



One of the warning signs that separates humans from protected wildlife at the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area.



Inside the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge are birdhouses and feeders.



How to enjoy Olney and Jewell sites with limited time

If you only have a morning:

- Grab breakfast at the Olney Saloon and General Store, Camp 18 Restaurant or Elderberry Inn
- View wildlife at the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area

If you only have an afternoon:

- Bike or drive to Youngs River Falls, then picnic, or bike or drive the Young River loop along Oregon Highway 202 and Youngs River Road
- Picnic at the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area
- Picnic at Lee Wooden Fishhawk Falls County Park or Sigfridson County Park
- Take a lesson with the Nehalem Valley Arabians

If you only have a night:

- Go to the Olney Saloon and General Store
- Camp in Saddle Mountain State Natural Area or Clatsop State Forest

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The Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area is good for bird watching.



A memorial inside the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge.



A pathway inside the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge.

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all-day event. On a nice day, visitors can see bald eagles, red tailed hawks, owls, coyotes, bobcats, elk, deer and more.

Even on a rainy and cloudy day, the area is good for birdwatching. Many bird feeders are placed alongside places to sit and watch birds.

The area has a handful of spots drivers can pull off the road to park and watch wildlife. Some of the spots are perfect for staying in the car but if you can, it's worth getting out even for a short walk at each of the spots. Many spots feature memorials for people who helped protect the wildlife area, plus plaques with information about the area and what animals can be seen.

The refuge was bought in 1969 and is managed by the Oregon Department of Fish

and Wildlife. In the decades since being purchased, the protected habitat has grown to encompass just over 1,100 acres.

Parking at the wildlife area's lots requires either a \$10 day pass or a \$30 annual pass. Passes can be purchased in-person or online at myodfw.com.

If you are staying for a weekend in the area, it's also worth it to check out Saddle Mountain, which is west of the wildlife area, and Clatsop State Forest, which is north. Both areas include more hiking and biking trails to explore.

A few minutes south of Jewell is the hub of the Nehalem Valley Arabians, one of many ranches and farms in the area. The organization teaches horse riding lessons on a privately owned farm. Lessons can be scheduled at 503-791-4681.

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