



PRAIRIE CITY

Elevation: 3,535 Feet Population: 909

Prairie City is the gateway to the Strawberry Wilderness Area, forest campgrounds and several lakes via County Road 60 south of town.

But there's lots to do right in town, where community pride shines in shops and restaurants with Western facades and hometown friendliness.

Incorporated in 1891, Prairie City has its roots in the gold fever that struck the region in 1862. It grew out of Dixie Town, a mining hub once located along Dixie Creek, about 3-1/2 miles north of where the creek meets the John Day River.

It also was the western terminus of the

Sumpter Valley Railway, which ran from Baker City through the timber-rich mountains to supply area sawmills.

Today, visitors can find accommodations at the restored historic hotel or the RV campground at Depot Park.

Kids and adults alike are drawn to the city park, across from City Hall on South Bridge Street. It has a gazebo stage, large covered picnic area, large playground, basketball court and restrooms.

Active community groups promote the arts and events throughout the year, with a spectacular Fourth of July celebration and a classic car show among the favorites.

DON'T MISS:

Displays, photos and relics of the area's history at the **DeWitt Museum, at Depot Park**, Main and Bridge Streets. The park also offers a shady spot for picnics.

The Covered Wagon Wayside, 5 miles north of town on Highway 26. It's a great photo point for vistas of the Strawberry Mountains and John Day Valley.



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