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# **A Guide to Oregon's Northern Lake County & Beyond**

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## Welcome to Our World

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

Recreational opportunities abound - the area offers something for everyone. Hiking, Mt. Biking, Hunting and Fishing, an 80,000 acre Sand Box to ride and explore on your ATV, a challenging 3,000 yard links-style golf course and a host of fascinating geological sites that take visitors back through time. There are reservoirs, rivers, mountain trails, horse camps, wildlife sanctuaries and amazing birding. It is a great place to visit and a great place to live!

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

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## “Outback” land with a natural ruggedness

It is, “a star-spangled landscape of marsh and mountain, of reflection and rim rock, of seamless vistas and sage-scented dreams.”

*Jonathan Nicholas, publisher of the Oregonian*



Christmas Valley Back Country Byway

Lakeview to Steens Mt. Back Country Byway

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

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



## *The Lake County Board of Commissioners*



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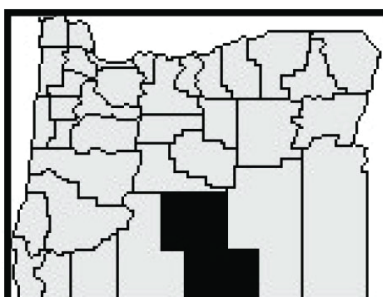
### *History and General Information*

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

In area, Lake County is 8359 square miles, making it the third largest county in Oregon. Conversely, the County's population is averaged at just slightly less than one person per square mile. The County's cities and towns are: Lakeview, an incorporated city that serves as the county seat; the tiny communities of Adel and Plush; Paisley, an incorporated city of about 250 residents; Summer Lake, a tiny hub for surrounding ranchers and farmers; Christmas Valley, an unincorporated town which serves as the commercial center for communities located in the county's northern end; and the small towns of Silver Lake and Fort Rock, each serving wide ranging area ranches and farms.

### *Points of Interest*

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



Real Market Value:  
\$1,198,406,596  
Annual Precipitation:  
15.80"  
Economy: Livestock,  
forest products,  
agriculture, recreation

### *Museums*

Fort Rock Homestead Village  
Museum

Lake County Museum

Lake County Round-Up  
Museum

Schminck Memorial Museum

### *Contact Information/County Seat*

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## Oregon's Basin and Range

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

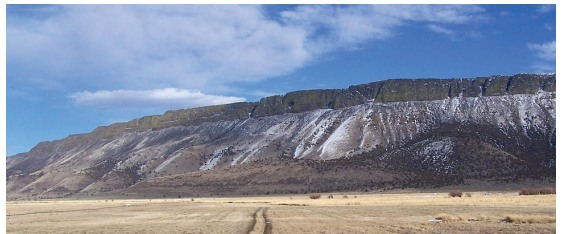
Oregon's basin range lands are the northwestern most extent of America's Great Basin. The geology and topography of this region is the result of fragmentation of the continental crust in Southern Oregon as a result of Western Oregon being pulled away from the eastern half of the state. The fragmentation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

### Inland Seas

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

### Abert Rim

Visualize a 2500 foot basalt-capped cliff with a 1500 foot drop in elevation over the course of 20 miles. This describes just one part of Lake County's famous geologic feature - Abert Rim. Abert Rim is North America's longest fault escarpment.



This giant fault block tops out at 7543 feet and stretches non-directly over 40 miles from the Sherman Valley near Drake Peak far north to the Christmas Valley - Wagontire Cutoff Road.

### Hager Mountain

Hager Mountain is one of the gems of the Silver Lake Ranger District. The fire lookout, at 7200 feet, is occupied during the wild-fire season to keep watch over the surrounding flat lands for any sign of smoke. During the winter, it becomes a rarely attempted peak that offers one of the best snowshoeing climbs available in Southern Oregon. The four mile strenuous hike up the West side leads to a panoramic view of the landscape from Mt. Shasta to Mt. Hood.



In summer and fall hikers and trail riders will find the trail from road 28 to the peak quite stunning as well as challenging with the last half mile out in the open and traversed with switchbacks. Farm Wells, which can be reached off of road 28 has very nice camping facilities including solid, well constructed horse corrals. There is no drinking water at this site and campers with horses may find it difficult to coax their mounts down the banks of the holding ponds to drink.

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# Fort Rock

*Photo by Gari Merrifield*

## Fort Rock State Natural Area

Fort Rock, a National Natural Landmark, is located in the Oregon desert about 70 miles south-east of Bend, Oregon and about one mile north of the town of Fort Rock.

Part of the northern Great Basin, the Fort Rock Valley is part of an ancient dried lake. Fort Rock is an old *tuff ring* created by volcanic action in what was a shallow sea in prehistoric times.



*Ft. Rock from the mouth of Fort Rock Cave*

Looking like a huge fort from forgotten times, its rugged rock walls rise 325 feet above the plain. When you take the trail around the interior of the 'Fort' you realize just how huge this geological feature is.

On your way to visit the 'Rock' take a few minutes to wander through the Fort Rock Cemetery which, by the way, continues to be the final resting place for many local residents. The Fort Rock Cave is only about 1.2 mile west of Ft. Rock. It is famous as the site where Archaeologist Luther Cressmann discovered sage-bark sandals dating back 9-10,000 years.

If you plan ahead you can schedule a tour of the Ft. Rock Cave by contacting Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

## The Geology of Fort Rock

Fort Rock is without a doubt one of the most recognizable geologic features in the northern end of Lake County. A massive volcanic tuff ring, 'The Rock' draws travelers from near and far ~ to view, to photograph and to explore.

Affected by the ever-changing high desert sky, Ft. Rock's appearance can be at one moment a bright rust color and in the next a mixture of well defined layers of color and sculpted shadows. Whatever the lighting, the 'Rock' is always awe inspiring and magnificent. Its fort-like shape is the basis for its name: Fort Rock.

The creation of a "tuff ring," is described by geologists as occurring when a volcanic vent is located in a lake or other area of abundant ground water. In the case of Ft. Rock the magma rose to the surface of the vent and encountered the muddy lake bottom. This volcanic activity saw the molten basalt explode from the ground as the steam pressure became too great from within the earth. The hot lava and ash eventually settled around the vent, in a ring formation, and cooled in the lake waters.

Fort Rock is one of approximately 40 tuff rings

*See Geology, page nine.*

## HIGH DESERT RANCHING

When you enter the Fort **By Jana Kittredge** from materials found throughout the area, and plant crops they hoped would grow in arid areas.

Much of the beauty of this area directly stems from farm production and cattle grazing.

Over 100 years ago, people came from all over the United States to seek fertile farm land and a better life. Because of the Homestead Act of 1864, many were granted 160 acre parcels to homestead.

Much to their surprise, the homesteaders found it to be a very difficult way of life. They had to develop wells for water, build homes



Had not these farmers and ranchers succeeded, today's wildlife habitat would not exist. Natural resources are continually renewed by local farmers and ranchers. Our arid desert has very limited ground water and most water here is obtained from wells.

Cattle grazing enhances the success of all types of regional wildlife, creates fire suppression and helps protect all our natural resources. Big game benefit from new grass growth. If it weren't for cattle grazing, the grasses would become "wolfy," and unpalatable to big game. Without cattle on the arid range, there would be no water available for wildlife. Local ranchers responsibly provide this resource not only for their herds but also for the wildlife such as mule deer, antelope, elk, sage grouse, cougar, coyotes, bobcats, many raptors including bald and golden eagles, hawks, falcons and owls and an abundance of quail and turtle-doves.

During your visit to the area, think about the dedication, devotion and affection local landowners give to this territory. Farmers and ranchers are the current stewards of the land, continually caring for it in the best way possible. They are educated, dedicated, hard-working individuals with a mission: To make a living and produce a safe, abundant and affordable food supply, while being extraordinary stewards of the land!

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A photograph of a large center pivot irrigation system. A long metal arm extends across a lush green field, supported by a series of towers. At the end of the arm, a large wheel is visible. The background shows a clear sky and distant hills.



## Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum: A Step Back in Time

Step back in time to Oregon's homestead era of the early 1900s at the Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum! The Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum is a display of preserved and protected homestead-era structures that have been moved from their original locations to the museum site just west of the town of Fort Rock.

The buildings and structures have been renovated for entry and furnished in early 1900s decor so visitors can experience what life was like in eastern Oregon before electricity arrived.

Thirteen structures are included in a village that has been created including: a school, church, store, garden, period homes and more. Vintage farm equipment and a blacksmith shop create a sense how much hard labor was part of everyday life in those times.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of this unique setting and experience Oregon's homestead era as you relive history. Also in addition to its buildings the museum displays a small but significant collection of artifacts.

### The Geology of Fort Rock

*From Page Seven*

in the Brothers Fault Zone of the Fort Rock Basin. It is estimated to have been created 50,000 - 100,000 years ago. In prehistoric times it is believed to have been an island surrounded by the waters of Fort Rock Lake.

The wave-cut terraces on the south side of the ring mark former lake levels of this now-dry lake bed. Southerly winds, which are still predominant in the region, apparently drove waves against the south side of the ring, eroding the soft ash layers, breaching it, and creating a large opening on the south side

Did You Know? Fort Rock Lake was the largest pluvial lake in Oregon. It covered over 1260 square miles to a depth of 320 feet in Fort Rock and Christmas Valleys.

The museum is open Memorial Day weekend through the second weekend in September, Thursdays through Sundays. Children and adults alike can learn from this special experience! The museum is managed strictly by volunteers. Reviews are extraordinary.

Admission: \$5 Adults; \$3 children 12 & under; 5 and under free! Tours are offered for school groups and large groups with advance reservations. Additionally the historic church is available for rent to small groups. Photographer's and filmmaker's rental opportunities are also available.

Visit our website for more information: [www.fortrockoregon.com](http://www.fortrockoregon.com) Like us on Facebook!

Be sure to allow time to visit nearby Fort Rock State Park, a geological wonder. Fort Rock is located 70 miles southeast of Bend, Oregon, and 45 miles southeast of La Pine, Oregon just off highway 31. It is a fascinating place to visit!



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Back at camp, riders and visitors can clean up in the Station's spacious showers and then barbecue or just roast wieners for dinner.

Each year owners Dennis and Linda Tribby expand on the property's improvements. Recently they acquired additional water rights so they can provide more pasture grass. The core pasture area is completely fenced - not with wire but with posts and rails.

By the way, the old ranch name is Gibbard Wells. The well water is icy cold and pristine. It is considered to be one of the best wells in the area.

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## Geological Sites & Side Trips

### Devil's Garden



Latitude: 43.512 N  
Longitude: 120.861 W

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

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

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

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

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

### Derrick Cave

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

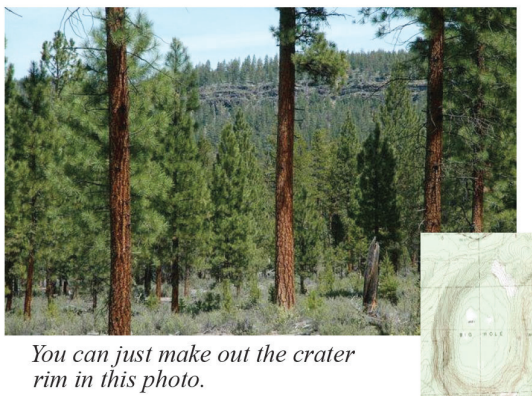
Once past the last of these light sources you will need artificial light. A short walk will bring you to a large room that is 80 feet wide with a ceiling height of 46 feet. There is more to explore beyond the *Big Room*. You will see signs of the actual lava flow such as *lava-cicles* hanging from the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

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



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

### Big Hole



*You can just make out the crater rim in this photo.*

Find Big Hole by driving Oregon 31 for 19.6 miles southeast from U.S. 97 (just south of La Pine). The turnoff for Big Hole comes 1.4 miles east of the signed county line.

Leave the pavement and drive .3 miles south on a dirt forest road to signed road 2451-400. Take this road and you will soon be driving a 3.5 mile circle around Big Hole

Big Hole is such a large volcanic crater (about 6,000 feet in diameter) that this feature often goes unnoticed when viewing a topographical map. The rim walls are 300 to 425 feet high.

Over time native Ponderosa Pines have established themselves on the crater's floor.

## Hole-in-the-Ground It's a Big Deal



Seen in a small photograph, it is difficult to gain a sense of just how enormous this geological feature is. Hole-in-the-Ground is really huge! And, it is well worth a side trip while enjoying and exploring Oregon's Outback.

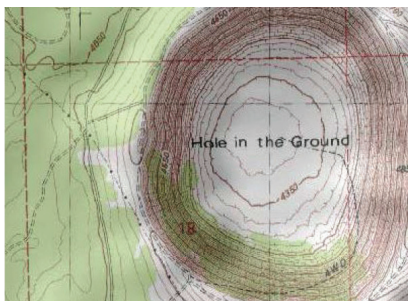
The floor of the crater is about 490 feet below the surrounding ground level with its rim rising 110-210 feet. The distance across the crater is about one mile.

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

It was thought that the 'Hole' was the result of a meteoric impact, however, more study has shown it to be of volcanic origin caused when Basaltic magma intruded near the surface ground water and turned it to steam which then blew out overlaying rock and soil. A huge hole was formed and over time material slid into the crater covering the vent. This process occurred many times. During these events blocks of basalt as large as 26 feet were flung as far as 2.3 miles from the crater.

There is a trail around the crater's rim as well as a trail that takes hikers down the rim's side, across the crater floor and up an un-drivable jeep road.

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121°11'54"W /  
43.4029089°N  
121.1983457°W  
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121°11'54"W /  
43.4029089°N  
121.1983457°W



## A GPS Can Get You Really Lost!

*By Terry Crawford*

When driving Highway 31 with my Tom Tom GPS/ direction giving device I was amazed at the multitude of roads in the forest that paralleled the highway and intersected each other. I had no idea they were there.

The device was set to take me on the shortest route (I use it in Portland and other large cities) rather than to use only main roadways. Of course that really didn't matter because I knew where I was and where I was going. But I did discover that on this setting it was insistent on a route that I knew full well was not the way home but would surely get my little car high centered out in the middle of nowhere.

I've encountered numerous people traveling the Outback that were far afield of where they thought they were or thought they were going - because their GPS "told" them how to get from point A to point B.

Every year our local Search and Rescue team is called upon to locate and bring back to safety people who have become lost or stranded because their GPS took them on the shortest, most direct route - over roads that had no signs, that had deep ruts, or mud bogs, or large car-destroying rocks that brought their journey to an often frightening halt.

Please make sure you travel with a good paper map and that you set your GPS device to guide you using major roads and highways when you are venturing into vast unknown territories.

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## Our Daily Birds

Barn Owlets  
at the farm

Photos by  
Shandy Buckalew



Bald Eagle  
"Eye on You"

Photo by  
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Eye to eye with Raven Chicks  
as Parents stand guard

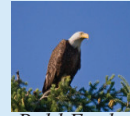
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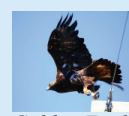
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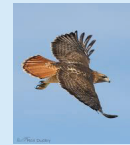
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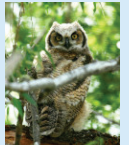
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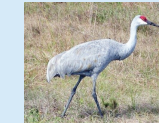
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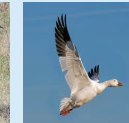
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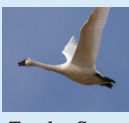
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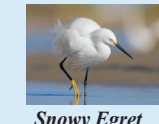
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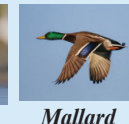
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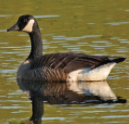
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## BIRD WATCHING IN LAKE COUNTY

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

A wide variety of habitats from forest to desert shrub, from marsh to meadows can be found in Lake County. These diverse habitats attract a wide array of birds. The variety of birds you may observe will change with the seasons.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Recreation Report birding information is updated weekly and can be found at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/viewing/birdwatching.asp>

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

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

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

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

The Southern Oregon Basin & Range Birding Trail is a

winding auto route that highlights specific sites for stopping and viewing birds among vast inland valleys, alkali flats, ethereal marshes, and forested slopes. Maps and recommended routes can be found at [www.basinrangebirdingtrail.com](http://www.basinrangebirdingtrail.com).

### Sandhill Cranes: Ties to Pre History

Sandhill cranes have one of the longest fossil histories of any extant bird. A 10 million year old crane fossil from Nebraska is said to be of this species, but this could be from a prehistoric relative or the direct ancestor



of sandhill cranes and not belong in the genus *Grus*.

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

As you travel along the shoreline of Summer Lake and along through Paisley and into Lakeview, keep an eye out for these amazing birds. You may get to see the parents and their young colts - yes that is what the young Sandhills are called - as they feed along the lake's edge.

# American Pronghorn

*Antilocapra americana*

## Faster than...everything!

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

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

## Bionic binocular vision

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

## Pronghorn conservation

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



*Photo by Larry Jo Watts*

## Facts About American Pronghorn

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

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

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

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

Top Speed: 60 mph (100 kph)

Migration: 100 + miles

Age: 7-10 yrs

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





## Christmas Valley

*Iconic to Christmas Valley and much of the surrounding area is Table Rock. It can be seen from Silver Lake, Picture Rock Pass on the return from Summer Lake and from elevated areas near Fort Rock. Sunsets silhouetting Table Rock are spectacular.*

### *It's All About Contrasts*

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

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

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

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

Visitors will discover three wonderful, yet very different, gift shops, two groceries, a produce stand and four restaurants plus a full-service deli at one of the two markets.

There are two motels, and two RV parks both

with full hook ups and bath-houses. They also offer tent camping sites. And, should one need a tire repaired there is a full-service tire shop too. Traveling in an RV, folks at times need repairs and they will find such services are available. A mechanic's shop is located near the town crossroad.

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

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

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

Walking on the desert floor or in the surrounding hills, hikers may see tiny groups of desert lilies and other wild flowers or a nest full of quail eggs. Wildlife is everywhere, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, coyotes, jack rabbits and cottontails, and if you're lucky you might spot an elk or two.



## An Endless Sea of Brush

### Sagebrush

Sagebrush is an emblem of the mountain West. Its grey leaves and pale yellow flowers inspire differing emotions in different people, or even in the same people at different times. It often occurs with western juniper or rabbitbrush. It is rarely eaten by wildlife or livestock because of the bitterness of its foliage.



### Rubber Rabbitbrush

Rubber rabbitbrush is also known as gray rabbitbrush, or chamisa. This perennial shrub is a member of the Aster family (Asteraceae) along with sagebrush, with which it is often found.



In some locations, it can be an important browse species for mule deer, pronghorn, and jackrabbits during fall and winter. It also provides cover for mammals and small nesting birds.

Flowers bloom from August to October as other plants are fading, providing vivid color and a pollen source for insects late in the summer.

### Bitterbrush

**Full common name:**  
*antelope bitterbrush*

Bitterbrush is a plant of the rose family. It has three well spread out "teeth" on the end of the leaf. The full common name is "antelope bitterbrush," signifying its known importance as a browse plant for wildlife.



Bitterbrush is well adapted to desert life: with water-loss resistant leaves and long taproots, a bitterbrush plant may be decades old. Some have been discovered to be well over a century old.

Be sure not to confuse its thick, green leaf with the thinner, greyer three-toothed leaf of sagebrush. The shrub's small flowers have five yellowish petals. After looking at them for a while, they do begin to look distantly related to the wild rose.

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## Crack-in-the-Ground: Fun for the Whole Family

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

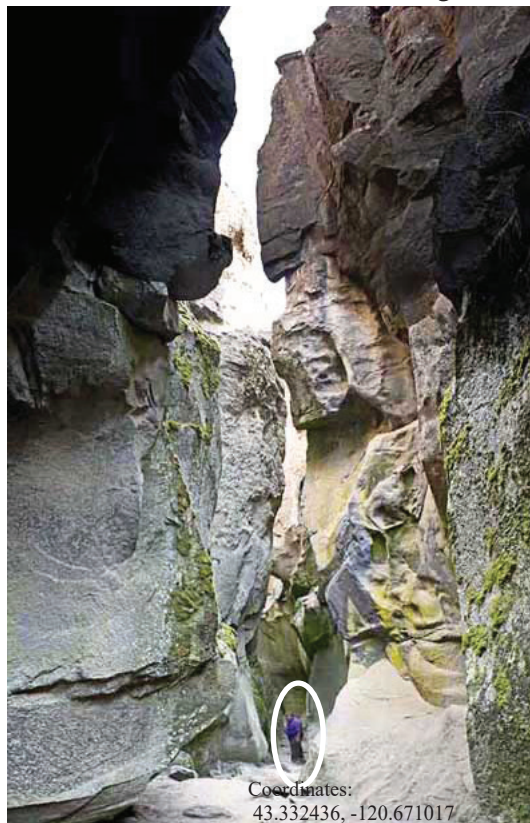
Over all the feature is more than two miles long, however most is not accessible. The entrance is to the right as you reach the hiker log box. A little scramble down and over some large boulders and you're on your way to a cool (even in summer you may need a light jacket or sweater) adventure through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

Wherever your gaze lands you will find interesting cracks, crevices and intriguing formations. At one point there is a narrow vertical gash that reveals a section of a parallel space that has not caved in. Look up and you see an expanse of deep blue sky.

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

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

*Something new around every bend.*



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## *New Beginning for the Old Lodge*

Sisters Dixie and Jerrie Hanna are no strangers to reviving historical businesses, hard work or serving up good food. They've been doing it for years at the Brother's Stage Stop on Hwy. 20. But what they had a hankering for was moving to the Christmas Valley area, getting away from a busy state highway.

So what to do? Why not purchase the original, but long neglected, Lodge building and bring it back to life as The Inn at Christmas Valley? That's just what they did.

The project held many challenges: broken water pipes, the need to totally upgrade the wiring and then there were the floors. There were strange lumps and bumps caused by areas of decayed concrete that took untold hours to repair.

Undaunted, the sisters along with tradesmen and friends, addressed each issue, and late in the fall of 2017 were finally able to open the doors.

Guests will find a comfortable country setting with minimal ambient noise. Art work and country items decorate the walls and are complemented by soft twinkling lights.

The Inn at Christmas Valley offers breakfast, lunch and dinner with breakfast choices always available. Additionally there are daily specials and homemade soups and pies.

The Antelope Lounge is a full service bar and lounge with a neighborhood feel. Locals and visitors enjoy cocktails, conversation and often a lively game of pool.

The Hanna family has long ties to Oregon and Lake County. All three Hanna children; Jerrie, Dixie and Tom, were born and raised in southern Oregon.

Years ago Jerrie taught at the Paisley School and many long-time area residents were in her classes. Dixie was driving the Paisley school bus route (the longest route in Oregon at that time).

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# Let's Keep the WAVES Rolling

*From a Long-ago Story by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce*

This valley doesn't have any oceans nearby, but we do have great waves! Visitors often comment about how friendly folks are, because of all the waves they get from people they don't even know. Locals say, "This place has always waved as far back as we can remember, because here everyone is everyone's friend." Of course, the basic reason is that we know each other, our cars, our kids, horses

and even our dogs! And with that wave, we are really saying. . . Howdy. . . good to see you!

Waves come in different styles. There is the casual wave, done with the slow full hand moving from left to right, right to left. Close friends give the vigorous full-hand wave, matched with a happy grin. There is the stoic cowboy wave, driving with one hand on the wheel lifting a finger to acknowledge a friend, neighbor or even a stranger.



Although we out here have never seen it written that we must wave, it does seem to be one of those unwritten rules. The long and the short of it is that if you're driving through our area you are going to be waived at. Enjoy, smile and wave back.

Let's just keep the waves rolling!

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## J.W. KERNS: Providing a Rural Community's Needs

Many citizens in our communities prefer to shop locally - away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Visitors are happy when that one thing they forgot can be purchased without a long journey. They want to enjoy being here. So, in addition to Valley Pivots and other irrigation supplies that their store is founded on. J.W. Kerns Inc. "Kerns" strives to provide the necessities of a rural community.

Sporting goods is a department many visitors appreciate. Kerns offers an ODFW point of sale location along with some ammunition, fishing tackle, bow hunting and camping supplies. Residents and visitors alike enjoy watching wildlife, especially quail. Kerns has a good supply of Wild bird seed. They also have wood pellets, BBQ pellets and firewood bricks. The firewood bricks are handy for campers.

Plumbing, electrical and hardware supplies go hand in hand with working on irrigation systems and the homes of farmers and ranchers so Kerns supplies these departments well. Since most residents have livestock and pets, the feed and animal health products are integral depart-

ments too, including Behlen and Tarter gates, stock tanks and fencing. Weaver Leather and Buckaroo Businesses supply some horse tack and other livestock equipment. Weaver Leather also provides quality pet collars and leashes.

The tool department includes Dewalt and Skil power tools, along with a full line of hand tools, blades and bits. Visitors working on their vacation property often appreciate Kerns having the tool they forgot at home.

Although Kerns has provided some gardening supplies and lumber for a long time, these departments have expanded. Since adding the covered lumber and gardening area, there is a better selection of dimensional lumber and plywood, which is easier to access and load. The addition also facilitated a greater variety of gardening tools and supplies including several choices of potting soils, fertilizers, steer manure and mulch. Garden seeds, plant starts and some flowers are now available too. They even have some lawn furniture!

So stop by Kerns when you are in Christmas Valley. Jake, Shelly, Rhonda and Dan will be happy to see you. They just might have exactly what you need.

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# Christmas Valley Sand Dunes

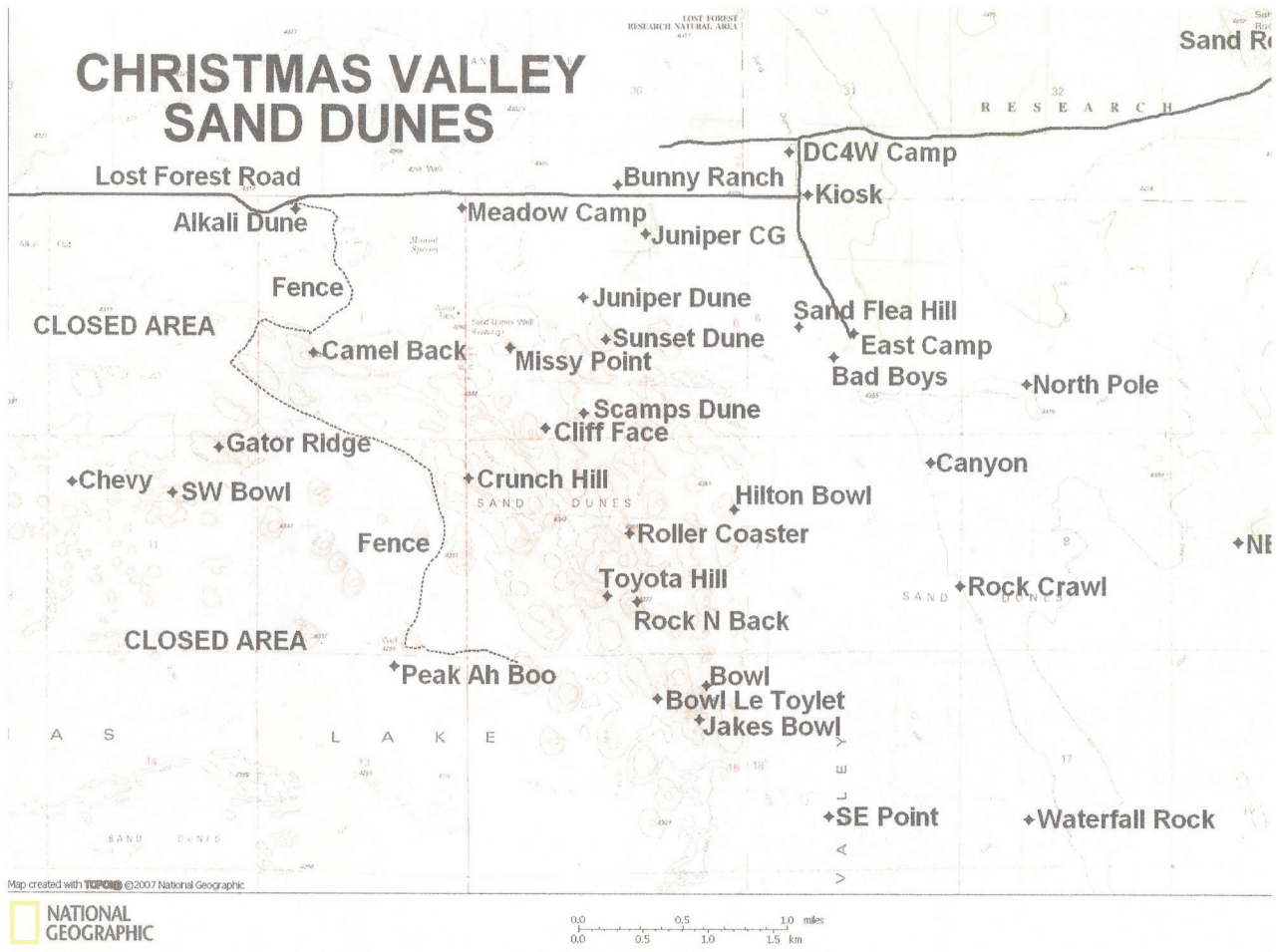
Welcome to the Christmas Valley Sand Dunes, the largest inland shifting sand dune system in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The complex covers 11,000 acres of which approximately 8,900 acres are open to vehicles. These dunes, often up to 60 feet high, are composed primarily of ash and pumice from the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

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



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

State alcohol and drug laws also apply to all vehicle operators and passengers. A \$10 Oregon ATV operator permit may be required in addition to a valid driver's license. Additionally, an Oregon DOT helmet for persons under age 18 is required.





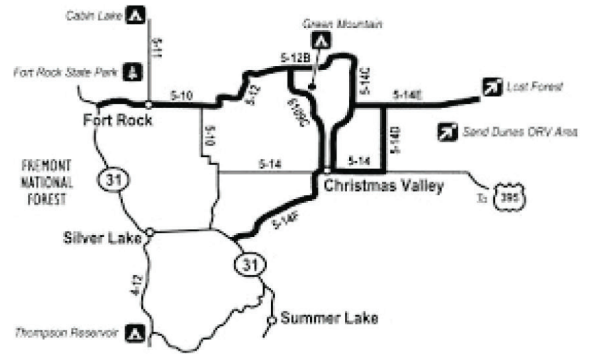
## Is it Real?



Photographers love digitally morphing images of the dunes and attaining results such as the photo above.

### Christmas Valley Sand Dunes

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## BIG - VAST- AMAZING - FUN

### Christmas Valley Sand Dunes



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

#### The Rules

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

Landmark	Latitude	Longitude
ALKALI DUNE	43°21'17"N	120°25'8"W
BAD BOYS CAMP	43°20'41"N	120°22'4"W
BOWL	43°19'20"N	120°22'48"W
BOWL LE TOILET	43°19'18"N	120°23'04"W
BUNNY RANCH	43°21'22"N	120°23'18"W
CAMEL BACK DUNE	43°20'42"N	120°25'01"W
CANYON	43°20'15"N	120°21'31"W
CHEVY TRUCK	43°20'10"N	120°26'24"W
CLIFF FACE	43°20'23"N	120°23'42"W
CRUNCH HILL	43°20'11"N	120°24'08"W
EAST CAMP	43°20'47"N	120°21'57"W
GATOR RIDGE	43°20'18"N	120°25'34"W
HILTON BOWL	43°20'04"N	120°22'38"W
JAKES BOWL	43°19'13"N	120°22'50"W
JUNIPER CAMPGROUND	43°21'10"N	120°23'08"W
JUNIPER DUNE	43°20'55"N	120°23'29"W
KIOSK	43°21'20"N	120°22'14"W
MEADOW CAMP	43°21'17"N	120°24'11"W
MISSY POINT	43°20'43"N	120°23'54"W
NORTH POLE	43°20'34"N	120°20'58"W
NORTHEAST CORNER	43°19'56"N	120°19'46"W
PEAK AH BO	43°19'25"N	120°24'34"W
ROCK CRAWL	43°19'45"N	120°21'21"W
ROCK N BAC	43°19'41"N	120°23'11"W
ROLLER COASTER	43°19'58"N	120°23'13"W
SAND FLEA HILL	43°20'48"N	120°22'16"W
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SOUTHEAST POINT	43°18'49"N	120°22'06"W
SOUTHWEST BOWL	43°20'07"N	120°25'50"W
SUNSET DUNE	43°20'45"N	120°23'22"W
TOYOTA HILL	43°19'42"N	120°23'21"W
WATERFALL ROCK	43°18'49"N	120°20'57"W



# North Lake School

## Mission Statement:

North Lake School District remains committed and dedicated to an educational foundation providing the tools, motivation, and discipline to encourage the development of students, staff, and community and to provide a personal, consistent, and caring education that will prepare all students to become well-rounded individuals and to realize their maximum potential.

**About North Lake:** We have a dedicated staff that serves children in a one building K-12 setting. Award winning programs such as Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) continue to perform and be recognized as top programs regionally and statewide. We offer a comprehensive selection of classes and supplement those choices with on-line course opportunities.

North Lake operates on a four-day school week with students attending from 7:45am to 3:45pm. We offer football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball and track and our student athletes compete well every year for district and state honors.



We are the second largest geographic athletic district in the state of Oregon and the resulting travel and time commitments demand that students balance their athletic interests with their academic responsibilities. The results are a consistently high graduation rate, acceptance at community colleges and universities statewide and positive citizenship in our halls.

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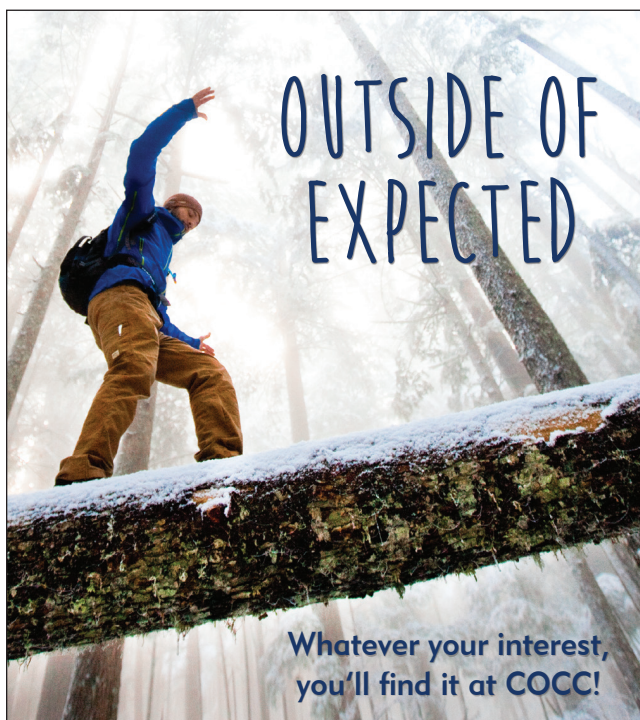
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## Willows and Willows-West: Shopping for all Reasons

Laura Parks sees possibilities, and when she does, she directs her energies toward them.

First it was *The Willows* at the east end of town. Would an up-scale vintage, antique and gift shop thrive? Yes indeed. The shop did so well that she soon built a new wing, more than doubling the square footage.

In no time at all *The Willows*, which features everything from lip balm to beautiful antique furniture, including art, decor, accessories, kitchen items specialty coffee and

tea, jewelry and some awesome items for the



younger set, was once again overflowing - space constraints were restricting growth.

One of the problems at *The Willows* was large furniture items being offered for sale needed to double as spaces for a variety of displays.

This frequently resulted in the need to dismantle displays in order to show a piece and of course if it sold, to put another piece out to do double duty.

So what to do? The answer, purchase another property, rework it and call it *The Willows West*.

*The Willows-West* features furniture vignettes that allow many more large pieces to be

totally seen and enjoyed. And they aren't doing double duty.


Parks moved all of the *Willows* yarn and knitting supplies to *Willows-West* where Thursday knitting classes are filled with enthusiastic students.

Parks, now with so much space, also decided to add a full-service floral shop at the west store. She and her staff offer fresh cut flowers and flower arrangements for all occasions.

Story & Photos by  
Terry Crawford

Knitters engage in laughter & conversation Inset photo: Laura Parks and daughter Alison Rudolph





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## Come Have Fun in the Sun

The Run to the Desert Car Show is going solo after five years of dovetailing with the Christmas Valley Music Festival. Why? Because the show has grown and with more cars and big rigs it was time to have greater access to the facilities at RE Flowerree Memorial Park.

We are excited to announce that this year entrants will be parking the hot rods and show cars on the grass. We have a semi truck classes this year. The big rigs will occupy the lot behind the annex building next to the park. So if you think your Rig is cool, bring it to the show. We have awards for all classes.

Thank you to John Flowerree for the beautiful park we are able to use. Thank you to Troy Fine Trucking and Holiday Tree Farms for sponsoring us. Hope to see more of you this year. All proceeds from the show are donated to "Brain Food," a local not for profit that ensures local children don't go hungry.


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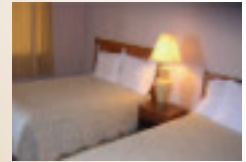


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## High Desert Golfing: A welcome surprise

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No tee time is required...the course is seldom crowded. Just grab your clubs and head on out, or fly into the Airport with your clubs, just ¼ mile down the road. Fees are \$20 for 9 holes and \$25 for all day. Yearly passes are also available at an extremely reasonable rate.

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The course was officially measured and rated by the Oregon Golf Association in 2007. There are plans to hold several tournaments in the spring and summer months, so check our website at [www.northlakeparkandrec.org](http://www.northlakeparkandrec.org). There are limited RV spots available, so call ahead if you will need one. We look forward to seeing you.

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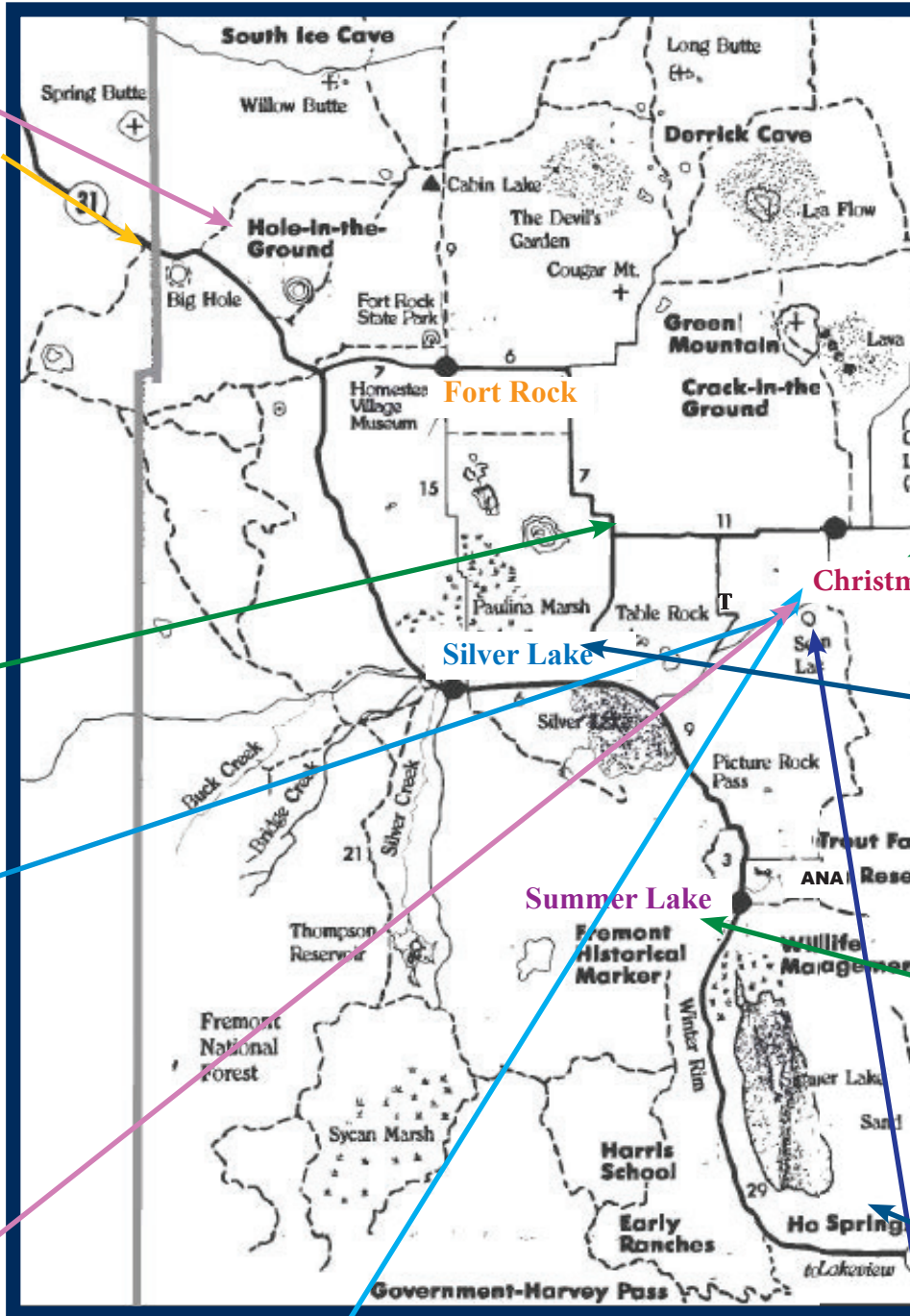
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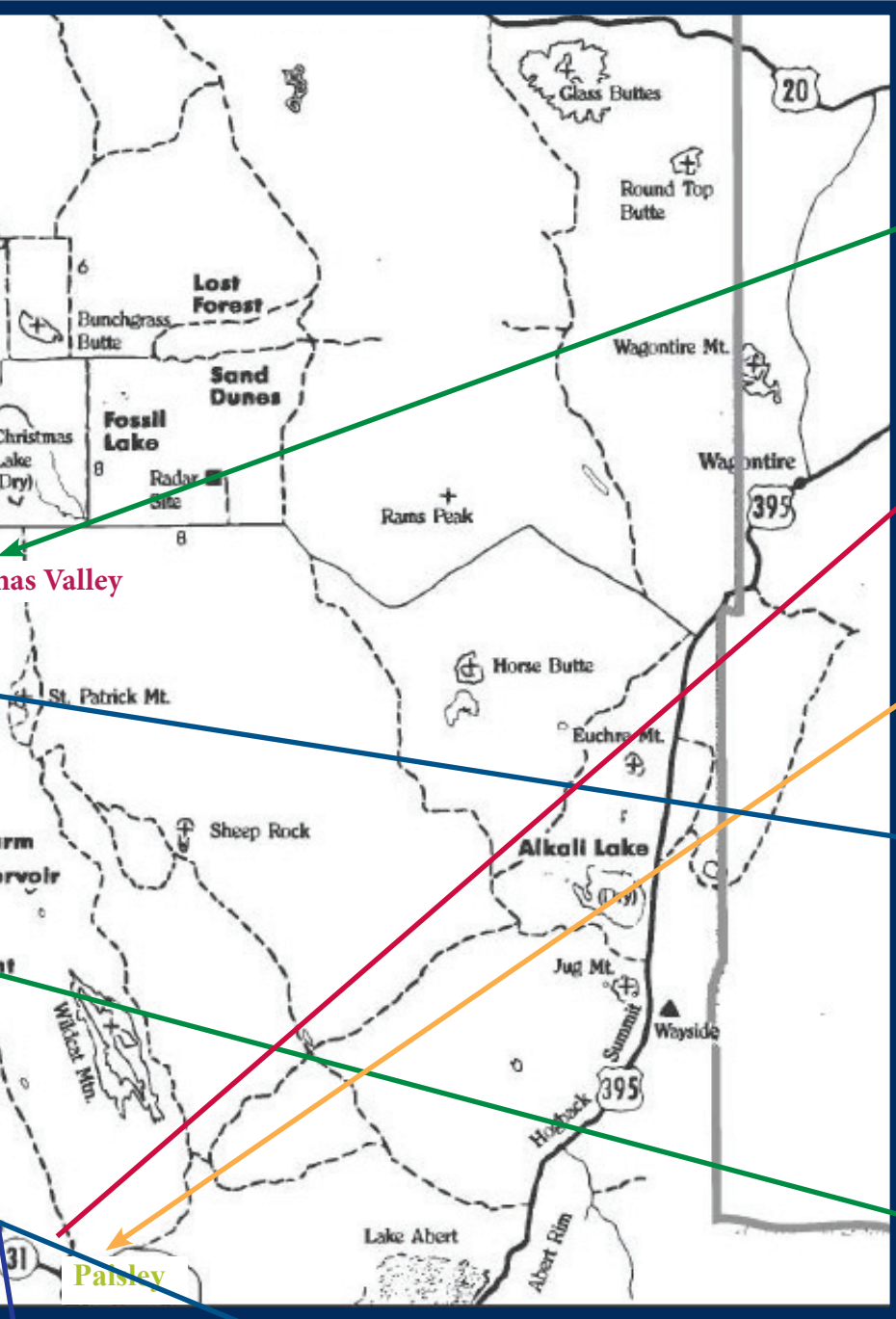
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Another important element of our library system is its Friends organizations. In Christmas Valley the Friends host numerous fund raising activities that are directed to the building of a new Christmas Valley branch facility.

The rural branches also act as social hubs for the communities they serve. Many locals enjoy a quiet visit with fellow reading enthusiasts and friends in the cozy atmosphere of these little spaces.

The Lake County Library District provides excellent selections of new publications and the staff always find time to help library visitors find just what they are looking for.

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## Old Man Coyote of Bunchgrass Butte

*By Beckie Messner*

Several years ago we had a place at the sink outside of Christmas Valley. Just below Bunch Grass Butte and we ran our cattle there in the summer.

One day I saw a coyote out in the distance walking along the fence and going away from the house. I didn't think much about it at the time. Then one evening I had a bag of garbage and set it on the outside porch. The next morning the bag was torn open and garbage was scattered all over the yard. I cleaned up the mess.

Several days later I had another sack of garbage on the outside porch. I had gotten up early that morning and I looked out the window and there was an Old



coyote going through the garbage. I could tell that he was old. He looked bad, and I was sure his teeth were so bad that he couldn't hunt for himself anymore.

I pulled some old hamburger meat out of the freezer and set it out for him and some water

too. I took hay and made beds for him in the sage brush and he used them. I started buying cases of dog food for him and he even got steak at one point. I watched out for him. When he would go away for a few days I would go looking for him.

He got so gentle around me that each morning and evening I would call for him, "Come on Old Man," and here he would come. One day I had the yard gate open and he came right into the yard and walked about.

He stayed all summer but when fall came he started coming in later each night and one day my Old Man didn't come home.



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# 2017 Volunteers, Individual and Businesses Honored

By Terry Crawford

It was a full house at The Inn at Christmas Valley for the Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber hosted Awards Banquet on March 24, 2017.

The annual event provides an opportunity to pay tribute to individuals and businesses throughout our north-end communities that go the extra mile in volunteerism and in community and customer service.

It is always a challenge to designate the recipients for there are many that deserve recognition. Nevertheless choices must be made. Our award winners for the 2017-18 year are: Emergency Responder of the Year, Breeaunna Lyons; Educator of the year, Tami Dark; Business of the year (there were two) Summer Lake Store and Sagewood Grocery; Volunteer of the year, Earl Diment and Lifetime Volunteers Carrie and Lloyd Mace.

All of these folks repeatedly go above and beyond for our communities year after year. They impact many lives in many ways that illuminate why we choose to live in our very rural environment.

Lifetime Volunteers Carrie and Lloyd Mace realized years ago that if Christmas Valley's amazing July 4th fireworks were going to continue someone needed to step in, learn the process and eventually manage the whole event. Carrie says that as a child the fireworks were the highlight of the summer and she wanted this to be true for her children and grandchildren. Naturally it became a family affair.



*Back row, L-R: Earl Diment, Dale Chiono, & Lloyd Mace. Front row, L-R: Breeaunna Lyons, Carrie Mace and Tami Dark.*

This activity requires year round planning, training and management, it's not a one month activity.

Earl Diment, Volunteer of the year brought music to the R.E. Flowerree Memorial Park in Christmas Valley. He established the Christmas Valley Music Festival first as a private individual, then converting the event to a non profit. The event benefits Brain Food, a local not for profit that ensures area children in need do not go hungry, as well as North Lake School's Drama program and it has established a festival supported scholarship.

Dale Chiono owner of one of two Businesses of the Year, relocated to beautiful Summer Lake from the corporate world with his wife Tule and two small children, and became the owner of the Summer Lake Store. This business has served its small community since 1993. Dale has also served many years on the Education Service Dist. and the Paisley

School Board.

Julie and Chuck Sutherland bought a small grocery in the center of Christmas Valley ten years ago, renamed it Sagewood Grocery, and have diligently expanded the store's offerings to meet shoppers needs. Behind the scenes the couple quietly donate to not for profits throughout the north end.

The 2017 Educator of the Year, Tami Dark, has served special needs students for more than 20 years. But Tami has always gone beyond her job requirements and using her teaching gifts has enhanced the education experience for all North Lake School Students.

Breeaunna Lyons has exhibited dedication to our all volunteer fire department as well as immersing herself in emergency medical responder classes. Her last effort saw her complete the course at the top a class attended by students from throughout Oregon.

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In addition to good eats the shop offers a variety of gift choices as well as fresh cut flowers and flower arrangements.

Before you leave be sure to sample their Great Toffee that is made with the finest ingredients: real butter, California almonds, walnuts and smooth, rich chocolate. The end result is not too hard or soft - it's just right! Bet you can't eat just one.

Once that sample melts in your mouth, odds are you will be purchasing a bag for the road and a few more to give as gifts..

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## Chamber's Information Center

*24 Hour Tourist Information*

With the completion of our building, visitors to Christmas Valley now have access to information pamphlets, tourist guides, state and area maps and much more - 24 hours a day.

It's a project several years in the making that hit a few bumps along the way but dedication and a 'get er done' attitude along with many paid and volunteer hours means we have a great little building.

Thanks especially J.W. Kerns for housing the building. Having this space means that any size vehicle has ample room to park and to turn around.

Next on the agenda is landscaping surrounding the building and a pocket park where folks can enjoy a little shade and relax as they thumb through literature they have obtained from the center.



## Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber

The Christmas Valley/North Lake Chamber of Commerce serves the businesses and the communities of the northern end of Lake County, Oregon.

All the board members are volunteers, and we have no paid staff but like chambers in so many rural areas we get things done.

Every year the chamber produces this guide, manages the July 4th parade including the purchase of the awards, hosts the annual Christmas lighting contest that pays out \$300 in cash prizes, places American flags along the highway through town in celebration of major federal holidays, maintains a 24 hour, access able information center and hosts the Awards banquet.

Our 2018 main project is the completion of the pocket garden next to the information center. This little space will serve as a shaded respite for tourists.



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The Music Festival, The Car Show, The Grange, The Museum, The Rodeo Club Play Days, The Fireworks Over the Lake, The Free Holiday Pot Lucks, The Tree of Joy, Food Share, Dorcas Depot, Special Transportation Program and the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet is just an abbreviated list of volunteer activities in the Outback. Our volunteers, as with most volunteers, work diligently behind the scenes and are critical to the survival of our many small communities. We thank them all.

## Pacific Crest: They're a Great Fit

Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union's new branch in Christmas Valley has been received with open arms by North End residents.

About the choice to locate here, Pacific Crest's President and CEO Chad Olney says, "People in Christmas Valley and surrounding communities are our kind of people."



Chad Olney, President/CEO

Why a Credit Union in today's world? Because, unlike a bank which has stockholders who expect bank proceeds to benefit them, a Credit Union is user owned. Every account holder has one share and one vote. What this translates to is Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union, is able to provide members with lower interest and fees on loans and higher interest paid into their savings accounts.

Pacific Crest is a welcome addition to the communities of Lake County's north end.

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## Silver Lake Oregon



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

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

Wildlife is abundant throughout the area and it is not unusual to see mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, coyotes, badgers, and a multitude of raptors. The area has multiple

camp grounds, fishing opportunities and numerous trails to hike or ride.

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On the summit of Yamsay Mountain, the views are spectacular. It is best to start your adventure from **Antler Horse Camp** out of Silver Lake from which you can ride west to Yamsay or east to Silver Creek Marsh and beyond.

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

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

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

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

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

**Farm Well Horse Camp** and campground has numerous campsites suitable for trucks with trailers as well as motor homes. The corrals are solid and well maintained. The trail that heads east toward Fremont Point is extremely rocky and there are not a lot of markers. The trail section heading west has stretches that become overgrown easily so it's important to make some mental notes along the way.

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

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## Fishing Opportunities are Abundant Near Silver Lake

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

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

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

The mentioned creeks are open to artificial lures and fly-fishing year round, but access is severely limited during the winter due to snow and ice. The best time to fish these creeks is in the late spring when high flows from winter runoff start to recede and the water clears.



*Camping at Thompson Valley Reservoir*

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

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

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

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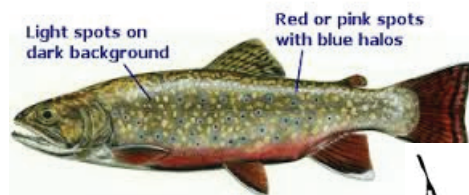
Duncan Reservoir, located south of Hwy. 31 and about five miles east of the town of Silver Lake, is a 33 acre reservoir stocked with fingerling (3-4") and trophy (> 12") Rainbow trout. A boat

ramp is available for launching boats up to 18 feet, but smaller boats are advisable. Pontoon boats or float tubes are an excellent way to fish this body of water and bank angling is very productive. The reservoir has a maximum depth of 15 feet.

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

Below is the web address for a map to Duncan.

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The current Oregon sport-fishing regulations can be found at: [www.eregulations.com/oregon/fishing/](http://www.eregulations.com/oregon/fishing/) Anglers are urged to consult these regulations for up-to-date seasons and limit restrictions



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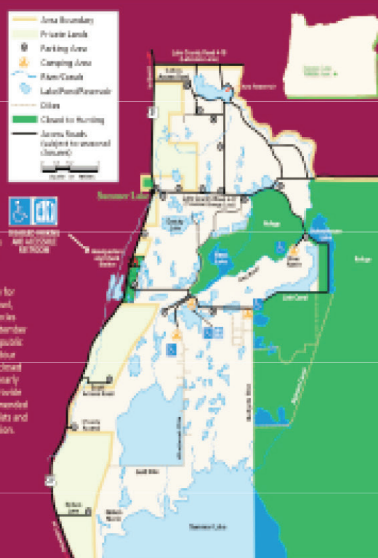
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Phone: (541) 943-3152; Fax: (541) 943-3204  
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## SUMMER LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

Established in 1964, the Summer Lake Wildlife Area was created with the primary objectives of protecting and enhancing natural habitats, and providing public hunting opportunities. The area is approximately 18,700 acres in size and is dominated by a large marsh system that provides an important resource for breeding and migrating waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway. Also present are a variety of upland habitats, from grass-dominated fields to native sagebrush and greasewood brushlands. A limited area of agricultural land, primarily grain, also is present. South of the wildlife area is the large, shallow and very alkaline Summer Lake.

March through May is the best time for viewing migrating flocks of waterfowl, waterbirds and songbirds. Many species also breed in the wildlife area. September through January offers a variety of public hunting opportunities. Duck hunting here is most famous in the area. The area is closed during several hunting seasons early October through late January to provide refuge areas. Hunting is not recommended during hunting seasons. Bird checklist and map are available at the check station.





## Summer Lake



Photo by Erik Gauger

Summer Lake Reeds with Winter Ridge (Rim) in the distance - from Erik's blog, "Notes from the Road."

### Land of striking beauty

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

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

No year reflects the past or acts as a precursor to the future. This large shallow alkali lake may be wet one season and dry the next, never-the-less, it is the area's major feature. It separates the wide-open sagebrush step of eastern Oregon and the rocky, forested mountains of the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

This area is a mecca for nature lovers with a wide variety of hiking, biking and riding opportunities as well as access to the Summer Lake Wildlife Area where visitors can enjoy over 300 species of fish and wildlife (primarily birds) as they explore nearly

18,000 acres of wetland and habitat, so bring your binoculars, hiking boots, and camera.

Travelers and visitors have a nice range of lodging choices, from primitive tent camping to cozy cabins overlooking the lovely bass pond at The Lodge at Summer Lake.

South along Hwy 31, is the Summer Lake Hot Springs. Stop just for a fabulous soak or stay the night - they have several levels of accommodations.

Summer Lake is home to the Summer Lake Store where visitors and locals can fill up on gasoline or diesel, purchase propane, obtain hunting and fishing licenses and even post a letter.

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

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

# Fishing Ana Reservoir and Ana River

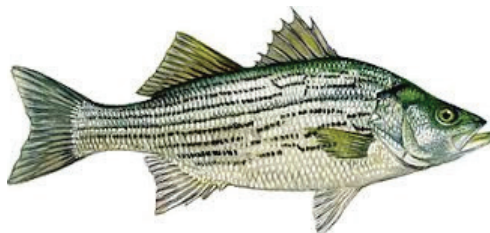
**Ana Reservoir** is a 62 acre reservoir located near the town of Summer Lake. The water temperature remains around 60 F year round due to warm geothermal springs. The reservoir is stocked with fingerling rainbow trout.

Hybrid bass, or 'wipers' are available in the reservoir as well. These bass are a cross between white and striped bass and can grow to in excess of 20 pounds. In 2014 the record Hybrid bass was landed by Chad Meadows and weighed in at 19 pounds 12 ounces. This fish was caught at Ana.

Many anglers target Hybrid bass in late winter and early spring, although they can be caught throughout the year.

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

Anglers are reminded that they may keep only one Hybrid



Hybrid Bass

bass (at least 16" in length) in a 24 hour period.

The Ana River flows out of Ana Reservoir through the Summer Lake Wildlife Area and empties into Summer Lake. Most stocked trout fishing occurs in the stretch of the river between the Reservoir and River Ranch Campground (located on the wildlife area). This river can produce large trout in excess of 20 inches as well as a good number of smaller fish. Ana river is a fantastic river to escape to in the winter and in the summer. Flies, lures and bait are all productive. The Ana River is the shortest spring-fed river in Oregon.



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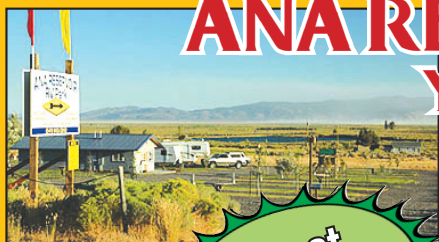
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## The Lodge at Summer Lake

The Lodge at Summer Lake is a Small Property Resort that offers four self-contained, fully furnished lake-side cabins, seven motel units and is home to the full-service *Flyway* Restaurant, a gift and book shop, a trophy bass pond and an event room.

The *Flyway* Restaurant boasts a menu featuring hand-cut steaks, seafood, chicken and chops. We bake our own fresh dinner bread and biscuits. Desserts are made on site and include cheesecakes, fresh pies, and Huge Billie the Kid fudge Brownie Sundaes!

We use fresh tomatoes, lettuce and herbs from our garden in season. And we know you'll enjoy our juicy, hand-pressed Angus burgers.

The Lodge at Summer Lake has fantastic bird watching, wildlife viewing hiking, fishing and horseback riding opportunities nearby. Bird species number more than 200. Summer Lake's desert landscape makes it easy to see Sandhill Cranes, Ibises, Egrets, White Pelicans and Tundra Swans.



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## Summer Lake Hot Springs

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### Welcome to Summer Lake Hot Springs

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One of the most unique, picturesque landscapes in the Pacific Northwest, Lake County, Oregon, is among the few truly unspoiled places on earth. Part of the Great Basin region of the United States, Lake County is home to numerous large alkali lakes. At the south end of one of these, Summer Lake, lies ancient artesian hot mineral springs.

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## Take a Break at Summer Lake Hot Springs

It is no surprise that since Duane Graham purchased Summer Lake Hot Springs in 1996 the 145 acre property has seen many additions and improvements. Graham had been visiting the springs since 1998 and had always found healing properties not only in the springs but in the serenity of place - of the land.

Having refurbished vintage houses in Portland and Eugene, Graham incorporated his love of history and vintage into his designs. Massive timbers from long gone local mills, recycled materials and natural pigments have all been combined in the construction of a variety of welcoming, comfortable houses and cabins. Two of which have recently been completed. Graham also upgraded the existing structures.

Graham's designs are environmentally green and thermally heated with a rustic, artistic, eclectic feel.

Of course the iconic barn enclosed hot spring fed pool has been held as close to original as is realistic. There are also outdoor pools from which visitors can soak in the incredible vistas that Summer Lake offers.

Even more fun is to sink into the healing waters in an outdoor pool, late at night and take in the brilliance of a night sky unadulterated by ambient light.

The facility offers sites for tent camping, for recreational vehicles, campers and trailers. Additionally there are venues for weddings and other gatherings.

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

By the way if you are passing through and have no swim suit or towels, just stop by the office and rent them for a small fee.



# PLAYA: A Gift of Space, Solitude and Community

PLAYA is a non-profit art and science residency program that supports innovative thinking in the arts, literature, natural sciences and other fields of creative inquiry.

PLAYA provides individuals with the gift of space, solitude and community in the stunning landscape of Summer Lake, Oregon. A residency of two, four or eight weeks includes lodging, studio space and twice-weekly meals at no charge.

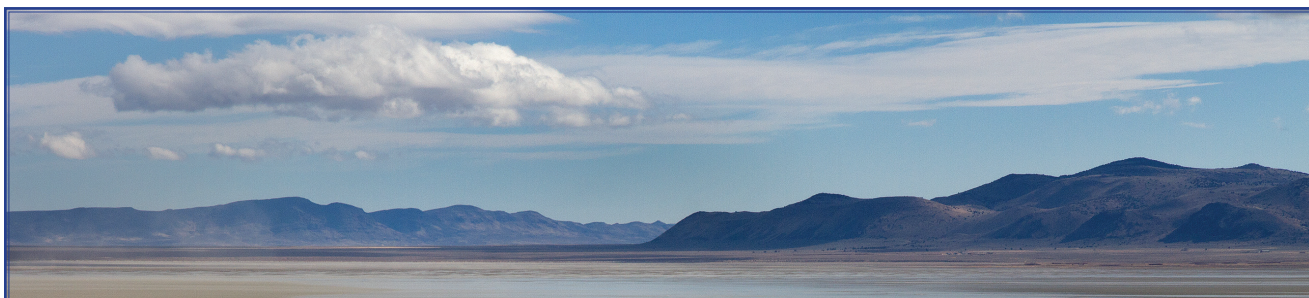
Away from the pressures of daily life, residents can focus on their projects, immerse themselves in the basin and rangeland desert landscape, and find inspiration through self-directed inquiry.

PLAYA's notoriety is growing rapidly as seen by the rising numbers of artist and scientist applicants from around the United States and the world. PLAYA is supported exclusively by individual donations, grants and partnerships with arts and science organizations. PLAYA has received recognition and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Humanities and Oregon Cultural Trust to name a select few.

PLAYA is grateful for local funding from Umpqua Bank and Lake County Cultural Coalition.

PLAYA was also chosen by The Ford Family Foundation to be a recipient of their Golden Spot Award, providing funding to mid career Oregon Visual Artists during.

PLAYA invites the public to monthly PLAYA Presents, afternoons of open studios, readings and performances. PLAYA's outreach includes artists visiting local schools for presentations and workshops. Additionally, PLAYA holds special events at local libraries and at the Alger Theater in Lakeview.



## ***PLAYA Presents*** 3-5 pm

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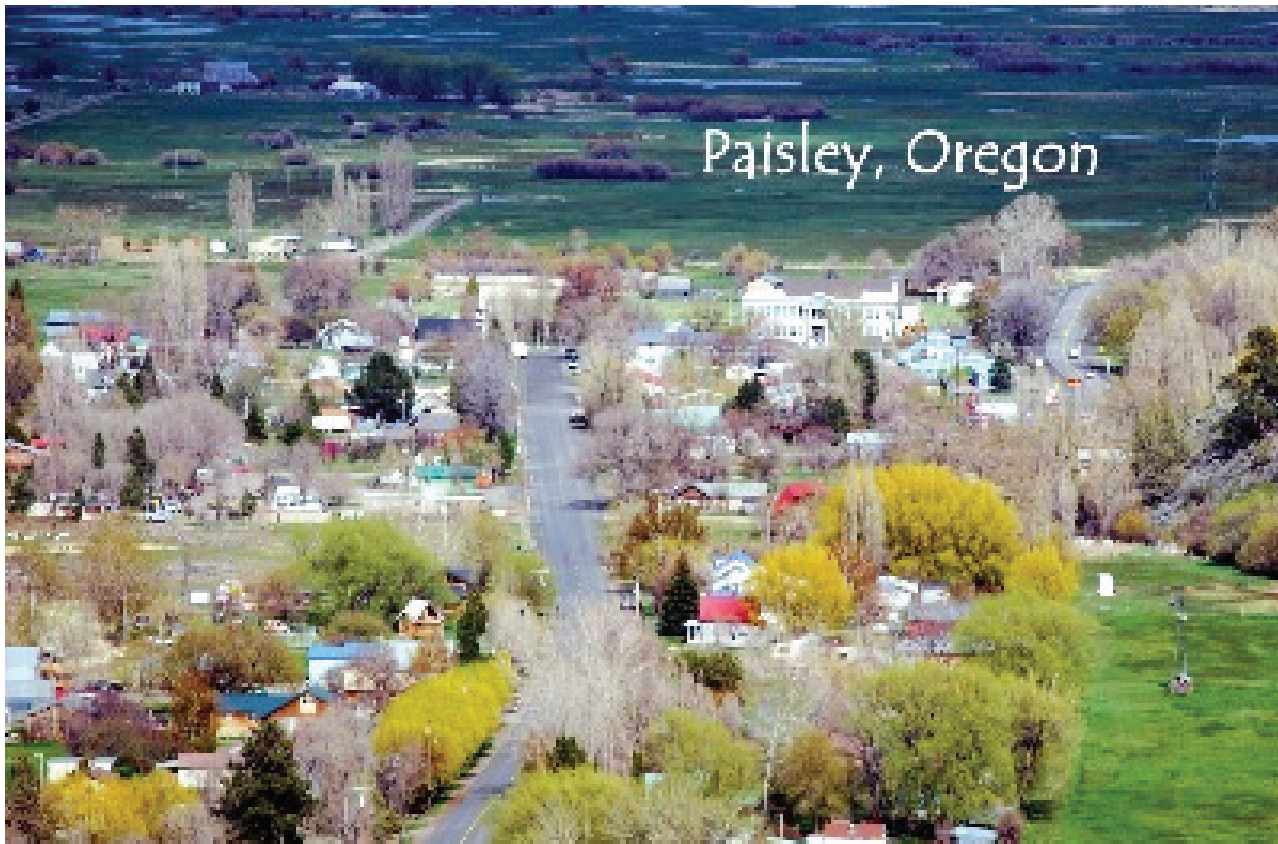
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## Welcome to Paisley Oregon

*Photo by Earl Reed*

Not all the settlers crossing the continent on the Oregon Trail were bound for the fertile valleys of the Willamette River. Many came west looking for the open country found around Paisley. By 1870, the town was growing and by 1873, a Post Office was established. An early Scot settler has been credited with naming the town of Paisley after the city in Scotland.

Early day settlers lent their names to many area features such as: Harvey Creek, Withers Lake and Brattain Butte. Descendants of all these families as well as descendants of many other early arrivals still reside in the Paisley area.

The local economy is primarily based on cattle ranching, the U.S. Forest Service and recreation. The ZX Ranch, headquartered here, is the largest in the state. There are also three "Century Ranches" in the area. These ranches have been home to the same families for over 100 years.

Located on the edge of the Great Basin with the high desert to the east and the Fremont National Forest to the west, Paisley is the hob of an

excellent outdoor vacationland. Hunting, fishing, photography, bird watching, rock hounding hiking and camping opportunities surround the little city.

The area is noted for mule deer and antelope, and many can be seen from the roadside almost any time of the year. Additionally, the Summer Lake Wildlife Area, located several miles to the north on Highway 31, is famous for duck and goose hunting and excellent bird watching. This area provides a resting place and nesting area for many species.

Paisley, while tiny, offers residents as well as visitors a very homey feel with two family restaurants - one with a full bar, a great coffee stand in the city's heart, a mercantile, motel, garage and filling station, a fabric and quilt shop that also sells antiques and collectables, and a cozy gift shop that features some very nice quilts.

The Paisley school serves children k-12 from the town and surrounding areas as well as hosting and boarding students from around the world.



## Paisley Fabric & Quilt



Growing up with a mother who quilted for the pure joy of the process gave Janice Hamlington a love of the craft. It comes as no surprise that she opened a fabric and quilting shop that is filled with material.

Janice sees the shop as more than a place to purchase fabric. "It is designed to provide a center of social activity that includes room for quilting enthusiasts to work on their projects or gain new skills in a friendly atmosphere with no shortage of coffee, tea and snacks," she says.

But there is more to the store. Janice's husband, Ken Hamlington, a long-time model train devotee has appropriated one half of the building for his collection of Lionel Trains. Additionally the couple feature Montana Silversmith and Oregon Sunstone Jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts and antiques throughout the shop.

Future plans include hosting an on-line store and establishing beginner quilting classes.

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## The Chewaucan River: Fly Fishing at its Best

The Chewaucan River's upper headwaters consist of several small streams that flow together in an almost flat meadow. From there it flows through a forest and a canyon and into more high desert meadows in its lower section.

The Chewaucan's trout population consists of Red Band Rainbow trout and Brown trout.

The best access is in the upper forest areas, but be aware that some areas are private property.

Never-the-less most access is on public lands. The Chewaucan has several tributary streams that increase its flow along the way.

The River's Red Band Rainbows average about eight to ten inches but grow as large as 16 inches and sometime



*Foot Bridge across the Chewaucan River*

even larger. This river has become a good quality trout stream since 1996 when stocking was ceased. Many improvements have been made to the stream to enhance trout habitat.

Marstars Campground is on the stream not far from Paisley. There are back-country sites all along the river on public property. Mill Street, in the little town of Paisley, goes along the river up past

the Marstars Campground to Coffee Pot Flat at the confluence of Coffee Pot Creek. Above this area the river flows through private ranch land.

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

# Hiking the Oregon Outback

By Toni Bailie

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

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

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

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

skirts the shoulder of the mountain, providing unsurpassed views of

the Chewaucan Valley and Gearhart Mountain,

leading to Morgan Butte fire lookout and continuing on another 10 miles to the Chewaucan Crossing trail head.

Late June is the primo time for hiking Gearhart Mountain Trail #100, situated within the Gearhart Wilderness. It's a delightful trip in early summer, with lush meadows strewn with colorful wild flowers, stands of aspen and majestic



Photos by  
Toni Bailie

*Chewaucan River Valley from Bear Creek Trail*



*Moss Pass Trail offers amazing views.*

ponderosa, white bark pine and white fir. The Lookout Rock Trail head is one mile past Corral Creek Campground. The trail winds through the Palisades, 10 acres of convoluted rock formations standing like sentinels above the forest, then up toward the volcanic dome, 8,347 feet in elevation. From there, the trail descends

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

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

**Enjoy!**



*View from the Palisades*





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Welcome to the heart of Newberry Country! As the epicenter for the brand new Newberry Country Trail, La Pine invites you to explore the wonderful tour around our Newberry region. You can leave La Pine; drive north to Sunriver, west to the Cascade Lakes Hwy, south to Crescent Lake and northeast to the tiny mill towns of Gilchrist and Crescent on Hwy 97.

When you head north on Hwy 97 turn right on Hwy 31 and head into the Oregon Outback where you can visit Fort Rock, Christmas Valley, Silver Lake and Summer Lake. Along this route Rock hounds can find numerous sites to explore. Archeology buff? Try the geological and archeological sites spread through the region. Want to learn about ancient cultures? The Native American sites are ready to explore.

Remember- you are only a half hour away in any direction to visit the very best attractions that Central Oregon has to offer. You can line up any number of family friendly and affordable activities and destinations that you will find heading into and

out of La Pine!

Try fishing in the many high lakes or the three area rivers. Enjoy visiting Oregon's other crater to walk through the obsidian flow. Try boating or kayaking, hiking or biking, camping or spending your time in one of the many resorts or campgrounds.

If these ideas don't do it for you, there are ATV trails and astronomical observations at the Oregon Observatory. The Sunriver Natural History Museum, the 22-acre water park in Sunriver Village, shopping, restaurants and wonderful things to explore.

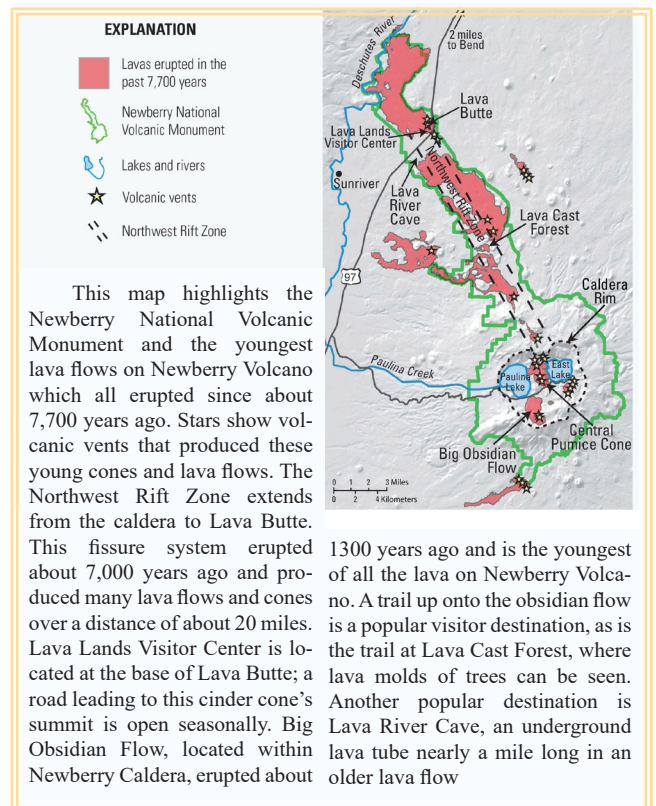
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### Newberry Volcano

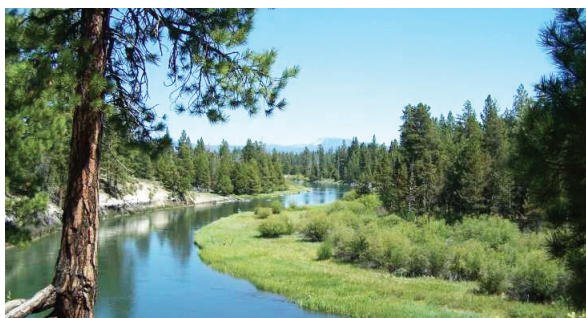
Newberry Volcano is the largest volcano in the Cascades volcanic arc as can be seen in the photo above. Just its central caldera encompasses a four by five mile depression that was formed about 75,000 years ago. The caldera's two lakes, Paulina and East are fed in part by active hot springs heated by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

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

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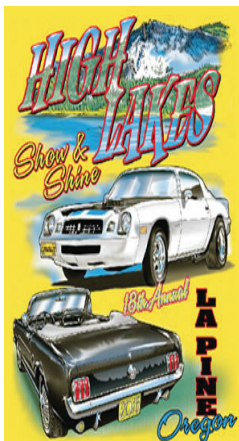
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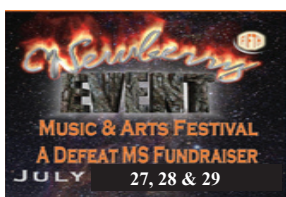
Paulina Falls can be reached from the 5 mile Paulina trail or by walking down a trail from Paulina lake. Always worth the effort every time of the year. Come take a hike!~



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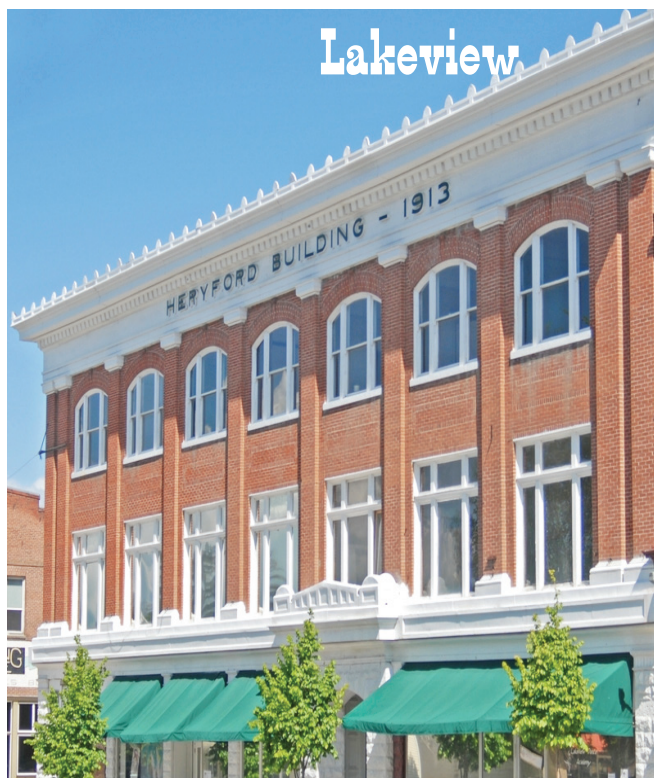
Established in 1876, the town of Lakeview is the county seat of Lake County Oregon. It is often referred to as the "Tallest Town in Oregon" with its elevation of 4798 feet.

Originally the town was known as Bullard's Ranch or Bullard's Creek but the name gave way to Lakeview because of its outstanding views of Goose Lake at that time.

Lakeview grew into a commercial center for area sheep and cattle ranchers, with primary industry gradually moving more toward lumber and a variety of agricultural businesses.

Now, 140 years later, the town continues to thrive with an active business community, excellent schools, a hospital and full range of medical and dental services and is home to the main branch of the Lake County Library.

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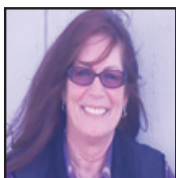
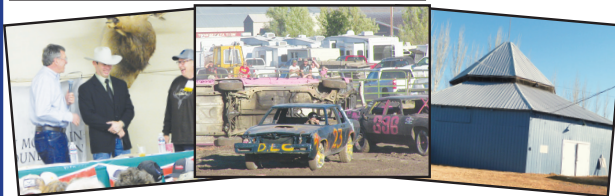
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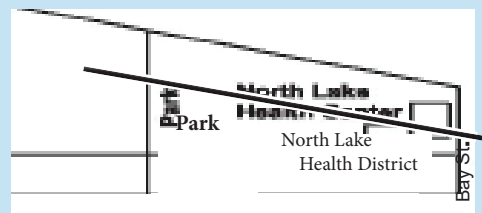
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