

Welcome to the Illinois Valley

Here you will find a place to celebrate and enjoy a diverse natural wonderland of ecology, flora, and fauna of the Klamath mountain province that serves as a jumping-off to three wilderness areas: the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou, and Red Buttes Wilderness. On top of this, The Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve offers guided cave tours. Hikers can access trails from here to the high country with an eight-mile hike to Ashland for those hardy trekkers. Wild and scenic rivers, as well as natural and botanical areas await your discovery in this pristine region.

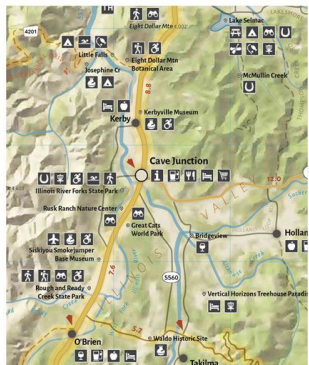
Among the greatest features found here are the innumerable unmain- tained trails and backcountry areas not often visited. These rugged, remote scenic spots are worth every drop of blood and sweat if you know where to look. Old pack trails, miners' routes, and game trails await your adventure. Solitude can also be found in your own little portion of the wilderness, as bears feed on native omits in open meadows, rewarding you with a glimpse of the wild. Finding your own swimming hole can be a challenge but worth the extra steps to get there.

Several hiking guides and recreation opportunities are available through the BLM and the Illinois Valley Ranger District of the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest. Check this map for campgrounds and trails. The Illinois Valley serves as a gate- way to trail networks and Six Rivers National Forest. Also, the Smith River National Recreation Area proudly hosts the clearest river in California. Just west of there is the nearby Redwood Parks, a visitor center in Houchi, California which falls within the boundaries of Jedediah Smith Redwoods, and leads to the scenic Oregon Coast.

For further information, maps, hiking guides, and local knowledge, visit the Illinois Valley Ranger District and the Illinois Valley Visitors Center for all things Oregon Caves and beyond.

Thank you for picking up this brochure. Enjoy your visit!

EIGHT DOLLAR MOUNTAIN And Cave Junction



This area is home to serpentine soils, carnivorous plants, pristine swimming holes, wildflowers, easy hikes, wildlife viewing and stunning scenery.

The following activities are located just off the Redwood Highway, but civilization can feel far away. There is something here for everyone.

- Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical Wayside and the Illinois River from Highway 199 and Eight Dollar Mountain Road, a 4-mile drive takes you to the family friendly and wheelchair accessible **Eight Dollar Mountain Boardwalk Trail**. This is a 3/4 mile trail that interprets vegetation that leads you to the center
- Continue on Eight Dollar Mountain Road for 2 more miles to find a campground and trail to the **Little Illinois River Falls**. This waterfall is perfect to view salmon migration in the fall and winter.

TAKILMA & Red Buttes Wilderness



Home to a thriving back-to-the-land community and the parent-cooperative Dome School, the quirky village of Takilma straddles the Oregon-California border.

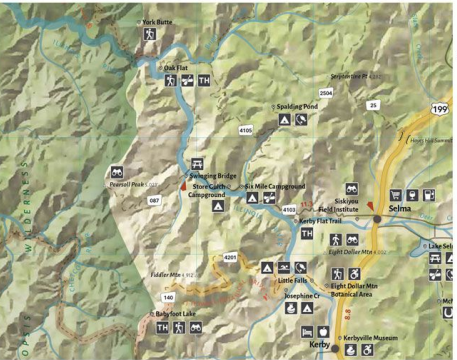
- Make the three-mile communi- ty-bikebuilt footpath and return the waves of friendly residents from "Four Corners" all the way to the Green River swimming hole.
- Out V About **Treeshouse Resort** offers rustic tree-top accommo- dations, horseback riding, and hearty family-style ranch house breakfasts. Sleep amid branches under skies sequined with stars, hearing crickets, frogs, and night-hawks. Swim in the river-fed pool, and ride the thrilling ziplines above the forest slopes of Hope Mountain.
- Stream KOC radio online while strolling down Takilma Road, and take the right fork along the East Fork Illinois River to Hogue

of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Nature is resilient: watch for fascinat- ing patterns of post-wildfire regrowth and renewal at **Page Mountain Sno-Park and Bolan Lake** campground, where the 2020 Slater Fire created a mosaic of fire-affected landscape, with a lesser impact towards Tanner Lakes and Red Buttes Wilderness. The Tanner Lakes area hosts two champion trees: A seven-foot

diameter Brewster Spruce, and a split-top Incense Cedar near East Tanner Lake.

- The Illinois Valley offers four access points to the **Red Buttes Wilderness**. One is behind the Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve going out on the Siskiyou Crest via the Boundary Trail. The second is at the upper headwaters of Sucker Creek and the trail to Sucker Cap. The third is Tanner Lakes (headed to Sucker Cap) and the fourth is the Tanner Peak Trail on Thompson Ridge from Thompson Ridge looking south, one can view Slater Butte, which was ground zero for the 2020 Slater Fire.
- Named for the russet hues of iron-rich soils, the Red Buttes Wilderness features **serpentine rock geology that supports unique botanical treasures**. Wildflowers seen nowhere else grace these high peaks, which may be blanketed in snow from September to June. These stunning Siskiyou Mountains are circumscribed by hiking trails and open to equestrian camping amid stands of old growth cedar, pine and fir. Carry plenty of water in your dry summers and heed snow closures as late as June.
- California Agricultural Inspection Station: Travelers heading south from Oregon to California will be required to stop at a California agricultural inspection station. Some fruits and vegetables are not allowed into the state.
- Patrick Creek Lodge and Campground: Patrick Creek Campground has interpretive displays on mining and Civilian

KALMIOPSIS WILDERNESS & the Illinois River



The Illinois River, famous for its blue-green color, flows unobstructed through the Illinois Valley and into the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. It is one of two rivers in Oregon without fish hatcheries and is considered a salmonid watershed stronghold. Designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1984, the Illinois spans 50.4 river miles and isolated miles (28.2 miles Wild, 17.9 miles Scenic, and 3.8 miles Recreational). It is home to class IV rapids and is consistently noted as a difficult multi-day trip for experienced rafters.

- Hiking and backpacking opportunities ranging from moderate to strenuous difficulty are plentiful in this section of the Rogue

and Store Gulch. Be prepared with drinking water and to pack out your own trash.

- The last stop for those traveling without high-clearance vehicles brings you to the **Swinging Bridge** at the McCabe Ranch, a Boy Scout Camp. The suspension bridge hovers 60 feet over the clear water. Beyond this point, there are no vehicles and no adventures including the Illinois River Trail, Pearl Peak Lookout, Upper Cheviot trail and the Kalmiopsis Rim Trail.

- To learn more about the area, the **Siskiyou Field Institute** offers field courses and youth programs at their facility at 1241 Illinois River Rd. There are also facility rentals and lodging opportunities available. Visit sifieldinstitute.org for more information.

The small town of Selma offers groceries, fuel and a post office. Deer Creek Vineyard's award-winning wines are just a few miles down Deer Creek Road. Finally, Josephine County's **Lake Selma Park** off of Lakeshore Drive provides a place for hiking, camping, picnicking, equestrian riding, fishing, and a disc golf course.



Pitching camp on the Wild and Scenic Illinois River. © Bill Wilson, Idaho Creek Outfitters

OREGON CAVES National Monument and Preserve



Deep within the Siskiyou Mountains are dark, twisting passages that await your discovery.

Fans of added water seeping into marble rock created and decorated the wondrous "Marble Falls of Oregon." Join a tour, get a taste of what caving is all about, and explore a mountain from the inside out!

In 1909, by presidential proclamation, Oregon Caves and its surrounding wilderness were designated as a national monument for the enjoyment of future generations. The

and complex arrays of geology. It is also home to the **subterranean National Wild and Scenic River**, the River Styx. The River Styx and other rivers in this watershed are critical to the sustained health of the cave and karst features.

- The centerpiece of the Oregon Caves historic district is the Chateau, one of the grand lodges of the national parks. This unique six-story, cedar bark-sided building was built in 1924 to provide lodging and food service to park visitors. The **Oregon Caves Chateau** was designated a national historic landmark in 1987 because of its architecture and design.
- Campsites are available seasonally in the heart of an old growth forest where you can relax to the sounds of the cascading waters of Cave Creek. **Cave Creek Campground** is located 15 miles up Highway 46 from Cave Junction and just four miles from the cave entrance. The campground offers 17 sites available on a first-come first-serve basis. The spaces are too small for large RVs or trailers. Maximum vehicle length is 20 feet.

The small grove of **Pandora** Lost Domains of the Oregon Caves. © Bill Wilson

REDWOODS And the Smith River



The road through the Smith River National Recreation Area follows the Smith River canyon to Redwood National and State Park where the tallest trees in the world can be found.

To the northwest of the highway are public lands with opportunities for exploring historic stagecoach roads and pack trails used to transport supplies from the port of Crescent City to gold camps in the Illinois Valley. To the southeast, a short drive out of the canyon takes you to the Siskiyou

Walking & Running

Whether it's a brisk morning walk or afternoon stroll, there's a shortage of distinctive terrain and landscapes to be found close at hand.

- Illinois River Forks State Park
- Waters Creek Interpretive Trail
- Grayback Interpretive Trail

Paddle Sport

If you have the guts, we have the lakes and rivers.

- Lake Selma
- Illinois River
- Smith River

Swimming

Summer is the time to find cool, clear water. You will find it here.

- Illinois River Forks State Park
- Illinois River Corridor
- Kerby Flat Trail Leads
- Smith River Recreation Area

Hiking & Backpacking

For those in search of adventure and some more moderate terrain, the Siskiyou-Klamath Mountains offer every type of trail challenge or environment imaginable.

- Oregon Caves
- Historic Osgood Ditch Trail
- Baby Foot Lake Rim Trail
- Kalmiopsis Wilderness

Road & Gravel Biking

Cycle Oregon brought one of their memorable annual road rides through the Illinois Valley. If you're looking for scenery and some challenges, but want to stay on pavement, there is plenty of road to ride.

- State of Jefferson Scenic Byway
- Bolan Lake
- Old Gasquet Toll Road

Mountain Biking

There are literally hundreds of miles of lightly used gravel forest service roads that cross every type of river, forest, meadow, or mountain terrain.

- McGrew Trail
- Page Mountain Sno-Park
- Taylor Creek

Scenic Driving

Each season brings a different look which means every drive has a fresh view. Here's how to see the sights and never leave your car.

- TI Howell Botanical Drive
- State of Jefferson Scenic Byway
- Caves Hwy. 46

Accessible

In the Illinois Valley we are committed to expanding ways to increase access and accessibility. Here are places ready for you.

- Illinois River Forks State Park
- Eight Dollar Mountain Boardwalk Trail
- Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum

Nature Viewing

The Illinois Valley is home to an extraordinary diverse ecology and landscape. Old growth forests, native salmon runs, and clean rivers await.

- Illinois River Forks State Park
- Little Falls along Illinois River
- Rusk Ranch Nature Center

Camping

Looking for tent camping or a yurt? Need an RV hook-up? There are many options throughout the area.

- Lake Selma
- Grayback Campground
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

Historic Sites

The Oregon gold rush started in Sallor's Diggins not far from the Holland Store. The town of Waldo blossomed, then disappeared. Kerby was once the county seat. The first smokejumper base opened here in WWI.

- Kerbyville Museum
- Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum
- Oregon Caves Chateau National Historic Landmark

Take Care Out There

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Illinois Valley at a Glance

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Illinois Valley, gateway to WILD RIVERS & ANCIENT FORESTS

Outdoor Recreation Map

Your guide to trails, backroads, campgrounds, historic sites, & adventure in Southern Oregon's Illinois River Valley



Gasquet, Hiouchi, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Panther Flat Campground, Patrick's Creek Campground, North Fork Smith Botanical Area, North Fork, High Dome, Hazel Mt. Summit, Osgood ditch, Little Crayback, Kelly Lake, Page Mountain Snow Park, East Fork Illinois River Trail, Out'n'About Treehouse Treetop, Waldo Historic Site, Waldo Hill, Border Station, O'Brien, Rough and Ready Creek State Park, Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum, Siskiyou Smokejumper, Great Cats World Park, Rock Ranch Nature Center, Illinois River Forks State Park, Josephine Mtn., Fiddler Mtn., Babyfoot Lake, Little Falls, Josephine Cr., Kerby Flat Trail, Kerby, Kerbyville Museum, Eight Dollar Mtn. Botanical Area, Eight Dollar Mtn., Spalding Pond, Serpentine Pt., York Bluffs, Flat Top, Silver Falls, Freeland Mtn., Taylor Creek Trails, Big Pine Interpretive Trail, Sam Brown Campground, Shast Creek Overlook, Onion Mtn., Limpy Creek Botanical Loop Trail, Limpy Creek, Walters Creek Interpretive Trail, Wonder, Fish Hatchery County Park, Roundtop Mtn., Mungers Butte, Holcomb Peak, Cave Creek Campground, Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve, McEliyah, Bolan Lake, Tanner Lakes, Pyram Peak, Jackson Peak, Happy Camp, 96, 48, 46, 199, 314, 305, 101, 197, 912, 100, 5.9, 5.8, 5.7, 5.6, 5.5, 5.4, 5.3, 5.2, 5.1, 5.0, 4.9, 4.8, 4.7, 4.6, 4.5, 4.4, 4.3, 4.2, 4.1, 4.0, 3.9, 3.8, 3.7, 3.6, 3.5, 3.4, 3.3, 3.2, 3.1, 3.0, 2.9, 2.8, 2.7, 2.6, 2.5, 2.4, 2.3, 2.2, 2.1, 2.0, 1.9, 1.8, 1.7, 1.6, 1.5, 1.4, 1.3, 1.2, 1.1, 1.0, 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.0

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Accessible	Paddle Sports
Airport	Powerboating
Camp	Power Snowsports
Convenience Store	Power Sports
Day Use	Quiet Snowsports
Disc Golf	Restaurant/Bar
Equine	Road Bike
Gas Station	Scenic Drives
Grocery	Sporting Goods
Hike & Backpack	Swim
Historic Site	Trailhead
Hunt & Fish	Visitor Information
Lodging	Walk & Run
Nature Viewing	Winery
Mountain Bike	

Interstate

U.S. Route

State Highway

Local Highway

Unpaved or 4x4

TRAIL

Mileage



Using this Map

Getting There: This area, known as the gateway to wild rivers and ancient forests, is easily accessible by Highway 199, also known as Redwood Highway. Take Exit 55 from the north via Interstate 5 in Grants Pass or Exit 794 from the south via Highway 101 in Crescent City, CA. The small city of Cave Junction is the largest hub for resources. The nearby smaller towns of Selma, Kerby, O'Brien, Gasquet, and Hiouchi offer simple amenities.

Seasons: The spring season brings show-ers. April and May are prime for viewing rare wildflowers. June-September days are dry and warm. Temperatures range from 55-100 in the summer and can drop dra-matically at night. Be aware of area wildfires that can inundate the Valley with smoke in August and September. Fall brings warm days, cool nights and eventually, rain. Winters are generally mild in tem-perature, but very wet. The region receives 50-70 inches of rain a sea-son. Snow is common at higher elevations and reaches the Valley floor a couple times a year.

Connect: with the Illinois Valley Community Website (www.illinoisvalleyweb.org) featuring a cal-endar of events, directory, links and more information. Travel Southern Oregon (www.southernoregon.org) is another excellent resource for the greater SW Oregon region.

Tune in: to the Illinois Valley com-munity radio station KOCLP 105.7 FM and at kcojag

Learn: Josephine Community Library Illinois Valley Branch, 209 W Palmer St., Cave Junction. 541-592-4778

Stop by: Illinois Valley Visitor Center (201 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction) for Oregon Caves tour tickets, information, trip planning, and bookstore.

USFS Wild Rivers Ranger District (2668 Redwood Highway, Cave Junction) for current conditions, passes, permits, maps and more.

USFS Gasquet District/Smith River National Recreation Area (10600 Highway 199 Gasquet, CA) for current conditions, passes, permits, maps and more.

NPS Hiouchi Visitor Center for Redwood National and State Parks information and programs.

Grants Pass

Wilderville

Selma

Kerby

Cave Junction

Holland

O'Brien

Takima

Happy Camp

Gasquet

Hiouchi

Merlin

Murphy

Grayback Mtn.

Pyram Peak

Jackson Peak

Waldo Hill

High Dome

North Fork

North Fork Smith Botanical Area

Patricks Creek Campground

Panther Flat Campground

Gasquet

Hiouchi

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

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