

WILDLIFE

With Grant County's abundant wildlife population, chances are you can spot wildlife anywhere. However, for a truly special experience, here are some hotspots.



WINNIE BROWNING PHOTO

WILD HORSES

Murderers Creek- Deer Creek Guard Station

From John Day, travel south on Highway 395 approximately 17 miles to County Road 63 (Izee Highway). Take County Road 63 to the junction of Forest Service Road 24. Take Forest Road 24 approximately 10 miles. Turn left onto Forest Service Road 514. Travel about 1/4 mile staying to your right until you reach the locked gate that allows entry to the facility grounds.

Drive, hike or ride in the surrounding area to increase your chances of seeing wild horses.



ANTELOPE

Bear Valley

Travel south from John Day on Highway 395 approximately 22 miles to County Road 64. Drive west on County Road 64. County Road 64 turns into Forest Road 24. Continue on Forest Road 24 to County Road 63 (Izee-Paulina Highway). Turn left on the Izee-Paulina Highway to return to Highway 395. Turn left on 395 to return to John Day.



BIGHORN SHEEP

McClellan Trailhead

From John Day, travel west approximately 18 miles on Highway 26 to the junction with Forest Road 21. Drive south on Forest Road 21, approximately 4.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 115. Proceed east on Forest Road 115 approximately 1/2 mile to the junction with Forest Road 2160. Travel south on Forest Road 2160 approximately 1/4 mile to the junction with Forest Road 2160-041. Continue traveling south on 2160-041 to the trailhead.



ELK

Vinegar Hill-Indian Rock Scenic Area

Blackeye Trail #243

From the town of Prairie City, travel east on US Highway 26 approximately 13 miles to the junction with US Highway 7, at Austin Junction. Follow US Highway 7 for one mile to the junction with County Road 20. Follow County Road 20 for approximately 2.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 2010. Follow Forest Road 2010 for approximately 8 miles to the junction with Forest Road 2010219. Forest Road 2010 is accessible but is under maintained; parking is limited and not available for stock trailers. It is recommended to drive a high clearance vehicle on this road.



MOUNTAIN GOATS

Strawberry Mountain Wilderness

Meadow Fork Trail #376

From Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street. Follow South Main Street to the junction with Bridge Street. Turn left onto Bridge Street and continue past the cemetery. The road then becomes County Road 62. Follow County Road 62 approximately 20 miles to the junction with Forest Road 16. Go west on Forest Road 16 approximately 6 miles to the junction with Forest Road 924. Follow Forest Road 924 for approximately 1.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 1648. Follow Forest Road 1648 approximately 0.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 021. Follow Forest Road 021 approximately 1.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 039. Follow Forest Road 039 to the trailhead.



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BEAVERS

Magone Lake Trail #352

From the town of Prairie City, travel west 3 miles to the junction of County Road 18, turn north on County Road 18, follow County Road 18 approximately 13 miles to the junction with Forest Road 3620. Follow Forest Road 3620 approximately 2 miles to the junction with Forest Road 3618. Turn west onto Forest Road 3618 and travel approximately 1 mile to the Magone Lake Day Use Area.



DEER

Malheur River Trail #303

From Seneca, follow Forest Road 16 approximately 14.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 1643. Follow Forest Road 1643, approximately 9 miles to the junction with Forest Road 1651, turn left onto Forest Road 1651, continue for 0.9 miles to the trailhead (Keep an eye out for deer when traveling on roads throughout the county).



BIRDS

Big Creek Campground

In the town of Prairie City, turn on South Main, then turn left onto Bridge Street. Follow Bridge Street up and over a hill, this road will become County Road 62. Follow County Road 62 approximately 19 miles to the junction with Forest Road 16. Turn West onto Forest Road 16, follow for approximately 6 miles.