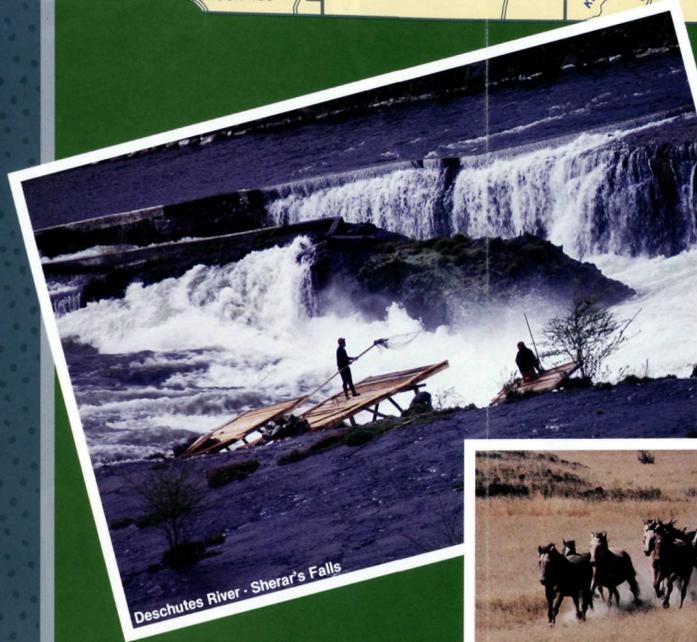
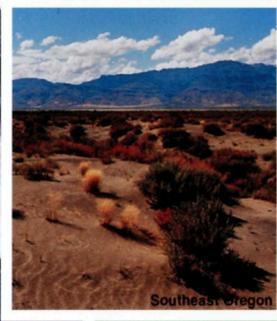


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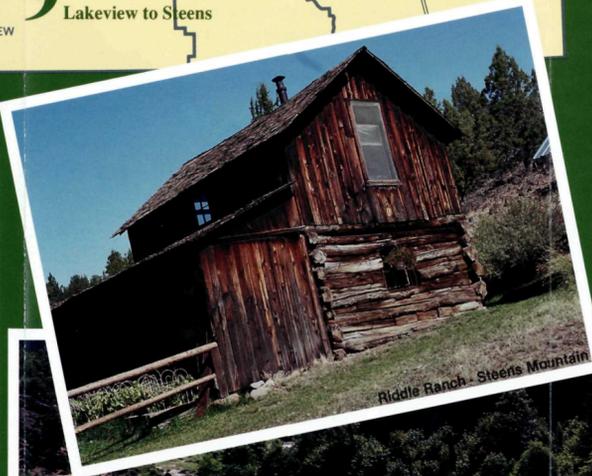
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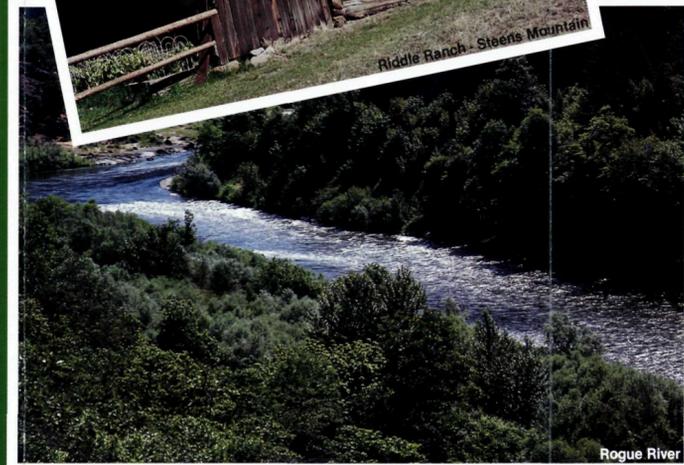
Southeast Oregon



Wild Horses - Eastern Oregon



Riddle Ranch - Steens Mountain



Rogue River

Byway Visitor Information

Visitors should learn of road conditions, the location of services, safety considerations and seasonal restrictions before touring a Byway. The BLM office that administers the Byway has that information.

Remember the following tips while enjoying the BLM's Back Country Byways:

- Respect private property. If you plan to leave the Byway obtain land status maps from a BLM office.
- Be sure your vehicle is suitable for the road surface.
- Be careful near livestock, and always close gates behind you.
- Travelers may encounter logging trucks or other heavy equipment.
- Respect wildlife by viewing from a distance.
- Do not disturb archeological or historical sites.
- Report vandalism or suspicious activities.

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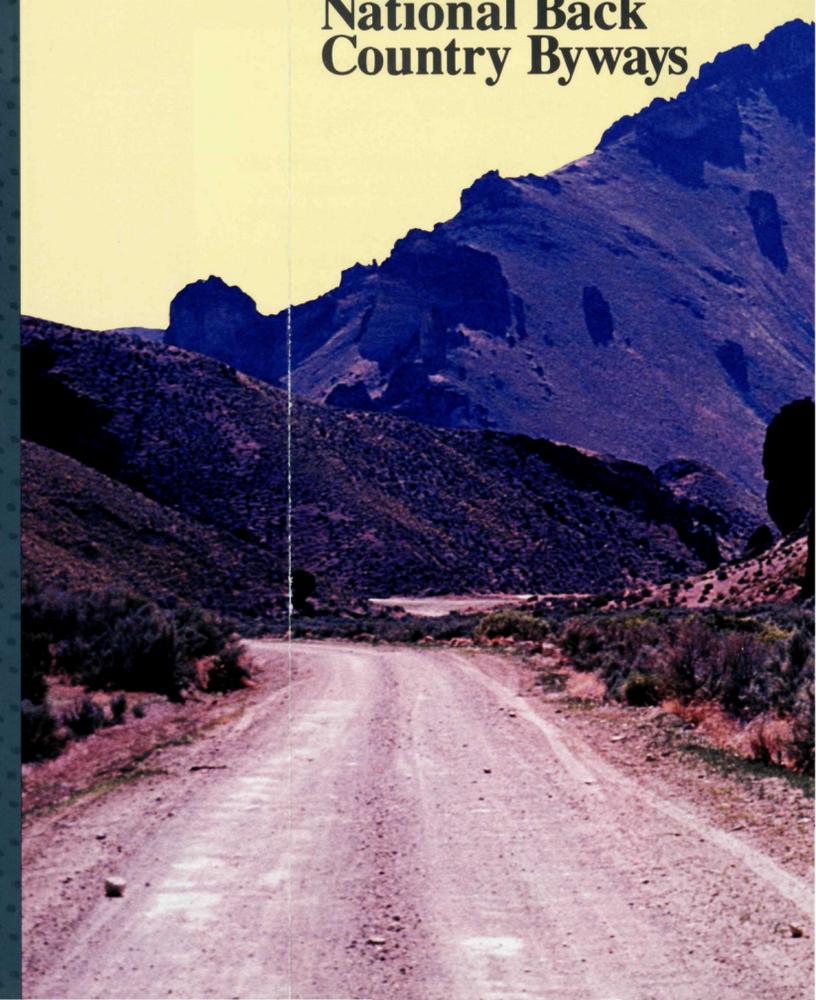
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Nearly half of all Americans regard driving for pleasure as their favorite recreation activity. To provide new opportunities to meet this demand, the U. S. Bureau of Land Management created its National Back Country Byway program.

The Byways will enhance your recreational adventure. They show travelers the rich mosaic of plants, animals, historic sites, ancient landscapes, minerals and scenic vistas that comprise America's National Public Lands.

In Oregon, BLM has identified 13 byways stretching over 750 miles. They traverse much of the 15 million acres of National Public Lands in Oregon under BLM's jurisdiction. The Byways vary from narrow, graded roads passable only during a few months of the year to two-lane, paved highways providing year-round access.

Each byway exposes the diversity of landscapes and attractions that contributes to Oregon's reputation as a place of scenic wonder.

Along the way...

Back Country Byways will show you the best Oregon has to offer, from the breathtaking thunder of waterfalls, to geology sculpted by ancient volcanoes, glaciers, and rivers. Associated with the Byways is BLM's "Adventures in the Past" program which provides you opportunities to experience first hand the exciting legacy of our nation's cultural heritage. Countless adventures await you: panning for gold near the old placer mines of southwestern Oregon; tracing an abandoned railroad line, or trekking through a landscape similar to the plains of southern Africa. Live in harmony with the land as the Native Americans taught us. Soak up the solitude of wild and scenic rivers and towering old growth forests. Oregon's Back Country Byways are gateways to other worlds you will remember for years to come.



1 Nestucca River

Covers 48 miles of paved and gravel roads following northwest Oregon's scenic Nestucca River.

Follow this Byway to the heart of Oregon's old growth forest, where the 200 foot tall cathedral of Douglas firs is interspersed with the vibrant red of vine maples in the summer and fall. Among trees more than 400 years old, you can almost hear the whispers of centuries past.

The rapids and pools of the Nestucca boast coho and chinook salmon as well as steelhead and trout enough to challenge any fisherman. Linger awhile at the area's four recreation sites for a picnic or a hike and an afternoon you'll long remember.

Salem District
Tillamook Resource Area

6 Lower Crooked River

Covers 43 miles of paved and gravel roads, providing access through the rugged Crooked River Canyon and the high desert landscapes of central Oregon.

Wander down the wild and scenic Crooked River, into nature's cathedral, the Palisades, where towering, reddish basalt canyon walls form a dramatic backdrop for deer and the mighty bald eagle. Fishing for native rainbow trout, you'll drink in the quiet solace of this place, or share it with others in the many camping or picnicking areas you'll discover.

Continuing down the Byway, you'll see the landscape change dramatically as you enter the expanse of sagebrush in Oregon's high desert.

Prineville District

11 Diamond Loop

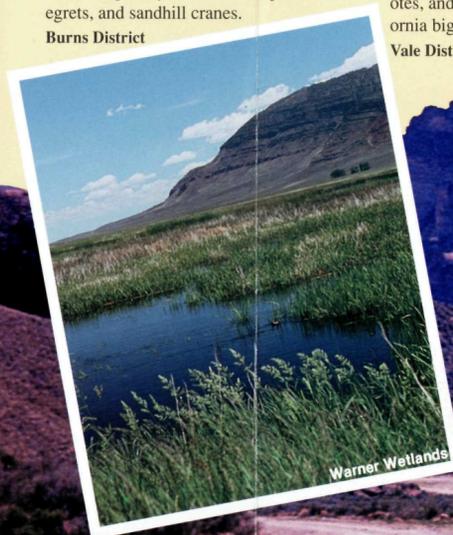
Covers 75 miles of paved and gravel roads in the Steens, part of the high desert country of southeastern Oregon.

Travel to wild horse country, where you may see Kiger mustangs running fast as the wind across the rangeland near Riddle Mountain. The Byway provides access to a viewing area where you may see one of the most pure herds of Spanish mustangs in the wild today.

In Peter French's Round Barn, built in the late 1870's, you'll see a monument to the cattle baron era in Oregon history. The round barn was used to break horses during the winter months.

The Byway also traverses a national wildlife refuge on the Pacific Flyway, where migratory birds include pelicans, egrets, and sandhill cranes.

Burns District



2 South Fork Alsea River

Covers 11 miles of paved and gravel road tracing the scenic South Fork Alsea River in northwest Oregon.

Down this Byway, lose yourself in a sea of wildflowers, from the delicate pink of foxglove to the vibrant red of columbine or the regal purple of larkspur. Stopping for a hike, you'll find the trail ornamented with star flowers, fireweed, or even an Oregon lily.

Spend some time picnicking near the river, and while you're fishing for steelhead, you may share this old growth Douglas fir forest with deer or Roosevelt elk. For the ultimate natural high, stand at the base of Alsea Falls and be mesmerized by the rushing of the water.

Salem District

7 South Fork John Day River

Covers 50 miles of oiled, gravel, and dirt roads paralleling the wild and scenic South Fork of the John Day River.

In terrain ranging from old growth ponderosa pine to sagebrush to willow trees and hardwood, you'll discover an equal diversity of birds: chukar partridges scurry in the brush, golden eagles wheel in the broad expanse of sky, and waterfowl such as the Canada goose or the wood duck nest in the reeds.

The Byway takes you near the Murderer's Creek area, home to a herd of 100 wild horses, as well as mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk and coyotes.

Enjoy "roughing it" at BLM's primitive campground upstream from Dayville, where trout fishing could be the highlight of your trip.

Prineville District

12 Leslie Gulch/Succor Creek

Covers 52 miles of gravel and graded dirt roads (portions of which require high-clearance vehicles), providing access to the rugged geography of eastern Oregon.

Visit eastern Oregon's geologic artistry created by ancient volcanic activity more than 15 million years ago. Major features include Three Fingers Rock, Owyhee Ridge, and the Leslie Gulch Tuff formations, as well as honeycombed, steep-walled canyons. Rock hounds will delight in finding petrified wood and the agate-filled thunderegg, Oregon's state rock.

Hiking, you will feel the vastness and stark beauty of this landscape. Watch closely, and you may see pronghorn antelope, mule deer, coyotes, and the elusive California bighorn sheep.

Vale District

3 Grave Creek to Marial

Covers 33 miles of paved and gravel road through the rugged mountains of the Rogue River Canyon, providing access to the Rogue Wild and Scenic River.

Enter this gateway to the backcountry, where you'll feel the cool mist surrounding thundering Rainie Falls. Then, challenge yourself with a strenuous hike along the historic Rogue River or the Mule Creek Canyon Trails.

When you're ready to return to civilization, visit BLM's historic Rogue River Ranch, and enter the world of Oregon's early settlers, who ran placer mining operations and planted their fields with hay and wheat.

Camp at Tucker Flat campground near the Rogue River Ranch, or, for a little more comfort, stay at a nearby lodge (reservations required).

Medford District

8 Christmas Valley

Covers 102 miles of paved and gravel roads (portions of which require high-clearance vehicles) providing access through the high desert landscapes of south-central Oregon.

Travel through time as the geologic features of this rugged terrain take you back to a vastly different environment that existed here thousands of years ago. Fossil Lake, all that remains of a vast lake that once covered the entire basin, was home to flamingos and mammoth. Nearby, the Lost Forest is the last trace of a much larger ancient pine forest.

You'll find evidence of volcanic activity in bizarre features such as the Devil's Garden, surrounded by a smooth pahoehoe lava flow, or the vast Crack-in-the-Ground, nearly 2 miles long and 40 feet deep.

Lakeview District

13 Snake River/Morman Basin

Covers 130 miles of paved and gravel roads providing access to some of the diverse landscapes of northeastern Oregon.

Travel along winding river canyons, through aspen-lined meadows and basins filled with wildflowers. Take along your binoculars or a camera, and when you're done taking in the view, wet your line in one of the best warm water fisheries in the west.

4 Galice/Helgate

Covers 39 miles of paved roads, providing visitors the opportunity to explore the Rogue River country of southwest Oregon.

Along the Byway, re-live Oregon's history by hiking the Rogue River Trail, first developed by the Takelma Indians, and later traveled by miners.

Experience the "gold fever" that first brought settlers to southwest Oregon. You might even try your luck panning for gold in the river.

Gold is just one treasure you may discover here: other riches include world-famous whitewater rafting, and fishing for steelhead and salmon. Several developed campgrounds and lodges along the Rogue invite you to relax, and stay awhile.

Medford District

9 Lakeview to Steens

Covers 91 miles of paved and gravel road which traverses a broad expanse of eastern Oregon's high desert country.

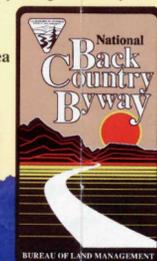
Like the plains of southern Africa, the lakes and sand dunes of the Warner Valley fluctuate dramatically between drought and abundant water, providing habitat for herons, white pelicans, Canada geese and sandhill cranes. Travel down this Byway for a safari and enjoy bird watching, hunting, fishing, and photography.

The Byway also passes near Hart Mountain, a national antelope refuge, where you may continue your safari, spotting pronghorns, bighorn sheep, antelopes, golden eagles, and prairie falcons.

Lakeview and Burns Districts

Adventures awaiting you include the chance to see historic and present-day gold mining, ranching communities, and a railroad town. Relive pioneer life on the historic Oregon Trail at Flagstaff Hill, where you'll gain a new understanding of the hardships faced by Oregon's early settlers.

Vale District
Baker Resource Area



5 Lower Deschutes River

Covers 39 miles of paved and gravel roads adjacent to the Deschutes Wild and Scenic River in central Oregon.

You can almost hear the lingering whistle of the steam engine blowing as you follow the abandoned grade of the Deschutes Railroad line. Traveling along the solitary stretches of this Back Country Byway, you'll feel a part of the early 1900's race to connect rail lines between the Columbia River and California.

To glimpse the area's prehistory, watch Native Americans continue a centuries-old tradition, dipnetting salmon at Sherar's Falls. Take on the challenge of whitewater rapids, or spend a quiet afternoon observing wildlife while fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon.

Prineville District

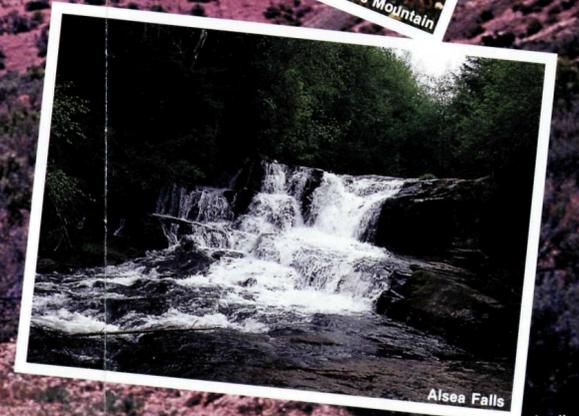
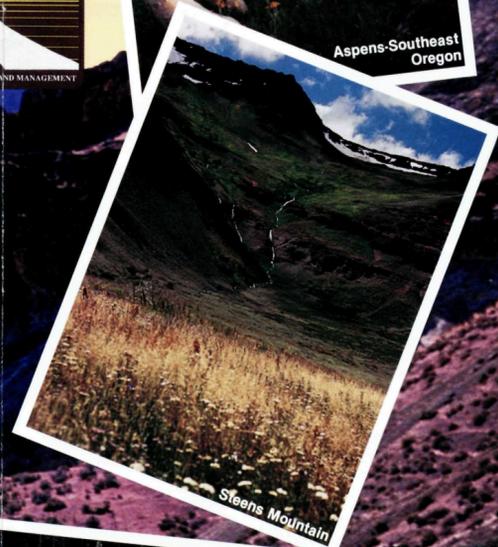
10 Steens Mountain

Covers 66 miles of mostly gravel roads, providing access to a spectacular alpine area of southeastern Oregon's high desert country.

The ice-carved features of this landscape dramatically display the power of the glaciers that formed them centuries ago. Reaching an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet, the Byway provides an opportunity to view magnificent glaciated canyons, lakes, and hanging valleys.

Whether you're here to photograph spring wildflowers or autumn aspen color displays, you'll enjoy the quiet of campgrounds close to trout fishing along the Donner und Blitzen Wild and Scenic River. The area's big game species include mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, and antelope.

Burns District



Leslie Gulch