

# Forest Camps Provide Facilities For Restful, Economical Vacation

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If you want to wake up with the sun and take your morning coffee and bacon with the flavor of wood smoke from an open fire, then try camping out in Oregon.

We did it—a family of four—and came back to Portland after a 500-mile motorlog packed neatly into a week end.

Our trip was intended as a preliminary check into overnight camping facilities available to the uninitiated throughout the state, provided by the U. S. forest service at numerous points throughout Oregon.

We explored only a tiny pocket of the nearly 15,000,000 acres of U. S. forest land in Oregon. The facilities we found—generally satisfactory but with no fancy trimmings—can be duplicated at dozens of national forest camp sites elsewhere in the state by lake, mountain or stream.

Anyone who plans to do camping out in Oregon should secure the free booklet "Forest Camping in Oregon" from the U. S. forest service, post office building, Broadway and Glisan, Portland, or at any forest supervisor's headquarters.

This handy booklet lists all of the national forest camp sites in Oregon, tells you how to reach them and describes the camping facilities.

With daughter Karen, 7, and son Kip, 5, holding down the back seat of the white Oregon State Motor association automobile and wife Beth serving as map guide and information specialist we left Portland early one Saturday on 99W, traveling the lush Willamette valley route to Eugene.

## Odell Camp Selected

From Eugene we followed state highway 58, past the bustling construction activity at Lookout point reservoir, through tall timber and past inviting fishing streams to our camp site—Princess Creek forest camp on the shores of Odell lake, which the forest service had described as typical of those scattered throughout the state for use by campers.

Karen and Kip both headed for the pebbly lake shore in their bathing suits as we unpacked supplies and pitched our auto tent for the night. We had company at nearby camp sites and during the afternoon and evening more cars rolled in to bring plenty of fishing activity to the lake shore by morning.

Odell lake, three by seven miles in area, is over 2000 feet deep. It is the home of Dolly Vardens and a giant Rainbow trout which reaches 45 pounds in weight. The lake has been planted with 78,000 12-inch Mackinaws and seems destined to become one of the biggest big fish lakes in Oregon.

Through the Odell area runs the Skyline trail from Government Camp on Mt. Hood to Crater Lake, 55 miles away to



Odell lake, one of Oregon's finest, offers plenty of overnight camping facilities, as do many other Oregon scenic spots.

the southwest. Six miles west, near Diamond peak, are nine small lakes all stocked with rainbow trout brought in by packhorse. Stream fishing is ten minutes away by car in the little Deschutes and Marsh creek, Gold and Rosary lakes, up the mountain, are stocked with eastern brook trout.

Sunday morning, reinforced by flapjacks and bacon, we broke camp and dropped in on Odell Lake resort at the south end of the lake. Near by was Odell Creek forest camp, another camping spot, but with fewer facilities than Princess Creek.

We said before that facilities at Oregon forest camps have few fancy trimmings. A tight budget has not permitted the hot-water and communal wash houses found in some of the excellent California state parks.

Oregon's camp sites, easily reached by automobile in any part of the state, are simple and nearly always free of charge. Only at Eagle Creek and Paradise forest camps is a fee charged for camping, and then it is only 50 cents daily for a maximum of six adults. Picnicking is only 25 cents daily at these two camps.



Motorloggers followed above route on four of some of handy national forest camp sites.

C. H. Armstrong, superintendent of Oregon's state park system, said at present overnight camping is not generally permitted in state parks, although it has been tolerated at a few points. But the state already has embarked on a new program eventually intended to provide sound facilities in state parks and bring them closer to the level of the forest camps.

In May a contract was let for construction of camping facilities at Silver Creek Falls park. Bids have been requested for more overnight camping facilities at Wallowa Lake state park, where some camping has been permitted in the past.

At Crescent lake, four miles off the Willamette highway and eight miles from Odell, we found another resort and more forest service camping facilities.

## Camp Sherman Visited

Through Bend, where we paused briefly, we motored into Camp Sherman off highway 20, after passing through wonderful vistas of near desert country and grand views of the Three Sisters and Mount Jefferson. Camp Sherman, on the crystal-clear Metolius river, was on the jump with tourist and camping activity.

Eight forest camps and two large picnic areas are spread along a ten-mile stretch of the east bank of the Metolius on Riverside Forest road, beginning some 14 miles north of Sisters and 36 miles northwest of Bend. Camp Sherman is the supply headquarters within nine miles of all the points mentioned, including Riverside, River Island, Allingham, Smiling river, Pine Rest, Gorge, Allen Spring, Pioneer Ford and Lower bridge.

Late afternoon found us traveling on the Santiam Pass highway, through lava beds and past views of Mt. Washington, Three-Fingered Jack and distant views of the Three Sisters and Mt. Jefferson.

We had to resist the lure of dozens of tempting roadways and dashing streams. But we liked our taste of camping out and can recommend it for those who want to travel in Oregon on a small budget with the timbered forests as their private home for the night.

# Boardman Girl Married At Prosser, Wash.

By Mrs. Flossie Coats

Boardman—A very quiet wedding took place August eighth, 8 p.m. in Prosser, Washington when Miss Joyce Cram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Cram became the bride of Pvt. Dow Worden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden. The Rev. Hastings, pastor of the Christian Church officiating. The bride was attired in a blue street suit. Matron of honor was Mrs. F. W. Loop (Judy Dickson) sister of the groom, best man was Pvt. Billie Crisman, buddy of the groom.

The bride is a senior in the Boardman high school and the groom is in the U. S. Army stationed in Honolulu.

Attending the wedding was the brides mother, Mrs. B. J. Cram, the grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden and his sisters, Viola Worden and Mrs. Eugene Risley.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden honored the bridal couple at a wedding supper Saturday evening at their home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Cram, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Risley and family, Viola Worden and Lyle Williams.

Melon and fruit stands are the attraction along the highway through the Boardman wayside. A Skoubos is the attractive one located within the city. On the west is Chucks and the Ed Skoubos stands.

Carl Miles who is with the U. S. Army, Fort Lewis, Washington arrived home Saturday evening for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crisman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were guests Monday to Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ben-

son. The Crismans are brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Mrs. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wittman and daughter have moved to Richland where Wittman is employed. The Wittmans have been in Boardman several months, he was working for the Berke Bros. Construction Co.

H. E. C. met at the home of Mrs. Leo Root Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie and Mrs. Claud Coats as co-hostesses. Plans were made for the clubs part in the north Morrow Co. fair dinners.

Mrs. Esther Knight and daughter Edna returned from San Francisco and San Bernardino, California, visiting her son Fred, who is in the U. S. Air Corp and also a sister, Mrs. Bob Hilder.

Pvt. Dow Worden son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden and Pvt. Billie Crisman, son of Mrs. W. W. Benson, left Sunday for their base in Honolulu after a week home. The trip was made by plane.

Pvt. 1st Class Fred Knight, son of Mrs. Esther Knight is home on furlough from San Francisco.

Mrs. Eldon Lilly and son of La Grande spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes and daughter left Sunday for South Dakota to visit Mr. Forbes mother. Forbes is the School Supt. for the coming year and Mrs. Forbes will teach in the grades.

A picnic dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root Sunday was an enjoyable affair with the following present, besides the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dewesse, Boardman; Mr. and Ralph Dewesse and children, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Macomber and son Lee, also their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mackey, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and sons, Athena. A huge birthday cake was presented Mr. and Mrs. Max Dewesse honoring both birthdays

# New 4-H Awards System For Swine Due at State Fair

A new awards system for 4-H swine exhibitors at the state fair has been announced by Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent at Oregon State college.

The Oregon Purebred Swine Breeders association, headed by George Kraus of Silverton, will continue to award purebred weaner gilts to the top 4-H swine exhibitors of each breed. However, this year the winners will be chosen on the basis of their exhibits, herdsmanhip, show-

which occurred this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and son Billie, Heppner; Carl Marquardt, Gerry and Carol Messenger were visitors at the Z. J. Gillespie Sunday.

manship, record books, 4-H citizenship, and interviews.

Previously, the gilts were presented to the 4-H'ers who showed the champion market hogs.

Monroe points out that any 4-H pig club member who exhibits at the state fair may compete for these awards.

Jahn Haase and Son, Cornelius, will award the Duroc gilt. Alton Marshall, Mulino, will award the Chester White; A. T. Lathrop, Central Point, the Berkshire; John T. Wavra, Woodburn, the Yorkshire; and Harold W. Schmidt, Newberg, the Hereford gilt. A spotted Poland China and a Hampshire gilt will also be awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Darnelle of The Dalles are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 7 1/2 oz. baby daughter born Monday. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra of Lexington.

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# Hart Mountain Site 4-H Encampment

Allen Hughes, Heppner 4-H Club member is Morrow County's selection to the first annual 4-H conservation camp being held this week. The camp is being sponsored by the Northwest Section American Society of Range Management and being held at the Hart Mountain Game Refuge in Lake County. The State 4-H Club Department of the Extension Service of Oregon State College is in charge of the camp.

Leaving on Monday of this week, Allen accompanied the delegation of Eastern Oregon Club members who were selected by their interest in range management. Two Washington State 4-H boys as well as a club member

Boys will return on August 11.

The week at this camp, which is used annually by the Order of the Antelope, an organization of conservation minded men, will be filled with activities relating to conservation and management of the range. The Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and Soil Conservation Service will help the extension service put on the varied program for the boys.

In selecting delegates for this conservation camp, consideration was given to all-round club participation of the member selected as well as the interest in range conservation and management and how it would be applied by the boy in his everyday life. Taking these factors in consideration Allen Hughes was selected for the trip. The scholarship amount,

ing to \$30.00 for expenses of transportation, food and incidentals was provided by the 4-H Club Council.

The Society of Range Management, in sponsoring this camp are endeavoring to bring to the attention of these boys the importance of range in this area, and its proper management if it is to continue to provide grazing for the livestock that is such a large share of the agricultural income of this area. Morrow County alone, annually produces livestock and livestock products valued at approximately two and one half million dollars. One half of this income is attributed to dryland range.

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