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- 1** **Riverside Schoolhouse B & B**
28076 N River Road
Prairie City, OR 97869
541.620.0328 — riversideschoolhouse.com

Stay on a working cattle ranch near the Strawberry Mountains, where you will find plenty of opportunities for all kinds of outdoor recreation. At 150 years old, this is the only one-room school house still standing in the area and the original school bell, installed in 1913, is still hanging. The building has been renovated for comfort and charm.

- 2** **Better Blooms & Gardens**
65153 OR Highway 26
Prairie City, OR 97869
541.820.3329 — prairiecityoregon.com/prairie-city-oregon-better-blooms-nursery.html

The full-service nursery offers high quality annuals for bedding, baskets and containers, and over 200 perennials. They also carry bark, mushroom compost, and garden compost in bulk, along with red cinders. Baskets are high quality and long blooming. The chainsaw carvings are by a local artist. Seasonally, April - July and Sept. - Oct. Call for days and hours.



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- 3** **1188 Brewing**
141 E Main Street
John Day, OR 97845
541.575.1188 — 1188brewing.com

In addition to beers brewed on site, the popular pub offers several guest taps from small breweries around Oregon. Whenever possible, the full menu utilizes local ingredients from Grant County and around the Northwest. Family is very important to the owners, who provide a family friendly environment, throughout business hours.

- 4** **Earthly Home Natural Market**
401 W Main Street, Suite B
John Day, OR 97845
541.575.0372
[Facebook.com/earthlyhomenaturalmarket](https://www.facebook.com/earthlyhomenaturalmarket)

The locally owned and operated natural market gives priority to local producers and makers of produce, meat, soaps, and baked goods. They feature Field's Grassfed Beef from here in the John Day River Valley and enjoy welcoming to the market area residents and visitors alike. Mar. - Oct.; Mon. - Fri., 9am - 6pm; Sat., 10am - 4pm

- 5** **John Day Farmers Market**
SW Brent Drive
John Day, OR 97845
johndayfarmersmarket.com

The JDFM has a very deep agricultural identity, tied to the lands of the John Day River Valley. Meet the growers and shop for locally grown beef, eggs, seasonal and greenhouse produce, as well as hand-made items, baked goods, art and more. Held mid-June - mid-Oct.; Sat., 8:30am - 12:30pm; one Fri. per month, 5 - 9pm

- 6** **Victorian Lane B & B**
59428 Ridge Road
John Day, OR 97845
541.286.5548 — victorianlanebnb.com

The five-bedroom home in the country resides on over 12 acres, with scenic views of the west end of Strawberry Mountain. Most of the land is in its natural state. The property is large enough for a nice little walk to view the rock formations and watch the resident deer.



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- 7** **Guyon Springs Inn**
28868 South Fork Road
Dayville, OR 97825
541.620.4950 — guyonsprings.com

The camping and glamping venue is situated on a 120 acre farm, overlooking the South Fork and John Day River Valleys. The three units include a cabin and two wall tents. Guests can explore the property and learn about off-grid living and gardening. Your stay includes breakfast on weekends. Find out more on AirBnB. Visit the on-site farm store and shop for milled cereals, local products and honey, fresh-cut flowers, garlic braids and pepper ristras. Ask about "Pack a Picnic." The farm store is open on weekends, 9am - 11am.



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- 8** **Dayville Merc**
207 W Franklin Avenue
Dayville, OR 97825
541.987.2133 — dayvillemerc.com

Opened in 1896, before the town of Dayville was founded in 1913, this old-fashioned dry goods store sells 8,000 products, ranging from pasta to power cords and wool hats to whiskey. See the stagecoach that is used for catering events. Find local farm products, when available, and visitor information. Open Tues. - Sat., 8am - 6pm; Sun., 9am - 5pm

- 9** **Happy Hens Egg Farm**
42794 OR Highway 26
Dayville, OR 97825
541.987.2378

Cage-free and naturally raised hens produce the gorgeous eggs sold here. Produce is available from the garden during the summer months. Look for the "Eggs"

sign along the south side of Hwy 26 west of Dayville. Stop by! Also find Happy Hens Egg Farm at the John Day Farmers Market.

- 10** **Tiger Town Brewing**
108 W Main Street
Mitchell, OR 97750
541.462.3663 — tigertownbrewing.com

Along with craft beer, the small brewery offers family dining, diverse cocktails and a top shelf whisky list. Tiger Town is open 363 days a year, and is host to a number of music festivals and events throughout the summer months. Fri. & Sat., 11am - 9pm; Sun. - Thurs., 11am - 8pm



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- 11** **Cant Ranch, John Day Fossil Beds**
32651 OR Highway 19
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.987.2333 — nps.gov/joda

Cant Ranch and Thomas Condon Center at the Sheep Rock Unit offer wonderful information about the region's ranching heritage and exhibits on the internationally significant prehistoric mammel fossils, ancient geological wonders, and research.

- 12** **Land's Inn Oregon**
45457 Dick Creek Lane
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.934.2333 — landsinn.net

Enjoy the amazing stargazing and hiking at this remote and unique ranch, offering cabins, campsites, full bathroom facility and an airstrip. Also great for groups and events. Call for reservations.

TIPS & HIGHLIGHTS

Driving through the rugged, dramatic and arid landscape along the John Day River, one might wonder what kind of food could be grown here. There are cattle on the hills and bighorn sheep can be seen grazing in small meadows near the winding highway, but where are the crops? Drop into the small valleys that dot the route and you'll see the difference a little water, rich soil and a lot of hard work can make. Patches of lush green grass and alfalfa, robust gardens and the huge Thomas Orchards at Kimberly (which draws fruit lovers from throughout eastern and central Oregon) tell the real story. Meet the personalities that flavor the region, known as the John Day River Territory. Start by stocking up on tasty treats at the John Day Farmers Market, then hit the trail. Relish a slice of fruit pie at the Dayville Café and check out the Dayville Mercantile – where you can find local eggs, an Oregon Liquor Store and so much more. Stay at Stellar Cabin near Kimberly and get to know the owner, Jody, and her mules. Next, find the Apricot Apiaries honey stand and amazing peaches, pears and apples at Thomas Orchards, where sweet dreams come true. Find a treasure in an artisan's market and a concert in the park in Historic Condon.



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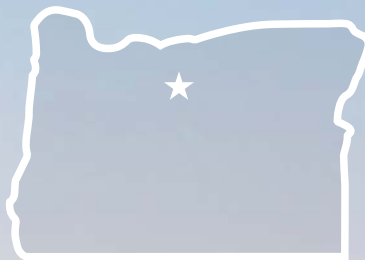
And that is only the beginning! In every direction, there are sprawling cattle ranches, museums to explore, and friendly little towns, offering all you need for your trip. Whether you explore this drive in segments or take the time to immerse yourself in the whole region, you will fall in love with the spectacular geology and the people who choose to live here. End your day with a cold local brew and a great meal at 1188 Brewing in John Day or Tiger Town Brewing in Mitchell. Take a moment to visit with the residents of this enchanted region – some of the magic may rub off on you!

VISITOR ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

- Watch for the "Open" sign, or call
- Please read and obey signs
- Closely supervise children
- Ask before taking pets out of your car
- Please stay out of buildings & off equipment
- Be careful not to step on crops



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VisitEasternOregon.com



The landscape surrounding the John Day River is prime for growing delicious fruit and vegetables, raising livestock, and recreating. The climate is dry – the smiles warm and genuine. Take time on the curves and watch the sides of the road – wildlife is common (especially mule deer) and cattle have the right-of-way in "free range" country. Photographers just can't get enough of the scenery and Western heritage. Cyclists love the open roads with little traffic and the challenging terrain. There are some long stretches between towns, so keep your gas tank topped off and carry drinking water and snacks.

johndayriverfarmtrail.com

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COMMUNITIES & SERVICES

Business hours are limited so plan your visit with care and always carry snacks and drinking water.

Prairie City: Lodging & RV, dining options, general store/groceries, gas, espresso, shopping, antiques, museums, western wear and more; prairiecityoregon.com

John Day: Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, dining options, microbrewery, hardware store, auto repair, shopping, museum, antiques, espresso, city park, public restrooms, airport, golf, county fairgrounds. This largest of the farm trail communities has ample visitor services for travelers of all interests. Grant County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center; georegonlive.com

Mt. Vernon: Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, café, winery, city park, public restrooms; cityofmtvernonor.com

Dayville: Lodging & RV, café, general store/groceries, gas, city park, public restrooms

Mitchell: Lodging & RV, café, microbrewery, bakery, espresso, general store/groceries, gas, city park, public restrooms; gateway to the Painted Hills. mitchelloregon.us

Kimberly: Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, local crafts and produce, info kiosk & map; Stock up and fuel up.

Monument & Long Creek: Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, food truck, café; These two tiny towns offer most visitor services, but business hours are limited so plan ahead.

Spray: Lodging & RV, general store/grocery, gas, city riverside park, restrooms, boat launch; sprayoregon.us

Fossil: Lodging & RV, diner and bar, general store/groceries, gas, museum, golf, county fairgrounds, fossil digging available at the high school, Oregon Paleo Lands Institute; cityoffossil.com

Condon: Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, dining options, shopping, city park, public restrooms, museum, county fairgrounds. The self-contained community in the middle of wheat country has everything you need, plus a lot of charm. The Condon Chamber of Commerce serves Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties. condonchamber.org

Arlington: Lodging & RV, groceries, windsurfing, gas, restaurants, city park, public restrooms, golf, Columbia River marina and boat launch; cityofarlingtonoregon.com

Wasco: Lodging & RV, general store/groceries, hardware, farm store, airport; co.sherman.or.us/wasco-oregon

Moro: Lodging & RV, groceries, café, museum, antiques, county fairgrounds; co.sherman.or.us/business-moro-oregon

Grass Valley: Lodging & RV, groceries/deli, raceway park; grassvalleyoregon.com

- 13 Stellar Cabin Hideaway**
40251 OR Highway 19
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.934.2140 — diamondhitchmuleranch.com

Cozy and private cabin rental, with an amazing view. This is the perfect place to relax while exploring the many wonders of the area. Set on a hill with a view of the stars and Wedding Cake Rim. Soak in a cowboy hot tub! To sleep four add the Bear Hug! Available through AirBnB.

- 14 John Day River Trading Post**
41345 OR Highway 19
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.934.2060
[Facebook.com/jdrivertrading](https://www.facebook.com/jdrivertrading)

An important oasis in your travels through the area; fuel up your vehicle, stock up on beverages and snacks, or fill the cooler with everything you need for camping. They also carry locally grown or made products and crafts and can tell you all about the things to see, do and experience. A map and information kiosk on the outside of the trading post provides further information.

- 15 Apricot Apiaries**
42798 OR Highway 402
Kimberly, OR 97830
541.934.9101 — [facebook.com/ApricotApiaries](https://www.facebook.com/ApricotApiaries)

Tucked inside Thomas Orchards, the honey stand has local pure, raw honey, honey products and candles. Find out about hive rentals for fruit and nut pollination; Queens and Nucs bees for Oregon; educational workshops and an observation hive.



Photo courtesy of Thomas Orchards

- 16 Thomas Orchards**
42787 OR Hwy 402
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.934.2870 — kimberlyfruitcompany.com

This valley provides the perfect micro-climate for producing sweet and flavorful fruit. The orchard has a variety of fruit, including certified organic, available for U-pick, ready picked, and mail order. The fruit stand also offers fruit butters, syrups, jams, and dried fruits. Open late June through October, daily during the busiest part of the season, 8am to 6pm.

- 17 Birch Creek Guide Service**
40252 Rudio Road
Kimberly, OR 97848
541.934.2520

Call ahead to schedule a tour of the large family cattle ranch and wildlife viewing opportunities. Ask about guided hunts.

- 18 Bologna Creek Ranch**
42885 OR Highway 402
Kimberly, OR 97848
503.939.7939

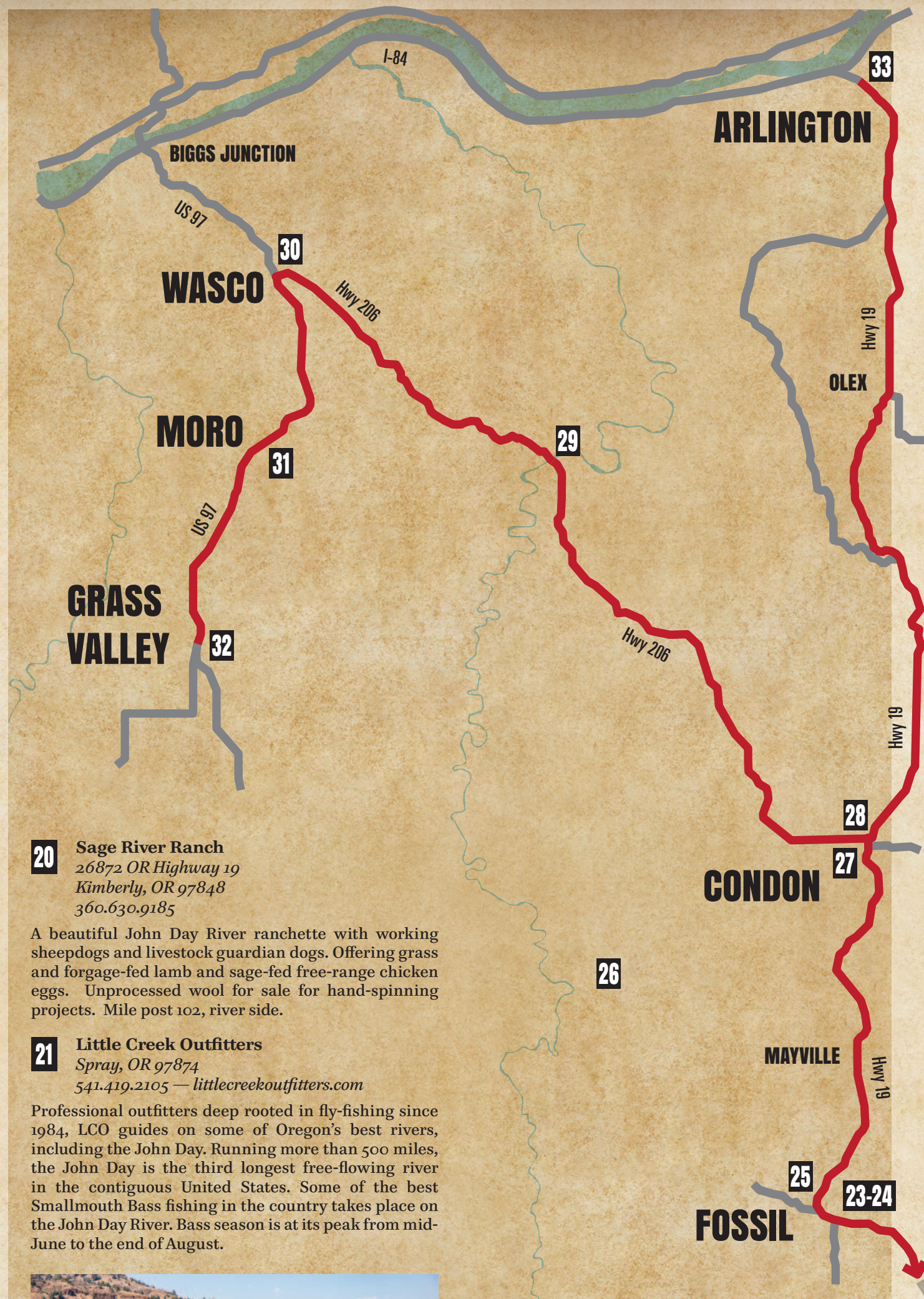
Cabins and camping on a 3,000-acre cattle ranch, nestled between the Umatilla National Forest and thousands of acres of Federal wildlands. Great for bird and wildlife watching. Walk along a steelhead spawning creek and through old growth Ponderosa Pine. Or choose a manufactured home on orchard property, just one mile from Kimberly. Call or email jkee@hevanet.com.



Photo by Joni Kabana

- 19 Triple H Homestead**
Top Road
Monument, OR 97864
541.934.2088 — triplehomestead.com

Stay in the guest bunk house and experience life on a working ranch. Tag along as they tend hogs and milk cows. Enjoy farm-fresh eggs and bacon and take some time to relax in the scenic countryside. Try Rose's handcrafted soaps and lotions, and check out her book, too!



- 20 Sage River Ranch**
26872 OR Highway 19
Kimberly, OR 97848
360.630.9185

A beautiful John Day River ranchette with working sheepdogs and livestock guardian dogs. Offering grass and forage-fed lamb and sage-fed free-range chicken eggs. Unprocessed wool for sale for hand-spinning projects. Mile post 102, river side.

- 21 Little Creek Outfitters**
Spray, OR 97874
541.419.2105 — littlecreekoutfitters.com

Professional outfitters deep rooted in fly-fishing since 1984, LCO guides on some of Oregon's best rivers, including the John Day. Running more than 500 miles, the John Day is the third longest free-flowing river in the contiguous United States. Some of the best Smallmouth Bass fishing in the country takes place on the John Day River. Bass season is at its peak from mid-June to the end of August.



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- 22 Spray Pioneer Museum**
402 Willow Street
Spray, OR 97874
541.468.2069
sprayoregon.us/outdoors/spray-museum

The museum has displays representing life in the 1800s, Indian artifacts, fossils, families' histories, pictures of settlers and much more. Memorial Day through Oct., Fri. & Sat., 11am - 3pm; Sun., 1pm to 3pm; Nov. - May; first Saturday of every month, 11am to 3pm

- 23 Mah-Hah Outfitters**
Fossil, OR 97830
971.533.5733 — johndayriverfishing.com

This experienced, friendly, full-time professional fishing guide has been hunting and fishing on the John Day River since 1968, and began guiding exclusively on the John Day in 1989. He knows how to have you in the right place, at the right time, with the right bait, and get the big bite!

- 24 The Fossil Museum**
501 First Street
Fossil, OR 97830
541.730.2113

Find a storehouse of memories for Wheeler County at the Fossil Museum, Pine Creek Schoolhouse & Shepherd's Wagon. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day; Wed. - Mon., 1pm - 4pm



Photo by Justin Myers

- 25 Wilson Ranches Retreat Bed & Breakfast**
15809 Butte Creek Road
Fossil, OR 97830
541.763.2227 — wilsonranchesretreat.com

Pioneer hospitality awaits you on an authentic working cattle ranch stay in a genuine 1910 Sears Roebuck kit house. Wake up to a hearty ranch breakfast, then saddle up for a ride into the hills, hike, or mosey along while soaking in the beauty of the high desert.

- 26 The Corrals Campground & Shuttle Service**
53461 Armstrong Road
Condon, OR 97823
541.980.0328

Situated on the breaks of the John Day River, this quaint small campground is the perfect place to stay before descending into one of the few launching areas for your John Day River adventure or to just have some quiet time by yourself or with your family. The campground has dry camping for tents or RVs. Horse pens are available for riders. Contact them for required reservations and fees.

- 27 Summer Concert & Artisans Market**
440 South Main Street
Condon, OR 97823
541.384.7777 — condonchamber.org

Join the community in the park for music, food, family, shopping and fun. Taking place the first Saturday, June - Sept.



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- 28 Gilliam County Museum**
505 N Washington Street
Condon, OR 97823
541.384.4233
gilliamcountyhistory.wixsite.com/website

Established in 1974, the museum buildings include a church, school house, city hall, cabin, Union Pacific depot and caboose, a barber shop and two buildings filled with agriculture equipment and exhibits. All are set up for visitors to step inside and back in time. Call for off-hour or private tours. Open May - Oct.; Wed. - Sun., 1pm - 5pm



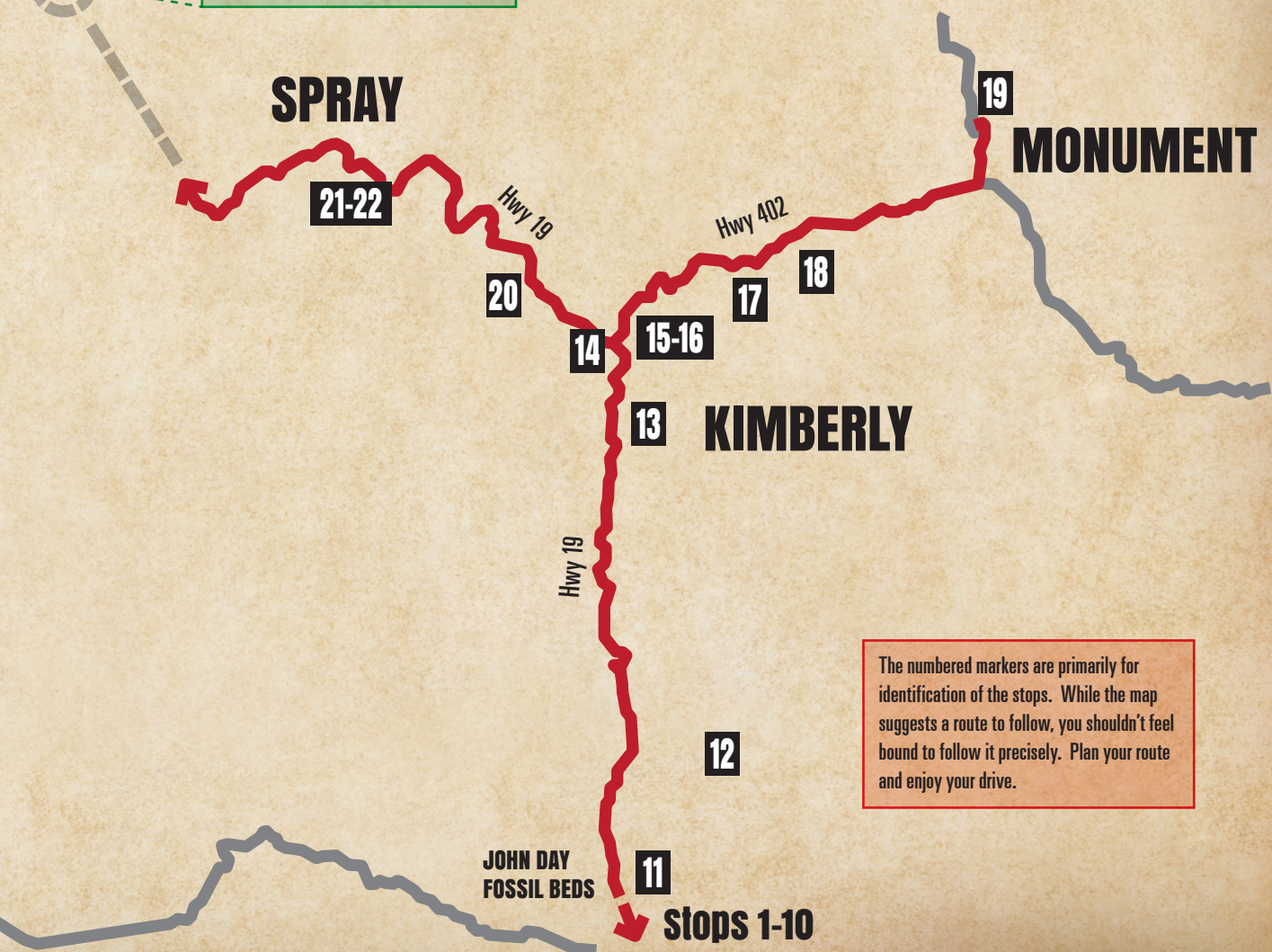
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- 29 Cottonwood Canyon State Park**
99989 Highway 206
Wasco, OR 97065
541.739.2322 — stateparks.oregon.gov

Cottonwood Canyon State Park, established in 2013, is the second largest state park in Oregon, encompassing 8,000 acres on the lower John Day River. In 2008, the Western Rivers Conservancy, a non-profit organization,

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Follow the paved John Day Highway (Hwy 19) from Fossil to Spray; 32 scenic miles.



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bought the land from a cattle-ranching family, the Murthas, who had owned it since the 1930s. Later, Western Rivers sold the land to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to create a state park, for the purpose of preserving the unique landscape and developing an outstanding recreational asset for Oregon. Enjoy incredible stargazing, animal viewing, camping, hiking, swimming, and fishing in the John Day River.

- 30 Equine Mania**
69358 Wheatacres Road
Wasco, OR 97065
541.980.7394 — equinemaniasausa.com

Equine Mania is hosted by Wheatacres Ranch and has access to a dirt arena with barrels, poles, dressage arena, and jumps, permanent trail course, and sorting pens and cattle. Lesson horses are available, as are limited stalls and pens and dry camping for overnight stays for events.

- 31 Sherman County Museum**
200 Dewey Street
Moro, OR 97039
541.565.3232 — shermanmuseum.org

Learn about wheat production and grain storage and the blacksmith and leather shops so necessary to the farmer. Exhibits take the visitor from horsepower to engine power and electricity, explore soil and water conservation, and include large wheat farming implements, and an authentic 1930s electric kitchen. Tues. - Sat., 10am - 5pm



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- 32 Grass Valley Farmers Market**
104 Mill Street
Grass Valley, OR 97029
541.993.2780 — grassvalleyoregon.com

Shop for fresh meats, eggs, crafts, baked goods, art and more. Held the third Saturday, May - Oct.; 10am - 1pm

- 33 Arlington Farmers Market**
409 Beech Street
Arlington, OR 97812
541.626.3426 — visitarlingtonoregon.com

In Earl Snell Park you will find artisans, crafters, entertainment and more. Held the second Sat., May - Sept.; 10am - 4pm