

# Wallowa County, Oregon



## Wallowa County Birding Locations

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**County Seat:** Enterprise

**County Size:** 3,152 Square Miles

**High Elevation :** Sacajawea Peak (9,838 feet)

**Rarities :** White-tailed Ptarmigan, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Yellow-billed Loon, Cattle Egret, Stilt Sandpiper, Gyrfalcon, Snowy Owl, Boreal Owl, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Brown Thrasher, Cape May Warbler, McCown's Longspur, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Rusty Blackbird, Little Bunting

**Top County Lister :** Frank Conley (288)

**Year List Record :** Frank & Sue Conley 2003 (224)

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## **Mottet Campground** [return to the top](#)

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**Location:** From Tollgate and HWY 204, take FSRD 64 towards Jubilee Lake. Look for the end of the pavement on FSRD 64 (this is uphill from the Bald Mountain overview, looking down the Looking Glass Creek Drainage). Turn left here on FSRD 6403 (Kendall Skyline Rd. [45.786611, -118.045772](#) ) and follow it 12 miles to Mottet Campground.

**Habitat and Birds:** This is a super camping and birding site. There is an outstanding, clean, flowing ice( the water is so cold that it hurts to leave your fingers in it) spring here. This is where you enter the high wet cold forest of the Northern Blue Mountains. You are at 4988' and there are many huckleberries in late July along FSRD 6403. Drive slowly to save your car and to listen for birds. Here you can find Pileated Woodpecker, Ruffed Grouse, Mountain Bluebird, BOREAL OWL in Sept.-October, Black-backed Woodpecker, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Red Crossbill, Townsends Warbler, Northern Goshawk and loads of butterflies in July and August. This is an outstanding site to spend a three day period in mid to late June. There are Black Bears and there are lots of interesting plants and flowers.

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**Location:** From Enterprise take Hwy. 3 north 35 miles to Flora Junction. Proceed through Flora and follow signs for 13 miles including eight miles of very steep, narrow, gravel road to Troy. Cross the Wenaha River and bear right at the first "Y." Continue up a steep, narrow gravel road to the first left onto Eden Bench Road. The wildlife area starts at the first cattle guard and continues on both sides of the road for nine miles to the Forest Service boundary. Eden Bench Road goes through 1.5 miles of private property marked "no trespassing." Eden Bench Road turns into Forest Service Road 6212, which intersects Forest Service Road 62. Turn right on Forest Service Road 62 to return to Troy. These roads are not recommended for passenger car use.

**Habitat and Birds:** [ODFW Website](#) This area consists of open pine habitat that is great for woodpeckers including Black-backed, White-headed and Lewis's. Chukar are present on the steep slopes overlooking the Grande Ronde River and Gray Catbirds can be found in the thicker brush.

## **Grande Ronde River (Troy)**      [return to the top](#)

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([45.946261, -117.451350](#))

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**Location:** From Enterprise take Hwy. 3 north 35 miles to Flora Junction. Proceed through Flora and follow signs for 13 miles including eight miles of very steep, narrow, gravel road to Troy. From the bridge over the Grande Ronde River, you can travel both north and south along the river.

**Habitat and Birds:** Habitat along the Grande Ronde River is a mixture of open pine forests, steep rimrock canyon walls and lush riparian habitat. Birds seen here during summer include Yellow-breasted Chat, Red-eyed Vireo, Gray Catbird and Black-chinned Hummingbird. In winter, Merlin, Common Redpoll and Bohemian Waxing can be found.

## **Paradise**      [return to the top](#)

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([45.938664, -117.214747](#))

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**Location:** From Enterprise, take Hwy 3 north for 36.4 miles to Paradise Ridge Lane. Turn right (east) and go two miles to the Paradise area. Continue on this road (now called Rye Ridge Road) for several miles.

**Habitat and Birds:** This road flows through high elevation meadows, farmland and thin timber. Birds along this route might include Cooper's Hawk, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Pygmy Owl, Red-naped Sapsucker, Cassin's Vireo, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush, Chipping Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Brown-headed Cowbird and Evening Grosbeak.

## **Flora**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°54'00.5"N 117°18'41.3"W

([45.900127, -117.311476](#))

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**Location:** From Enterprise, take Hwy 3 north for 33.4 miles to Flora Lane. Turn left (west) and go three miles to the Flora area. Just north of this area, take Lost Prairie Road west. Look for a junction and take the left at Redmond Grade Lane and this road winds its way to the Grande Ronde River.

**Habitat and Birds:** This area is mostly open wheat fields surrounded by thin stands of conifers. Birds that can be found here include Great Gray Owl, Mountain and Western Bluebird, Snow Bunting and Gray-crowned Rosy-finch.

## **Powwatka Ridge**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°52'58.8"N 117°28'43.4"W

([45.882996, -117.478713](#))

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**Location:** There are two methods of accessing this site. From Wallowa, travel east on Whiskey Creek Road for about 0.75 miles and turn left (north) on Hill Road. Take Hill Road for five miles and it will dead end at Troy Road. Turn Left (north) and take Troy for 24 miles. This will take you all along the ridge. Check out the small lake at the north end of the ridge. You can also access Powwatka from the community of Troy. Follow the directions to Flora found elsewhere in this guide. From Flora, take Flora Road east to Redmond Grade Lane. Take this road to the Grande Ronde River. Cross the river and go south on Troy Road past the community of Troy. When the Troy Road crosses back over the river and up the surrounding canyon, you will be at Powwatka Ridge.

**Habitat and Birds:** Birds found here might include Gray Partridge, Chukar, Northern Goshawk, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, three chickadee species, Brown Creeper, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville

Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak

## **Minam Recreation Area**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°37'15.9"N 117°43'22.9"W  
([45.621081, -117.723014](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Minam Recreation Area](#)

[Minam Recreation Area Website](#)

[Minam Recreation Area Photos and Brochure](#)

**Location:** To reach the Minam Recreation Area, travel NE out of La Grande on Hwy 82. When you get to the town of Elgin, you will cross the Grande Ronde River. From the river, set your odometer and travel for 12.9 miles. Look for a building advertising information and maps. The road to the recreation area is just past that building on the left.

**Habitat and Birds:** This is a mixed conifer area. Birds you might expect here would include Dusky Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, woodpeckers, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, three chickadee species, Brown Creeper, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Veery, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Western Tanager, Chipping Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Lazuli Bunting and Evening Grosbeak.

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**geographic coordinates** 45°34'13.7"N 117°32'07.3"W  
([45.570466, -117.535351](#))

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**Location:** Located 45.7 miles NE of La Grande and 25.7 miles east of Elgin on Hwy 82.

**Habitat and Birds:** In winter, bird the town itself for specialties such as Bohemian Waxwing and Common Redpoll. Check out the sewage ponds on the north side of town. From east Wallowa, take Douglas Street north until it crosses the railroad tracks. Keep to the right and you will see the ponds ([45.578194, -117.532948](#)). There is a wetland to the west of the pond and the creek to the north can have birds as well.

## **Jim Town Road**      [return to the top](#)

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([45.569159, -117.492519](#))

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**Location:** From 1st Street in Wallowa, head east and leave town on Whiskey Creek Road. Go 1.6 miles (past Hill Road and the cemetery) and turn right on Jim Town Road. Stay on this road for 7.7 miles to Lostine and back to Hwy 82.

**Habitat and Birds:** This road winds through farmland and brushy fence rows. Primarily, this is a winter destination and sparrows are the major quarry. However, Bobolinks are a possibility in the area during the summer months. Keep an eye out for Gray Partridge coming off the scrubby hillsides. Swainson's Hawk can be found here in summer. There are some riparian areas near the end of this loop and Gray Catbird is a possibility. In winter, search the power lines and bare trees for Northern Shrike.

## **Lostine River Road**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°29'09.5"N 117°25'54.9"W  
([45.485961, -117.431919](#))

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Check out the [Lostine Canyon Auto Tour](#)

**Location:** From Lostine, go south on this road for 18 miles as it follows the Lostine River into the Wallowa National Forest. At 3.7 miles, take a side trip on Mountain View Road ([45.439124, -117.419383](#)) to Lostine Reservoir. Look for the [Bowman River Trail](#) at mile 14.8.

**Habitat and Birds:** This road follows the Lostine River and winds through farmland and into timber. Riparian vegetation is never far from the road. Species noted here in the past include Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, Barn Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, Bohemian Waxwing and Yellow Warbler. Other forest species are expected as you move higher into the timber. American Three-toed Woodpecker and Pacific Wren can sometimes be found on the Bowman River Trail.

## **Leap Lane**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45 30' 33" N 117 16' 51" W  
([45.509589, -117.281529](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Leap Lane](#)

**Location:** From 1st Street in Wallowa, head east and leave town on Whiskey Creek Road. Go 2.3 miles (past Hill Road and the cemetery) and turn left (east) on Leap Lane. Stay on Leap Lane for 16 miles and return to Hwy 3.

**Habitat and Birds:** Birds you might find on this road include Chukar, Gray Partridge, hawks & falcons, Short-eared Owl, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, woodpeckers, Horned Lark, swallows, American Tree Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch and Snow Bunting.

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**geographic coordinates** 45°25'39.0"N 117°17'12.6"W  
([45.427485, -117.286840](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Golf Course Road](#)

**Location:** Golf Course Road is on the west end of Enterprise off of Hwy 82. Take this road north for about 10 miles from Enterprise. There are a couple of options that provide a loop back to town. You can take School Flat Road ([45.529909, -117.333998](#)) west which will bring you back to Lostine. Or you can take Golf Course a little farther north and take Leap Lane ([45.548498, -117.332826](#)) east and end up at Hwy 3 which will take you back to Enterprise. If you can do both, do it.

**Habitat and Birds:** This road is a popular winter route because of the species one might find here. American Tree Sparrow is often found here along with flocks of Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch and Snow Bunting. Ring-necked Pheasants are abundant and a few Sharp-tailed Grouse have been released along this route. Gray Partridge are relatively abundant and raptors are plentiful. Snowy Owls are possible in good owl flight years. In summer, look for Ferruginous Hawk, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Short-eared Owl and Bank Swallow (nesting in bank behind Mountain Auto Repair, just as you are leaving Enterprise).

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**geographic coordinates** 45°25'50.9"N 117°16'09.0"W  
([45.430818, -117.269155](#))

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**Location: Some of this road is very primitive (especially Ant Flat Road) so 4-wheel drive is advised and you should avoid it all together on deep snow years.** From the center of Enterprise. Take North Street all the way to the east edge of town and turn north on 4th Street. Go five blocks and then 4th veers to the east and becomes Chico Road. Chico soon becomes Ant Flat Road and goes straight north for 7.2 miles until it meets up with Hwy 3. You can take Hwy 3 back to Enterprise or take it north into the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (It's about 35 miles from this location to the Washington border).

**Habitat and Birds:** Birds you might find on this road include Chukar, Gray Partridge, hawks & falcons, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, woodpeckers, Horned Lark, swallows, sparrow including American Tree and Vesper, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch and Snow Bunting.

## **Enterprise**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°25'35.1"N 117°16'44.0"W  
([45.426416, -117.278895](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Enterprise](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Pete's Pond](#)

[City Information](#)

**Location:** Enterprise is located 64 miles east of La Grande on Hwy 82.

**Habitat and Birds:** . Like most NE Oregon towns, Enterprise is a magnet for some of Oregon's most sought after species. While White-winged Crossbill, Pine Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches are often rare, they can be found in great abundance in good years. Bohemian Waxwings are a normal winter species, however, abundance varies from year-to-year. Gray Partridges can be found on the town edges. One of the best locations is **Pete's Pond**. From Central Enterprise, take Depot Street south for 0.3 miles and turn right on Thorpes Lane. Go one block and turn left on Montclair Street. The pond can be viewed from Montclair ([45.420364, -117.282982](#)). Some of the nice birds that have turned up on the local Christmas Bird Count are Snow Goose, Wood Duck, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Chukar, Gray Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Osprey, Northern Goshawk, Ferruginous



Hawk, Merlin, Gyrfalcon, Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane, Herring Gull, Barn Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Great Gray Owl, Short-eared Owl, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Northern Shrike, Gray Jay, Blue Jay, three chickadee species, Pygmy Nuthatch, Marsh Wren, American Dipper, American Tree Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting.

## **Enterprise Fish Hatchery and Enterprise WMA**

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([45.417125, -117.302046](#))

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eBird Hotspot Checklist for Enterprise WMA

**Location:** About a mile west of Enterprise on Hwy 82, take Fish Hatchery Road south for about 0.5 miles (past a large pond that sports viewing pullouts and a trail). The road curves to the left. Look for the fish hatchery after the curve.

**Habitat and Birds:** Look for a large pond on the western border of this area. It has produced some of the more unusual waterfowl sightings for the area, including Blue-winged Teal. Check the marshy areas for Marsh Wren, Sora, Virginia Rail and Common Yellowthroat. White-faced Ibis, American Redstarts and Gray Catbirds have been seen here before. Check the large cottonwoods for Western Screech-Owl and seasonal migrants. The brushy areas are good for sparrows and often contain surprising numbers of Ring-necked Pheasants.

## **Zumwalt Road**

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**geographic coordinates** 45°24'54.4"N 117°08'50.4"W  
([45.415102, -117.147337](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Zumwalt Prairie](#)

**Location:** Travel east out of Enterprise on Hwy 82. Go 2.6 miles and turn left (north) on Crow Creek Road. Take Crow Creek Rd. 4.9 miles east to Zumwalt Road. Take Zumwalt north for 25 miles through [Zumwalt Prairie](#) and on to the Wallowa National Forest.

**Habitat and Birds:** Birds seen along this road include a dozen species of duck, Chukar, Gray Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Mountain Quail, Western

Grebe, eleven hawks (including falcons), Wilson's Phalarope, Great Horned Owl, Great Gray Owl, Short-eared Owl, Common Nighthawk, Vaux's Swift, five woodpecker sp., nine species of flycatchers including Willow and "Western-type" (The distribution of Cordilleran/Pacific -slope in Eastern Oregon is not well understood), Cassin's Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, Horned Lark, swallows, three nuthatches, both bluebirds, 5 species of warbler including Yellow-breasted Chat, seven species of sparrow (including Brewer's), Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak.

## **Elk Mountain and Crow Creek Roads** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°23'51.9"N 117°13'48.6"W  
([45.397760, -117.230165](#))

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**Location:** Travel east out of Enterprise on Hwy 82. Go 2.6 miles and turn left (north) on Crow Creek Road. Go north for 1.2 miles to a "Y". Bear left if you want Elk Mountain Road or go right if you want to stay on Crow Creek Road. Crow Creek winds through farmland before turning north into the hilly grasslands. You can take either road north for 27 miles if you want before they dissolve into branching forest service roads in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. **It's not recommended that you go past the grasslands on either road in the winter.** Elk Mt. Road is good for large flocks of Horned Larks which often contain Snow Buntings and, occasionally, Lapland Longspur. Check the farm houses for feeders that often produce Gray-crowned Rosy-finch and American Tree Sparrow.

**Habitat and Birds:** Check out the marshy area near Hwy 82 for winter birds like redpolls, sparrows (American Tree and Harris's) and Gray Partridge. Look for these species all along this road. Further up the road keep your eyes peeled for Golden Eagle, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch and Snow Bunting. Check the Horned Lark Flocks for the occasional longspur. Gyrfalcon has been recorded on this road in the past.

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**geographic coordinates** 45°22'21.2"N 117°13'07.3"W  
([45.372563, -117.218696](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Joseph Sewage Ponds](#)

**Location:** From Joseph, travel north on Main Street and go 0.5 miles from the edge of town. Turn right (east) on Walker Lane. Go 0.5 miles to Valley View Road and turn left (north). Take this road a short distance to the ponds.

**Habitat and Birds:** These very productive sewage ponds have produced the following sightings in years past: Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Redhead, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bald Eagle, Sora, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Bank Swallow and Red-winged Blackbird.

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**geographic coordinates** 45°21'15.7"N 117°13'47.6"W  
([45.354359, -117.229894](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Joseph](#)

[City Information](#)

**Location:** Joseph is seven miles south of Enterprise on Hwy 82.

**Habitat and Birds:** This is a wonderful place to bird in the winter. Seeing giant flocks of Bohemian Waxwing that can number in the hundreds is pretty thrilling. Some of the other species recorded within the city limits are Tundra Swan, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Redhead, Barrow's Goldeneye, Merlin, Ring-necked Pheasant, Mountain Quail, Bald Eagle, Sora, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Great Gray Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, both kingbirds, swallows, Cedar Waxwing, Lazuli Bunting and Common Redpoll

## **Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site**      [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°20'34.7"N 117°13'25.1"W  
([45.342964, -117.223653](#))

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**Location:** From downtown Joseph travel south on the Wallowa Lake Hwy for approximately one mile. As you round a long right hand turn leaving the town of Joseph look for a small round parking lot with a bathroom and informative signs. Parking here you can follow a small network of trails through the heritage site and to Knight's Pond.

**Habitat and Birds:** This area has very diverse habitat for a small area. An irrigation ditch flows through the site and plays the role of a natural stream with a robust riparian habitat. The Wallowa River also borders the site to the west and can often yield a dipper or a spotted sandpiper. This may also be a good place to find a Gray Catbird hiding in the dense brush. The ponderosa pine forest area is a great place to view mountain chickadees and Golden-crowned Kinglets during winter and various woodpecker including Red-naped Sapsuckers during the summer months. Pygmy and Great-horned owls are also not uncommon to the area. The sight also has wide open grassy meadows where Western Meadowlarks can be seen singing and Savannah and Vesper's sparrows can be seen.

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**geographic coordinates** 45 21' 01" N 117 16' 17" W

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[eBird Hotspot for Hurricane Creek Trailhead](#)

**Location:** In Enterprise, take S. River Street south and leave town. At this point, the road becomes Hurricane Creek Road. Travel about 5.4 miles on Hurricane Creek Road to the creek itself and the campground. Don't miss the side road to the airport for a quick detour ([45.350419, -117.271390](#)). If you continue south, the road will eventually take you to the Hurricane Creek Trailhead (about 8.8 miles from Joseph and 3.7 miles from the airport [Y 45.311446, -117.307277](#)) that follows the creek to its source . From Joseph, you can take Wallowa Street west past the fairgrounds and airport and hook up with Hurricane Creek.

**Habitat and Birds:** Watch for Bobolinks in summer at the beginning of this road. Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, three chickadee species, Brown Creeper, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Evening Grosbeak and Pine Grosbeak can all be found further into the forest along this road.

## **Little Sheep Creek Canyon** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 45°20'07.8"N 117°04'50.5"W  
([45.335496, -117.080685](#))

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**Location:** From Joseph, travel 7.5 miles east on Hwy 350 and you will enter the canyon. Hwy 350 travels north through the canyon for 22 miles to Imnaha.

**Habitat and Birds:** Riparian vegetation lines this entire, route and steep canyons are interspersed with sloping grass-laden hillsides. Gray Catbirds (rare), Black-capped Chickadees, Canyon Wren, Rock Wren, Vaux's Swift, White-throated Swift, Lazuli Bunting, Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Chukar, Western Kingbird, Black-headed Grosbeak and American Redstart (rare) can be found here. Red-eyed Vireo is a possibility and Yellow-breasted Chat are abundant in summer. Look for Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches in the rocky slopes and watch for redpolls in winter.

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Wallowa Lake State Park](#)

**Location:** From Enterprise, take Hwy 82 south to Joseph. In Joseph, take Main Street south to Hwy 351. Hwy 351 runs south of Joseph for just one mile to the lake. Keep on this road to the south end of the lake to find the state park.

**Habitat and Birds:** [State Park Website](#) In summer look for forest species like woodpeckers and nuthatches. Swainson's Thrush, Cassin's Finch and Red Crossbill all nest near here. Look for Common Loon on the lake. Bald Eagles do nest around the lake. Great Horned Owls nest near the campground. Check the lodge at the lake for hummingbirds. These feeders have produced Black-chinned, Calliope, Rufous and even Broad-tailed Hummingbirds (rare). In winter, look for Barrow's Goldeneye on the lake along with the occasional Common Loon (Yellow-billed Loon has been here). The fall can bring a drop in water levels and shorebirds are possible at this time. Sanderling, Parasitic Jaeger and Sabine's Gull have all been found here. Some of the other birds seen here include Northern Shoveler, Common Merganser, American White Pelican, Osprey, Spotted Sandpiper, Ring-billed & California Gull, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, three chickadee species, Brown Creeper, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak.

## Wallowa Lake Tramway and Trail

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[Tramway Website](#)

**Location:** From Enterprise, take Hwy 82 south to Joseph. In Joseph, take Main Street south to Hwy 351. Hwy 351 runs south of Joseph for just one mile to the lake. Keep on this road to the south end of the lake and continue to the end of the road where you will find a parking area for the tram. The tram takes you to the summit of Mountain Howard which is SE of Wallowa Lake at over 8,000 feet in elevation. There are several trails at the top and a small restaurant to enjoy an alpine lunch. The tram is only open mid-May to September. In 2010, the cost was \$24 per adult with a discount for seniors and kids. Check the website for current prices. When done, continue on south on Power House Road for 0.8 miles to the [Wallowa Lake Trailhead](#) ([45.267051, -117.212904](#))

**Habitat and Birds** This area has the potential to produce any high-elevation species such as Spruce Grouse, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, or White-winged Crossbill. The more likely species here include Clark's Nutcracker (gobs of them begging tourists), Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Mountain Bluebird and White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco. Keep your eyes open for raptors on top. The occasional Northern Goshawk will feed on flocks of small birds at the summit.

## Kinney Lake

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**geographic coordinates** 45°18'52.3"N 117°06'13.6"W  
([45.314523, -117.103785](#))

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**Location:** From Joseph, take Hwy 350 (also called Imnaha or Little Sheep Creek Road) east for about 5.4 miles and turn right (south) on Tucker Downs Road. Take Tucker Downs for 1.5 miles and turn left (east) on Kinney Lake Road. Take this road one mile to the lake. **REMEMBER: KINNEY LAKE IS PRIVATE PROPERTY WHERE TRIPLE CREEK RANCH HAS GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED ACCESS. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL WHILE VISITING.**

**Habitat and Birds:** Besides Wallowa Lake and the sewage ponds in Joseph, this is one of the few open water lakes in the area. On the way to the lake and at the lake, look and listen for Grasshopper Sparrow. Look for

waterfowl, shorebirds, passerines and Gray Partridge here. (Thanks to Howard Horvath, David Smith and Jamie Simmons for this info).

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**geographic coordinates** 45°17'08.1"N 117°07'10.8"W  
Entrance and Parking Area ([45.285569, -117.119665](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Ferguson Ski Area](#)

**Location:** Drive east 5.4 miles from Joseph, on Hwy 350. Turn right on Tucker Down Road (County Road 633). Drive south for approximately 3.6 miles and look for the sign to the ski resort. When you first turn onto the entrance road, there is a large parking area. Sometimes the birding is best here (especially during ski season) because you don't have to fight the ski resort noise. You can drive all the way into the resort and search for birds.

**Habitat and Birds:** Mixed conifers and wide open spaces. This is a decent location for finding the big three most wanted birds (White-winged Crossbill, Pine Grosbeak, Spruce Grouse). That's not all you can see here though. Look for Snow Buntings and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches on the way up to the trail (Tucker Down Rd.). Dusky and Ruffed Grouse are here along with the Spruce Grouse and you have a decent chance of seeing all three. Keep an eye out for Great Gray Owl in the open areas. Cassin's Finches and Red Crossbills are here along with Gray Jay, Black-backed Woodpecker and American Three-toed Woodpecker. If you will be visiting the Joseph area, this is a must see location. Be careful of snow levels in winter.

## **McCully Creek**      [return to the top](#)

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([45.277227, -117.135954](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for McCully Creek](#)

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**Location:** Drive east 5.4 miles from Joseph, on Hwy 350. Turn right on Tucker Down Road (County Road 633). Drive south for approximately 4.6 miles, (one mile past the Ferguson Ridge Ski Area turnoff). Turn right on FS Road 3920-012. The trailhead is approximately 0.5 miles. You can park at the trailhead and access the trail there or you can park down by the gate (don't block the gate) and begin your walk there. Hike about 0.75 miles and the gravel ends where the trail splits. Take the left split (Look for an arrow



made from small rocks) and hike for as long as you have time. Watch for cryptically colored grouse along the trail edges and on fallen logs off the trail. The author has found August to be a good time to find birds here as the chicks are well grown and the adult females make soft contact calls to warn all the kids of approaching danger.

**Habitat and Birds:** Mixed conifers and high mountain meadows. This is one of the best locations in the Wallowa Mountains for finding the big three most wanted birds (White-winged Crossbill, Pine Grosbeak, Spruce Grouse). That's not all you can see here though. Look for Snow Buntings and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches on the way up to the trail (Tucker Down Rd.). Dusky and Ruffed Grouse are here along with the Spruce Grouse and you have a decent chance of seeing all three. Keep an eye out for Great Gray Owl in the open areas. Cassin's Finches and Red Crossbills are here along with Gray Jay, Black-backed Woodpecker and American Three-toed Woodpecker. If you will be visiting the Joseph area, this is a must see location. Be careful of snow levels in winter.

## **Clear Lake Ridge Nature Conservancy Reserve**

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**geographic coordinates** 45°28'36.4"N 116°56'10.1"W  
([45.476782, -116.936140](#))

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**Location:** The preserve is accessed on a rough—but scenic—hiking trail up Devil's Gulch. To reach the trailhead from Joseph:

- Drive approximately 20 miles east on the Little Sheep Creek Highway (toward Imnaha)
- After you pass the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest sign on the south (right) side of the highway, pull over at the next tributary and park on the south side of the highway. (If you pass a fish hatchery located .5 mile further, you'll know you have missed the preserve entrance.)
- Cross the footbridge over the creek just east of the preserve signs.
- Go through the pole fence and hike up the canyon.

**Habitat and Birds:** [Welcome to Clear Lake Ridge Nature Conservancy Reserve](#)

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([45.559412, -116.833048](#))

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**Location:** Imnaha is in NE Wallowa County. From Joseph, take Hwy 350 north for 29.2 miles to Imnaha. Imnaha is right on the Imnaha River. If you're looking for a place to stay so you don't have to go back to Joseph or Enterprise, consider the [Imnaha River Inn Bed & Breakfast](#) or the rather spartan [Imnaha Motel and RV Park](#).

**Habitat and Birds:** The tiny berg of Imnaha is located at the confluence of several waterways, so it has the potential to be a bottleneck for migrating passerines. It also provides a good amount of riparian area surrounded by steep canyons. Some of the birds you might see here include Common Merganser, Chukar, Spotted Sandpiper, Vaux's Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Lazuli Bunting, Lark Sparrow, a myriad of migrants and both Canyon and Rock Wrens. Check out the gardens and ornamental plantings during summer. You may be able to pick up a Broad-tailed Hummingbird. The surrounding hills are mostly timbered and can produce Dusky Grouse, Spruce Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Calliope Hummingbird, Red-naped Sapsucker, Lewis's Woodpecker, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, "Western-type" Flycatcher (The distribution of Cordilleran/Pacific -slope in Eastern Oregon is not well understood), Dusky Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Tree Swallow, three nuthatch species, Mountain and Western Bluebirds, both kinglets, Townsend's Warbler, Western Tanager, Purple Finch, Cassin's Finch and Red Crossbill to name only a few. Both Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Peregrine Falcon have been reported from this area in the past.

## **Zumwalt Prairie Nature Conservancy Preserve**

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([45.680957, -116.939814](#))

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**Location: (from Enterprise, OR)** Take Hwy 82 towards Joseph approximately 3 miles. Turn left on Crow Creek Road. Go 5 miles and turn right on Zumwalt / Buckhorn Road. After approximately 14 miles, you will find yourself at the junction of Zumwalt /Buckhorn Road (697 Road) and

Duckett Road (716 Road). Consult the following website for trails [Directions to Trails and Trail Map](#)

**Habitat and Birds:** [Zumwalt Prairie](#) is North America's largest remaining grassland of its type. A list of birds from this location might include the following: Green-winged Teal, Mountain Quail, Snowy Owl, Cooper's Hawk, American Kestrel, Lewis's Woodpecker, Western & Eastern Kingbirds, Red-eyed Vireo (rare), Clark's Nutcracker, Horned Lark, Black-capped Chickadee, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, House Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Western Tanager, Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Lazuli Bunting, Western Meadowlark.

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([45.437628, -116.662097](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Hat Point Road](#)

**Location:** Hat Point is approximately 56 miles NE of Joseph. From Joseph, take Hwy 350, approximately 33 miles to Imnaha. At the town of Imnaha, take FR 4240 south and then FR 315 to Hat Point which is approximately 23.5 miles to the Hat Point Trailhead. This road is a one-lane gravel road with turnouts, has been resurfaced and is suitable for passenger cars. There is a stock loading ramp, hitch rails, fully accessible restrooms, no camping or water on site. You can usually access the trailhead from July to November and is an entrance to the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and the Snake River. Northwest Forest Pass required except for day use area. Pay station on site.

**Habitat and Birds:** The mountain birding is wonderful all along FR 4240. You could easily spend a whole morning birding your way to Hat Point. If you don't see a single bird, the view will make the trip worthwhile. High altitude forests support high altitude birds. Ruffed, Dusky and Spruce Grouse can be found here. Mountain Quail have been seen here as well. Black-backed and American Three-toed Woodpeckers can be found along with several other woodpecker species (especially Williamson's Sapsucker). Rarely, White-winged Crossbills and Pine Grosbeaks can be seen in the area along with many more common forest species.

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**Location:** [Hell's Canyon Recreation Sites](#) Access to Hell's Canyon is limited and will often involve a hike in or a backpacking trip. A number of guides will take tour boats up the canyon from Lewiston or Rogersburg for day trips and drop-offs. There are a few [lodges within the canyon](#). Hell's Canyon can also be reached via Halfway to Hell's Canyon Dam where a trail makes a short trip down the river.

**Habitat and Birds:** [USFS Hell's Canyon Website](#)

## **Lick Creek Campground Area**

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**geographic coordinates** 45°09'24.3"N 117°02'00.9"W

([45.156746, -117.033581](#))

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**Location:** Lick Creek is approximately 19 miles southeast from Joseph. From Joseph take Hwy 350 (also called Imnaha or Little Sheep Creek Road) for 7.8 miles, turn right on Forest Road 39 (A.K.A. Wallowa Mountains Loop Road or the Hells Canyon Scenic Byway). Go approximately 16 miles and the campground is on your left after the Lick Creek Crossing. From this location, you can make several side trips exploring the forest. Purchase a USFS map of the area and explore at will. Know that the scenic byway is usually closed by snow from late October through late May or early June and is not passable with motor vehicles. 15 miles past Lick Creek C.G. on Forest Road 39 is Ollokot Campground. There are hummingbird feeders near the host trailer. Both Rufous and Broad-tailed have been seen here. Look for Spruce Grouse on F.S. Rd 3960 past this campground.

**Habitat and Birds:** This area is famous for finding Spruce Grouse. Be careful since Ruffed Grouse and Dusky Grouse are both present here as well. Other forest species like Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, three chickadee species, Brown Creeper, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak are expected.