

Illinois Valley at a Glance

- The home of the **Oregon gold rush**, Siskiyou Smokejumpers, and the Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve.
- **Indigenous lands** of the Takelma, Tolowoc, and Cow Creek Umpqua people.
- **Wild and scenic rivers** including the Illinois, Smith North Fork and Sky; the first—and only—**underground river** in the national system.
- **Carnivorous plants**, rare wildflowers, giant Redwood trees and natural beauty abound.

What is the Illinois River Valley?

The Illinois Valley is the gateway to wild rivers and ancient forests, a favorite destination for those who came before us. Preserve draws visitors seeking to connect with nature and all to enjoy the destination for its scenic views, historic sites, and Red Butte wilderness areas. Siskiyou National Monument and Red Butte wilderness areas, named for the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou and undisturbed beauty. Siskiyou Valley is surrounded by isolated winding roads and reminds you of the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou and undisturbed beauty. Siskiyou Valley is surrounded by isolated winding roads and reminds you of the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou and undisturbed beauty. Siskiyou Valley is surrounded by isolated winding roads and reminds you of the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou and undisturbed beauty.



Flight on the Illinois River. Will Volpert, Indigo Creek Outfitters

Illinois Valley, gateway to WILD RIVERS & ANCIENT FORESTS

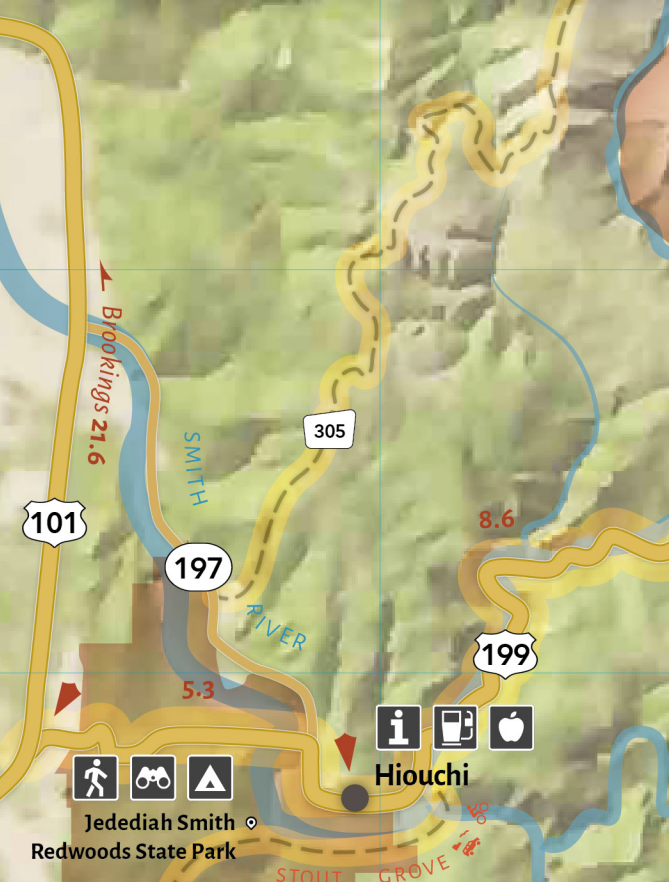
Outdoor Recreation Map



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



Fun and learning for the whole family at Rusk Ranch. Rusk Ranch Nature Center

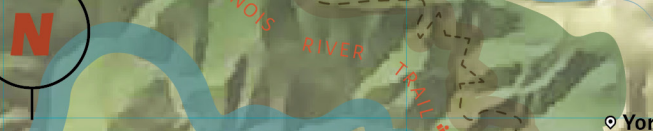


Enjoy a tranquil float or thrilling plunge on one of the Illinois Valley's many crystal clear rivers. Will Volpert, Indigo Creek Outfitters

LEGEND

	Accessible		Paddle Sports
	Airport		Powerboating
	Camp		Power Snowsports
	Convenience Store		Power Sports
	Day Use		Quiet Snowsports
	Disc Golf		Restaurant/Bar
	Equestrian		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		TRAIL
	U.S. Route		ROUTE
	State Highway		Mileage
	Local Highway		
	Unpaved or 4x4		



Getting above it all at Windy Gap near Grayback Mountain. Chad Thomson, VP of Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association

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 showery 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 drastically 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 temperature, but very wet. The region receives 50-70 inches of rain a season. 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 calendar 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 community radio station KXCJ-LP 105.7 FM and at kxcj.org

Peruse: The Illinois Valley News, a weekly newspaper for local events and area information

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 bookstores.

USFS Wild Rivers Ranger District (26568 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.

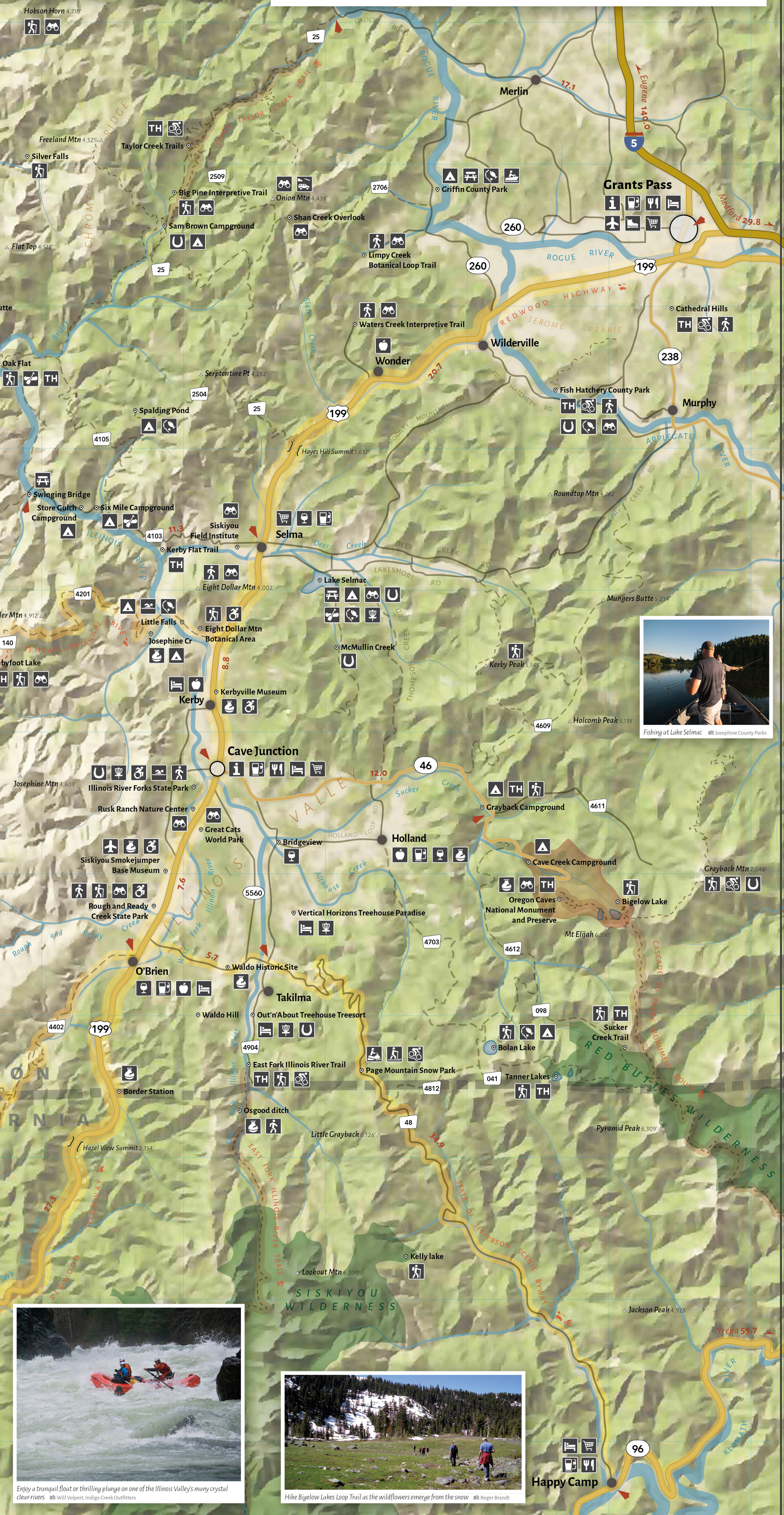
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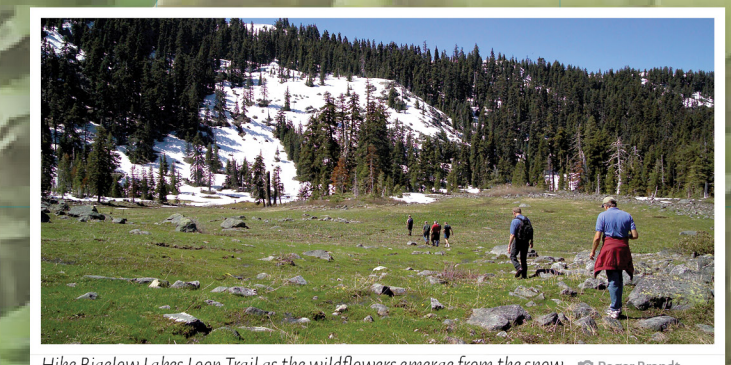
Find solitude high up in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Roger Brandt



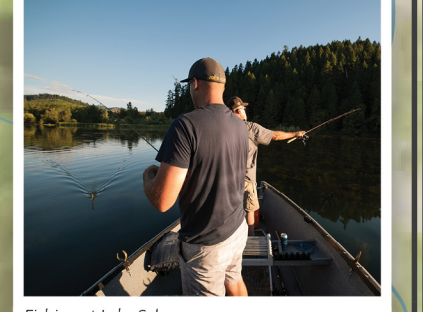
Oregon's unique firefighting history at the Smokejumper Museum. Smokejumper Museum



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Hike Bigelow Lakes Loop Trail as the wildflowers emerge from the snow. Roger Brandt



Fishing at Lake Selmac. Josephine County Parks