

**COVE HISTORY & ACTIVITIES**  
coveoregon.org

Cove is the land of big prize cherries and the home of apple pies. Settled in the 1860s the town was incorporated in 1904. The first Cove Cherry Fair was held soon after to celebrate the quality and abundance of its cherries, prunes, apples, raspberries and strawberries. The Cherry Fair is held the 3rd Saturday in August every year, and is worth planning a trip around. After all, the area boasts 500 acres of orchards, some of which grace the hillsides above town. A visit is incomplete without a drive up to the Cove Cemetery for a sweeping view of the valley.



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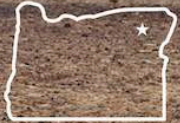
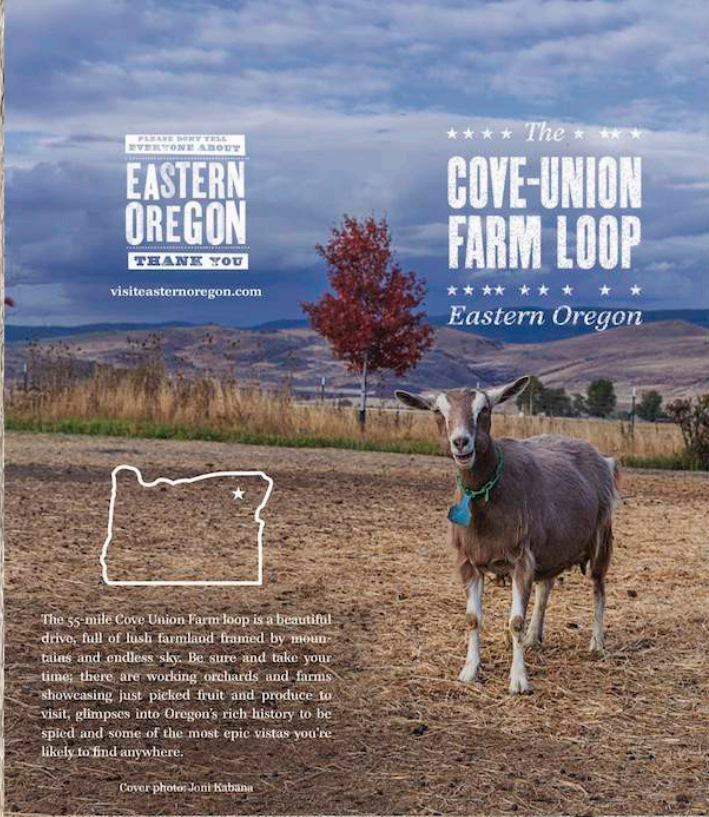
- \* Watch for the "Open" sign, or call
- \* Please read and obey signs
- \* Closely supervise children
- \* Ask before taking pets out of your car
- \* Please stay out of buildings & off equipment
- \* Be careful not to step on crops

**UNION HISTORY & ACTIVITIES**  
grvoutskirts.com

The Victorian-era town of Union is a great place to stop, stretch your legs and explore. Conrad Miller first planted apple and pear trees here in 1862, making it one of the earliest nurseries in the Grande Ronde Valley. More settlers soon followed and the town was established in 1878. Much of its early history still stands. The historic Union Hotel boasts a grand lobby and 15 themed rooms. On your stroll along Main Street be sure to enjoy a traditional soda at the Union Drug Store, and visit the City Library, built after a letter arrived in 1912 from Andrew Carnegie, offering \$5,500 for its construction with the only stipulation being it bear his name.

Watch the video "Agriculture in Union County:"  
grvoutskirts.com/2015/11/agriculture-in-union-county

For information on more things to see and do, stop by the Visitor Center:  
207 Depot Street  
La Grande, OR  
800.848.9969  
visitunioncounty.org



The 55-mile Cove Union Farm loop is a beautiful drive, full of lush farmland framed by mountains and endless sky. Be sure and take your time; there are picking orchards and farms showcasing just picked fruit and produce to visit, glimpses into Oregon's rich history to be spied and some of the most epic vistas you're likely to find anywhere.

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**DRIVING DIRECTIONS & HIGHLIGHTS**

Chances are you'll be coming from La Grande on I-84, in which case you'll take exit 261 to drive the route clockwise. In Island City, just east of La Grande, at the junction of State Highways 82/237, proceed on Highway 82, crossing the Grande Ronde River and railroad tracks. Continue on Highway 82 toward Imbler and Elgin for about 5 miles and turn right across the railroad tracks onto Market Lane.

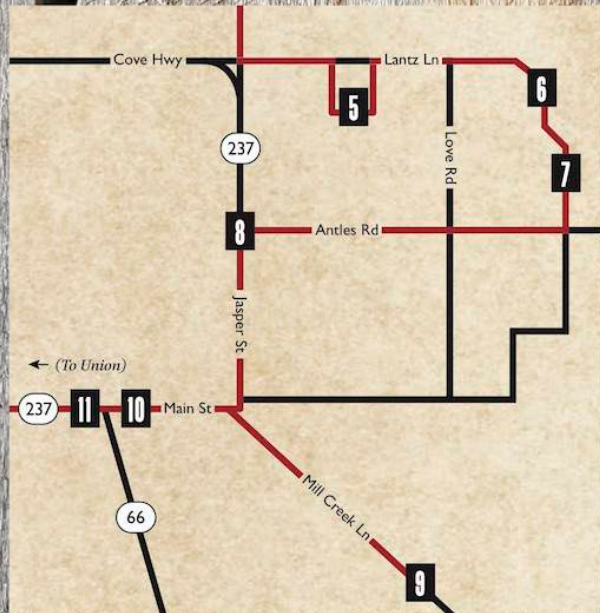
Watch for roadside signs, identifying crops growing in the adjacent fields. Market Lane ends at Lower Cove Road. Turn right and follow Lower Cove Road to Cove, watching for farm loop signs and points of interest.

Back on the road after visiting Cove, follow Hwy 237 to numerous stops in and around Union. Taking Hwy 203 toward La Grande, you'll pass Hot Lake, a large restored historic landmark on your left. Turn left on Hot Lake Lane, taking that gravel road west toward and across I-84 to Foothill Road.

Follow the winding road, once a main path of the Oregon Trail, along the base of the mountain. After visiting Old Rose's Mercantile on the left side of the road, turn right on McAlister Road, cross Oregon Highway 30 and the railroad and follow McAlister back to Island City.

For a Google map of this route go to [coveunionfarmloop.com](http://coveunionfarmloop.com)

**COVE DETAIL**



PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR A LARGER MAP OF THE ENTIRE LOOP.

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**COVE UNION FARM STOPS**

(see back for all locations)

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**1 Kauffman's Market**  
10214 Willow Lake Hwy 82  
Island City, OR 97850  
541.663.8464

Featuring packaged and bulk goods, deli-style sandwiches, baked treats, homemade soup, and regional produce. Order a lunch to go and check out Pioneer West next door.

**2 Pigtail Pork**  
67750 Lower Cove Road  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.568.4671

A whimsical sign marks the lane to a pig farm and butcher shop. Call to order their award-winning bacon, dry-cured sausage, hams, and other delights.

**3 The Sister Shic**  
68389 Kerns Loop  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.910.5618

Sister Shic Farmstand and gift shop—shabby chic crafters who hold a "Shabulous" festival each fall that includes a hay ride, local farmers' home grown produce and products such as jams, pepper sauce, and dried herbs.

**4 Pick'N Patch**  
62816 Lower Cove Road  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.786.2421  
facebook.com/PickNPatchFarm

Open all of October. Explore the corn maze and choose from a variety of pumpkins and corn husks to take home and enjoy.

**5 Folly Farm**  
67364 Squire Loop  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.805.8563  
follyfarmoregon.com

A micro-farm and you-pick garden specializing in gourmet garlic and open-pollinated heirloom vegetables. Stop in for a self-tour or call ahead and they'll show you how things work. During growing season, the farm is open daily for you-pick veggies, and by appointment for garlic, canned goods, and bulk harvests.

**6 Cove Cherry Farm**  
61236 Stackland Road  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.786.4621

Rainier cherries ripen at this 3-acre scenic orchard in late June - July. Apples and plums come mid-August - October, and hops and filberts are ready in October. Other crops include pears, blackberries, veggies and flowers. Visitors can view wildlife year-round. Also a venue for weddings and events.



**7 Cove Honey**  
61062 Stackland Road  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.910.2444

The honey stand has honey available in small gift jars and also pint, quart, and half gallons. Bees wax candles are also for sale.

**8 Nella Mae's Farm**  
1006 Antles Lane  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.910.4098 or 805.8645

Nella Mae's farmstand offers local fruits, vegetables, and more. The stand is open 24/7 from March through October. Self-serve on the honor system; leave your cash or check payment in the box. Stop by the farm at 69361 Antles Lane for a tour when the gate is open. Call for a farm stay.

**9 Apple Spring Farm**  
60024 Thew Loop  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.429.5124

An organic micro farm offering vegetable and flower starts in the spring, fresh vegetables, fruit, berries and flowers, grown with care in the garden, and organic, free range eggs. Fresh produce and starts are sold from an on-site farmstand. The lovely setting invites you to linger a while. Open Jun. - Oct., 10am - 4pm, Wed. and Sun.



**12 Grande Ronde Goat Dairy**  
67733 Hutchinson Lane  
Union, OR 97883  
541.805.9622  
granderondeunibians.com

Year-round Grade A commercial goat dairy sells raw milk to artisan cheese makers. With 250 milking does, the dairy is fully managed and staffed by female students and women who have a passion for agriculture. Does kid (baby goats) Dec. - Jun. Milking takes place twice each day. Tours by appointment.

**15 Dora's Garden**  
1393 North Cove Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.5165  
dorasgarden.com

Certified organic produce at self-serve farm stand offering a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, garlic braids, chicken and duck eggs, fruit preserves, teas and alfalfa hay from a farm that has been in the family since 1890. May - Oct., open daily, 7am - 7pm.

**16 Wred Wiggler Worm Ranch**  
1286 North Cove Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.1057

A "Hobby Farm" that raises Red Wiggler Worms, worm castings, and worm "tea" for fertilizer in pesticide free soil. They make wonderful additions to any garden, flowerbed or farm, as they enrich the soil with necessary nutrients.



**18 B.O.B. Grass-Fed Beef**  
1782 South Main  
Union, OR 97883  
541.805.1124  
beyondorganicbeef.com

This scenic cattle ranch produces high quality, organic beef and offers the chance to experience ranch living through their bed and breakfast. Call to arrange your stay or look them up on Airbnb. A menagerie of farm animals inhabit the ranch for you to enjoy during your stay.

**20 Eastern Oregon Ag Experiment Station**  
372 South 10th Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.5129  
oregonstate.edu/dept/voarcunion/

Established in 1901, this Oregon State University agriculture research center is the oldest in Oregon. It specializes in developing natural resource strategies that enhance intermountain forest and shrub steppe ecosystems for future generations. Stop by or call to see a photo exhibit of the center's history.



**21 Platz Family Farm**  
1624 North First Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.5072  
facebook.com/PlatzFamilyProduce

Farm stand with spring salad greens at the start of the season, then a variety of summer fruits, berries and vegetables all summer long. Finishing with a bountiful harvest of sweet corn, tomatoes, and winter squash. U-pick and we pick. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. and some Saturdays, 10 am - 7 pm, end of May through late Oct.

**22 Old Rose's Mercantile**  
59552 Foothill Road  
La Grande, OR 97850  
541.910.7774  
facebook.com/oldrosesmercantile

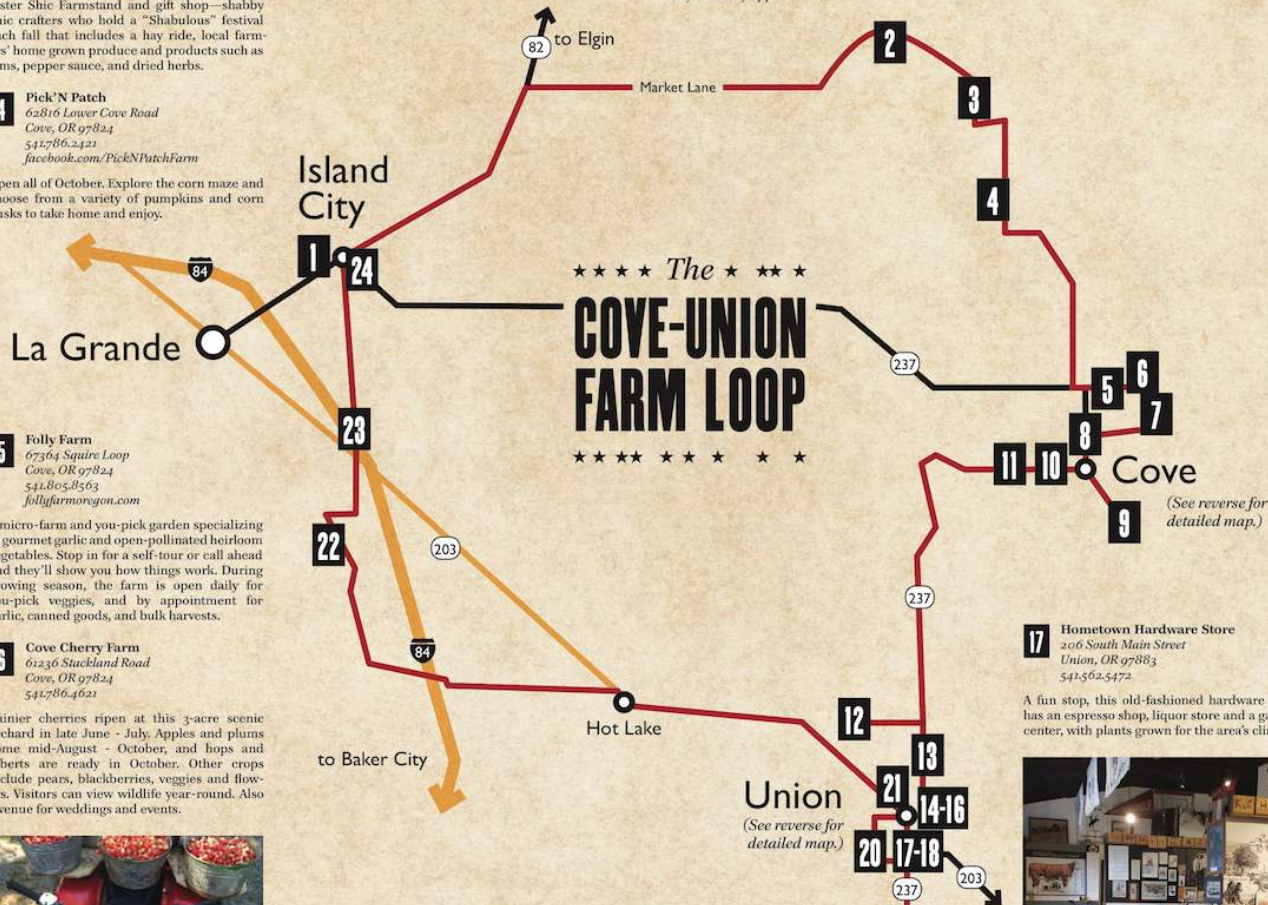
Seasonal garden produce, fresh eggs, a pumpkin patch and gift shop are on offer at this historic barn on a Foothill Road Century Farm.

**23 Intermountain Livestock**  
60654 Livestock Road  
La Grande, OR 97850  
541.963.2158  
imlivestock.com

Stop in on Thursday afternoons to watch a professional auctioneer at work and expert livestock handlers run a fast-paced public livestock auction. Try Aggie's Sale. Yard Café inside the sale barn for a burger or a cup of coffee—75 cents for the first cup, then free for rest of the day!

**D & B Supply**  
10101 East First Street  
Island City, OR 97850  
541.963.8466  
dbsupply.com

Find everything from bunnies to western clothes, fence posts to garden supplies. This store is where farmers and ranchers find what they need to keep the farm running. Take home a cowboy hat or a western belt!



**10 Martens Farm**  
305 Union-Cove Hwy 237  
Cove, OR 97824  
541.568.4513

A family-run farm offering eggs by pastured hens and other farm products.

**11 Hendershott Home**  
61502 Union-Cove Hwy 237  
Cove, OR 97824

Cove's historic neo-gothic Hendershott Home has a rich history. James Hendershott came to Oregon by wagon train in 1852 where he was joined by his wife, Harriett Jane and daughters in 1857. Future home of Cove Feed & Farm Supply.

**18 Wing's U-Pick Corn**  
57913 Union-Cove Hwy 237  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.5870

Farmstand with late-summer fresh corn and pumpkins for sale. Owners Mark and Judy Wing offer horse-drawn wagon rides on special occasions.

**14 Bar MD Cattle Co.**  
1598 North Cove Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.786.1492

Beautiful, historic home and setting. Natural, local grass-fed beef for sale.

**17 Hometown Hardware Store**  
206 South Main Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.5472

A fun stop, this old-fashioned hardware store has an espresso shop, liquor store and a garden center, with plants grown for the area's climate.



**18 Union County Museum**  
333 South Main Street  
Union, OR 97883  
541.562.6003  
ucmuseumoregon.com

Featured exhibits include Agriculture, Timber & Transportation; Cowboys Then & Now; the Livestory station; the General Store, Period Rooms and more. Open Mother's Day through Oct., Mon. - Sat., 10am - 4pm