

Many Vacation Spots Are Off 'Beaten Track'

(As compiled by Oregon Travel Bureau)

For vacationists who like to get off the beaten track, Oregon has a variety of vacationlands "away from it all."

Along the 400-mile Pacific ocean coastline in Oregon are many retreats for campers, fishermen, and vacationers where relaxation are the order of the holiday. Just off the coast, but near enough for easy access are several forest camps where life is easy in the great outdoors. Many of the fishing resorts are located on the coastal streams, off the beaten track, but easily accessible by automobile and paved highways.

On the southwestern coast, a trip by mail launch from Gold Beach to Agness is never-to-be-forgotten. This trip takes the visitor 32 miles up the Rogue river into a primitive hinterland accessible only by boat. A longer boat trip consuming 5 days may be taken from Grants Pass to the sea.

Forest roads and forest camps in the southwestern part of Oregon take visitors well into virgin territory where hiking, exploring and horseback riding make happy holidays. The Siskiyou and Rogue River National Forest have many forest camps where the scent of fresh pine and fir forest give zest to vacation days.

Such nationally famous spots as Oregon Caves and Crater Lake take Oregon visitors well off the beaten path into the quiet of mountain fastnesses where wild animals seek refuge and become friends to the people who come to visit them. In these two national areas, too, are found some of the wonders of nature which everyone is privileged to see and enjoy. The guided tour through Oregon

Caves is both interesting and instructive. Accommodations are available at the Chateau there.

Crater Lake is the deepest of deep blues, set in the cauldron of an ancient volcano, 2000 feet deep and a mile high at water level. Wizard Island, an island within the lake, is a perfect volcano in itself. Friendly rangers lecture daily, explaining the formation of this very unusual and beautiful attraction.

Along the seven Oregon Cascade mountain passes are side-roads to forest camp havens where lake and stream fishing, hiking and horseback riding are always a pleasure. Several pack stations in the Cascades offer pack trips along the Skyline trail and into far reaches of the mountains and to back country lakes.

For vacationists who like their holidays away from it all, but want modern accommodations, modern facilities, and resorts are found throughout the Cascades on easy-to-travel highways.

The great high plateau rangelands of Central and Eastern Oregon are filled with the romanticism of the Old West. Here are found modern vacation facilities and guest and dude ranches which give flavor of the West and recreations galore.

Wildlife and geologic formations are interesting for exploration, too in this area. Such famous places as the Hart Mountain Antelope refuge near Lakeview, the Malheur Wildlife Refuge near Burns, several other refuge areas and lava and fossil beds are all situated for maximum enjoyment.

In the Wallowa and Blue mountains are other forest retreats and semi-wilderness areas

where it's fun to be alive. The Eagle Cap Wilderness area south of Wallowa Lake is one of the few remaining primitive areas in the nation. Within its boundaries are several peaks over 10,000 feet in elevation, countless alpine lakes and beautiful white water streams. Other vacation areas are found at Spout Springs along Oregon State Highway 204 and the Anthony Lakes region out of La Grande and Baker. South of the Wallows, accessible from Halfway and Pon-

dosa is the Eagle Creek forest area where forest camps are found to tempt the camper and explorer.

This year boat trips are available through Hells Canyon from Robinette, Oregon, to Lewiston, Idaho, on the awesome Snake River. The Baker Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring motor trips from Homestead, Oregon, to view the depths of Hells Canyon from Sheep Rock and Red Ledge Mine. Along the famous Columbia

River Gorge, too, are stopping places and side trips which make this trip a memorable one in any traveler's vacation log. A hiking trip up the Skyline trail from Eagle Creek Forest Camp, east of Bonneville, where overnight camping is convenient and enjoyable, is one of the pleasant experiences in this area. Camping is also fun along the Mt. Hood Loop highway where trails lead to vistas and waterfalls on the very slopes of Oregon's highest mountain peak.

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