

## **2019 – Central and Southeastern Oregon**

### **Saturday, September 7 – Drive to Bend (490 miles; 8.5 hours)**

Drive to Bend  
Have dinner at the Deschutes Brewery Pub  
Stay at Econo Lodge in Bend

### **Sunday, September 8 – Cascades Scenic Byway and John Day Fossil Beds (Painted Hills Unit) (85 miles; 1.75 hours)**

Start to drive the Cascades Scenic Byway from Sisters  
Stop to see the interesting lava Dee Wright Observatory  
Turn around because of rain and have lunch at Martolli's Pizza in Sisters  
Drive an hour and 45 minutes to the Painted Hills Unit of John Day Fossil Beds  
Hike the 1-mile (RT) Overlook Trail for great views of the Painted Hills  
Hike the 1.5-mile Carroll Rim Trail for a bird's eye view of the Painted Hills  
Camp along a Forest Road just outside the park  
Drive back into the park and hike the ¼-mile Painted Cove Trail

### **Monday, September 9 – John Day Fossil Beds (Sheep Rock Unit) (45 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive an hour to the Sheep Rock Unit of John Day Fossil Beds  
Stop at the BLM Mascall Formation Overlook for great views of Sheep Rock  
Scout out possible camping spots for the night – found spot on ridge on BLM land  
Stop at the Thomas Canton Paleontology Museum and Visitor Center  
Walk to the Sheep Rock view point to photograph this beautiful formation  
Hike the 3.4-mile (760 feet elevation gain) Blue Basin Overlook Trail for great views  
Hike the 1.3-mile Island in Time trail through the blue-green badlands  
Hike the 1 1/2-mile Flood of Fire Trail  
Drive back out of the park and camp on a ridge with great views on BLM land

### **Tuesday, September 10 – Alvord Desert (225 miles; 4.5 hours)**

Drive 4.5 hours to and onto the Alvord Desert playa  
Run 6 miles out on the playa  
Camp on the playa

### **Wednesday, September 11 – Steens Mountain Scenic Byway (130 miles; 4 hours)**

Drive the 66-mile scenic byway to the top of Steens Mountain and down  
Stop to photograph wild horses  
Hike 1-mile (RT) to the summit of Steens Mountain with panoramic views  
Have lunch at the historic Frenchglen Hotel  
Get a tent site at the Steens Mountain Wilderness Campground so we can shower  
Really camp at the BLM Page Springs Campground on the Donner and Blitzen River

### **Thursday, September 12 – Hart Mountain Wildlife Refuge (60 miles; 2 hours)**

Drive 2 hours, much along a gravel road, to the Hart Mountain Wildlife Refuge  
Photograph the many pronghorn antelope in the grasslands along the drive  
Soak in the natural hot spring at the Hart Mountain Hot Springs Campground

Hike 1.5 miles along cliffs beside Petroglyph Lake to see numerous petroglyphs  
Camp at Hart Mountain Hot Springs Campground

**Friday, September 13 – Crater Lake National Park** (260 miles; 6 hours)

Drive 6 hours to Crater Lake National Park

Have lunch at Crater Lake Lodge

Hike the 4-mile (RT) trail from the Lodge to Discover Point Lookout and Back

Hike the 1.6-mile (RT) switchback trail to the Watchman Fire tower overlooking the lake

Photograph the moonrise over Wizard Island

Camp at Mazama Campground

**Saturday, September 14 – Crater Lake to Ashland (Oregon Shakespeare Festival)** (95 miles; 2 hours)

Drive 2 hours to Ashland to the Super 8

Have lunch across the street at the Wild Goose Café

Walk around Lithia Park

Attend the Macbeth performance at the Allen Elizabethan Theater

Stay at Super 8 in Ashland

**Sunday, September 15 – Home** (350 miles; 6 hours)

Drive home

Total Trip Mileage: 1,740 miles

Average Miles per Day: 193 miles