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Ogden Scenic Wayside is one of Central Oregon's stellar photo opportunities with a 300-foot canyon. Bungee Jumping is also a great attraction when its open, oregonbungee.com.

Peter Skene Ogden Scenic Wayside is nine miles north of Redmond on U.S. Highway 97.

The Oregon State Park viewpoint rims a 300-foot-deep canyon cut by the Crooked River, which lies along its bottom. To the west is the fabled 1911 Oregon Trunk Railroad trestle that helped connect Redmond with the world. Adjacent is the steel arch 1926 Crooked River Bridge, or High Bridge as locals call it. Before the bridge was built, travelers had to make their way down the steep canyon sides to ford the river. In 2003, a new bridge, named for World War II military hero Rex T. Barber, was

constructed for vehicle traffic, and the High Bridge was made into a footbridge for visitors to the canyon.

Ogden was a Canadian fur trapper and mountain man who led explorations throughout Central Oregon in the 1820s. There is a city named for him in Utah, as well as several schools in the U.S. and Canada and a Canadian port.

An Oregon State Parks sanctioned bungee jumping operation offers an adrenaline rush off the High Bridge. For more information visit oregonbungee.com or www.oregonstateparks.org.