



DAYVILLE

Elevation: 2,369 • **Population:** 147

Dayville was incorporated in 1913, with the post office originally located 3 miles west of where the town stands today. Named for the John Day River, Dayville was a stop along the The Dalles Military Road, connecting the gold mines in nearby Canyon City to Portland.

The area abounds in outdoor activities: Scenic Picture Gorge is about 6 miles northwest of town, at the crossroads of Highways 26 and 19. The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is just a few miles downstream from the Gorge, and the Northside, Murderers Creek and Ochoco hunting units all intersect in the Dayville area – making it a hunting and wildlife paradise.

The city park at the east side of town features tennis courts, a basketball hoop, horseshoes, playground, picnic area and restrooms, all along the banks of the John Day River. The shade makes it a great place to relax during Dayville's annual Fourth of July weekend.

DON'T MISS:

Mascall Formations Overlook: Offers spectacular 360-degree views of Picture Gorge, the Mascall Formations area, and the western end of the John Day River Valley, with interpretive signs and wheelchair accessible paths. Large parking area and turn-around loop drive accommodates buses and RVs. Restrooms are available. About 4-1/2 miles west of Dayville on Highway 26. Turn at the "Overlook" sign, and drive about a mile to the overlook.



GRANITE

Elevation: 3,695 feet • **Population:** 38

The community was known as Independence, after a gold discovery on July 4, 1862, and originally was situated about 1.5 miles from the town's current location. In 1878, when the first post office was established, they had to change the name after discovering "Independence" was already being used, and chose Granite after the rocks common to the area.

Granite was incorporated in 1900 and housed mainly miners. When the government shut down gold mining in the 1940s in favor of metals essential to the war effort, Granite's economy collapsed. Utility services ceased and the population dwindled. In 2000, telephone service was restored after the population rose to 24.

Today Granite is one of the smallest incorporated cities in the state, and you are almost more likely to meet the resident wildlife than the human inhabitants. If you like the outdoors and want a break from civilization, this is the place to go: Nestled in the Blue Mountains and surrounded by creeks and lakes, nature and wildlife are plentiful. Olive Lake is located about 10 miles from Granite and provides a peaceful respite. With a 2-mile hiking trail around the lake, 28 campsites, fishing, boating, swimming and plenty of wildlife, memories are waiting to be made.

DON'T MISS:

The restored Historic Fremont Powerhouse Site, constructed in 1908 to power the nearby Red Boy Mine, is 5 miles west of Granite on County Road 24. Vacation rentals are available.