terrebonne** -- jct. of Smith Rock Market Rd. & Hwy. 97
2. Travel east on SMITH ROCK MARKET RD. for 0.6 miles to LAMBERT RD.
3. Turn NORTH onto LAMBERT RD. for 1.0 miles to SMITH ROCK RD.
4. Turn NORTH onto SMITH ROCK RD. for 1.0 miles to Smith Rock State Park

- **Total Distance:** 3 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## The High Desert Museum



High Desert Museum



The museum (private non-profit educational institution) offers a fascinating and comprehensive look at the natural and cultural history of our area and the rest of the intermountain west. A 1/2-mile paved loop trail is adorned with outdoor exhibits and signed features. Special events and temporary or limited-duration exhibits occur regularly. There's enough here for hours of education and entertainment by all ages.

With a wildlife display like no other in central Oregon, here you can view live animals seldom seen in the wild because of their stealth or rarity. Within enclosed natural habitats or dioramas you'll find: (1) reptiles such as [collared lizard](#), [western whiptail](#), and [rubber boa](#); (2) birds like [spotted owl](#), [western screech owl](#), and [red-tailed hawk](#); and (3) mammals including [common porcupine](#), [river otter](#), [pallid bat](#), and [Ord's kangaroo rat](#). A rare-to-Oregon hooded oriole was once observed here in spring.

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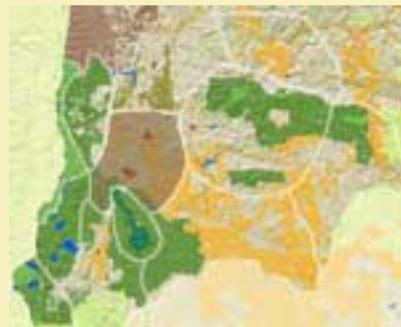
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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 382-4754](#)
- [Website: \[www.highdesertmuseum.org\]\(http://www.highdesertmuseum.org\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 72 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,020'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°58'00.5" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°20'21.3" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Onsite book and gift store, art gallery, working turn-of-the-century sawmill, settler's cabin, stagecoach, sheepherder's wagon, café, education center, plus puppets and animal costumes for children.

### CAUTION:

No visitor smoking, pets (except trained service animals), or feeding of wildlife. Open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 6.7 miles to Signed entrance road on highway's east roadside
3. Turn EAST onto entrance road for 0.4 mile to Parking and museum

- **Total Distance:** 7 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## O'Neil Highway



Oregon Department of Transportation (right-of-way), and private land



From Prineville west to O'Neil Junction at Highway 97, the O'Neil Highway passes by a variety of natural and agricultural habitats. The main attraction is tall and expansive rock cliffs that border or parallel the Crooked River and provide raptor nesting or loafing sites. Just west of Prineville, sewage treatment ponds sometimes accommodate flocking waterfowl during seasonal migrations.

Depending on the season, this is an excellent place for raptors, water birds, and various mammals. Scan the rock cliffs for [golden eagle](#), [prairie falcon](#), [common raven](#), or [turkey vulture](#). Utility line poles are sometimes used as perch sites by [ferruginous hawk](#), [rough-legged hawk](#), [Swainson's hawk](#), [red-tailed hawk](#), and [American kestrel](#). The roadside squirrel you see is probably [Belding's ground squirrel](#). Rock piles are home base for [yellow-bellied marmot](#). Agricultural pasture attracts [mule deer](#), [elk](#), [coyote](#), [northern harrier](#), [great egret](#), and [great blue heron](#). Cottonwood or juniper trees may conceal [great horned owl](#) and [long-eared owl](#).



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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 447-5111 (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- Website: [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com)
- Dimensions: 18 miles
- Elevation: 2,780' - 2,930'
- GPS Latitude: 044°20'05.5" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°00'37.3" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

The highway is single-lane with narrow turnouts, so drive and park with extra care. Remain within the road right-of-way because nearly all adjacent land is private. A spotting scope works best for scanning distant cliffs north of the highway, but binoculars suffice elsewhere.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- at jct. of Hwy. 26 and Hwy. 126
2. Travel WEST on HWY. 126 for 0.3 mile to O'Neil Hwy.

- **Total Distance:** 1 mile
- **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Tumalo Reservoir



Tumalo Irrigation District



The reservoir stores water diverted from Tumalo Creek during the mid-April to mid-October irrigation season. A flat gradient and soil substrate provides acres of shallow-flooded habitat for feeding water birds. Outside the irrigation season, surface water may disappear into the porous ground. Shoreline vegetation is low except for willow shrubbery on the southeast side.

This is a convenient location to observe waterfowl and shorebirds. All Oregon species of grebe ([pied-billed](#), [horned](#), [red-necked](#), [eared](#), [western](#), and [Clark's](#)) have been found here. Other waterfowl include [Pacific loon](#), [common loon](#), [greater white-fronted goose](#), [tundra swan](#), and [blue-winged teal](#). Shorebirds to see are [semipalmated plover](#), [solitary sandpiper](#), [western sandpiper](#), [long-billed dowitcher](#), and [Wilson's snipe](#). Also possible are [Bonaparte's gull](#), [ring-billed gull](#), and [Forster's tern](#). A past rare find was long-tailed jaeger. Your visit at dusk may be rewarded with overhead forays by several species of [bat](#).

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 383-3287
- Website: [www.tumalo.org](http://www.tumalo.org)
- Dimensions: 140 acres
- Elevation: 3,510'
- GPS Latitude: 044°08'22.7" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°24'50.4" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

This is private property, so stay on the public road where visibility is quite good with binoculars or spotting scope.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Tumalo** -- jct. of Hwy. 20 and Tumalo Reservoir Rd.
2. Travel WEST on TUMALO RESERVOIR RD. for 4.6 miles to SISEMORE RD.
3. Turn NORTH onto SISEMORE RD. for 0.1 mile to Tumalo Reservoir outlet bridge

- **Total Distance:** 5 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

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## Tumalo State Park



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department



Accessible yearlong, the site's day-use area (fee \$3/vehicle) and fee campground border the Deschutes River. Red-osier dogwood and willow line the streamside. Being within 4 miles of Bend, expect a lot of visitors in summer. Winter, and weekdays during spring or fall, are better times for sparse crowds.

The viewing attraction here is songbirds lured by woodlands and surface water. Look for [black-headed grosbeak](#), [pygmy nuthatch](#), [mountain chickadee](#), and [Cassin's finch](#). You might also see [violet-green swallow](#), [yellow warbler](#), [Townsend's warbler](#), [western meadowlark](#), [California quail](#), and [Townsend's solitaire](#).

Birds occasionally pioneer to new geography because of forceful weather or flocking with other species. That could explain prior sightings here for [Costa's hummingbird](#) and [painted bunting](#), species that are native to the southern United States. During the twilight of evening, watch the river corridor for acro"bat"ics from several species of this mammal, some of which may roost during the day in crevasses of onsite rock cliffs.

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 382-3586](#)
- [Website: \[www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\\_45.php\]\(http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\_45.php\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 120 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,200'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°07'43.4" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°19'47.9" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Unique to this campground are tepees and yurts available for visitor rental.

## CAUTION:

A gate to the day use area closes to vehicle entry at dusk. Dogs must be under control and on leash.

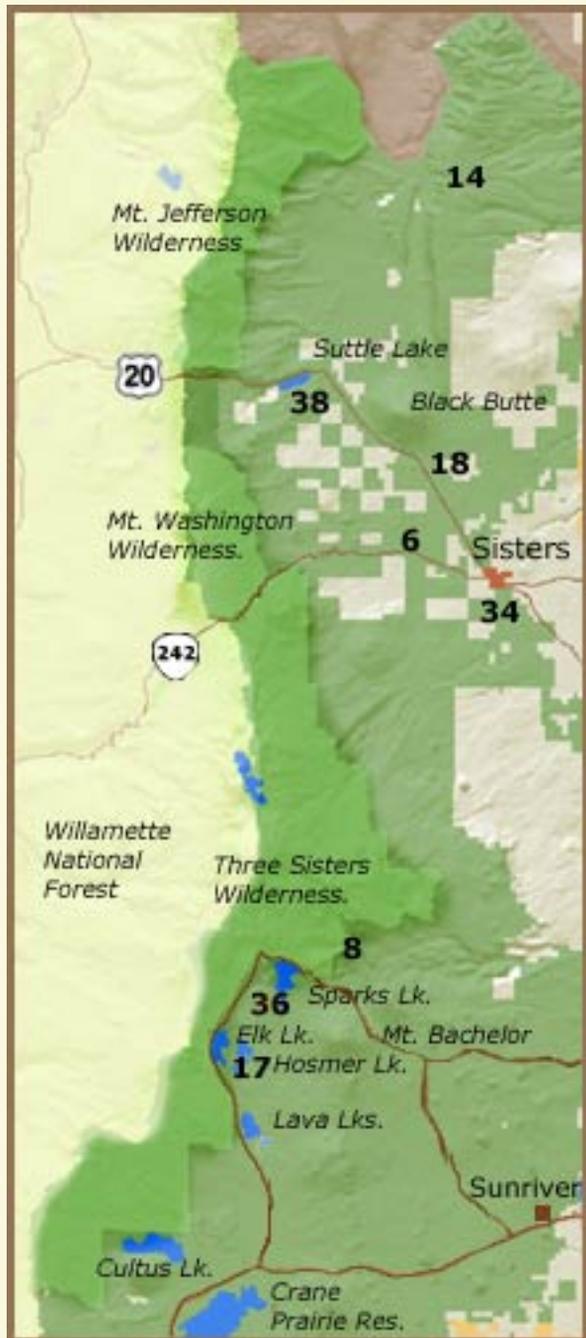
## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Tumalo** -- jct. of Hwy. 20 and Johnson Rd.
2. Travel SOUTH on JOHNSON RD. for 1.0 mile to TUMALO MARKET RD.
3. Turn SOUTH onto TUMALO MARKET RD. for 0.1 mile to Tumalo State Park

- **Total Distance:** 1 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 2 minutes

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## Crater Creek Ditch



Deschutes National Forest - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District



This roadside route starts at Todd Lake and ends at the west terminus of F.R. 378. You'll pass through (1) shady forests of thick-trunked mountain hemlock or subalpine fir, (2) large dryland openings of forbs and grass-like plants, and (3) barren ground. Forest undergrowth is typically sparse at this elevation. Whole trees and woody debris laying on the ground are ample sign of the abundant snowfall that trims or topples alpine trees. Dwarf huckleberry wears brilliant colored foliage in September and October.

The most exciting find here could be a reclusive [boreal owl](#).

Unfortunately, you need to search in early spring when deep snow still covers the ground and the bird is vocal at night. Consolation species for daylight and more accessible seasons of year include [gray-crowned rosy-finch](#), [three-toed woodpecker](#), [calliope hummingbird](#), [red crossbill](#), [pine siskin](#), and [evening grosbeak](#). [Rocky Mountain elk](#) and [American marten](#) are occasionally seen. You may even hear the sharp alarm whistle from [yellow-bellied marmot](#) hiding in rock talus. Wildflowers sprout color in July and August.

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### FACILITIES:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 4.6 miles](#)
- [Elevation: 6,150' - 7,180'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°01'25.8" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°40'50.6" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Todd Lake and a wildflower meadow are 1/4-mile west from the south terminus of this route.

### CAUTION:

Deep winter snow normally limits access to July through October. The road is narrow, steep, wet, and not rockered for traction, so low-clearance vehicles are sometimes unsuitable. PLEASE remain on designated roads or trails because alpine soils are thin and extremely vulnerable to erosion. Biting insects are prolific here from June through August.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on FRANK ST. for 0.3 mile to FRANKLIN AVE.
3. Turn WEST onto FRANKLIN AVE. for 1.2 miles to GALVESTON AVE.
4. Turn WEST onto GLAVESTON AVE. for 0.4 miles to F.R. 46 (CASCADE LAKES HWY.)
5. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 46 for 22.4 miles to F.R. 46-370 (gravel)
6. Turn NORTH onto F.R. 46-370 for 0.6 miles to Todd Lake Trail and start of road route.

- **Total Distance:** 25 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 35 minute

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## Big Marsh



Deschutes National Forest - Crescent Ranger District



This is a place to get away from the crowd. Before its acquisition by the Forest Service in 1982, the private marsh was ditched to lower the water table and cattle were grazed summer long. It is now part of the Oregon Cascade Recreation Area, and Big Marsh Creek is a Wild and Scenic River. Restoration efforts removed the livestock, re-directed water to natural channels, and used controlled fire to kill encroaching conifers. There is a nature trail on the east side of the marsh.

At the clearing on F.R. 5825 that overlooks the marsh, use binoculars or spotting scope in summer to scan for [Rocky Mountain elk](#).

When you reach the marsh, prepare yourself for a melodious potpourri during spring and early summer! Listen for the echoing trumpet of [sandhill crane](#), the overhead flutter of [Wilson's snipe](#), the booming swoop of [common nighthawk](#), or the rapid clicking -- like marbles struck together -- of the rare [yellow rail](#). You're likely to see [Wilson's phalarope](#) and [blue-winged teal](#). With knowledge and perseverance, you might glimpse [Oregon spotted frog](#) since this site harbors Oregon's largest remaining population. (PLEASE leave your pet bullfrog at home since that foreigner has preyed upon native frogs all across Oregon!) September visitors might hear the eerie, high-pitched bugling of bull elk in mating ritual. Canoeing the creek's main channel at the marsh's north end is a great way to discover the extraordinary animal and plant diversity here.

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## Haystack Reservoir



**Crooked River National Grasslands**  
Bureau of Reclamation



The reservoir is used to store and regulate April through October delivery of irrigation water to users in the North Unit Irrigation District. Water is present yearlong but may be iced over in cold winters. A viewing and fishing platform over the water is located on the northwest side near the dam. Willow thickets are present on the southeast side. Rock cliffs form the north shoreline, but that area is accessible only by boat or on foot.

The expanse of water attracts waterfowl such as [common loon](#), [horned grebe](#), [red-necked grebe](#), and [eared grebe](#) for a respite during migration. Rarities that have been reported are [trumpeter swan](#), [surf scoter](#), [black-necked stilt](#), [sanderling](#), [bald eagle](#), [osprey](#), and [eastern kingbird](#). The spring breeding season in April through May produces nature's own concert from [Pacific chorus frog](#). If you can recognize other frog calls as well, listen after dark for [Great Basin spadefoot](#).

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 475-9272 for CRNG](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/www.pn.usbr.gov/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/www.pn.usbr.gov/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 233 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 2,840'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°29'38.8" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°09'32.4" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

The lake offers fishing for kokanee salmon, largemouth bass, brown trout, bluegill, and black crappie.

### CAUTION:

Expect lots of human activity through the summer, culminated by a drag-boat race event held annually during the third week of August.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Madras** -- at jct. of Hwy. 97 and Hwy. 26
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 7.7 miles to JERICHO LANE
3. Turn EAST onto JERICHO LN. for 1.3 miles to F.R. 7130
4. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 7130 for 0.6 mile to Haystack Reservoir

- **Total Distance:** 10 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

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## Pelton Wildlife Overlook



Portland General Electric



From the gated parking area, a gravel trail connects two uncovered wooden platforms, approximately 400' apart, for a panoramic view of Pelton Re-regulating Reservoir. Each deck has a railing with bench seating. Because the deck is elevated and only 300' from water, you have an unobstructed shoreline view of 2/3-mile. The water-level fluctuates several feet each day because of hydroelectric project operations, and the exposed mudflats attract shorebirds, wading birds, and waterfowl.

With stealthy patience plus an opportune time of day or season, you might observe dozens of animal species here. The possibilities include: [California quail](#), [lesser goldfinch](#), [Canada goose](#), [double-crested cormorant](#), [western fence lizard](#), [bald eagle](#), [osprey](#), [great blue heron](#), [mule deer](#), [American beaver](#), [river otter](#), [coyote](#), and [mountain cottontail](#).

From May through August, several varieties of [bats](#) fly the evening sky over water for insect prey.

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## HABITATS:

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(503\) 464-8515](#)
- [Website: \[www.portlandgeneral.com/community\\\_and\\\_env/parks\\\_campgrounds/deschutes/\]\(http://www.portlandgeneral.com/community\_and\_env/parks\_campgrounds/deschutes/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 10 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 1,540'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°43'20.9" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°14'28.8" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

[Simtustus Reservoir](#) and [Pelton Park](#) campground, store, and marina are about 4 miles south.

## CAUTION:

Hunting, camping, or overnight parking are not allowed. This is private land, so please don't wander from the trail. To see more wildlife, remain quiet, low, and motionless within the exposed platform.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Madras** -- at jct. of Hwys. 97 & 26
2. Travel NORTH on HWY. 26 for 9.8 miles to PELTON DAM RD. (Simtustus Reservoir)
3. Turn SOUTHWEST onto PELTON DAM RD. for 0.5 mile to Access road
4. Turn WEST onto access road for 0.5 mile to Parking lot

- **Total Distance:** 11 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Rimrock Springs Wildlife Management Area



Crooked River National Grassland



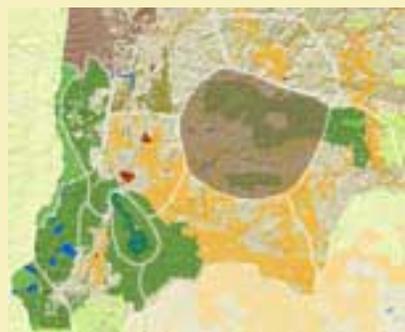
A small dam traps spring-fed water to create this wetland oasis in an otherwise parched land. From the parking lot, take the 0.5-mile paved level trail to an uncovered observation deck. For a different perspective and route back to the parking lot, hike the not-so-level 0.9-mile dirt trail that loops south past a second viewing platform and then west.

During the nesting season, watch for waterfowl such as [Canada goose](#), [ruddy duck](#), [northern shoveler](#), [mallard](#), [cinnamon teal](#), and [American coot](#). Listen for [Wilson's snipe](#) or [common nighthawk](#) swooping overhead, and for [sora](#) or [Virginia rail](#) calling from the grassy cover. It's common to find, [tri colored blackbird](#), [gray flycatcher](#), [ash-throated flycatcher](#), [western kingbird](#), and three species of blackbird ([Brewer's](#), [red-winged](#), and [yellow-headed](#)). More than one species of [bat](#) might be distinguished by size in the fading light of a warm summer evening. An extra treat in late-May to early-June is the lovely pinkish blooms of bitterroot, a prostrate succulent herb that shrivels soon after flowering.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 475-9272](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 400 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,070'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°29'47.8" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°03'17.1" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

This site can be brutally hot in summer, so take along drinking fluids. For the best view, bring binoculars or a spotting scope. Although you should be alert for rattlesnakes, you're more apt to see the similarly colored but non-venomous gopher snake.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Madras** -- jct. of Hwy. 97 and Hwy. 26
2. Travel SOUTHEAST on HWY. 26 for 8.9 miles to Rimrock Springs WMA

- **Total Distance:** 9 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Round Butte Overlook Park



Portland General Electric



A small, enclosed visitor building is perched on the canyon's edge. Large windows create an unobstructed view, so even in stormy or windy weather the scenery is rewarding. PGE employs a park host to maintain the site and answer questions from approximately late-May to mid-September.

Don't miss a special event here that occurs in late-February. "Eagle Watch" is an annual observance to celebrate Lake Billy Chinook's [bald eagles](#) and other raptors. To entice raptors like [bald eagle](#), [golden eagle](#), and [red-tailed hawk](#) into view, carcasses of road-killed deer are strategically positioned on the opposite (northwest) plateau. The location is visible with the aid of binoculars or spotting scope, and raptors continue to use the feeding site for weeks. Naturalists provide raptor life history presentations for visitors. [Mule deer](#) are also regularly sighted in the canyon.

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## FACILITIES:

- Parking
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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (503) 464-8515
- Website: [www.portlandgeneral.com/community\\_and\\_env/parks\\_campgrounds/deschutes/](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/community_and_env/parks_campgrounds/deschutes/)
- Dimensions: 5 acres
- Elevation: 2,320'
- GPS Latitude: 044°36'02.9" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°16'24.8" W

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Free-roaming horses are often visible on the plateau northwest of the park. Round Butte Dam is situated directly below the park.

## CAUTION:

The park is open Thursday - Monday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, and the gate is locked outside those times. Morning sunlight is best for seeing the cliff face.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- jct. of Belmont Lane & Hwy. 97
2. Travel WEST on BELMONT LN. for 6.8 miles to MOUNTAIN VIEW DR.
3. Turn SOUTH onto MOUNTAIN VIEW DR. for 1.7 miles to Access road and sign to Round Butte Overlook Park.
4. Turn WEST onto signed access road for 0.8 mile to Round Butte Overlook Park

- **Total Distance:** 9 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

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## High Cascade Lakes Area



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## Brown's Mountain Crossing



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An over-water wooden viewing platform is located on the south side of a concrete bridge that spans the Deschutes River. The bridge's south lane has a pedestrian walkway also useful for over-water viewing and safe river crossing. Interpretive signs describe the aquatic menagerie found here.

This is a convenient place to view lunker kokanee salmon and brown trout that migrate from Wickiup Reservoir to the river in September. The concentration of spawning fish entices [bald eagle](#) and [osprey](#) to hunt for an easy meal. Watch for [American dipper](#) and [common merganser](#) that fly up and down the river. Streamside wildflowers attract more than one species of hummingbird ([black-chinned](#), [calliope](#), or [rufous](#)).



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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 1 acre](#)
- [Elevation: 4,340'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°44'41.5" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°46'52.8" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Brown's Mountain is habitat for bald eagles and animal dwellers of old growth forest. Crane Prairie Dam is less than a mile upstream.

### CAUTION:

Keep alert for fast-moving vehicles on the two-lane bridge. Fishing restrictions are in effect and posted at the site.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel **SOUTH** on HWY. 97 for 14.7 miles to **SOUTH CASCADE HWY.** and turnoff to Sunriver.
3. Turn **WEST** onto **SOUTH CASCADE HWY.** for 23.2 miles to Deschutes River at **BROWNS MTN. CROSSING**

- **Total Distance:** 38 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 50 minutes



## Viewing Sites

## Davis Lake



Deschutes National Forest - Crescent Ranger District



This is one of the most productive wildlife areas in central Oregon. Add a superb view of Cascade peaks at no charge and you have a truly special place to visit. The lake's water level may fluctuate significantly from year to year with a correlate contraction of animal habitat.

**NOTE:** Due to damage by the Davis Fire in 2003, East and West Davis Campgrounds are closed. Be sure to watch for other closure information due to the fire.



It's possible to identify 40-50 animal species here on a spring day. Among them could be three terns ([Caspian](#), [Forster's](#), and [black](#)), four grebes ([pied-billed](#), [horned](#), [eared](#), and [western](#)), and even non-nesting [American white pelican](#).

Woodpeckers respond favorably to the effects of fire by taking advantage of insect activity in dead and stressed trees. In particular, [black-backed woodpeckers](#) can be seen within the fire area near this site. [Great gray owl](#) are possible on the west side, plus [bald eagle](#) and [osprey](#) nest at the lake. The riparian shrubbery bordering Crescent Creek conceals [ruffed grouse](#). Rare-to-Oregon birds discovered here include scissor-tailed flycatcher, northern parula, and [semipalmated sandpiper](#). Look for [American pika](#) on lava of the northeast shore and [Rocky Mountain elk](#) along the west shore. From a boat, you might glimpse lunker rainbow trout or largemouth bass near bulrush reeds at the north shore.

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 433-3200](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 3,906 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,390'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°37'01.4" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°50'34.1" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Yearlong habitat for northern spotted owl is not far away at Davis Mountain and Hamner Butte.

## CAUTION:

Road access to the lake's northeast shore and Lava Campground is closed in spring and early summer to protect vulnerable wildlife. The entire area is inaccessible in winter due to snow.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From La Pine**
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 11.8 miles to F.R. 62
3. Turn WEST onto F.R. 62 for 13.5 miles to F.R. 46 at stopsign
4. Continue WEST on F.R. 62 for 0.3 mile to Jct. of F.R. 62-850 and F.R. 62-855, both graveled
  - a. Turn NORTH onto F.R. 62-850 and follow signs for 0.7 mile Davis Lake at Lava Campground
  2. OR Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 62-855 and follow signs for 1.8 miles to Davis Lake at East Davis Campground

- **Total Distance:** 26 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 35 minutes

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## Hosmer Lake



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The lake is a hidden jewel of green and blue surrounded by dark green forest. Thickets of bulrush wands hide the most secretive wildlife and fish. At the north end, water drains into a porous rim of lava. The best way to experience this lake is by canoe, but a shoreline hike will still produce wondrous sights and sounds. Take your camera to capture the spectacular view of Mt. Bachelor.

This is a place to find [American bittern](#), [Virginia rail](#), [sora](#), [three-toed woodpecker](#), [black-backed woodpecker](#), and sometimes [wood duck](#). It's also one of only two locations in central Oregon for Atlantic salmon. Another fish in the glass-clear water is brook trout. Meadows along the lake's northwest shore are grazed by [Rocky Mountain elk](#). You might encounter [common nighthawk](#), [Costa's hummingbird](#), [gray jay](#), [Clark's nutcracker](#), and three kinds of blackbird ([Brewer's](#), [red-winged](#), and [yellow-headed](#)). [Black bear](#) are an occasional night-time visitor to campgrounds.

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### HABITATS:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 198 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,966'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°57'35.4" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°47'16.9" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

Bring insect repellent! Secure all your food items so black bears don't become a nuisance or safety hazard that requires their euthanasia. Deep snow commonly limits road access to the months of June through October.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on THIRD ST. for 0.3 mile to FRANKLIN AVE.
3. Turn WEST onto FRANKLIN AVE. for 1.2 miles to GALVESTON AVE.
4. Turn WEST onto GALVESTON AVE. for 0.4 mile to F.R. 46 (CASCADE LAKES HWY.)
5. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 46 for 33.9 miles to F.R. 4625
6. Turn EAST onto F.R. 4625 for 1.2 miles to Hosmer Lake and South Campground

- **Total Distance:** 37 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 50 minutes

## Viewing Sites

## Sparks Lake



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This site will stretch your capability to focus only on wildlife. Approximately 370 acres of lake wetland are surrounded by another 360 acres of meadow, marsh, or stream wetlands. The spectacular setting - a memorialized favorite of the late, acclaimed, landscape photographer Ray Atkeson - is dominated by South Sister towering to 10,358' elevation, Broken Top to 9,175', and Bachelor Butte to 9,065'. Dark-green forests, bright-green meadows, and deep-blue skies will linger on your real or imaginary canvas. Look for the yellow-flowers of Indian pond lily in small ponds at the meadow's northwest corner.

Scan the lakeside meadows for grazing [mule deer](#) or [black-tailed deer](#), and for the low flight of [northern harrier](#). The [osprey](#), [red-tailed hawk](#), [bald eagle](#), [golden eagle](#), and [common nighthawk](#) may circle or swoop overhead. Look for old snags pitted with trunk cavities that invite [tree swallow](#) or [mountain bluebird](#). Search willow thickets for [yellow warbler](#) or [MacGillivray's warbler](#). The surrounding forest holds [three-toed woodpecker](#). Quietly study the crystalline water in small creeks that braid the meadows for a darting brook trout. Stream gravel provides excellent spawning habitat for adult fish from the lake, and young fingerlings stay here before moving to the lake. [River otter](#), [California gull](#), and [great blue heron](#) may be observed in or near these waters.

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 730 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 5,430'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°01'13.6" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°44'29.4" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Approximately 1/2 mile west is Katsuk Butte Research Natural Area, a high-elevation, undisturbed, entirely forested cinder cone. Mountain hemlock, subalpine fir, and lodgepole pine are the common trees, but whitebark pine, western white pine, Pacific silver fir, white fir, and ponderosa pine show in minor portions. It's possible habitat for the elusive boreal owl.

## CAUTION:

Move cautiously in the meadow's tall grass to avoid narrow, concealed water channels. Cold water and deep holes in these "beaver highways" can make for a frigid or injurious plunge. Mosquitoes and biting flies are abundant in early summer, so bring repellent.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 0.3 miles to FRANKLIN AVE.
3. Turn WEST onto FRANKLIN AVE. for 1.2 miles to GALVESTON AVE.
4. Turn WEST onto GALVESTON AVE. for 0.4 miles to F.R. 46 (CASCADE LAKES HWY.)
5. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 46 for 24.6 miles to F.R. 46-400
6. Turn SOUTHWEST onto F.R. 46-400 for 1.6 miles to Boat launch and campground

- **Total Distance:** 28 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 40 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Wickiup Reservoir



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This is one of central Oregon's best wildlife viewing sites because it attracts such a variety of nesting and/or migrating birds. The relatively shallow reservoir was dammed to store irrigation water that is managed by the North Unit Irrigation District. The water level often lowers dramatically by October. The easiest access for shoreline viewing is at recreation sites or along the 2.6-mile earthen dam.

This is the place to spot waterfowl and shorebirds, including: four species of loon ([red-throated](#), [Pacific](#), [common](#), and [yellow-billed](#)); five kinds of grebe ([horned](#), [red-necked](#), [eared](#), [western](#), and [Clark's](#)); five species of gull ([Franklin's](#), [Bonaparte's](#), [ring-billed](#), [California](#), and [herring](#)); [greater white-fronted goose](#); [tundra swan](#); [canvasback](#); [redhead](#); [greater scaup](#); [lesser scaup](#); [surf scoter](#); [white-winged scoter](#); [American avocet](#); [greater yellowlegs](#); [least sandpiper](#); [pectoral sandpiper](#), and [dunlin](#). [Peregrine falcon](#) and [gyrfalcon](#) have been observed in late autumn and early winter.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 10,334 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,338'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°40'45.2" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°43'20.4" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Pringle Falls Experimental Forest and Research Natural Area is approximately 2 miles east of Wickiup Dam. The Experimental Forest studies (1) experimental culturing techniques for ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine, (2) timber harvest effects on soil moisture and other resources, and (3) the role of fire in natural ecosystems. The Research Natural Area contains naturally occurring ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine forests that are preserved in an unmodified condition for non-manipulative research and education.

### CAUTION:

Winter access is typically hindered by deep snow.

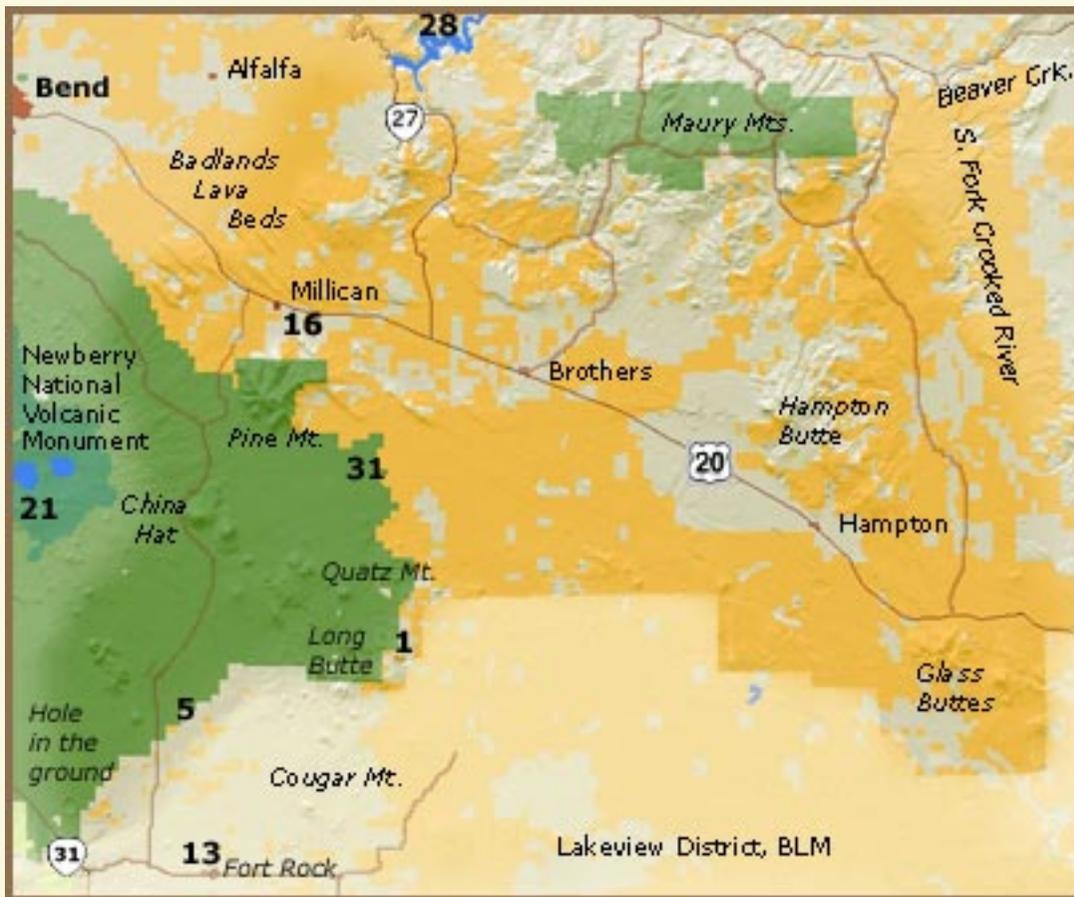
### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 17.2 miles to VANDEVERT RD. (F.R. 42)
3. Turn WEST onto F.R. 42 for 20.2 miles to F.R. 4262
4. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 4262 for 1.8 miles to F.R. 4260
  - a. Turn WEST onto F.R. 4260 for 0.2 miles to NORTH WICKIUP CG or for 0.3 miles to GULL POINT CG
  2. Turn EAST onto F.R. 4260 for 2.8 miles to WICKIUP DAM

- **Total Distance:** 40 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 60 minutes

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## Aspen Flat



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This oasis of lush greenery is welcome respite from the dry ponderosa pine forest surroundings. The ground below the quaking aspen foliage is blanketed with grasses and blooming wildflowers in season. Trees are similar in bole height and diameter because wildfire swept the area in 1958 and consumed most above-ground plant growth.

This aspen grove might host [warbling vireo](#), [olive-sided flycatcher](#), [orange-crowned warbler](#), or a bedded [mule deer](#). When wildflowers are in bloom, you may see [rufous hummingbird](#). In the adjacent manzanita shrubbery, look for [green-tailed towhee](#), [dusky flycatcher](#), and [fox sparrow](#). This aspen grove attracts several kinds of butterflies, including species of swallowtails, whites, and blues."

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### HABITATS:

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### FACILITIES:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 383-4000
- Website: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/)
- Dimensions: 5 acres
- Elevation: 5,200'
- GPS Latitude: 043°33'45.6" N
- GPS Longitude: 120°46'57.7" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

The final length of road is less than friendly to low-clearance vehicles, the area is isolated, and drinking water is scarce. This site is not signed, so a GPS device or detailed map is helpful.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From community of Fort Rock**
2. Travel NORTH on F.R. 18 (graveled Cabin Lake Rd.) for 14.6 miles to F.R. 2259 (gravel)
3. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 2259 for 3.7 miles to F.R. 23 (gravel)
4. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 23 for 8.8 miles to F.R. 2325 (gravel)
5. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 2325 for 0.6 miles to F.R. 2320 (gravel)
6. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 2320 for 2.9 miles to F.R. 2315-500 (gravel)
7. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 2315-500 for 1.0 miles to F.R. 2320-800 (gravel)
8. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 2320-800 for 0.7 miles to F.R. 2320-870 (gravel)
9. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 2320-870 for 0.5 miles to Aspen Flat

- **Total Distance:** 33 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 60 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Cabin Lake Viewing Blind



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Two 8' x 12' covered shelters, approximately 300' apart on a north-south line, permit silent human observers to spy upon thirsty animals. Each blind has a small concrete basin that puddles water piped from the nearby Guard Station. Veiled wall openings allow viewing and photography from a distance of 15-20 feet. A barbed-wire fence surrounds the site. Be sure to browse the registry for its decades-long, international record of human and wildlife visitors.

The presence of surface water at this bone-dry location attracts [Lewis's woodpecker](#), [white-headed woodpecker](#), [gray flycatcher](#), [loggerhead shrike](#), [Clark's nutcracker](#), [pinyon jay](#), [common poorwill](#), [green-tailed towhee](#), [Brewer's sparrow](#), [Cassin's finch](#), [red crossbill](#), [yellow-pine chipmunk](#), [least chipmunk](#), and [American badger](#). In evening darkness, you might glimpse [mule deer](#), [bushy-tailed woodrat](#), [deer mouse](#), and more than one species of [bat](#) coming to drink.



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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 1 acre](#)
- [Elevation: 4,510'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°29'27.7" N](#)
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### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Approximately 4 miles to the east is The Devil's Garden, a jumble of lava flows and dry shrubland where desert bighorn sheep were recently re-introduced.

### CAUTION:

Such close proximity between observer and wildlife demands absolute silence, so keep your dog or cat away. Bring a filled water container to replenish the drink-basin in case the supply system is disabled. You can leave your fishing rod and boat at home because the "lake" dried centuries ago.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From community of Fort Rock**
2. Travel NORTH on F.R. 18 (graveled Cabin Lake Rd.) for 9.5 miles to F.R. 18-970 (dirt)
3. Turn WEST on F.R. 18-970 for 0.25 miles to Parking area for the viewing blinds

- **Total Distance:** 10 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 30 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Highway 20 East



Oregon Department of Transportation

The endless expanse of the Highway 20E roadside between Millican and Brothers is a place to spot various raptors even in winter. These birds often perch on the crossarm of roadside utility poles to search for ground prey in daylight or to roost at night. Don't expect commercial amenities or regular business hours at these tiniest of towns.

From autumn to spring, watch for [rough-legged hawk](#), [golden eagle](#), or [American kestrel](#). In spring and summer, [Swainson's hawk](#), [ferruginous hawk](#), [western meadowlark](#), [horned lark](#), [brown-headed cowbird](#), several kinds of sparrow ([sage](#), [Brewer's](#), and [chipping](#)), [sage thrasher](#), [mountain bluebird](#), and [gray flycatcher](#) nest in the area. [Belding's ground squirrel](#) might scurry the roadside, while [pronghorn](#) are occasionally seen from a distance. During any season, it's possible to spot [red-tailed hawk](#), [common raven](#), [coyote](#), [black-tailed jackrabbit](#), or [mountain cottontail](#). The yellow or white blooms of buckwheat, sunflower, and other plants are visible in late May through June.

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### FACILITIES:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (800) 977-6368
- Website: [www.tripcheck.com/](http://www.tripcheck.com/)
- Dimensions: 17 miles
- Elevation: 4,300'
- GPS Latitude: 043°52'46.2" N
- GPS Longitude: 120°55'07.4" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Pine Mountain Observatory, about 8 miles south of Millican, is a University of Oregon facility for astronomy education and research. Public visitors are allowed on Friday and Saturday evenings in late May through September. Also, Pine Mountain is literally the jumping off point for recreational paragliders who soar to their landing at Millican.

### CAUTION:

The highway is single lane with narrow pullouts, so stay alert when parking at the roadside.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 20E for 25 miles to Millican

- **Total Distance:** 25 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 35 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Sand Spring



Deschutes National Forest - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District



An unseen spring trickles water to the fenced pond. Sagebrush shrubland borders the pond, and dry forest surrounds the shrubland. It's a long way to the next drink, so this site draws wildlife like a magnet.

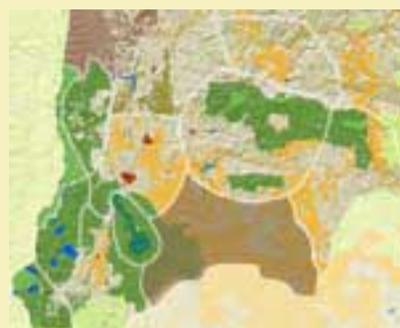
Onsite artificial nesting boxes may host [mountain bluebird](#) or [tree swallow](#). Among the daytime drinkers you might see are [Cassin's finch](#), [evening grosbeak](#), [pine siskin](#), [red crossbill](#), and [yellow-rumped warbler](#). Early morning, late evening, and after dark are the best hours to spot [mule deer](#). Water and succulent plants bring insects that, in turn, are captured in evening flight by more than one species of [bat](#). In April and May, listen for the serenade of [Pacific chorus frog](#). Herpetologists suspect the secretive [Great Basin spadefoot](#) may exist here, but its spring season nighttime call has not been confirmed.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 383-4000](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 1 acre](#)
- [Elevation: 4,940'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°42'27.0" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 120°50'43.8" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

### CAUTION:

Cinder-surfaced roads leading here are often washboard-rippled and compel slow speed. Water from the pond is not suitable for human consumption, nor does the campground have water. Since there is little shelter to hide your presence, keep some distance from the water and control your animal pet.

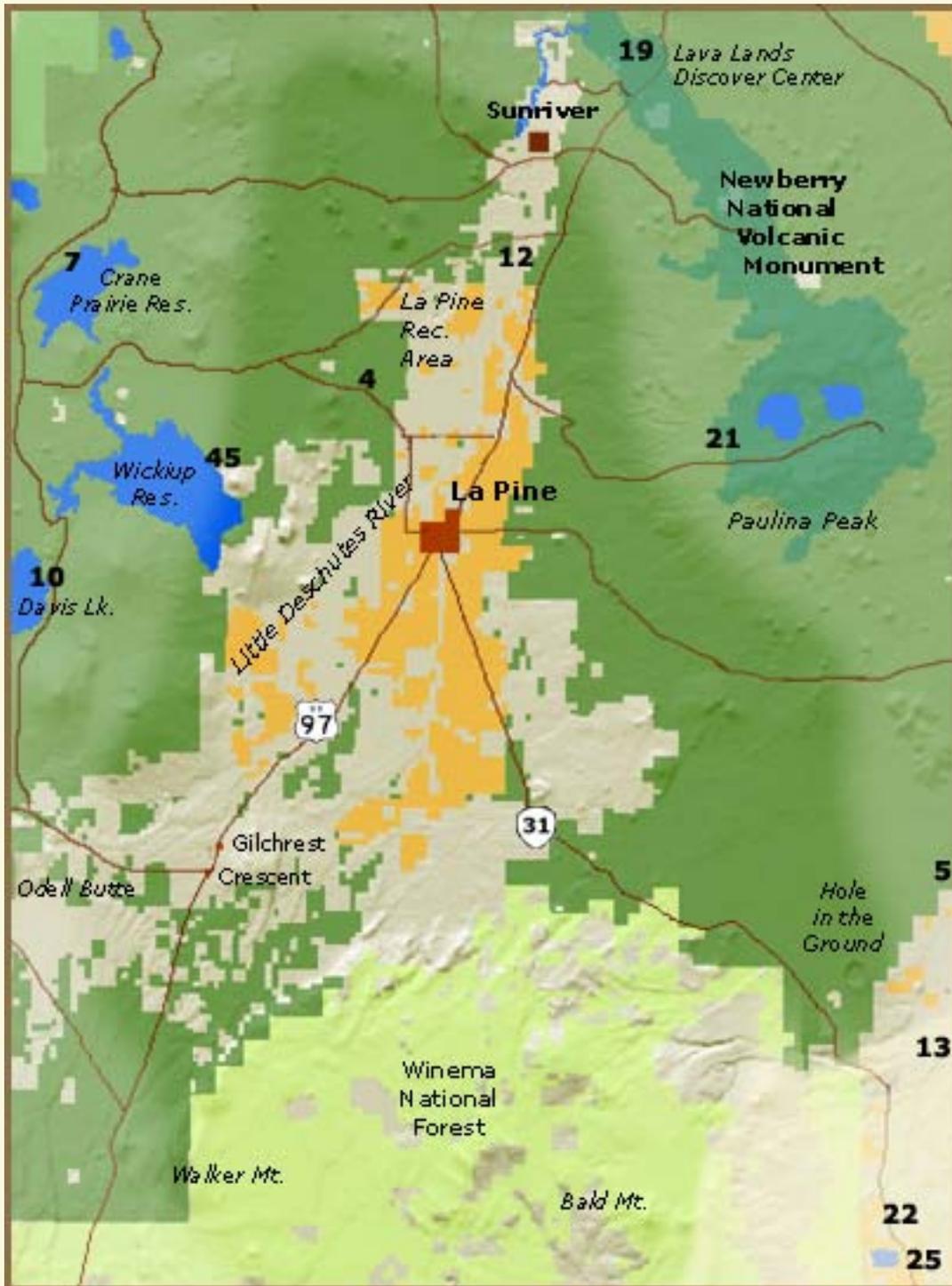
### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Millican**
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 20 for 2.6 miles to FOX BUTTE RD.
3. Turn SOUTH onto FOX BUTTE RD. (gravel) for 7.2 miles to FOREST ROAD 2312, aka MOFFITT RD.
4. Turn SOUTHWEST onto FOREST RD. 2312 (gravel) for 6.1 miles to Sand Spring.

- **Total Distance:** 16 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 30 minutes

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## Fall River Fish Hatchery



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fall River is spring-fed, incredibly clear, and only 12 miles long. At the hatchery, visitor facilities are limited but Department employees welcome quiet observation and fishy questions from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily. Telephone ahead to inquire about large group visits or winter access.

This hatchery propagates rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and brook trout for stocking elsewhere. You can observe fish from the size of your little finger on up to “brooders”, which are adults milked of their eggs or sperm. High-protein fish meal pellets are available for purchase if you want to create your own feeding frenzy. For millions of conspicuous reasons, hatchery managers don’t welcome fish predators such as [osprey](#), [great blue heron](#), and [belted kingfisher](#), but you might glimpse these birds nearby.

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: 541\) 593-1510](#)
- [Website: www.dfw.state.or.us](#)
- [Dimensions: 40 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,210'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°47'51.8" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°34'24.7" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Go eastward for 2.5 air miles to Fall River Falls, a tumbling waterfall that drops approximately 15 feet in elevation.

### CAUTION:

Secure pet dogs or cats in your vehicle so they don’t interfere with hatchery employees or operations.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 17.2 miles to VANDEVERT RD. (F.R. 42)
3. Turn WEST onto VANDEVERT RD. (F.R. 42) for 9.4 miles to Signed turnoff to Fall River Fish Hatchery

- **Total Distance:** 27 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 40 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Sunriver Nature Center



Sunriver Nature Center



Naturalists offer information about nocturnal animals, backyard habitat, and winter wildlife adaptations. There are also indoor and outdoor exhibits. In season, the native plant botanical garden is colored with blooming wildflowers. A free trail guide and checklist of Sunriver area birds are available. Special events include a late-December bird count, mid-January eagle count, and spring birding excursions. The Sunriver Nature Center is a private non-profit educational facility.

On the quarter-mile long Sam Osgood Nature Trail, you might see [bald eagle](#), [green-winged teal](#), [great blue heron](#), [American beaver](#), [river otter](#), or [Belding's ground squirrel](#). The river and ponds are habitat for [Oregon spotted frog](#). If you're lucky, it's also possible to glimpse [great gray owl](#). During fall, winter, or spring, [greater white-fronted goose](#) and [white-throated sparrow](#) may be found here. Sunriver is nationally recognized for its road-crossing protection of [western toad](#) that "migrate" from forest and meadows to adjacent ponds during spring breeding.

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 593-4394](#)
- [Website: \[www.sunrivernaturecenter.org\]\(http://www.sunrivernaturecenter.org\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 5 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 4,160'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 043°53'06.2" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°26'45.5" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Natural history books and gifts can be purchased at the bookstore. One adjacent building is an observatory open to hands-on exploration with powerful telescopes that search the day and night sky for planets, nebulas, and other galaxies.

## CAUTION:

Stay on the designated trail to protect fragile plants and streambanks.

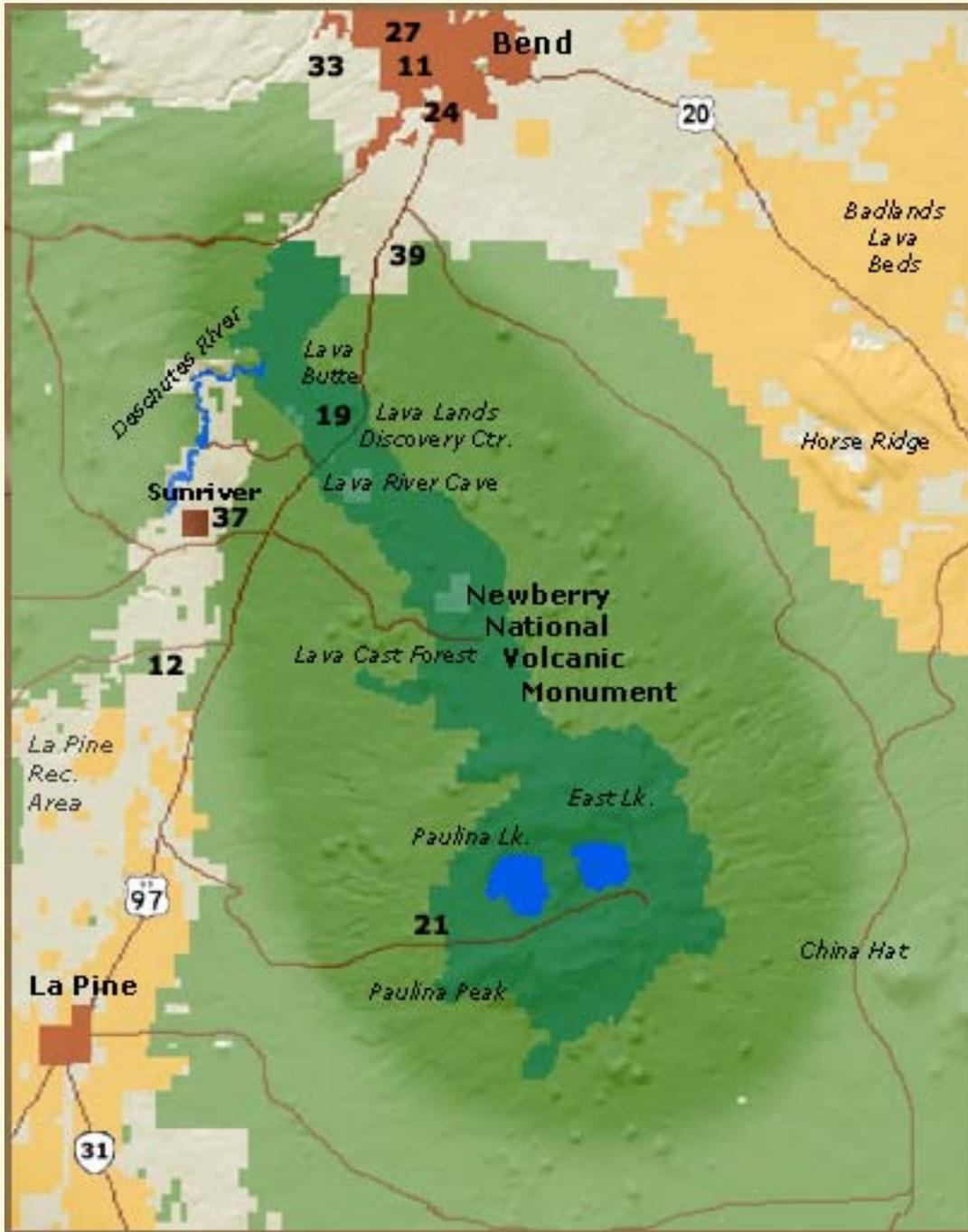
## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 14.7 miles to SOUTH CASCADE HWY.
3. Turn WEST onto SOUTH CASCADE HWY. for 1.5 miles to ABBOT RD. (Sunriver main entrance)
4. Turn NORTHWEST onto ABBOT RD. for 0.3 miles to CIRCLE 1
5. Continue NORTH on ABBOT RD. for 0.4 miles to CIRCLE 2
6. Continue NORTHWEST on ABBOT RD. for 0.3 miles to RIVER RD. at CIRCLE 3
7. Turn WEST onto RIVER RD. for 0.4 miles to Nature Center & Observatory

- **Total Distance:** 18 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 30 minutes

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## Lava Lands Visitor Center



Deschutes National Forest - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District

The Visitor Center has displays, slide shows, and guided walks that describe the area's geology, points of interest, history, and wildlife. On the summit of Lava Butte, you'll find a fire lookout tower with interpretive displays, access trail, and views of the Cascades Mountains. From approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day, a shuttle bus with site interpreter is the only motor vehicle transportation to the top. Special arrangements can be made for wheelchairs. Hiking trails with scenic vista points wind through the lava flow. One trail is wheelchair-accessible. During spring and fall, interpretive talks can be scheduled for school children.

Expect to find [golden-mantled ground squirrel](#), [yellow-pine chipmunk](#), and [yellow-bellied marmot](#). Their abundance as prey sometimes attract [ermine](#) and [long-tailed weasel](#). Bird feeders in scattered locations around the Visitor Center bring [mountain chickadee](#), [evening grosbeak](#), [red-breasted nuthatch](#), [pygmy nuthatch](#), and [red crossbill](#). At the cinder cone butte, look skyward for a soaring [red-tailed hawk](#), [golden eagle](#), or [turkey vulture](#).

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- [Squirrels/Rodents](#)

### HABITATS:

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- [Forest - Ponderosa Pine](#)
- [Rock - Outcrop](#)
- [Rock - Talus](#)

### FACILITIES:

- Entry Fee
- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Handicap-accessible
- Picnic
- Trail
- Interpretive Signs or Literature

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 383-4000
- Website: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/)
- Dimensions: 5 acres
- Elevation: 4,500'
- GPS Latitude: 043°54'38.1" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°21'19.5" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Lava River Cave, the longest (one mile) lava tube in Oregon, is 1.3 miles south on Hwy. 97 and a cool (43° F) retreat to explore. Bring warm clothing and 2 flashlights per person, although propane lanterns are available for rent during the summer.

### CAUTION:

Unfortunately, golden-mantled ground squirrels are accustomed to food handouts and no longer fear humans, so be cautious around their aggressive behavior. Vehicles and sight-seers can be numerous during summer. The site is closed in winter.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

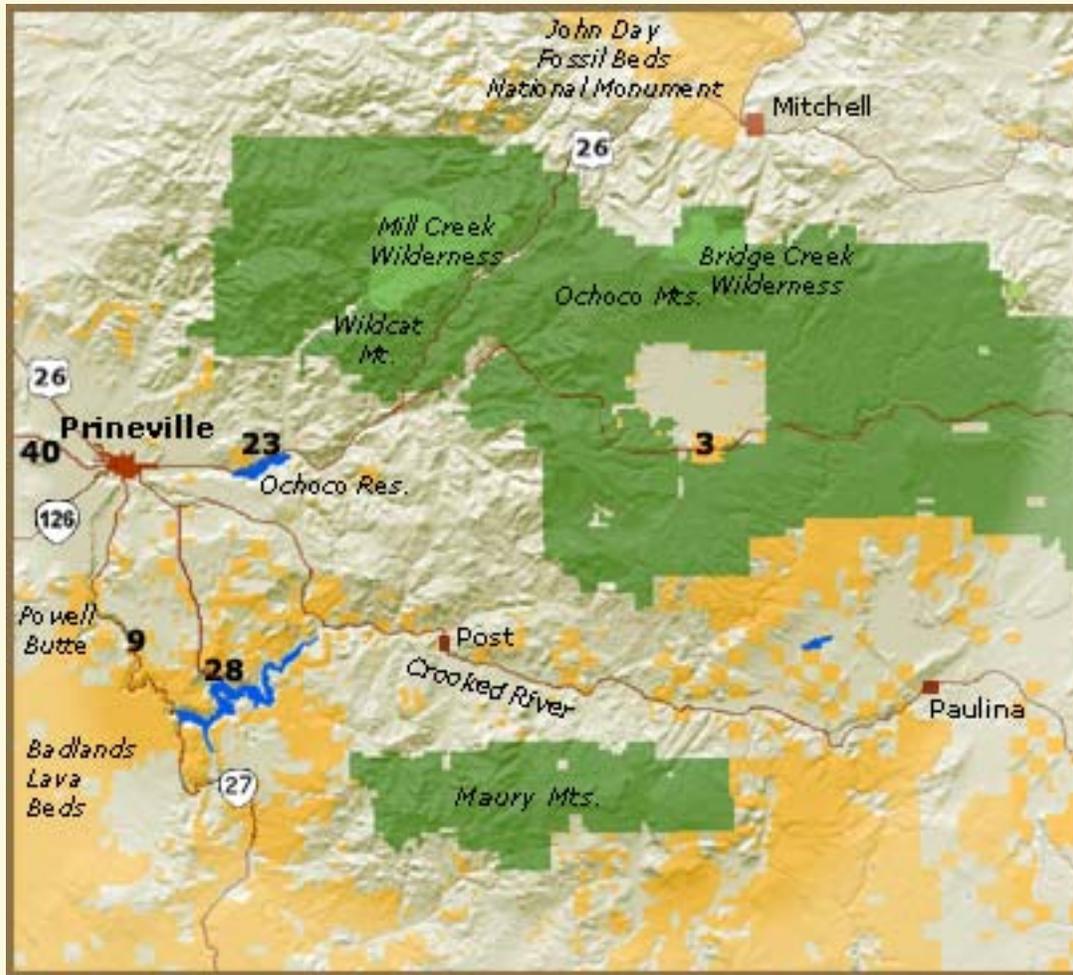
1. **From Bend** -- at jct. of Third St. (Hwy. 97) & Greenwood Ave. (Hwy. 20)
2. Travel SOUTH on HWY. 97 for 11.2 miles to F.R. 9702
3. Turn WEST onto F.R. 9702 for 0.1 mile to Lava Lands Visitor Center

- **Total Distance:** 11 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 20 minutes



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## Big Summit Prairie



Ochoco National Forest - Lookout Mountain Ranger District  
Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management  
private lands



This site starts at the junction of F.R. 4210 and ends at the F.R. 30 junction. It's hard to imagine the size of this meadow after your travels through arid ponderosa pine forest. More than 20 square miles is a private-owned cattle ranch. Much of the site's roadside is public land, but at least 2 miles of the 10-mile length is private. Quaking aspen wetlands with shrubby undergrowth hold animal life not typically found in the open. Such variety is the lure of this place. To help you identify local wildflowers, ask for a free copy of the color brochure titled Wildflowers of Big Summit Prairie from Forest Service or BLM offices in Prineville.

It's a tough call as to whether the best spring and summer display is wildflowers, butterflies, or birdlife. From May through June, flowers in myriad color dot the green expanse. It's possible to find butterfly species of hairstreak, skipper, blue, copper, checkerspot, fritillary, swallowtail, admiral, and tortoiseshell. Birds may include [sandhill crane](#), [sora](#), [Wilson's snipe](#), [northern harrier](#), and [long-billed curlew](#). A rare [dickcissel](#) was once spotted here. [Belding's ground squirrel](#), [coyote](#), and [mule deer](#) are regular sights. In September or October, you may even hear the shrill "bugle" of bull [Rocky Mountain elk](#).

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### HABITATS:

- [Forest - Ponderosa Pine](#)
- [Wetland - Aspen](#)
- [Wetland - Stream](#)
- [Wetland - Marsh](#)
- [Wetland - Meadow](#)

### FACILITIES:

- None

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 416-6700
- Website: [www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Botany/Wildflower\\_Update.htm](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Botany/Wildflower_Update.htm)
- Dimensions: 10 road miles
- Elevation: 4,500'
- GPS Latitude: 044°21'16.0" N
- GPS Longitude: 120°18'10.9" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Buckaroos can sometimes be seen herding cattle from one place to another.

### CAUTION:

Stay at the roadside unless you are certain of the public land boundary at your location. In summer, cattle roam freely and can be a roadway hazard. Bring insect repellent!

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- jct. of US Hwy. 26 and State Hwy. 27 (Main St.)
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 26 for 16.1 miles to COUNTY RD. 123
3. Turn EAST onto C.R. 123 for 8.5 miles to F.R. 42
4. Turn SOUTHEAST onto F.R. 42 for 9.5 miles to F.R. 4210 junction and start of viewing site

- **Total Distance:** 34 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 50 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Crooked River



Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management  
some private land north of Castle Rock Campground.

This roadside route starts at the tight constriction of the Crooked River canyon (see GPS coordinates) and ends at Bowman Dam. Picture a narrow, meandering, dry canyon riddled with rock outcrops and lined by cliffs. Add juniper trees, big sagebrush, bluebunch wheatgrass, and cheatgrass (regrettably an aggressive invader from Europe). Finish the image with a slender ribbon of water sometimes hemmed by the green thread of sedge, rush, or cattail. This is the setting of the Crooked River. Several improved facilities are available: 8 campgrounds, a picnic site, and a trailhead. Chimney Rock Campground has a viewing platform that extends over the water for mobile-handicapped visitors.

This place features spectacular scenery and outstanding raptor habitat. Shaded ledges on rock cliffs provide spring nesting sites for [prairie falcon](#), [bald eagle](#), [golden eagle](#), [red-tailed hawk](#), [common raven](#), and [turkey vulture](#). Watch for [Say's phoebe](#), [ash-throated flycatcher](#), [gray flycatcher](#), [western kingbird](#), and small colonies of [white-throated swift](#). Listen for the distinct calls of [rock wren](#) or [chukar](#). You may be able to distinguish large-bodied bats (e.g. [pallid bat](#)) from smaller ones (e.g. [western small-footed myotis](#)) flying overhead at summer dusk.

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### HABITATS:

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### FACILITIES:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 416-6700
- Website: [www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/)
- Dimensions: 13 road miles
- Elevation: 2,930' - 3,240'
- GPS Latitude: 044°12'54.2" N
- GPS Longitude: 120°52'39.2" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

The southern end of this viewing route is Bowman Dam, which impounds the river into Prineville Reservoir. The road passes over the dam -  
- be sure to stop for this view -  
- and continues south.

### CAUTION:

The winding, single-lane road demands full attention for safe driving. Parking turnouts are relatively common but narrow. Be alert for rattlesnakes when hiking in summer, but don't purposely kill any snake on the road since other kinds are non-venomous and share this habitat.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- jct. of US Hwy. 26 & State Hwy. 27 (Main St.)
2. South on State Hwy. 27 for 6.8 miles to Extreme narrowing of canyon and start of viewing route
3. Southeast on State Hwy. 27 for 6.6 miles to Castle Rock Campground
4. Southeast on State Hwy. 27 for 3.1 miles to Chimney Rock Campground
5. Southeast on State Hwy. 27 for 3.1 miles to Bowman Dam at Prineville Reservoir outlet

- **Total Distance:** 7 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Ochoco Reservoir



U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (dam)

Oregon State Parks and Recreation (campground)



Except for the campground and dam, almost all of the reservoir's shoreline is private land. Although the campground is owned by Oregon State Parks and Recreation, it is leased and operated by Crook County. Reservoir water is used primarily for farm irrigation, so the lake level drops significantly after spring inflow from Ochoco Creek. When fullest in spring, the reservoir's east end near Mill Creek is shallow with mudflats attractive to shorebirds.

Waterfowl, shore or wading birds, and raptors are a major attraction here. During spring and fall bird migration, you might see Pacific loon, [common loon](#), [tundra swan](#), [Eurasian wigeon](#), black-bellied plover, [semipalmated plover](#), Baird's sandpiper, pectoral sandpiper, [Bonaparte's gull](#), [herring gull](#), and bobolink. During summer breeding, watch for [black-necked stilt](#), [Wilson's phalarope](#), several species of grebe ([horned](#), [eared](#), [western](#), and [Clark's](#)), [redhead](#), [lesser scaup](#), [gadwall](#), [blue-winged teal](#), three kinds of gull ([Franklin's](#), [ring-billed](#), and [California](#)), [bald eagle](#), [osprey](#), and [golden eagle](#). Small groups of [American white pelican](#) may arrive in July to loaf for the remaining summer. On summer evenings, species of [bat](#) forage the friendly skies after roosting all day in nearby rock cliffs, talus, and outcrops.

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### HABITATS:

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### FACILITIES:

- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Handicap-accessible
- Campground
- Picnic
- Interpretive Signs or Literature
- Boat Ramp
- Small Boats
- Large Boats

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 447-1209
- Website: [www.usbr.gov/dataweb/dams/or00098.html](http://www.usbr.gov/dataweb/dams/or00098.html)  
[www.prineville-crookcounty.org/parks/parks\\_ochoco.cfm](http://www.prineville-crookcounty.org/parks/parks_ochoco.cfm)
- Dimensions: 1,100 acres
- Elevation: 3,130'
- GPS Latitude: 044°18'17.0" N
- GPS Longitude: 120°42'22.6" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Prineville is bordered on the south by basalt cliffs that invite raptors and other large birds.

### CAUTION:

The highway is single-lane with few locations safe for parking. Observing from the highway or any other public road is best with a spotting scope because of the viewing distance involved.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- at jct. of US Hwy. 26 & State Hwy. 27 (Main St.)
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 28 for 7.1 miles to Ochoco Lake Campground

- **Total Distance:** 7 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Prineville Reservoir



U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Oregon State Parks and Recreation



Most human activity occurs at the State Park or on expansive water. To escape the human crowd and see more wildlife, drive east on a dirt road that follows the northeast shoreline for 6 miles to Combs Flat Road. That portion of the lake is more shallow and narrow, and the shoreline is mudflat, meadow, or willow shrubland. The northern-most length of this road parallels Crooked River, which is the reservoir's primary feeder stream.

This is a place to see waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors in one setting. Spring and fall migrations bring [common loon](#), while in summer [blue-winged teal](#), [cinnamon teal](#), [spotted sandpiper](#), [American avocet](#), and [black-necked stilt](#) may breed here. So may the [bald eagle](#), [golden eagle](#), [osprey](#), [prairie falcon](#), and [red-tailed hawk](#).

Juniper woodlands harbor [black-throated gray warbler](#), [pinyon jay](#), and [ash-throated flycatcher](#).

Willow shrubbery may hold [orange-crowned warbler](#) and [gray catbird](#).

To locate [chukar](#) in rocky areas, first listen for their deceptive communication call.

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### HABITATS:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 447-4363](#)
- [Website: \[www.usbr.gov/dataweb/dams/or00579.html\]\(http://www.usbr.gov/dataweb/dams/or00579.html\)  
\[www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\\_34.php\]\(http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\_34.php\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 3,136 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,230'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°07'49.8" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 120°43'18.8" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

There is intriguing beauty in the rock cliffs and outcrops formed of columnar basalt.

### CAUTION:

A back road from the State Park northeast to pavement at Combs Flat Road is muddy in the wet season and may be closed by pipe gates 0.3 mile and 2.6 miles from the respective termini.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- at jct. of US Hwy. 26 & State Hwy. 27 (Main St.)
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 26 for 1.0 mile to COMBS FLAT RD.
3. Turn SOUTH onto COMBS FLAT RD. for 1.4 miles to JUNIPER CANYON RD.
4. Turn SOUTH onto JUNIPER CANYON RD. for 14.2 miles to Prineville Reservoir State Park

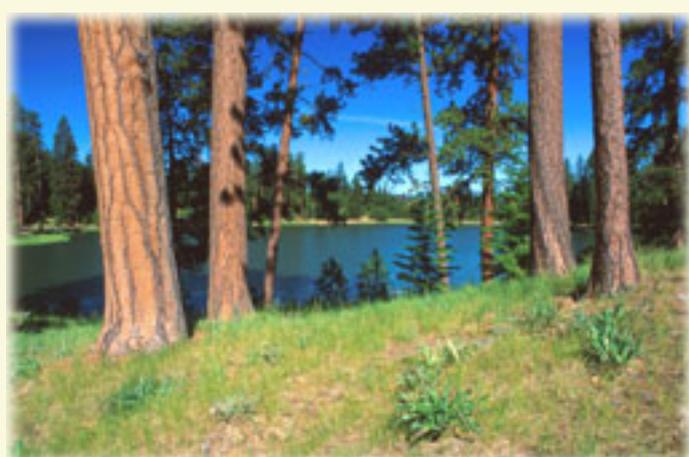
- **Total Distance:** 17 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 25 minutes

## Viewing Sites

## Walton Lake



Ochoco National Forest - Lookout Mtn. Ranger District



This lake is a blue sparkling jewel hidden within mostly old growth ponderosa pine forest. A small dam impounds spring-fed water that seeps from surrounding sloped meadows. Quaking aspen and tall willows add habitat diversity to make this place especially attractive to wildlife and humans alike. A dirt trail, not suitable for wheel-chair visitors, encircles the lake for a variety of scenic views.

This is a place to find [white-headed woodpecker](#), [belted kingfisher](#), [spotted sandpiper](#), [cinnamon teal](#), [American coot](#), [Steller's jay](#), [yellow-headed blackbird](#), and [Brewer's blackbird](#).

You may hear - but probably not see - [Swainson's thrush](#), [ruby-crowned kinglet](#), or [northern saw-whet owl](#). If you spot a ground-dwelling squirrel with no stripes on the body or head, it's probably [Belding's ground squirrel](#). In spring, listen for the male verse of [Pacific chorus frog](#) or the quieter [Cascades frog](#).

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## HABITATS:

- [Forest - Mixed Conifer](#)
- [Forest - Ponderosa Pine](#)
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## FACILITIES:

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 416-6500](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 18 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 5,156'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°26'08.4" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 120°20'03.5" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

## CAUTION:

Expect lots of human company on weekends and summer weekdays.

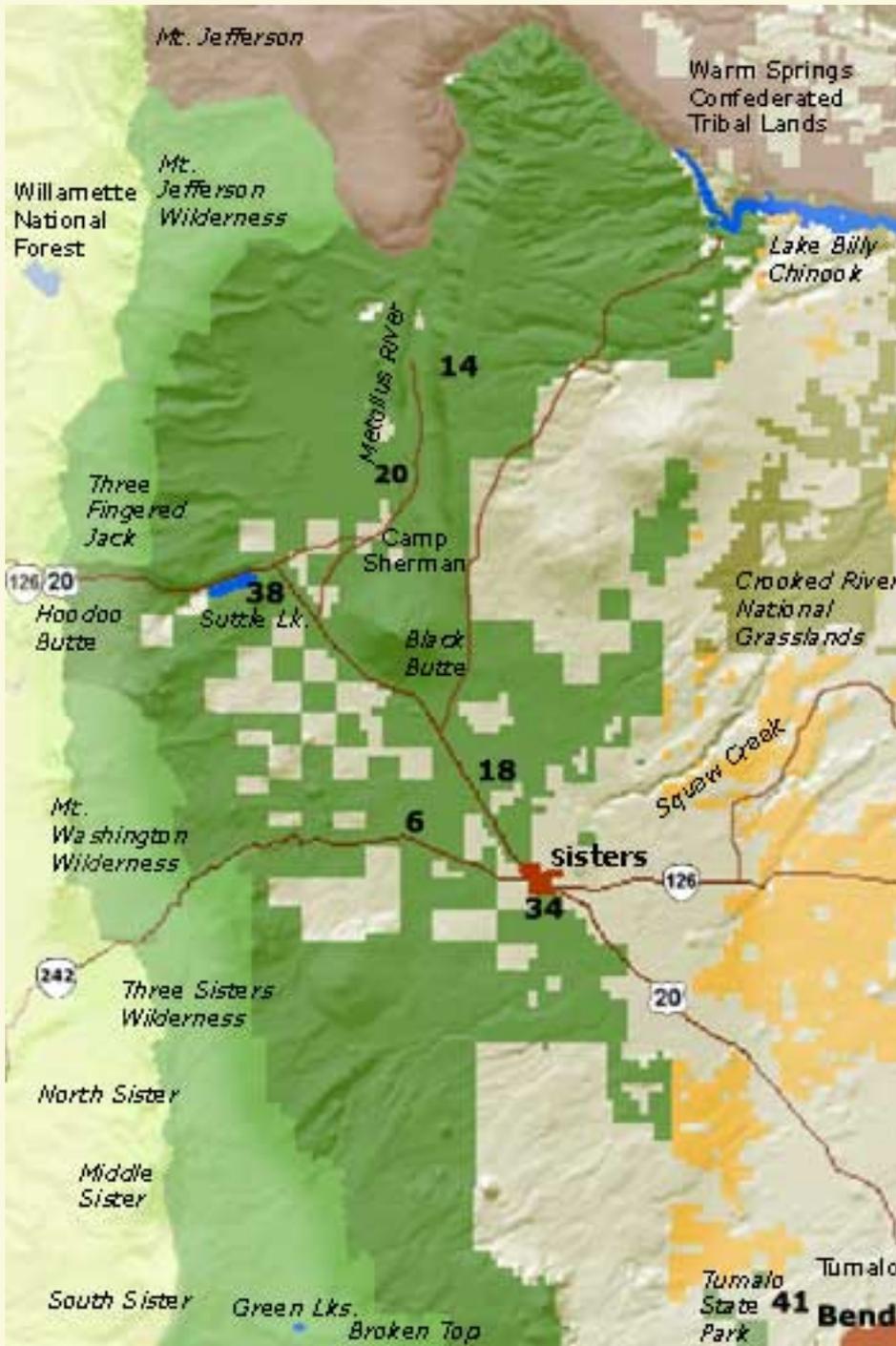
## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Prineville** -- jct. of US Hwy. 26 and State Hwy. 27 (Main St.)
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 26 for 16.1 miles to COUNTY RD. 123
3. Turn EAST onto C.R. 123 for 8.5 miles to F.R. 22
4. Continue EAST on F.R. 22 for 6.6 miles to F.R. 2220.
5. Turn NORTH onto F.R. 2220 for 0.2 miles to Walton Lake

- **Total Distance:** 31 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 45 minutes

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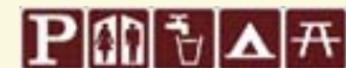
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## Cold Springs Campground



Deschutes National Forest - Sisters Ranger District



Numbing water from Cold Spring is the fluid of life for a 1/4-mile long ribbon of quaking aspen wetland that is ringed by ponderosa pine forest. Waist-high grasses and patchy shrubs grow under the canopy of thick-stemmed trees.

Songbirds in the warm season are a primary attraction here. Expect several kinds of warbler (e.g. [Townsend's](#), [yellow-rumped](#), and [orange-crowned](#)), plus species of woodpecker (e.g. [downy](#), [white-headed](#), [northern flicker](#), [black-backed](#), and [red-naped sapsucker](#)).

Diminutive forest owls - [northern saw-whet](#), [northern pygmy](#), and [western screech](#) - are here, but typically secretive. Other birds include [warbling vireo](#), [ruby-crowned kinglet](#), [western wood-pewee](#), [olive-sided flycatcher](#), [house wren](#), [pygmy nuthatch](#), and [western tanager](#).

In the wetlands, look for butterflies, including species of arctic, swallowtail, blue, cloak, and ringlet. In spring, you may discover [long-toed salamander](#) hiding under leaves or other dead plant material on damp ground. November brings groups of [mule deer](#) migrating to winter ranges eastward.

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## FACILITIES:

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## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

For about a month beginning in early-September, Highway 242 to McKenzie Bridge and Highway 126 is ablaze with the colorful foliage of vine maple and other deciduous shrubs. On this route, and just 10 miles west of Cold Springs, is McKenzie Pass with its in-your-lap view of snowy Belknap Crater, Mt. Washington, and North Sister.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Sisters** -- jct. of Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 242
2. Travel WEST on HWY. 242 for 4.1 milesto Cold Springs Campground

- **Total Distance:** 4 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

## HABITATS:

- [Forest - Mixed Conifer](#)
- [Forest - Ponderosa Pine](#)
- [Wetland - Aspen](#)

## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 549-7700
- Website: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/)
- Dimensions: 20 acres
- Elevation: 3,100'
- GPS Latitude: 044°18'37.0" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°37'45.2" W

## CAUTION:

Highway 242 is winding and narrow, and requires your constant attention for driving safety.

# Viewing Sites

## Green Ridge Lookout



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The lookout tower is a 14' x 14' cabin on stilts. The lower level is open-sided with a picnic table. The cabin can accommodate 4 people and is available for public rental, typically from September 15 to November 15 and April 15 to June 30. Reservations are accepted. Fire prevention personnel may staff the tower at other times, but the cabin is locked when not occupied. Even when raptor-watching is unproductive, views of the Metolius River valley, Mt. Jefferson, and points north are spectacular.

This is a great place to observe migrating raptors. Between mid-September and late-October, rising air along the prominent ridge creates suitable conditions for your overhead inspection of [sharp-shinned hawk](#), [Cooper's hawk](#), [golden eagle](#), [bald eagle](#), [turkey vulture](#), and [northern goshawk](#). Less abundant are [American kestrel](#), [osprey](#), [rough-legged hawk](#), and [merlin](#). On peak days, observers have counted more than 200 raptors in 8 hours. Scan the surrounding grounds for [blue grouse](#).

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### FACILITIES:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 549-7700](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 1 acre](#)
- [Elevation: 4,680'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°32'03.0" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°36'26.5" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

The fire lookout on duty might permit an inside look at the tower cabin and its fire detection equipment.

### CAUTION:

Portions of the route involve steep and winding gravel road, plus winter access is seldom possible due to deep snow. Foot-travel is necessary over the final 0.3 mile when the gate is locked.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Sisters Ranger Station in Sisters**
2. Travel NORTHWEST on HWY. 20 for 9.4 miles to F.R. 14
3. Turn NORTH onto F.R. 14 for 12.3 miles to F.R. 1490 (gravel)
4. Turn EAST onto F.R. 1490 for 15.5 miles to F.R. 1140 (gravel)
5. Turn SOUTH onto F.R. 1140 for 1.6 miles to F.R. 1140-600 (gravel)
6. Turn WEST onto F.R. 1140-600 for 2.5 miles to F.R. 1140-650 (gravel) at gate
7. Turn NORTHWEST onto F.R. 1140-650 for 0.3 miles to Lookout tower

- **Total Distance:** 42 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 75 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Indian Ford Campground



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The campground is situated next to Indian Ford Creek, a small stream shaded by quaking aspen and common snowberry. Majestic ponderosa pine trees dominate the surrounding upland. The combination creates a summertime thermal retreat for wildlife and human visitors.

This site is hard to beat for its variety of songbirds and woodpeckers in spring and summer.

Among those colorful birds are numerous kinds of warbler ([orange-crowned](#), [Nashville](#), [yellow](#), [yellow-rumped](#), [hermit](#), [MacGillivray's](#), [Wilson's](#), and [common yellowthroat](#)).

Rarities to Oregon that have been found here are golden-winged warbler, Tennessee warbler, and chestnut-sided warbler. You might encounter many species of woodpecker ([red-naped sapsucker](#), [downy](#), [hairy](#), [white-headed](#), and [northern flicker](#)). A woodpecker normally found in the eastern U.S. -- yellow-bellied sapsucker -- has been reported.

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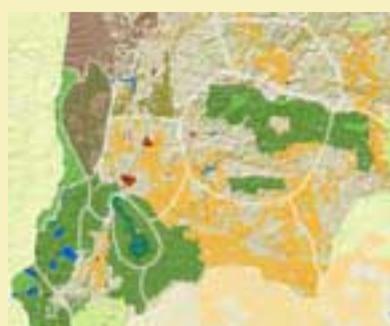
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### FACILITIES:

- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Campground
- Picnic
- Trail

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 549-7700
- Website: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/)
- Dimensions: 20 acres
- Elevation: 3,240'
- GPS Latitude: 044°21'27.8" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°36'32.7" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

From the summit of Black Butte just a few miles northwest, the panoramic view is worth the hike.

### CAUTION:

Close proximity to Highway 20 makes this place a popular camping stopover for travelers. The campground may be closed to vehicles in winter, but access is still possible on foot.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Sisters Ranger Station in Sisters**
2. Travel NORTHWEST on HWY. 20 for 5.5 miles to F.R. 11
3. Turn NORTHEAST onto F.R. 11 for 0.1 mile to Indian Ford Campground

- **Total Distance:** 7 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Metolius River



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This roadside route begins where glass-clear water surges from the dry ground at Metolius Spring, and continues north to Bridge 99. Special places along the way include the Camp Sherman Fish Viewing Platform, Metolius Research Natural Area, and Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery (phone 541-595-6611). A coalition of government agencies, private utilities, and conservation organizations are working to restore anadromous Chinook salmon and sockeye salmon to the river.

At the Camp Sherman Fish Viewing Platform, look for bull trout, redband trout, kokanee salmon, brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and mountain whitefish. At the Metolius Research Natural Area, it's possible to see [white-headed woodpecker](#), [northern goshawk](#), [flamulated owl](#), and [Vaux's swift](#). Visit the Metolius Fish Hatchery display ponds to observe and feed kokanee salmon, Atlantic salmon, and other fish. Anywhere along the river, you might glimpse [Barrow's goldeneye](#), [hooded merganser](#), [common merganser](#), [osprey](#), [bald eagle](#), [spotted sandpiper](#), [ruffed grouse](#), and [Hammond's flycatcher](#). Some butterflies you might see include species of admiral, swallowtail, hairstreak, arctic, copper, and tortoiseshell.

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### HABITATS:

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### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 549-7700](#)
- [Website: \[www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\]\(http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/\)](#)
- [Dimensions: 10 river miles](#)
- [Elevation: 2,720' - 3,000'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°26'03.0" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°37'57.5" W](#)

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

The Metolius Research Natural Area was established in 1931 to protect and exemplify old-growth ponderosa pine and shrub communities. The La Grande Forestry and Range Sciences Laboratory is studying the effects of reintroducing fire to achieve natural frequencies and to maintain old-growth structural characteristics that are important to wildlife. In autumn, small areas are carefully burned at repeated intervals of 5 to 20 years to resemble the natural fire cycle.

### CAUTION:

Stay alert for pedestrians, equestrians, and automobiles that share the narrow single-lane road.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **From Sisters Ranger Station in Sisters**
2. Travel NORTHWEST on HWY. 20 for 9.6 miles to F.R. 14
3. Turn NORTH onto F.R. 14 for 4.3 miles to Signed entrance to Metolius Spring

- **Total Distance:** 14 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 20 minutes

# Viewing Sites

## Sisters Ranger Station



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Landscaping at this Forest Service office is designed and maintained to model wildlife habitat in a business and residential setting. Two different native habitats are shown: dry ponderosa pine forest and moist quaking aspen wetland. The aspen wetland was carefully created with plant species native to the area. A tiny pond provides drinking water as a magnet for thirsty animals in spring, summer, and fall.

Bird migration during spring and autumn may bring [western scrub-jay](#), [northern mockingbird](#), [white-throated sparrow](#), and [golden-crowned sparrow](#). During any season, it's possible to observe [Brewer's blackbird](#), [red crossbill](#), [pine siskin](#), [American goldfinch](#), [evening grosbeak](#), and three species of finch ([purple](#), [Cassin's](#), or [house](#)).

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### FACILITIES:

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- Interpretive Signs or Literature

### SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- Phone for Info: (541) 549-7700
- Website: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/)
- Dimensions: 40' x 100'
- Elevation: 3,190'
- GPS Latitude: 044°17'31.2" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°33'11.5" W

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Go indoors to the office reception area for displays and printed materials about the natural resources of central Oregon.

### CAUTION:

For indoor amenities, the office is open only during regular business hours. Keep your pets inside your vehicle to avoid harassing wildlife and humans.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

1. **In Sisters** -- at jct. of Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 242
2. Travel EAST on HWY. 20 for 0.1 mile to Sisters Ranger Station

- **Total Distance:** 0.1 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 1 minute

## Viewing Sites

## Suttle Lake



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Bound on all sides by mixed conifer forest, the lake is deep and clear. The west end is best for seeing waterfowl because it's sheltered from the prevailing wind. Link Creek, which empties into Suttle Lake, is shallow and clear enough to view spawning fish. Yellow, orange, or red hues from vine maple proclaim the arrival of autumn in September or October.

This is an excellent place to observe waterfowl, especially in autumn and winter. [Pacific loon](#), [common loon](#), [red-necked grebe](#), [lesser scaup](#), [surf scoter](#), [white-winged scoter](#), [common goldeneye](#), [Barrow's goldeneye](#), [hooded merganser](#), and [red-breasted merganser](#) have been sighted. [Long-tailed duck](#) (formerly known as oldsquaw), rarely found inland from the Pacific coast, has wintered here when the lake is not frozen. Three species of gull ([Bonaparte's](#), [California](#), and [Sabine's](#)) sometimes linger during migration. [Bald eagle](#) and [osprey](#) nest here  $\frac{3}{4}$  the former remaining into winter, the latter departing in September. In September or October, watch for kokanee salmon or brown trout spawning at the Link Creek bridge.

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## HABITATS:

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## FACILITIES:

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## SITE: DESCRIPTION:

- [Phone for Info: \(541\) 549-7700](#)
- [Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/](#)
- [Dimensions: 253 acres](#)
- [Elevation: 3,440'](#)
- [GPS Latitude: 044°25'18.5" N](#)
- [GPS Longitude: 121°44'20.4" W](#)

## OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Insect pests defoliated and killed extensive areas of Douglas fir forest west and north of here in the 1990s.

## CAUTION:

Cabins are privately owned and trespass prohibited. Campgrounds close for winter as early as October.

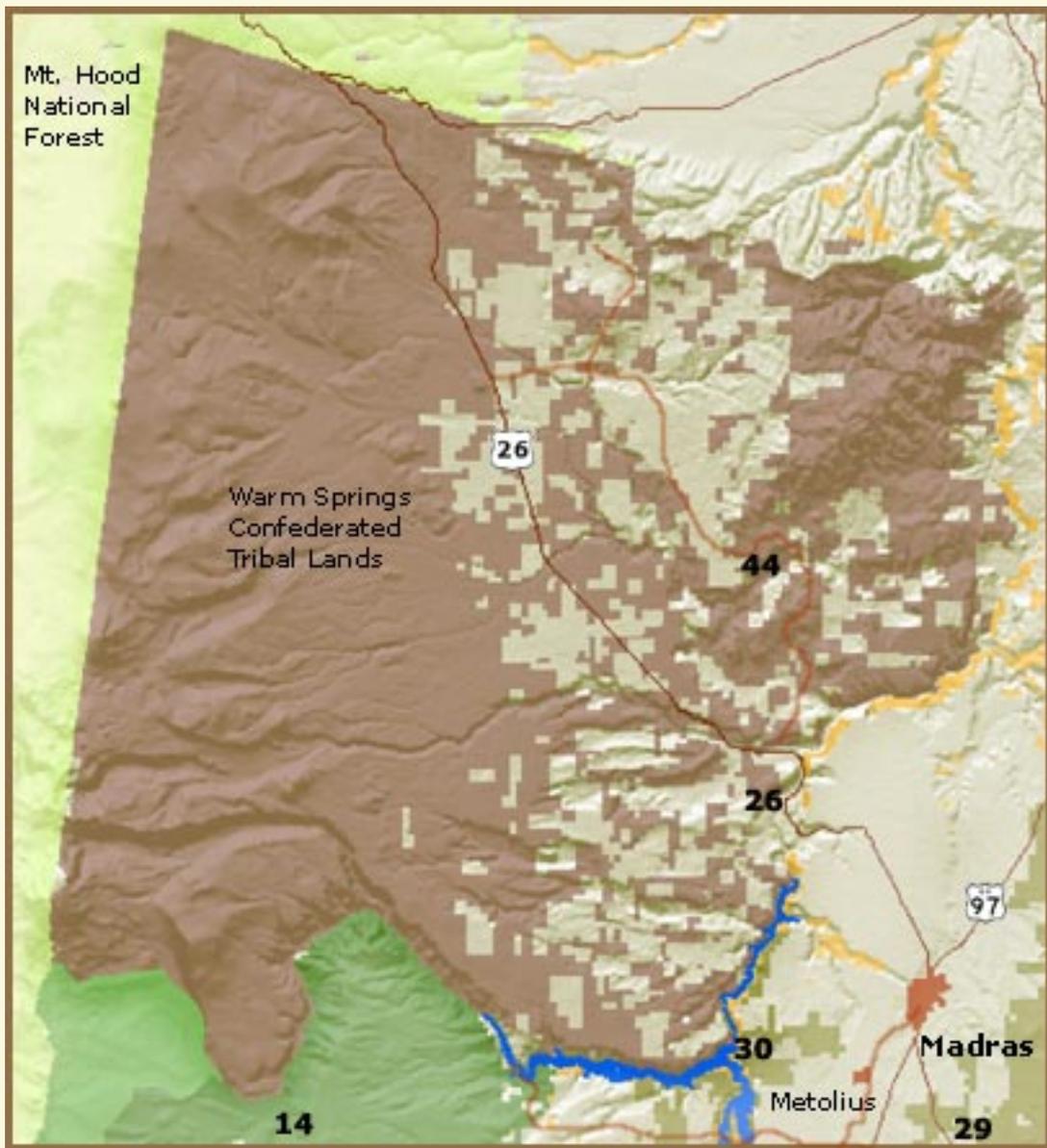
## HOW TO GET THERE:

1. [From Sisters](#)
2. Travel WEST on HWY. 20 for 13.0 miles to F.R. 2070
3. Turn SOUTHWEST onto F.R. 2070 for 0.9 mile to Blue Bay Campground entrance and Suttle Lake
4. Continue WEST on F.R. 2070 for 0.1 mile to South Shore Campground entrance and Suttle Lake
5. Continue WEST on F.R. 2070 for 0.2 mile to Link Creek Campground entrance and Suttle Lake
6. Continue WEST on F.R. 2070 for 0.1 to mile Link Creek
7. Continue NORTH on F.R. 2070 for 0.2 mile to Suttle Lake boat ramp

- **Total Distance:** 14 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 20 minutes

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## Warm Springs Area



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## Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery



The indoor visitor center offers full-sized salmon models and exhibits. A self-guided walking tour is possible or, with sufficient advance notice, a hatchery employee can explain the facility and its operation. Visitors are welcome daily 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The river is ponded at the hatchery diversion, so the slow-moving water lures waterfowl and wading birds. Streambanks are densely lined with alder, dogwood, and chokecherry shrubs that attract songbirds. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service leases the site from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Chinook salmon is the primary attraction here. Salmon adults migrating upstream in the Warm Springs River reach the facility in April through August. Wild fish are generally allowed to pass, but hatchery-born fish are held until August and September for spawning. Eggs hatch in December and January, after which the young live in hatchery raceways for up to 16 months before release to the river. Other animals to observe include steelhead trout (February to mid-April), plus [black-billed magpie](#) and [western fence lizard](#) (spring through autumn). Watch for [bats](#) foraging in flight over the river at dusk during warm months.

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**SITE: DESCRIPTION:**

- Phone for Info: (541) 553-1692
- Website: [warmspringshatchery.fws.gov/](http://warmspringshatchery.fws.gov/)
- Dimensions: 20 acres
- Elevation: 1,550'
- GPS Latitude: 044°51'38.9" N
- GPS Longitude: 121°14'42.7" W

**OTHER ATTRACTIONS:**

The Museum of Warm Springs on the town's east flank is a permanent repository for artifacts, historic photos, murals, graphics, and rare documents of Tribal culture. The Kahneeta High Desert Resort and Casino offers lodging and outdoor recreation.

**CAUTION:**

Respect the privacy of employee residences at the hatchery. Be alert for rattlesnakes in the general area.

**HOW TO GET THERE:**

1. **From Warm Springs** -- at jct. of Hwy. 26 & Agency Hot Springs Rd.
2. Travel NORTH on AGENCY HOT SPRINGS RD. for 10.3 miles to Warm Springs River bridge and turnoff to Kahneeta Hot Springs
3. Continue NORTH on AGENCY HOT SPRINGS ROAD for 2.1 miles to Fish hatchery sign and access road at switchback curve
4. Turn SOUTH onto access road for 1.6 miles to Hatchery parking lot

- **Total Distance:** 14 miles
- **Estimated Time:** 20 minutes