

JOURNEY CALENDAR

AUGUST

6 Rabbit Wilde
in concert
Diamond Hitch Mule
Ranch, Kimberly
541-934-2140
mulesacrossamerica.com

10-13 Grant County Fair
Grant County Fairgrounds,
John Day
541-575-1900
grantcountyfairgrounds.com

12-14 Two-man Best Ball Golf
John Day Golf Course
541-575-0170

13 The Brother's 5K Run/Walk
John Day
541-620-1822

13 Sammy Kershaw in concert
Grant County Fairgrounds,
John Day
541-575-1900

14 Cow Kids Rodeo
Grant County Fairgrounds,
John Day
541-620-0596

20-21 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays
Grant County Fairgrounds,
John Day
541-575-3520, 541-792-0077
cmplaydays@gmail.com

28 Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation Benefit Scramble
John Day Golf Course
541-575-0170

SEPTEMBER

5 Cross-country Golf Scramble
John Day Golf Course
541-575-0170

10 Grant County Regional Airport Fly-in
John Day
541-575-1151

17 Hilton Half and Family Fun Run
Prairie City to John Day
hiltonhalf.blogspot.com

23-25 Three-man/Last Chance Golf Scramble
John Day Golf Course
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OCTOBER

1 Ghost Town Blues Band in concert
Diamond Hitch Mule Ranch
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1-2 Rally for the Cure Ladies Golf Scramble
John Day Golf Course
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15 Farmers Market Harvest Festival
SW Brent St., John Day
831-596-0656
johndayfarmersmarket.com



The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Peaceful and still, the deep blue water of Bates Pond is a refreshing sight while meandering the trail that encircles the pond and others throughout Bates State Park.

Bates State Park

Recreational respite also offers a trip back in time

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

When it comes to sparkling outdoor gems in our

area, few can compare to Bates State Park, nestled in the Blue Mountains of eastern Grant County.

In addition to spectacular scenery and recreational respite, this peaceful park near Austin Junction offers visitors a step back in time to the history of the once-thriving lumber town of Bates. During a weekend — or longer — stay, you'll feel as if you are really "away from it all," yet the park offers plenty in the

way of comfortable amenities.

Bates State Park, in the shadow of Dixie Butte, offers an abundance of weekend enjoyment right within its 131-acre boundaries — three miles of trails to trek, wildlife to view and solitude to savor. Two tranquil creeks — Bridge and Clear — flow nearby the park, whose majestic centerpiece, Bates Pond, remains from the town's lumber mill.

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Interpretive signs throughout Bates State Park tell the story and history of the once-vibrant and close-knit mountain logging community.

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