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28 Joseph Canyon Overlook

45-83538, -117.2639
Flora, OR 97828

The Joseph Creek Canyon, seen from this overlook, was one of the winter homes of the Nez Perce. Tradition holds that Chief Joseph was born in a cave along the east bank of the creek. Due to winter weather, restrooms are seasonal at the overlook.



29 Frank Johnson Barn

81067 Flora Lane
Flora, OR 97828

Built circa early 1900 by Frank Johnson. He homesteaded a sizable section of land in 1889, where he farmed, raised fancy horses, and operated a blacksmith business. Frank Johnson is recognized as the father of Flora and his historic barn is beautiful.



30 Flora School House

80974 College Lane
Flora, OR 97828

The Flora school district was formed in 1891 and this school was built in 1915. Prior to the school house you see today, there were two earlier buildings. The first school (1894-1902) was a log building just south of town with 34 students. The second school building (1903-1915) had 50 plus students. The Flora school building closed in 1977. Restoration and repurposing of the school is a community goal.



31 Lost Prairie School

86264 Lost Prairie Road
Flora, OR 97828

Built in 1910. Lost Prairie School District 29 originated in 1890. These small country schools often started in homes of early settlers. The first class of the Lost Prairie school district had an enrollment of five. This structure is fragile. Please look at the school from the road; entry is not permitted.

32 Lost Prairie Barn

86264 Lost Prairie Road
Flora, OR 97828

This ranch is referred to as the Al Cole place. Some of the most spectacular views of the rugged Grande Ronde country are seen from Lost Prairie, only matched by the Grouse Flat area to the north of the Grande Ronde canyon. Built circa 1915, the barn is now owned by the Spiller family.

33 Arko School

79868 Redmond Grade Road
Flora, OR 97828

This school was built in 1910. The Arko School District 10 predates 1884. This is a framed building across the road from the Bill Baker Barn #34 on Redmond Grade Road. This structure is fragile. Please look at the school from the road; entry is not permitted.



34 Bill Baker Barn (round barn)

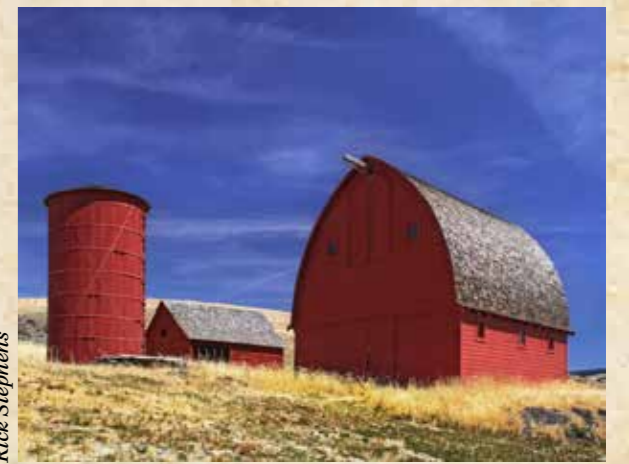
79860 Redmond Grade Lane
Flora, OR 97828

Circa 1904, this 18-sided barn was built by Bill Baker, a pioneer business man of Flora who owned a store, sawmill, and flour mill, as well as being the Flora postmaster from 1899 to 1913. The barn sits on the old Oren Shuman ranch and is owned by the Spiller family. In an act of love for this barn, Shirley Spiller purchased the barn, moved it to their property in 2006, and started the journey of restoration.

35 Oren Shuman Barn

79868 Redmond Grade Road
Flora, OR 97828

Built circa 1900. Oren Shuman was among the earliest settlers to explore Arko and the Lost Prairie area (1887). Only a handful of families were living in the northern part of Wallowa county at this time. As noted in Carving the North End of Wilderness: Flora (Beddow, 1985), "This Arko ranch (Oren Shuman place), with its rolling grain fields and garden and its great barn, became one of the show places of the Arko-Lost Prairie area."



36 Richman Barn (barn set by itself)

77918 Grouse Creek Lane
45-96593, -117-42761
Flora, OR 97828

Built circa 1910, this barn was owned by Ercell Richman, a longtime resident of Grouse Flat. This is an original gothic style barn, with a pointed arch roof. Currently owned by the Rebar Ranch, it is used for saddling horses and feed and tack storage. Recent restoration work makes it one of the nicest wood barns in the county. To see this barn requires nearly 6.5 miles of travel from Troy on gravel roads. A SUV is suggested, with plenty of gas. The views and the ranch setting are spectacular!

WALLOWA BARN TOUR STOPS

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Barns are big! You can see them from quite a distance, and in our wide open country, find your way back to a main road or a town if you get a little off track. Start this driving tour where it makes the most sense to you and have fun exploring. Ask at the Wallowa Chamber of Commerce office for printed directions to a couple of areas that take a little bit more dedication to find.

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Magnificent and rugged, this country holds a pioneer spirit that beckons a closer look. This self-guided driving tour extends from south of Joseph north to the Grande Ronde River Canyon. Along the way, you'll see 31 well-preserved barns, three historic schools, welcoming little towns and stunning views of the wild Wallowa Mountains and dramatic river canyons. The tour also offers a bike route for cyclists.

WALLOWA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRAVEL OREGON

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WELCOME TO WALLOWA COUNTRY

Around here, some things are obvious—towering peaks, tumbling rivers and endless fields of alfalfa. But the beauty of the Wallowa Valley goes much deeper. Spend some time in the little towns that are nestled at the foot of the mountains and meet the people who make this place home.

In quaint Lostine, stop for a nano-brew at M. Crow & Company Mercantile—a general store with a fascinating history and a great place to chat with locals and get the scoop on the area's hidden gems. At Sunrise Iron, a conversation with Erl is bound to include growing alfalfa, the valley's history, plus the provenance for every piece of equipment he has lovingly restored. Slide onto a bar stool at Stein Distillery in Joseph and bump elbows with a cattle rancher, or chat with the wheat rancher who runs the still.



David Jensen



Cap off a day of touring with a gondola ride to the top of Mt. Howard at Wallowa Lake for a birds-eye view of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, the Seven Devils of Idaho, and the distant canyon lands of Snake River Country. Then, head into town for local craft brews, spirits, chocolate and tasty eats sourced from nearby farms and producers. If you want to create your own feast, stop by Liza Jane's farm stand, between Lostine and Enterprise, for farm fresh eggs, steak, herbs and veggies.

For events, where to stay and more, visit: wallowacountychamber.com





Joella Arment

1 Arment Sunburst Barn
58541 Clark Lane (Haun Road)
Lostine, OR 97857

Built circa 1890s south half/1930 north half. This property was originally part of the vast holdings of homesteader James Francis Haun. James and his older brother Jacob emigrated to Wallowa County in 1878, arriving at a time when the Nez Perce band, under leadership of Chief Joseph, was in conflict with the army and settlers in this region. The current owners, Steve and Joella Arment, have restored the 4700 square foot home as their dwelling, and are now focusing on restoring the 10,000 square foot, double-cupola barn.

2 L.W. Minor Barn
71094 Jim Town Road
Lostine, OR 97857

Built circa 1927. Lew Minor was an award winning rodeo bronc rider. Lew's parents crossed the Great Plains in an ox-drawn covered wagon in 1864 and eventually moved to this property. Lew married and settled on his folks' place. Well maintained barn.

3 Pfeaster Barn
69146 Allen Canyon Loop Road
Wallowa, OR 97885

Built circa 1940. According to locals, the Pfeaster barn was likely built in the 1940s. Originally used for dairy operation, the well-cared-for barn is now retired, to be enjoyed by barn lovers.



4 Chianne Cattle Ranch
68635 Allen Canyon Loop Road
Wallowa, OR 97857

Built circa 1920s. First owned by Lyle and Helen Roberts, the ranch has changed hands over the years. The barn was very close to collapse when the current owners, Jim and Annerose Carlile, purchased it in 1991. At the time, the seller offered to tear down the barn. Annerose said absolutely not, and Jim and Annerose started the journey of barn restoration work with shovels, wheel barrels, hammers, nails and a ladder.



5 Norman Barn
66618 Lostine River Road.
Lostine, OR 97857

Built in 1940, this barn was part of a sheep and cattle ranch operated by the Courtney family. Bill Norman purchased the property in 1960 and has reroofed the barn and shored up the east wall.

6 Harmon Barn
82293 School Flat Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

The Harmon place is a Century Farm, first settled by the Chapman family in the 1890s. Harry Harmon (grandfather of current owner) purchased the land in 1910. Built in 1928, the barn was ordered from the Gordon-Van Tine Company of Iowa. It was used for dairy operations and to house draft horses for the 720 acre farm.



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7 Sunrise Iron
65708 Sunrise Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Owned by artist and farmer Erl McLaughlin, Sunrise Iron Museum is a hidden gem of the Wallowas. The massive collection includes restored tractors and other relics dating back to the days of the Oregon Trail and early settlement of the Wallowa Valley. Call to reserve a tour and experience Erl's unique presentation on early pioneering, 541.426.4407 or 541.263.0755.



8 Mawhin Barn
65013 Mawhin Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built circa 1900. Early pioneer King S. Francis came to Wallowa County in 1886 and this was one of his many properties. Family members Leon and Lora Mawhin inherited this property and it has been passed down to the fourth generation. Grandfather Leon raised cattle, always had a lush hay crop, and irrigated the entire property by hand. Grandmother Lora grew a beautiful garden, raised chickens and sold eggs, and cooked all their meals on the old wood cook stove. This was the way of life in those days and the ranch looks much like it did back then.



Joni Kabana

9 Wade House & Barn
64254 Pine Tree Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

This stately home and barn were built by Aaron and Molly Wade in 1898. The Wade family started with raising sheep, then cattle, and finally responded to the wheat boom during World War I. Aaron Wade was famous for his mules, which pulled large combines to harvest his and neighboring farmers' grain.

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10 Hammerstrom Barn (Haas Barn)
64745 Pine Tree Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built circa 1890s. The Haas family homesteaded this property in the late 1890s. Grandson, Jay Langston, owned the farm for years and built up a nationally recognized quarter horse operation known as the Arrowhead Ranch.



11 Bobbit Barns
63205 Hurricane Creek Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built circa 1900-1920s. County records indicate only two families have owned this farm since 1917, the Himelwrights and the Bobbits. Both of these barns were used for horses. The Bobbits have maintained the barns beautifully.

12 Buckles Barn (Fisher Barn)
63070 Hurricane Creek Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1926. This barn was a working barn with stalls for horses or for calving cows, and a dairy area. The upper barn was also used socially for dances and showing movies in earlier days. This well maintained barn is owned by Frances Buckles.



Joni Kabana

13 Riverview Dairy Barn (Wilson Barn)
66367 Riverview Lane
Joseph, OR 97846

Now referred to as the Riverview Dairy barn, this classic Pennsylvania-style barn was built in 1916. Hugh Wilson studied barn plans, drew the design, and built the barn. Hardware was from Wisconsin and the old growth Douglas fir structural beams came by rail from Tillamook, Oregon. This is a favorite barn for the locals and is still sometimes called the Wilson barn.



15 Brennan Barn
63051 Prairie Creek Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1933 by the Daggett family, the original owner was Ben Marks. After a few owners, the property was purchased by Mike Brennan and family in 1961. The OK Quarter Circle brand on the barn is best known for belonging to Walter Brennan, a western movie star who made Wallowa County his home. Mike Brennan still owns this ranch.



Joni Kabana

16 Octagon Barn
62405 Tucker Down Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1906. Napoleon Beaudoin used this barn as part of a large sheep raising operation. The name Crossed Sabers Ranch is inscribed over the barn doors to commemorate owner Allan Carpenter's stint in the cavalry. One of Wallowa County's most photographed barns.

17 Strickler Barns
61608 Tucker Down Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built circa 1900-1920. Both barns were built by the well known early settlers, the Down family. The Strickler family bought the property in 1940 and operated a hay and cattle ranch. The ranch is now part of Triple Creek Ranch.



Joni Kabana

18 Lone Star Barn
62324 Knapper Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1935 by the Varney family, this barn was primarily used for sheep and livestock. The top half stores hay. Beautiful barn and backdrop!

19 McClain Barn
62253 Knapper Road
Joseph, OR 97846

The McClains were raising hogs and dairy cows when the barn was built in 1920. Margaret McClain recalled that the cream was what put groceries on the table. The old farmhouse has been replaced and a riding arena added. Al Adelsberger is the current owner of the ranch.

20 Knapper Barn
63319 Dobbin Road
Joseph, OR 97846

The Knapper family built this barn in 1903 and used it for a small dairy. The milking parlor is on one side, with horse stalls on the other side. Hay was stored in the center of the barn. It is now known as the Smith barn.

21 Alford Barn
85123 Walker Lane
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1915 by H.D. Davidheiser for horses and a small dairy. The Alford family has owned this property since 1936. Beside this barn is the beautiful, historic farm home.

22 Rudger Barn
63819 Dobbin Road
Joseph, OR 97846

Built in 1905. Historically, this was the Rudger farm for years and it was a dairy operation. Current owners are Rob & Ary Lamb.



23 IRA Pace Barn
64720 Dobbin Road
Joseph, OR 97846

This barn was built in 1913 by a crew of traveling builders that went from town to town building barns for a living. The barn was used to store hay and horse stalls were later added. Now two owls reside here, along with many stored items.



Gary Halvorson

24 Eggleston Barn
83892 Eggleston Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built by J.A. Bert Eggleston in 1910, this is one of the most often photographed barns in Wallowa County. Bert used large draft horses and worked them in the construction of the Wallowa Lake Dam. Eggleston Road was named after his family.

25 Bauer Barn
83825 Eggleston Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built circa 1908. Jacob Bauer came to Wallowa County in 1904 to manage a brewery. He moved his family to this property and built the barn and a two story house. Barn is owned by the Makin Family. Beautiful site!



26 Brink Barn
64870 Green Valley Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built circa 1930s, this is a wonderfully maintained barn with a magnificent backdrop of the Wallowas. This is one of the many ranches bought up by King S. Francis for his children. He lived on this property for many years.

27 Green Family Barn
65194 Green Valley Road
Enterprise, OR 97828

Built circa 1930s by the Green Family, who moved to Wallowa County in 1915. The family was known for their expert horsemanship and horse racing. Dr. R. Boyd and his family are the current owners.