

# John Day River Food Trail

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Thomas Orchards  
Photo by Joni Kabana

## Driving Directions & Communities

Not just a pretty place, the area surrounding Kimberly has an excellent micro-climate, rich soil and plentiful water from the John Day River, making this a prime area for growing 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.

### Dayville

*Lodging & RV, cafe', groceries & sundries, bike repair, gas, city park*

In Dayville a visitor is just as likely to dine beside a fifth generation cattle rancher as an avid fisherman or a touring bicyclist. The charming community sits smack dab in the middle of some of the most scenic and dramatic geography you've likely ever seen.



Cathedral Rock, John Day River  
by Joni Kabana

### Kimberly

*Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, info kiosk & map*

The tiny settlement sits in an oasis on the edge of the magical John Day River, Oregon's longest free-flowing river, and from whichever direction you travel, the landscape out your window or beyond your handlebars is nothing short of astonishing! You've earned a succulent peach or two while you fill your vehicle with boxes of fruit and pies from orchards found here.

### Monument & Long Creek

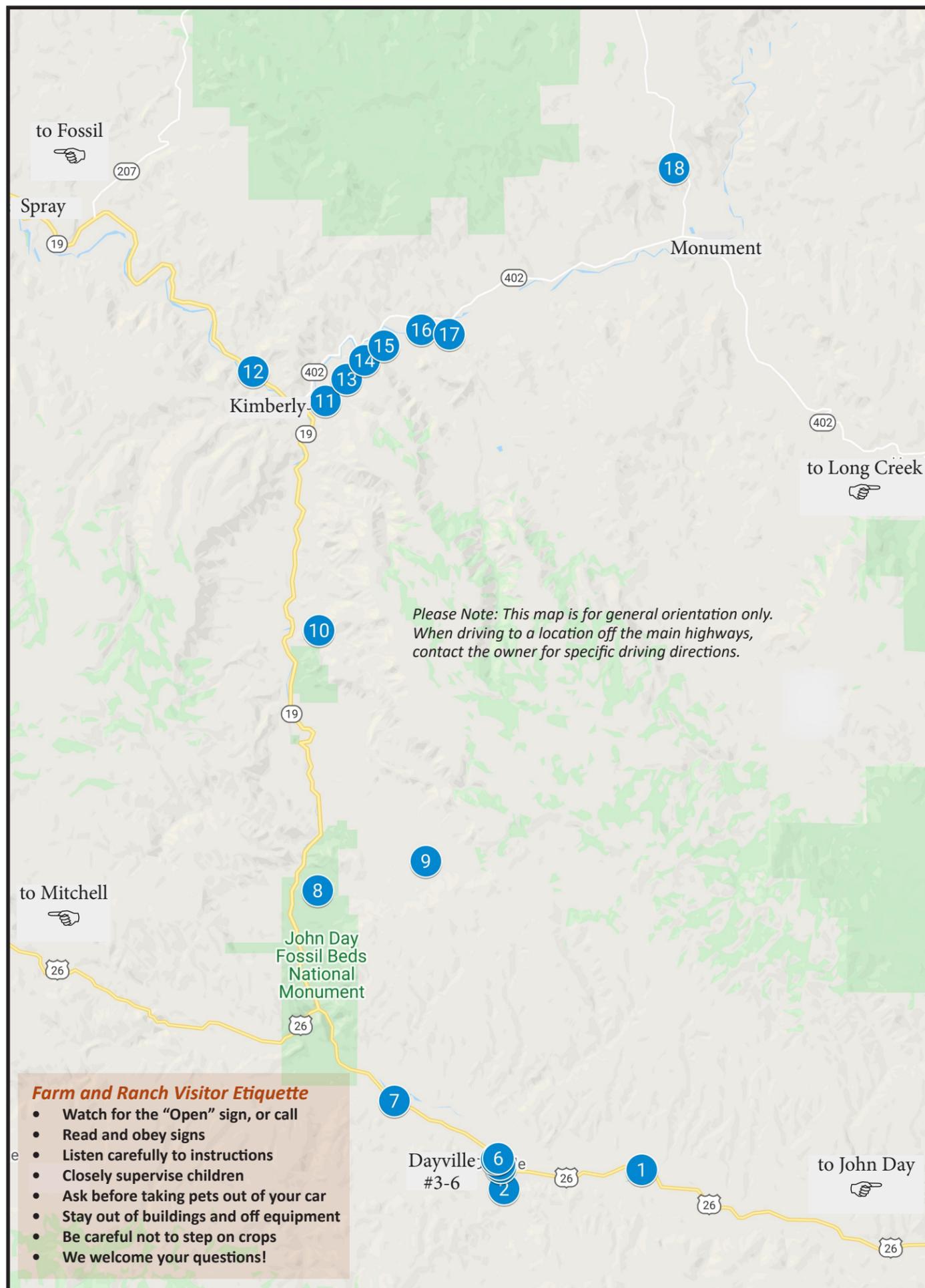
*Lodging & RV, groceries, gas, food truck, cafe'*

Each of these two tiny towns offers most visitor services, but business hours are limited so time your visit with care. Photographers just can't get enough of the surrounding scenery and Western heritage. Cyclists love the open roads with little traffic. Questions? Ask a local.

### Spray

*Lodging & RV, cafe', groceries & sundries, gas, city riverside park*

Picnic at the beautiful Spray Riverfront Park, wander backroads and take a short drive to a few ghost towns on your way to the fossil beds in either direction. Don't miss their yearly rodeo and half marathon race on Memorial Day weekend! River Bend Motel has visitor information.



Please Note: This map is for general orientation only. When driving to a location off the main highways, contact the owner for specific driving directions.

### Farm and Ranch Visitor Etiquette

- Watch for the "Open" sign, or call
- Read and obey signs
- Listen carefully to instructions
- Closely supervise children
- Ask before taking pets out of your car
- Stay out of buildings and off equipment
- Be careful not to step on crops
- We welcome your questions!



## Farm Stops & Points of Interest

### Dayville, Kimberly, Spray & Monument

Drive through stunning landscapes to get here and continue the trend through any direction. Wide open vistas, colorful 30-45 million year old hills and grassy pastures attract bighorn sheep and sustain large herds of ranch animals and wildlife. There is ample opportunity to experience rural living and buy agricultural products directly from the producers.

**1) Prairie Springs Fish Farm** 541.620.4156  
46673 Hwy 26, Dayville *Call to schedule a tour.*

Since 1961, Prairie Springs Fish Farm has been the leading Oregon Fish Stocking Company providing high quality live fish to the region. Founded in 1959 by Jim and Keity Driscoll. The fish farm's owner has a mission of providing Oregon with the best-reared fish possible.

**2) Bergin's Organic Custom Seeds** 541.806.6865  
350 South Fork Road, Dayville *Call to schedule a tour.*

Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of heirloom seeds, providing seeds to local growers. Ask about his amazing organic grain cereals. Farm stand open Thurs., 3 to 6

**3) Guyon Springs Inn (AirBnB)** 541.620.4950  
Dayville *(call for directions)*  
guyonsprings.com

A camping and glamping venue situated on 80 acres overlooking the South Fork and John Day River valleys. Guests can explore the property and learn about off-grid living and gardening.

**4) Fish House Inn & RV Park** 541.987.2124  
110 Franklin St., Dayville  
fishhouseinn.com

A country inn and RV park in a beautiful park-like setting. Experience the small western-style town of Dayville!

**5) Dayville Cafe'** 541.987.2122  
212 W Franklin St., Dayville  
*Find us on Facebook*

Local secret: this bustling little cafe might just have the best pies in Oregon. Super great meals also!  
Wed. through Sat., 7am to 8pm; Sun. 8am to 4pm

**6) Dayville Merc** 541.987.2133  
207 W Franklin St., Dayville  
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. Catering available. Watch for new events in 2021.

**7) Happy Hens Egg Farm** 541.987.2378  
42794 Hwy 26, Dayville

Hens are cage-free and naturally raised, producing gorgeous eggs for sale. Produce (cilantro, spinach, tomatoes, tomatillos, squash, and pumpkins and more) is available from the garden during the summer months. Look for the sign that says "Eggs" along the south side of Hwy 26 west of Dayville. Stop by! You can also find Happy Hens Egg Farm at the John Day Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

**8) Sheep Rock Unit - John Day Fossil Beds** 541.987.2333  
32651 Hwy 19, Kimberly  
nps.gov/joda

Cant Ranch and Thomas Condon Center at the Sheep Rock Unit offer information about the region's ranching heritage and exhibits on the internationally significant prehistoric mammal fossils and ancient geological wonders. This is one of three units in the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Also see the Painted Hills near Mitchell and the Clarno Unit near Fossil.

**9) Lands Inn Oregon** 541.934.2333  
45457 Dick Creek Lane, Kimberly  
landsinn.net

Amazing stargazing and hiking at this remote and unique ranch offering cabins, campsites, full bathroom facility and an airstrip. Great for groups and events.

**10) Stellar Cabin Hideaway (AirBnB)** 541.934.2140  
40251 Hwy 19, Kimberly  
diamondhitchmuleranch.com

Cozy and private cabin rentals, with an amazing view. This is the perfect place to relax after exploring the many wonders of the area.

**11) John Day River Trading Post** 541.934.2060  
41345 Hwy 19, Kimberly  
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Don't miss this 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. The proprietors were born and raised here and know all about the things to see, do and experience. They also carry locally made products and crafts. The map and information kiosk on the outside of the trading post provide further information.

**12) Sage River Ranch** Text or call 360.630.9185  
26872 Hwy 19, Kimberly

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. Look for mile marker 102.

**13) Apricot Apiaries** 541.934.9101  
42798 OR 402, Kimberly  
apricotapiaries.com

Tucked inside Thomas Orchards. Shop at the little farm stand for local pure, raw honey, honey products and candles; hive rentals for fruit and nut pollination; Queens and Nuc bees for Oregon; educational workshops and observation hive.

**14) Thomas Orchards** 541.934.2870  
42787 OR Hwy. 402, Kimberly  
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Thomas Orchards is located along the valley floor of the North Fork of the John Day River. This valley provides the perfect climate for producing sweet and flavorful fruit. The orchard has a variety of fruit available for U-pick, ready picked, and mail order. They have a selection of fruit that is certified organic and also offer fruit butters, syrups, jams, and dried fruits. Buy directly from the fruit stand at the orchard, which opens in late June and stays open into the end of October. The fruit stand is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm during the season.

**15) Campbell Ranch** 541.934.2520  
40252 Rudio Rd., Kimberly

Call ahead to schedule a tour of the cattle ranch and wildlife viewing opportunities. Ask about guided hunts with Birch Creek Guide Service.

**16) Bologna Creek Ranch** 503.939-7939

Cabins and camping on a 3,000-acre 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. Cattle graze the property in spring. Rustic and remote, with lots of space for camping and RVs. Ideal for groups; family reunions. Or, choose a manufactured home on orchard property, just one mile from Kimberly. Reserve cabins or camping space at [www.hipcamp.com](http://www.hipcamp.com), or call or email [jkee@hevanet.com](mailto:jkee@hevanet.com).

**17) North Fork Ranch** 541.934.2521  
46400 OR Hwy 402, Kimberly

A certified organic vegetable farm, situated on the picturesque bank of the North Fork of the John Day River, growing a variety of vegetables for multiple markets.

**18) Triple H Homestead** 541.934.2088  
Monument *(call for directions)*  
triplehomestead.com

Stay in the guest bunk house rental and experience life on a working ranch. Tag along as the ranchers feed their hogs, milk cows and make soap and lotions from the milk. Enjoy farm-fresh eggs and bacon and take some time to relax in the scenic countryside.

## Additional Visitor Services

**Twisted Treasures & Gnarly Goods** 541.987.2443  
150 W Franklin St., Dayville

**South Fork RV Park** 541.987.2454  
5 Park Lane, Dayville  
[facebook.com/southforkrvpark/](https://www.facebook.com/southforkrvpark/)

**Monument Motel, RV & Cafe'** 541.934.2242  
780 Hwy 402, Monument  
monumentmotel.com

**Boyer's Cash Store & Gas Station** 541.934.2290  
335 John Day St., Monument

**Lone Elk Market, Cafe' & Gas Station** 541.468.2443  
800 Willow St. (Hwy 19), Spray

**River Bend Motel** 541.468.2053  
708 Willow St. (Hwy 19), Spray  
riverbendmotel.com

**Service Creek Resort** 541.468.3331  
38686 Hwy 19, Fossil  
servicecreek.com

**Visitor Information** #johndayriverterritory  
Condon Chamber of Commerce 541.384.7777  
[www.condonchamber.org](http://www.condonchamber.org)

Grant County Chamber 541.575.0547  
[www.gcoregonlive.com](http://www.gcoregonlive.com)

## Other Points of Interest

**South Fork of the John Day River**  
[oregonwildandscenic.com/south-fork-john-day](http://oregonwildandscenic.com/south-fork-john-day)

**Black Canyon Wilderness Area**  
[onda.org/hike/black-canyon](http://onda.org/hike/black-canyon)

**Aldrich Wilderness Study Area**  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aldrich\\_Mountains](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aldrich_Mountains)

**Philip W. Schnieder Wildlife Area**  
[myodfw.com/phillip-w-schneider-wildlife-area-visitors-guide](http://myodfw.com/phillip-w-schneider-wildlife-area-visitors-guide)

**Blue Basin Trail**  
[nps.gov/joda/planyourvisit/sheep-rock-trails.htm](http://nps.gov/joda/planyourvisit/sheep-rock-trails.htm)

Go to [johndayriverterritory.com](http://johndayriverterritory.com) and [RideOregonRide.com](http://RideOregonRide.com) for Scenic Byway, Scenic Bikeway and more visitor information.