

NEW LOOP IS OPEN TO CARS

Old Oregon Trail Value Enhanced by New John Day Highway—Loop to Attract Many.

Loop drives are increasing in popularity among tourists and motorists, reports compiled recently indicate. The Old Oregon Trail highway through this state now has two loops to offer, one the John Day highway through Central and Eastern Oregon and the other the Mount Hood loop near Portland.

Many recommend the Old Oregon Trail for the through tourist but the loop offers many attractions to Oregon motorists who go on a vacation trip.

The Oregon Motorist recently carried an interesting article by Otto M. Jones describing the loop. The article follows: John Day-Old Oregon Trail Loop. In making this new loop trip traveling out of Portland eastward, the motorist may view the Columbia River highway and then strike off into the great open spaces of Eastern Oregon over the John Day highway, returning via the Old Oregon Trail highway. Upon his return to Portland another loop may be enjoyed from Hood River which leads around Mount Hood to Portland. Over this route there is little retracing of routes and the tourist is given an opportunity to feast his eyes on ever-changing scenery, and to acquire a store of information that is quite general of the state.

Great Scenic Drive

In negotiating this set of loops, the motorist passes over the Columbia River highway which is one of the renowned scenic drives of America. Continuing eastward to Arlington from the Columbia River highway, the motorist is introduced to the great sage plains of Eastern Oregon as he passes through the sand dunes, sage-covered foot hills and along lava cliffs that border the Columbia river between The Dalles and Arlington.

Leaving the Columbia river at Arlington, the tourist has a gradual upgrade climb for miles and reaches the high plateau lands stretching back from the palisades of the Columbia. As far as the eye can reach over these plateau lands there are rolling hills of grain fields that are ever changing in their seasonable tints from the rich black earth to the green of

sprouting and growing grain and then to the golden yellow of ripened wheat that is finally cut by great combines drawn by horses or tractors.

Grain Shipping Center

At Condon is found the shipping center for the grains, stock and wool from the vast areas that stretch to the blue horizon in all directions. During the harvest time great freight teams or trucks may be seen drawing the commodities of this vast area to the central shipping point, like long caravans trekking marketward with their wares. In the great wheat fields the huge combine harvesters may be seen as they circle about the rolling hills gathering the golden grain that is taken from the fields and delivered sacked ready for the freight teams or trucks to haul away to the elevators that break the skyline of the little city of Condon. These combine harvesters drawn by thirty or forty horses or a huge tractor are items of interest who is always lured by a desire to learn what makes the wheels go round in such unique industrial operations.

Continuing eastward from Condon, the tourist drives through rock-walled canyons that break the monotony of the rolling plateau and finally reaches an open valley where the hillsides are fringed with rock cliffs and clay banks that hide mysteries of the primeval ages when this vast area was the habitat of sabre toothed tigers, three toed horses and other creatures that inhabited the continent some ages when the status of man was a question. Scientists have delved into the locked chambers of this mysterious valley and unearthed remains of these prehistoric animals that have served to lure many into the realms of this interesting valley in search of information regarding the denizens that roamed the hills and valleys of that district. "When you was a tadpole and I was a frog."

Mountainous Districts

From this valley where the clay bank formations and rock cliffs have given away, to the erosions of time until they resemble huge vert-colored cathedrals, "pipe organs and towers," the highway leads into mountainous districts where tall branching pine trees give one a greater realization of the primeval growth that once covered the entire area. Dropping down again into a land of deep gorges, canyons and rock cliffs that tower above fertile stretches where prosperous ranches stretch to the limits of the level valleys, the tourist whizzes eastward through Dayville and Mt. Vernon and finally reaches the once rich mineral valleys of the John Day river where Canyon creek seems to have poured a wealth of gold through the pine-clad mountains

that border the realm of the John Day valley at this point.

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the Mohawk trail. Scenes of Revolution. Within twenty miles of Boston lie Lexington and Concord where the first battles of the Revolution were fought, still maintaining much of the atmosphere of that day. The person driving there from Boston follows the approximate route of Paul Revere's midnight ride.

President's College

The Connecticut valley is famous alike for its colleges, and tobacco and onion fields. Here is located Amherst, President Coolidge's alma mater.

Warm Water Ocean Bathing

is available off Martha's Vineyard and in Buzzards Bay, for here the gulf stream tempers the icy water from the north prevailing elsewhere off New England.

In Connecticut, near Gansan, is Mt. Mohawk on which the local Indians once burned a beacon to warn their tribes of invasions of the Iroquois from across the Hudson.

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Litchfield attracts visitors by its two score Colonial homes, one of which, owned by Governor Wolcott, was the scene where the wooden statue of King George III was cast into bullets. Waterbury's copper, brass and clock works, have attained world wide fame.

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Both Attractive

Both highways are fairly teeming with historic data and legendry. The one has been open to travel for many years as one of the popular highways of the nation. The other is more or less new to the prying eyes and the delving spirit of the curious one who has a desire to unravel the mysteries of a dead past, such as is recorded along the John Day Highway in the fossils of the clay banks and rock cliffs; or in the hieroglyphics left by the early tribes of aborigines that told their stories on the rock faces in figures and signs inscribed thereon with materials ground from the soil of the region as their medium of passing on to posterity such tales as they deemed interesting.

Leaving La Grande

Leaving La Grande, the motorist is given another feast to pine-clad mountains and beautiful vistas as the gradual grades carry him over the Blue mountains where mountain parks and pine forests are a wholesome change from the sage plains and farm bordered highways stretching east and west from this backbone of mountains.

Descending the western slope of the Blue mountains, the motorist is given a wonderful panorama view of great expanses of the wheat fields that are lost in the haze of the horizon as the rolling hills give one the impression of an ocean of golden flecked with the quilted patches of summer-fallow that will be seeded for next season's harvest. Passing through the Umatilla Indian reservation where the state natives of this land may be seen on the highway on horseback, in their horse drawn vehicles or in the motor cars, the tourist glides into Pendleton the city that has gained a reputation for the staging of the Pendleton Round-Up, an annual event of real wild western route and cowboy sports.

West of Pendleton, the highway leads through fertile farming districts until it reaches Umatilla where it again plunges into the de-

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