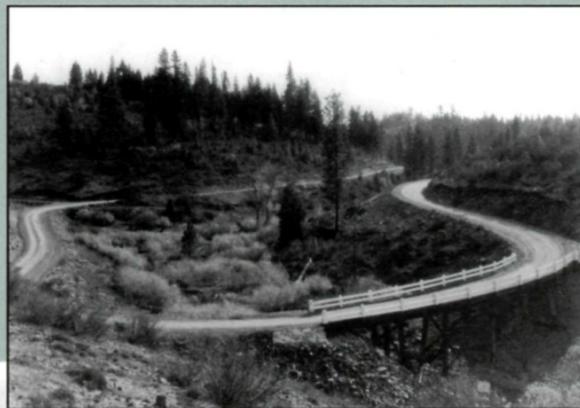


For ten thousand years humans have traveled this route over the Greensprings, leaving behind a well-worn path rich in both cultural and natural history...

Named for its hundreds of fresh water springs, green glades, and lush meadows, the Greensprings has always provided a refuge for travelers. Originally a seasonal gathering place for Native Americans, the Applegate trail brought settlers over this route by the thousands. Today, hundreds of people call the Greensprings home and have established private residences and businesses throughout the area.

Approximately 53,000 acres of public land in the vicinity of the Greensprings are managed as the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in recognition of the area's outstanding natural diversity. The Monument lies at the convergence of the Cascade and Siskiyou mountain ranges. The collision of these mountain ranges, containing some of the youngest and oldest rocks in Oregon, has resulted in a great variety of plant and animal species. Many visitors to the Monument will access the area by first traveling through the Greensprings community along Highway 66.



State Highway 66 at Keene Creek Reservoir circa 1929
Photo courtesy of Oregon Department of Transportation



Steeped in history, sights along Highway 66 offer a glimpse of the past. Many businesses on the Greensprings carry on the tradition of offering services to contemporary travelers.



Buckhorn Springs circa 1910

Buckhorn Springs

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a district, Buckhorn Springs lies just south of Highway 66. The springs are naturally carbonated as carbon dioxide escapes from the ground and mixes with spring water. Native Americans performed sacred healing rites here for generations. Today, Buckhorn Springs accommodates groups in the historic Buckhorn Lodge and recently restored cabins located on 120 wooded acres. Guests can soak up the beauty of the area and access the Monument on Buckhorn's many hiking trails.

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Green Springs Inn

The Inn is the most recent of several wayside lodges that have served travelers and mountain dwellers since the early 1900s.

The restaurant was opened in 1981 after the original building burned to the ground in 1973. Today, the Inn serves breakfast, lunch and dinner year-round and provides accommodations in an eight-room lodge and newly constructed cabins. A large meeting room, amphitheater, and lawn are available for retreats, weddings and other group activities.

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Present-day Green Springs Inn

Tubb Springs State Wayside

Thirsty? Follow in the footsteps of early emigrants who crossed the Greensprings on the Applegate Trail, and refresh yourself at this natural spring. After Hwy 66 was constructed, early motorists would stop and pay local children to fill their radiators with water. A short walk through tall firs and pines leads to the Southern Oregon Wagon Road of the late 1800s. Tubb Springs is a State Park Wayside.

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Tubb Springs State Wayside 1942

Lincoln

In 1928, John B. Henry constructed a mill and the surrounding town of Lincoln. Today most of the town's assets are owned by a private trust. The site is home to the Greensprings Learning Community which manages the Oregon extension of Eastern University, Pennsylvania. Each fall several dozen college students take advantage of the site's remarkable setting for a semester of intensive study.

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Lincoln, Oregon circa 1949

Pinehurst School

Look for the little red school house through the trees. Pinehurst School District began in 1908 with the Beaver Creek School, followed by Pilot Rock, Pinehurst, Soda Springs, and Spring Creek Schools. Most were one-room schools with less than a dozen students. Some schools only operated in the summer, as winter travel was virtually impossible. Today, Pinehurst School is one of the few rural schools of its kind in Oregon providing K-8th grade education.

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Pinehurst School



Box-R Ranch

Photo courtesy of Box-R Ranch

Box R Ranch & Round Prairie

During their journey over the Applegate Trail, wagon teams and their livestock found refuge in the lush vegetation of Round Prairie, a one hundred-acre spring-fed meadow. Round Prairie was also the site of the first post office, Shake (1878), a shake mill (1886), a stagecoach stop (1904), and the Beaver Creek School (1908). Round Prairie, which is not visible from the highway, is still in use today as a working cattle ranch by the 1,500 acre Box R Ranch. The Box R Ranch offers lodging, trail rides, wagon rides and sleigh rides to travelers.

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Pinehurst Inn

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Pinehurst Inn was built along the new Highway 66 in the early 1920s as a roadhouse for the early automobile traveler. Today, the renovated Pinehurst Inn operates as a dinner house and overnight inn for travelers.

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