

**W**hile the source of Grant County's fortune has been many things over the years – gold, timber, ranching– one source of wealth has never changed: the richness of its people. This scenic slice of wonderland, steeped in history, frontier spirit and stewardship, holds a special place in the hearts of its residents, and once you are here, it isn't difficult to see why. Here, life is slower. You will see hats tipped and waves over the steering wheel. Folks will happily greet you, hold the door open and send you on your way with a friendly farewell. Passion, pride and small-town spirit fills the hearts of some 7,100 people who call the nine towns home.

Spanning 4,500 miles of the Blue Mountains and the John Day River Basin, the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness and the John Day Fossil Beds Monument, every corner of Grant County brings a new scene – from rugged alpine mountaintops into tall, piney forests and sagebrush-dusted high desert, down to rolling grassland valleys, all held together by mile after mile of rivers, creeks and lakes and ponds of all sizes.

There are ample year-round opportunities for recreationalists in any season: whether you want to spend your time on horseback, snowmobiling, hiking, fishing, skiing, cycling, camping, checking out museums, even geocaching or simply spelunking around – no matter what you want to do, you can find a way to do it here. What are you waiting for? Come explore Grant County – we promise it will be worth your while.

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