

# Blue Mt. Region Glorious Place for Vacation Trip

The interesting Blue and Willowa mountains of north-eastern Oregon are a never-ending source of scenic wonder and glorious recreation.

The Blue mountains extend from the northeastern part of Grant County and western Baker county to the northern part of Willowa county in Oregon. The Willowas are a less extensive but equally beautiful rugged range in the southern part of Willowa county and northern part of Baker county. Both the terrain surrounding the ranges and the peaks within them remind visitors of Alpine scenes viewed by many only in the movies and on picture post cards.

Much of this scenery, however, is easily accessible via Oregon's U. S. highway 30 and state highways 82 and 204 out of Pendleton and LaGrande. One of Oregon's most scenic trips is over these highways from Pendleton to Willowa lake near Joseph.

From Pendleton, the home of the famous Round-Up, the motorist may take U. S. 30. Emigrant Hill to the southeast offers a breathtaking panorama of the checkerboard grainlands of the huge Umatilla river basin and immediately south of the mountain, the motorist will begin to enter the pine tree country of the Blue mountains.

Perhaps one of the first stops will be at Emigrant Springs State Park where the visitor may eat his picnic lunch, cook at rustic fireplaces and enjoy the cool shade of majestic pine groves. Much of the route along here is within the Umatilla Na-

tional forest and over the Old Oregon Trail. He will also pass the Blue Mountain Forest Wayside and Gangleff State Park near LaGrande.

At LaGrande, a railroad center and agricultural community, the motorist may visit the campus of the Eastern Oregon College of Education. This city is the southern entry port to the Grand Ronde Valley, and it is here that the motorist will change to state highway 82.

The Grande Ronde Valley, and the river of that name, extend northeastward. The valley is one of checkered grain and seed lands. At Rhinehart, the motorist will begin to parallel and cross the river twice before entering Elgin. This city is a year-around recreation center. Hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming and skiing are available from here in season. It is only 21 miles south of the Tollgate-Spout Springs recreational and winter sports area.

At Elgin the motorist will turn almost in an easterly direction and begin to climb. At Ninam he will cross the Willowa river and drive beside it. Along the river here is the Willowa Lake highway forest wayside. Directly to the south are the Willowa mountains and Willowa national forest. This national forest includes within its boundaries 1,068,548 acres of which 974,292 acres are federally owned. Included are snowcapped peaks of the Willowa mountain range and an extensive watershed of the Snake, Imnaha, Minam, Willowa and Grande Ronde rivers. The Willowa valley, running north and south a distance of 30 miles is abundantly watered along the Willowa river and more eastern portions are suited for grazing. Grain and hay are the chief crops and most of these are marketed on the hoof. Private and national forest land afford ample range for the fine herds of beef cattle and large bands of sheep. Hogs are raised in impressive numbers at a profit.

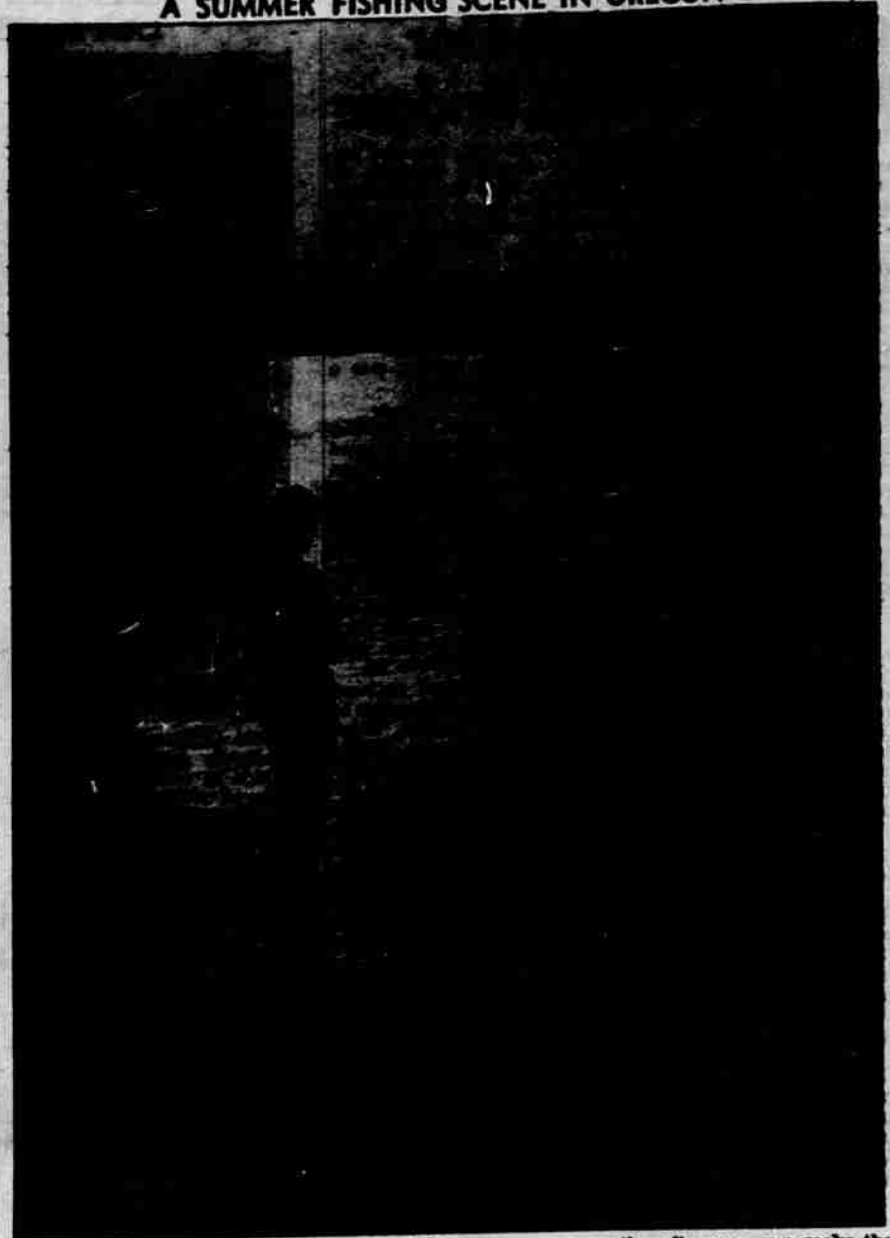
It was this land that the Nez Perce Indians fought so tenaciously to retain against the onslaught of the white man. From these same mountains, Chief Joseph, arrogant and honored leader of the Nez Perce, started his historic forced retreat, considered in some circles as one of the most brilliant in military history. Today, at the foot of beautiful Willowa lake the visitor will see the monument erected in memory of this valiant Indian leader's father.

After leaving Enterprise, the gateway to this great Willowa mountain region, the motorist will travel almost due south to Joseph near Willowa lake.

At Willowa lake the visitor will marvel at a tonic atmosphere; thrill to sunsets unbelievably beautiful and at some of the most spectacular scenery the northwest has to offer. Here awaits a wide variety of outdoor recreations, including many for those who do not desire the vigorous exercise of mountain excursions.

At Willowa lake, too, is a park which offers a baseball diamond, boating, fireplaces, fishing, horseback riding, a kitchen, mountain climbing, picnicking, swimming, tables and many other facilities. There is no overnight camping allowed in the state park, but facilities for such will probably be available by 1954.

## A SUMMER FISHING SCENE IN OREGON



A typical Oregon scene as the afternoon sun seeks the evening horizon while a lone fisherman is silhouetted against the glistening waters. Oregon has scores of hundreds of miles of fishing streams and hundreds of upland lakes where followers of Izaak Walton may challenge members of the finny tribe. (Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)

### 6 Campsites Available In Park at Champoeg

Six campsites are available at Champoeg state park, located seven miles southeast of Newberg (99W), on the east bank of the Willamette river.

This park is situated on the historic site of the 1843 provisional government meeting in Oregon. In addition to the usual park facilities, a museum containing many historic mementos of early Oregon days, is located in the park and open to the public.

Several snowcapped peaks reach an elevation of 10,000 feet within a few miles of the lake, and in the high valleys are some 50 sparkling mountain lakes, with free forest camp sites. These are mostly located in the Eagle Cap Primitive Area within the Willowa National Forest, which has been set aside for a summer playground, completely untouched by commercialization.

The high mountains can be entered along forest roads and trails from Lostine, following the famous Lostine river or up Hurricane Creek.

Another striking feature of this scenic Willowa country is the Snake River canyon, deepest earth gash on the North American continent. A favorite lookout is Hat Point, 61 miles due east of Enterprise. A charming forest camp is maintained near the brink of the canyon, with an almost sheer drop of 5,750 feet.

The road into Hat Point is maintained by the U. S. Forestry Department and enables visitors to drive all the way to the rim of Hell's Canyon. The round trip from Willowa Lake is one that will live in the memory forever. Local inquiries, however, should be made concerning a motor trip to the gorge.

The complete trip to Willowa lake from Pendleton, via LaGrande is approximately 134 miles, a most satisfying day's journey with leisurely stopovers at points of interest and at scenic vistas, and a trip of never-ending scenic variety.



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