

Anderson Butte—Little Applegate Loop Is Popular "Trip-of-the-Week"

WILD FLOWERS IN AREA MAKE DRIVE AN ENJOYABLE ONE

Tour Includes Ski Ground Popular in Winter — 47 Miles Covered.

As the spring season advances we begin to get the wanderlust and have a desire to get out in the deep shade of the forests, or scale one of the many peaks that surround the valley, or enjoy a picnic lunch by the side of a mountain stream where the air seems to be just a little bit cooler and fresher than any place else.

Medford's Rogue Wonderland offers many such opportunities, and a trip to the Anderson Butte Lookout, thence to the Little Applegate River is found to be a most enjoyable one, combining several of these attractive features. Let's take this trip and see for ourselves what nature has to offer.

We start south on Highway 99 from Main and Riverside streets, and at 4.6 miles turn right around the Texaco station in Phoenix. Now on a surfaced highway, we travel in a southerly direction to a highway sign directing us to the Anderson Creek road. Here we turn right onto a narrower and unpaved road. We are travelling through orchards and farms but are slightly above the valley floor, and get a good view of the farming district around Talent and Ashland.

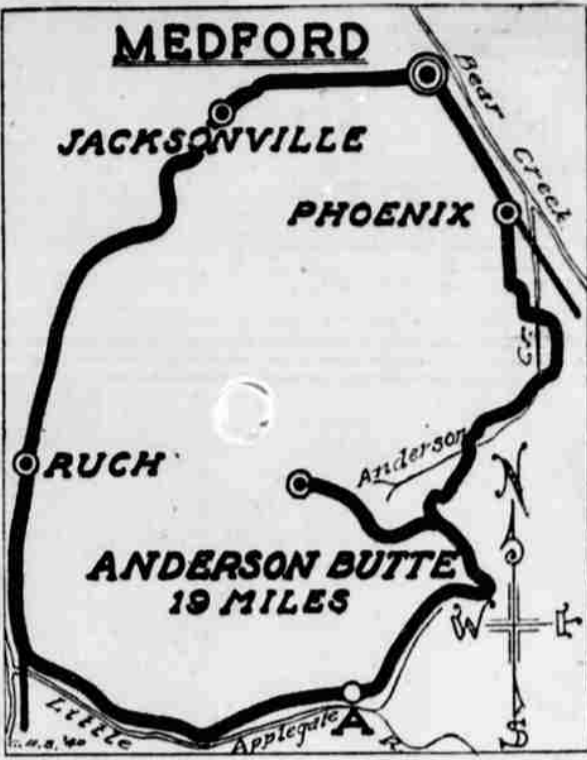
In a few more minutes we come to a crossroad, but continue straight ahead toward Anderson Creek as indicated by the road sign. Seven-tenths of a mile further on turn sharply to the right, and we are on the Anderson Creek road travelling up the creek and with no chance of getting off our course by keeping the main traveled road. Now we are leaving the man-made farms of the valley and enter Nature's garden of wildflowers and a variety of shrubs, evergreen, and coniferous trees bordering the roadside. Those interested in wildflowers will be pleased with the many varieties growing along the roadside, including: Indian Paint Brush, Deerweed, Wild Hollyhock, California Holly, Gold Fields, Lilac, Blazing Star, Primrose, Wild Hyacinth, Buttercup, Yellow Violet, Blue Lupine, California Poppy, Pincushion, Madia, Cream Cups, Monkey Flower, Meadow Foam. How many of these can you find and identify?

The tall, stately trees that will be seen are the Douglas and white fir, incense cedars, and the ponderosa pine. The streams are bordered with alder trees and many kinds of shrubs adding to their beauty and refreshing atmosphere.

Soon we enter Anderson Creek canyon and begin to climb up the mountain as the road winds in wide curves and switchbacks to Anderson Gap at the summit of the divide between Bear Creek and Little Applegate river. Here it seems that a new world unfolds as we reach the top and get our first real glimpse of the rugged Siskiyou mountains. We are anxious to see more of the country, so we turn to the right and drive 3.9 miles to Anderson Butte Lookout Station 5,000 feet above sea-level and but 18.8 miles from Medford. We climb the Lookout Tower which enables us to get the best possible view.

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All mileage from Medford. (A.) Little Applegate Camp Ground, 27 miles.

As we make our first general survey of the territory that can be seen from Lookout to horizon in all directions, we are so thrilled over the great expanse of country visible that we are practically speechless. Note the great contrast between the rough mountainous area to the south which is the Applegate Ranger District and the fertile Rogue river valley to the north, whose farms and orchards of various sizes and shapes have from this elevation the appearance of a crazy quilt pattern. From here we can look into McDonald basin, which is visited in the winter by groups of Rogue Snowmen representing the ski enthusiasts of Medford and vicinity. This basin has great possibilities as a winter playground for southern Oregon and plans are being laid to open up the area and make it accessible to the many ardent followers of snow sports in this locality.

Looking in a northeast direction toward the Cascades we easily identify Mt. McLoughlin; then as we swing further north we see Mt. Scott and even Lilo Rock on the very rim of Crater Lake. Still further north, Mt. Thielsen on the east side and Mt. Bailey on the west side of Diamond Lake are visible. As we turn our gaze to the south there are numerous prominent peaks from Mt. Ashland in the southeast to Greycab Mountain in the southwest.

The lookout man assists us in identifying the various mountain peaks and drainages, and we learn that it is an essential part of his job to know these various landmarks in order that he may properly report the fires he detects. He also points out the large, light green patches on several mountain sides as contrasted to the dark green of the timbered areas, which he explains are brushfields that have followed fires which occurred in these mountains at various times in the past. We know that the forest fire season is here and we know the values lost when fires burn over these timbered slopes, so let's do our part to help keep fires out. Careless smokers start a large number of fires each year so remember and do not smoke while traveling in forested areas. If you must smoke, stop in a safe place, smoke, and carefully put out that cigarette butt before leaving.

After we have spent our allotted time enjoying the panoramic view from the lookout station, we begin thinking about a place to enjoy our picnic lunch. Little Applegate campground is suggested and we decide to go there. We return to Anderson Gap, take the road to the right

and start down the mountain. Seven-tenths of a mile from Anderson Gap we cross the old Sterling ditch, one of the most interesting landmarks in this section. This ditch is twenty-seven miles long and was constructed sixty-four years ago at a cost of \$150,000. Chinese labor was used, the Chinese worker receiving \$2.25 per day. Timbers for the abandoned flume to the left were floated down the ditch for miles from the sawmill which was located at the head of Glade Fork. This ditch is still used during winter months for mining purposes at the Sterling Mine.

Four and four-tenths miles from Anderson Gap we see a new bridge across the Little Applegate river which takes us to the Little Applegate campground. Here the forest service has recently installed stoves, tables, and other facilities, and we find a very pleasant place to have our lunch in the cool shade of the forest by this small stream. A good rest after lunch and we are ready to start home. We take the road down Little Applegate river 11.5 miles to the junction with the Big Applegate road and from here the road is surfaced to Medford via Ruch and Jacksonville, a distance of 16 miles. We are home again having traveled but 47 miles with a memory of a delightful trip and a feeling that we are ever so much more intimately acquainted with another part of Medford's Rogue Wonderland.

George Raft Stars With Joan Bennett In Rialto Picture

With George Raft and Joan Bennett sharing stellar honors and a strong supporting cast featuring Walter Pidgeon, Gladys George and Lloyd Nolan, "The House Across the Bay," heads the double bill program opening a three day today at the New Rialto Theatre. "Alias the Deacon" featuring Bob Burns and Mischa Auer, plays as the companion film with "The House Across the Bay."

"The House Across the Bay" is the story of Brenda Bentley, a beautiful and alluring woman, who is left in a hostile world when her husband is convicted for income tax evasion and sent to Alcatraz prison in the San Francisco Bay. It is Brenda's problem to battle this hostile world and to work for the faith

and loyalty expected of her by the man behind bars. Brenda is exposed to temptations and to difficulties, but her love for her husband remains a blinding emotion to which she clings against all odds. However, when Walter Pidgeon, impersonating the second romantic lead, comes into her life, the picture moves swiftly and dynamically to a climax that is as punchy as it is unexpected.

Bob Burns, with his bazooka and his homely, homespun stories about the kinfolk back yonder, returns to the screen in "Alias the Deacon", a new film from the master of laugh-getters, which plays as the companion feature with "The House Across the Bay". In contrast to his more recent roles, Burns is distinctly himself in "Alias the Deacon".

Comedy situations are heightened by the presence of Mischa Auer, who appears with Burns for the first time. As the volatile barber of an oil boom town, Auer helps Burns solve the difficulties of some troubled friends by outwitting a group of small-time crooks. Dennis O'Keefe and Peggy Moran provide the romantic interest, and O'Keefe pairs with Guinn (Big Boy) Williams in a ten-round prizefight that proves the action highlight of the double bill.

Others in the strong supporting cast include Edward Brophy, Spencer Charters and Bennie Bartlett.

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