

Explore the region by bike or boot

Bates is an ideal base camp for the outdoor enthusiast. The campground sits between three nearby Wilderness Areas: **Strawberry Mountain** and **Monument Rock** to the south and **North Fork John Day** to the north. Hikers can climb to spectacular views atop **Indian Rock** and **Vinegar Hill**, which together make up the summit of the Greenhorn Range of the Blue Mountains. Or, view the landmarks from afar along the more than 3 miles of trails that wind through Bates State Park's 131 acres.

Bates campground is also convenient to the **Old West Scenic Bikeway**, a 174-mile loop that passes through open sky, rural towns and landmarks such as John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. The park is also on route for cross-country cyclists touring the **TransAmerica Trail**, which runs along Oregon Highway 7, just a few tire spins away from the park.

Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

