Seasonal Camping (March 1–November 30)
- 31 first-come, first-served electrical sites with water (one pull-through)
- 2 reservable tepees (open mid-April through late September)
- Paved parking, picnic tables, and fire rings at all sites
- Hiker/biker camp
- Hot showers and flush toilets
- Firewood and ice sales
- RV dump station near the campground entrance
- Restrooms and water fountains
- Horseshoe pits
- Outdoor amphitheater with interpretive programs in summer

Camping Rates
Rates are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

Try a Tepee
Enjoy a unique camping experience in one of the park’s two tepees from mid-April until late September. Both have electricity and foam mattresses inside and fire rings and picnic tables outside. Parking and running water are nearby. To reserve, call 1-800-452-5687 or go to www.oregonstateparks.org.

Enjoy Nature
Take a relaxing stroll on our nature trail along the river.

Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site
The Kam Wah Chung & Co. building is filled with a collection of historic artifacts from the days when it was a gold-mining-era trading post, herbal apothecary practice, and Chinese community center. Built in 1866-67, the small structure is now preserved as a museum and is open daily, May–October. To visit the museum, you’ll need to sign up for a free ranger-led tour at the nearby visitor center, which also has additional interpretive displays and a gift shop. Sign up early, as tours fill quickly.

John Day Fossil Beds
The John Day Fossil Beds National Monument’s visitor center and nearby Sheep Rock Unit are approximately 20 miles west of the park off OR 19. The Sheep Rock Unit and two other areas, the Clarno and Painted Hills units, protect fossils of extinct mammals, plants, and insects that lived 30 million years ago. The Painted Hills Unit, with its color-hued domes formed by layers of volcanic sediment, is farther west on US 26, nine miles northwest of Mitchell.

Smurter Valley Dredge
The Smurter Valley Dredge excavated more gold from Oregon soil than any other piece of equipment. See the hulking relic at the Smurter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area, approximately a 60-minute drive northeast of Clyde Holliday.

Operated between 1935 and 1954, the five-story, 125-foot-long floating dredge excavated $4.5 million in gold. Take a tour during the summer or go for a walk on the nature trail along the dredge’s tailings past a maze of ponds. Watch for beavers, river otter, and a variety of waterfowl.

Frenchglen Loop
A national wildlife refuge, a frontier-inspired bed and breakfast, a unique round barn, and views of spectacular Steens Mountain make the Frenchglen Loop a worthwhile trip. To begin, head east to John Day and then go south to Burns. Continue south past the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, home to dozens of varieties of migratory birds.

The historic eight-room Frenchglen Hotel restaurant and inn is 60 miles south of Burns. The hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and lies at the foot of Steens Mountain. From Frenchglen, backtrack northeast to the Pete French Round Barn. Stop at the barn and marvel at the skill of its builder, 19th century rancher Peter French.

To Bend
Take a tour of the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area, then drive north toward the Painted Hills unit of the John Day Fossil Beds. To the east, you can find the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site and the nearby Sheep Rock Unit. From there, backtrack to the Frenchglen Loop. To the west, head south toward the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and the historic Frenchglen Hotel and Round Barn.
• Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
• Vehicles must be parked on pavement.
• Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow. Riders under age 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. (See our “Pets in Parks” brochure for details.)

**NOTE:** Please do not dump sewer waste in campground’s waste water basins.

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