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.
• Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
• Please do not park vehicles on grass.
• 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.

Check-in after 4 p.m., Check-out by 1 p.m.