



Northeast Oregon



PRIMITIVE CAMPING

**Hilgard Junction
State Recreation Area**
Off I-84, 8 miles W of La Grande

Red Bridge State Wayside
On Hwy 244, 16 miles SW of La Grande

Catherine Creek State Park
On Hwy 203, 8 miles SE of Union

Minam State Recreation Area
Just off Hwy 82, 15 miles NE of Elgin

Ukiah-Dale Forest SSC
On US 395, 3 miles SW of Ukiah



What is primitive camping? Primitive campsites have no utility hookups, but most can accommodate self-contained RVs. One water source usually serves several sites. Hard-surface parking may be available at some sites, or the sites may be arranged as walk-ins in a common area. All sites have picnic tables and fire rings. Some campgrounds may have modern restrooms, but none have showers.

Looking for an out-of-the-way camping destination? Try any of these riverside parks surrounded by National Forest land.

Camping Dates and Rates

Rates are subject to change. Call 1-800-551-6949 or visit oregonstateparks.org for up-to-date information. The length of the season for each campground is dependent on the weather.

Catherine Creek State Park

Latitude: 45.152676 N
Longitude: -117.743438 W

With the scenic peaks of the Wallowa Mountains rising in the background, Catherine Creek State Park offers a refreshing, peaceful setting for fishing or just relaxing. In the past, the spot was used by Native Americans to harvest steelhead and huckleberries. Although salmon numbers declined over time due to bank erosion, today the fish are returning to the sparkling creek thanks to aggressive restoration efforts in the park.

- 19 primitive sites with water nearby (#7 ADA-accessible)
- Parking at all sites (can accommodate self-contained RVs)
- Restrooms with flush toilets
- Two picnic areas (reservable by calling 1-800-452-5687)
- Firewood for sale
- Horseshoe pits (in day-use area)
- Three miles of hiking trails



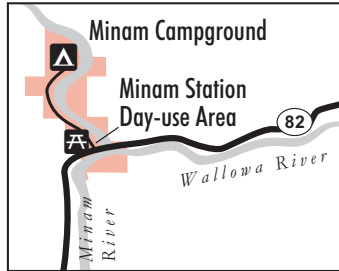
Minam State Recreation Area

Latitude: 45.621308 N
Longitude: -117.724854 W

Located on the banks of the Wallowa River, Minam offers a pristine environment for rafters and anglers. The park is 2 miles north of Highway 82 below the confluence of the Minam and Wallowa rivers.

Campground

- 22 primitive sites, closed during winter
- Water available in or near all sites



- ADA accessible: site 1 and vault toilet
- River access and trails
- Firewood for sale seasonally

Minam Station Day-use Area

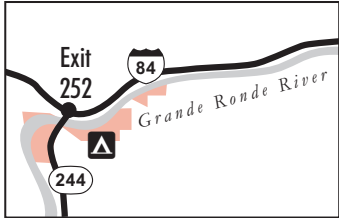
- Visitor information
- Seasonal camp host
- Coinless pay phone
- Vault toilets
- River access and boat launch
- Trails

Hilgard Junction State Recreation Area

Latitude: 45.34027 N
Longitude: -118.238888 W

Covered wagons on the Oregon Trail were maneuvered down the hill facing what is now Hilgard Junction State Recreation Area, a riverside park shaded by cottonwoods, willow trees, and ponderosa pine. Read about the adventures of the early settlers in the park's Oregon Trail interpretive shelter.

- 18 primitive sites with water nearby (1 ADA-accessible)
- Paved parking at all sites (can accommodate self-contained RVs)
- Restrooms with flush toilets
- Firewood for sale
- Grande Ronde River rafting access
- Horseshoe pits
- Oregon Trail interpretive shelter



Red Bridge State Wayside

Latitude: 45.324392 N
Longitude: -118.25663 W

Red Bridge State Wayside features another forested river setting upstream from Hilgard Junction. Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, and stands of cottonwoods make its



Park Information:

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day-use area a prime spot for picnicking, while the river flowing through the park makes it a scenic fishing retreat. Red Bridge is located about eight miles west of the junction of OR 244 and I-84.

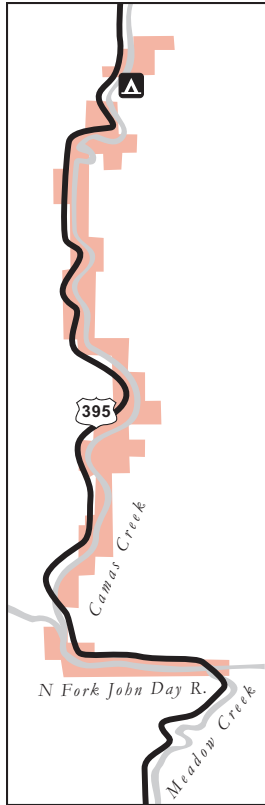
- 10 primitive walk-in tent sites with water nearby
- 10 primitive sites that accommodate self-contained RVs
- Firewood for sale
- Restrooms with flush toilets
- Horseshoe pits

Ukiah-Dale Forest State Scenic Corridor

Latitude: 45.125555 N
Longitude: -118.970555 W

Camas Creek winds through 14 miles of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and western larch forest before emptying into the North Fork of the John Day River at the southern edge of the Ukiah-Dale scenic corridor along U.S. 395. Both runs offer excellent trout, steelhead, and salmon fishing from late May through mid-summer. In the spring, Camas Creek entices rafters and kayakers; in the fall, the campground is a popular base for hunters.

- 26 primitive sites with water nearby
- Paved parking at all sites (can accommodate self-contained RVs)
- Restrooms with flush toilets
- Firewood for sale



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.

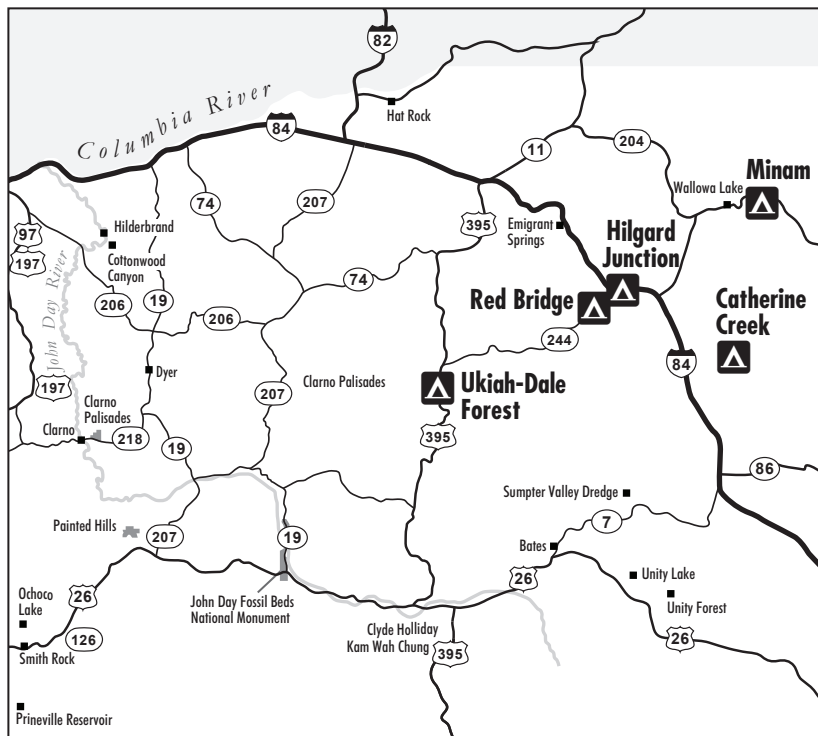


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- Accessible facility
- ♂ ♀ Flush toilet
- ↑ Non-flush toilet
- \$ Self registration
- ? Information
- P Parking
- ⚓ Boat ramp
- ⛶ Picnic area
- ⌛ Horseshoe pit
- Paved trail
- - - Unpaved trail

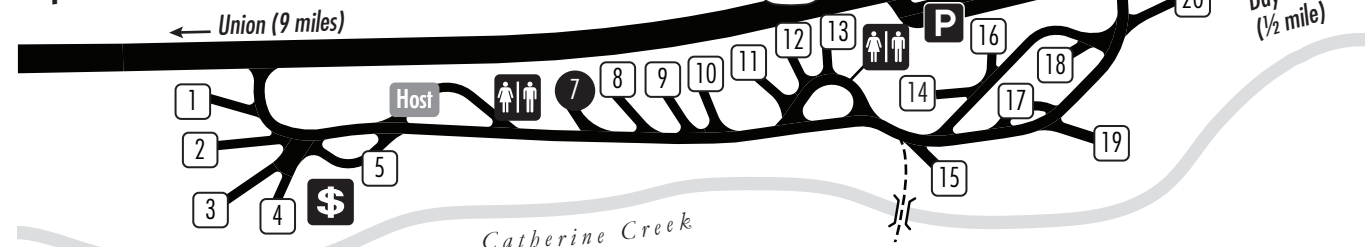
- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Power for generator use is limited; please observe individual park regulations.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.
- Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow. Riders younger than 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed.

Note: The season for each campground is dependent on the weather.



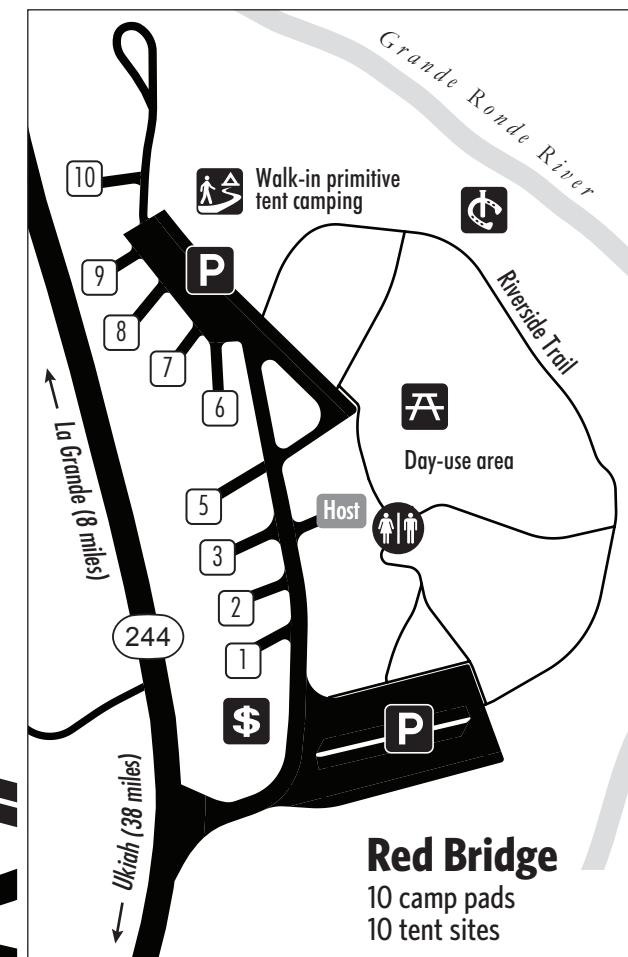
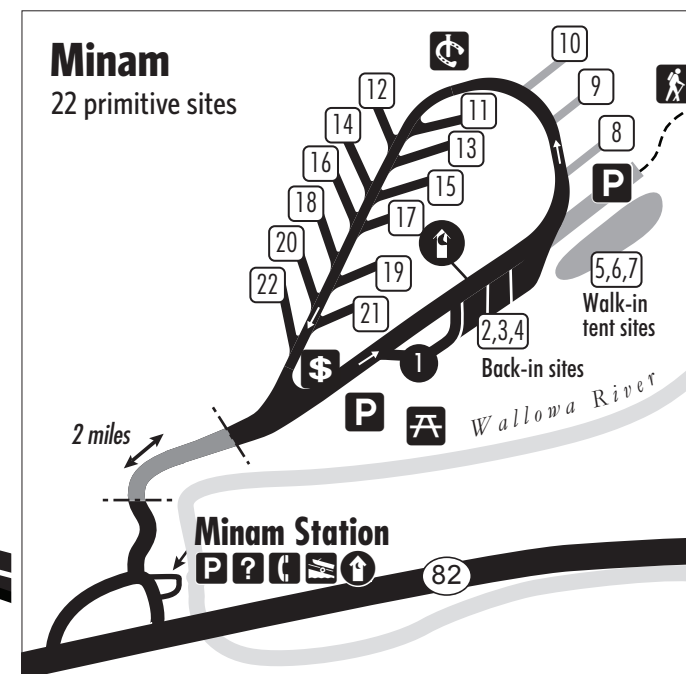
Catherine Creek

19 primitive sites



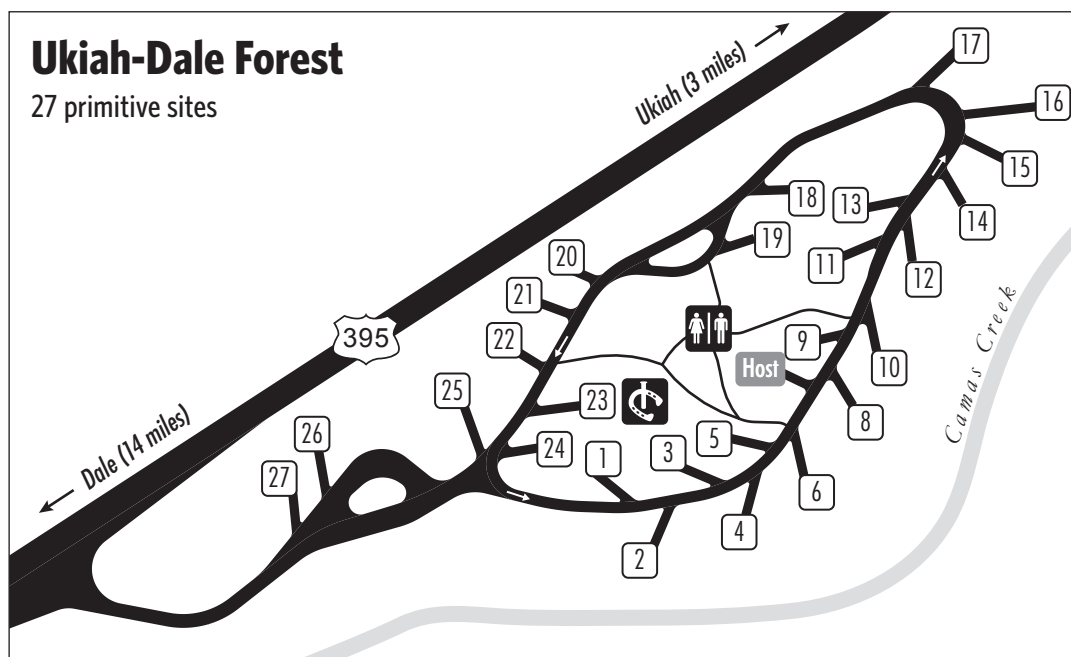
Minam

22 primitive sites



Ukiah-Dale Forest

27 primitive sites



Hilgard Junction

18 primitive sites

