

Ever notice how some of America's most popular campgrounds look like miniature cities during the peak of tourist season? How the tents and trailers are stacked door-to-door, and the narrow roads seem nearly as busy as a metropolitan freeway?

Don't despair! In Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country, there are still plenty of beautiful spots to pitch camp and enjoy the peace and quiet of a natural setting.

A group of land managers and their staffs have compiled a list of rustic campgrounds that are well suited for public use. If none of the spots we've listed are to your liking, simply befriend one of the locals and you can bet they will draw you a map to their own favorite secluded spot.

These little-known scenic spots offer plenty of room to hike, fish, watch wildlife or just relax without having to compete with the crowd. Facilities are limited - usually just a campfire ring, a rustic toilet and a picnic table. No RV hookups, no garbage service, no coin laundry. But hey, there's no fee, either.

Rustic campgrounds listed in this brochure are all located near some attraction, such as one of several wildlife refuges in the area, a geologic site, a museum or a scenic viewpoint. Fishing, canoeing or swimming are often available.

Since these sites receive a minimum of attention from maintenance workers, you're on your own to follow the strictest camping ethics: pack out your trash and leave a clean camp for the next user. Remember to **Tread Lightly**. Please check with the information number provided for each site regarding access, season of use, fire restrictions, firewood supplies and water availability.

Tread Lightly is like the "Leave No Trace" ethic of the hiker. It means that you provide the next user the same experience that you enjoyed by staying on the trail, picking up litter, practicing trail courtesy and respecting public as well as private property. It's a small but thoughtful price to pay for the well being of our outdoor environment!

Bonus Points

Looking for a campsite that's truly extraordinary? Here are a few ideas, although they may be harder to locate or access. Facilities may be virtually non-existent.

- The Klamath County Parks Department maintains a campground on Eagle Ridge, a narrow peninsula that juts out into Upper Klamath Lake. Access from Hwy. 140 W of Klamath Falls, via about four-miles of gravel road. (Absolutely stunning scenery, bird watching.) Excellent fishing spot, with boat ramps, water and toilets.

Information: 541-883-4696.

- Historic area fire lookouts and cabins are being made available as rustic vacation rentals. Reservations are required. See **Historic Fire Lookouts Brochure** for telephone numbers and locations.
- The Bureau of Land Management maintains a semi-primitive campground (with toilet facility) along the banks of the Upper Klamath River. This area offers a number of incredible recreational opportunities including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, hunting, and whitewater rafting. The campground is located three miles below the J.C. Boyle Powerhouse. To get there, drive approximately 20 miles W of Klamath Falls on Hwy. 66 and turn at the Powerhouse sign. The road gets extremely rough past the powerhouse, but the drive is well worth it.

Information: 541-883-6916.

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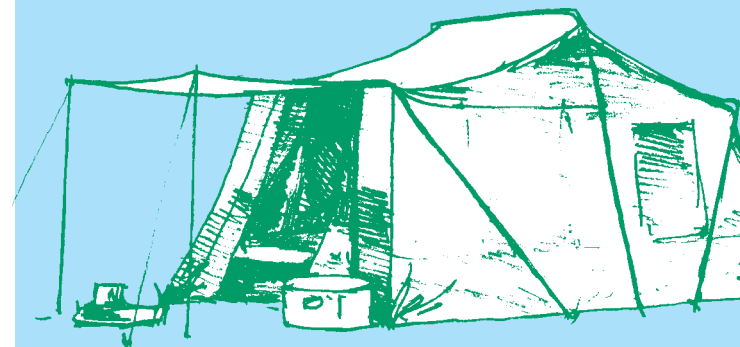
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Klamath, Lake, & Modoc Country

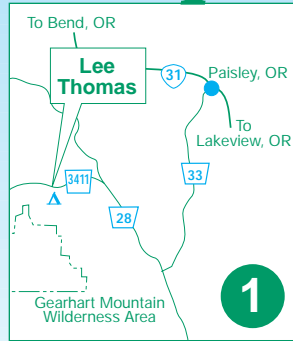
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From Paisley, OR, W & S 20 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 33, R 11 mi. on Rd. 28, L 5 mi. on Rd. 3411. Large rock outcroppings and lodgepole pine tower over this campground. The North Fork Sprague River, designated a Federal scenic river, runs through camp. Nearby are trails leading into Gearhart Mountain Wilderness Area. Water available. Suitable for trailers.

Information: Paisley Ranger District, 541-943-3114.

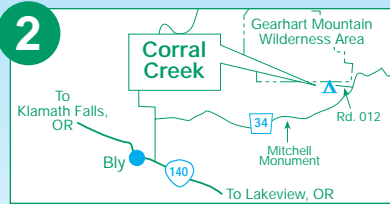


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Corral Creek

From Bly, OR, 1.5 mi. E on Hwy. 140 to first County Rd. on L, N 1/2 mi. to Forest Service Rd. 34, E 15 mi. to Rd. 012, L 1.5 mi. Good gravel roads lead to this secluded campground. A two-mile hike into Gearhart Mountain Wilderness Area leads to Palisade Rocks, a popular spot with kids and photographers. Picnic tables, accessible toilet, turn-around for trailers. No firewood or water.

Information: Bly Ranger District, 541-353-2427.



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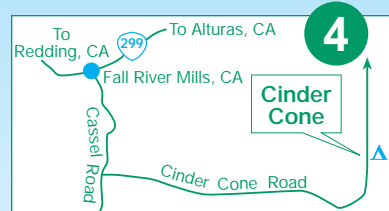
Happy Camp

From Paisley, OR, S & W 20 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 33, straight on Rd. 28 2 mi., R 2.4 mi. on Rd. 047. Access from Bly also.

Historic buildings constructed by CCC surround this campground with history. Dairy Creek offers fishing. Campsites shaded by aspen and old growth ponderosa pine. Water, turn around for trailers available. Swimming, horseshoe pits.

Information: Paisley Ranger District, 541-943-3114.

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Cinder Cone

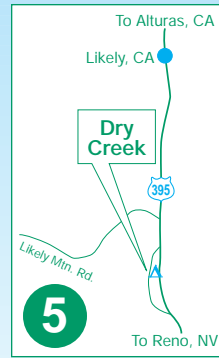
From Fall River Mills, CA, S 4 mi. on Cassel Rd., L 7 mi. on Cinder Cone Rd.

Extensive lava flows and numerous caves offer plenty of room for exploration. Pacific Crest National Trail

passes nearby, offering great scenic vistas. Few people visit this campground among the pines. No water, trailers not recommended.

Information: Bureau of Land Management, Alturas Resource Area, 530-233-4666.

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Dry Creek

From Likely, CA, S 6 mi. on Hwy. 395, 1 mi. S of Likely Mtn. Rd., turn R on old highway (gravel road).

Access is easy, but campers are relatively rare at this campground surrounded by juniper and scattered pines. Creek flows through mid-summer. Great bird watching. Fishing nearby at West Valley Reservoir.

Information: Bureau of Land Management, Alturas Resource Area, 530-233-4666.

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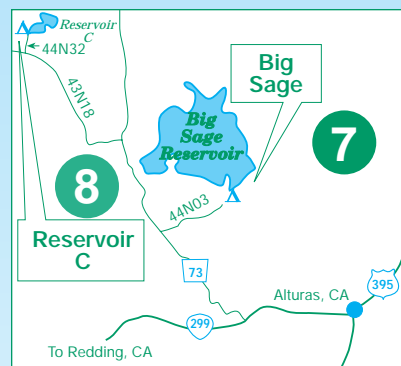
Miller Creek

From Klamath Falls, OR, E 19 mi. on Hwy. 140 to Dairy, E 7 mi. on Hwy. 70 to Bonanza, E 10 mi. on Langell Valley Rd., NE 9 mi. on Gerber Rd., R 1.5 mi. on Round Valley Rd.

Drive just past Miller Creek to find this small campground that is typical of primitive camps near Gerber Reservoir. As an option, continue on Gerber Road two miles to Stan H. Spring. Both sites located among pines in high desert environment. Pit toilet, no water, picnic tables.

Information: Bureau of Land Management, Klamath Falls Resource Area, 541-883-6916.

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Big Sage Reservoir

From Alturas, CA, W 3.5 mi. on Hwy. 299, N 6 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 73, E 4 mi. on Rd. 44N03.

This large reservoir is a popular fishing hole among the local residents, but there's plenty of room to find your own camping spot. Boat ramps available. Good spot for mountain biking or wildlife viewing.

Information: Devil's Garden Ranger District, 530-233-5811.

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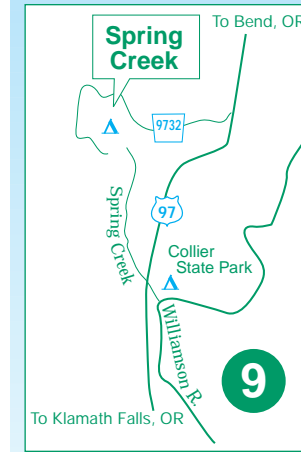
From Alturas, CA, W 3.5 mi. on Hwy. 299, N 10 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 73, W & N 6 mi. on Rd. 43N18, N 1 mi. on Rd. 44N32.

Don't let the unimaginative name fool you. This reservoir is a hot spot for fishing. Rainbow trout and largemouth bass. Good for boating, hiking and mountain biking.

Information: Devil's Garden Ranger District, 530-233-5811.

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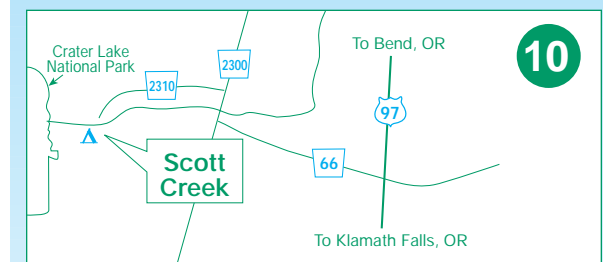
Spring Creek

From Klamath Falls, OR, N 33 mi. on Hwy. 97, W 3.5 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 9732.

Camp near the site where the creek springs from the ground and forms a popular trout stream. Nearby attractions: Oux Kanee overlook, Collier State Park & Museum, (RV Dump and good fishing here!) Look for — but don't touch — rare mare's egg algae in the stream. Trailers not recommended.

Information: Chiloquin Ranger District, 541-783-4001.

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Scott Creek

From Klamath Falls, OR, 47 mi. N on Hwy. 97, W 2.5 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 66, N 1/2 mi. on Rd. 2300, W 2.5 mi. on Rd. 2310.

Select a shady spot along this creek that flows out of Crater Lake National Park. Elev. 4,700'.

Information: Chemult Ranger District, 541-365-7001.

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J F Kimball State Park

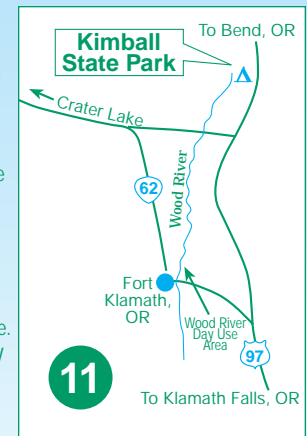
From Klamath Falls, OR, N 20 mi. on Hwy. 97, 10 mi. N on Hwy. 62, 3 mi. NE of Fort Klamath.

The head waters of the Wood River. Eight campsites, ten picnic sites, and pit toilets. Springs come out of the hillside to form a clear blue pool.

Information: Collier State Park, 541-783-2471.

Great trout fishing downstream! Call park on status of opening date. Check out nearby Wood River Day Use Area.

Information: Chiloquin Ranger District, 541-783-4001.



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