Welcome to The John Day River Territory

This beautiful part of Oregon is woven together by the John Day River, one of our nation’s longest free-flowing river systems with protection under both the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the Oregon Scenic Waterways Act. You are guaranteed some of the best natural, scenic and recreational experiences around, including Cottonwood Canyon State Park, Oregon’s largest, and:

- Whitewater Rafting
- Hunting and Fishing
- Fossil Hunting
- Star Gazing
- Horseback Riding
- Biking and Hiking
- Motorcycling
- Windsurfing
- Gold Panning
- Nature Photography
- Birding

Experience

A Land of Exploration and Wonder

Discover The John Day River Territory is less than 250 miles from Portland, Seattle, Boise, Bend, Salem and Spokane. An easy drive from anywhere!

Download our mobile app or email info@johndayriverterritory.com for our full brochure with a detailed map and lists of amenities.

You can also find us online at JohnDayRiverTerritory.com and on Facebook.

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Epic Landscapes

Ancient Fossils

Untamed Waterways

Painted Hills Unit
John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
Unplug and Slow Down, or Kick It Up a Bit

We sure have a lot going for us – what we don’t have is a lot of people. Unplug and slow down in our small, friendly communities. Take the scenic route. Watch the Milky Way spinning. Wave at everyone. Breathe out and smile.

Or, if you like, we have some rockin’ good times for you, too! Summer is the perfect time to visit our county fairs, rodeos and festivals:

- Condon’s Fabulous 4th of July
- Arlington’s Fishing Derby
- Wasco Memorial Day Celebration
- Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival
- Painted Hills Festival
- BMW Motorcycle Rally
- Canyon City’s 62 Day Celebration of the Goldrush

Epic Landscapes and Pioneer History

We are also known for our history – from ancient fossils to Native Americans, the Oregon Trail and early homesteaders. We celebrate this history with fossil hunting and incredible award-winning museums. Just a few of these include:

- Sherman County Historical Museum
- Gilliam County Historical Museum
- Oregon Paleo Lands Institute
- John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
- Kam Wah Chung Museum
- Grant County Historical Museum
- Grant County Ranch & Rodeo Museum

While You Are Here

**STAY** Experience a wonderful collection of historic hotels, quaint B & B’s with delicious local breakfasts, friendly inn keepers who’ve been there for generations and bring local history to life. Go rugged and discover the perfect campsite or spend the night in a teepee. The choices are many.

**SAVOR** Ever have elk with a Blue Cheese-Port Sauce or a real ranch feast with ingredients fresh from the farm? Discover culinary delights and down home cooking around every corner.

**EXPLORE** Find yourself on untraveled roads perfect for motorcyclists and cyclists (Old West Scenic Bikeway), or day tripping with amazing vistas, wildlife and historic small towns. Breathe in the sheer beauty and quiet of this place.

On the Move

**THE PACE** We sure have a lot going for us – what we don’t have is a lot of people. Unplug and slow down in our small, friendly communities. Take the scenic route. Watch the Milky Way spinning. Wave at everyone. Breathe out and smile.

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