Two hundred miles south of Oregon's highest peak, the Cascades meet the Siskiyou Mountains and Mt. McLoughlin rises nearly 10,000 feet to survey the Klamath Basin below. This southernmost loop of the trail may be the most ecologically diverse on the entire route. Southeast of Crater Lake, the Spring River joins the Williamson for some spectacular riparian birding. Collier State Park serves as a base for your exploration while you search for hummingbirds, nuthatches, warblers and flycatchers. On the eastern flank of Mt. McLoughlin, a series of gushing springs lines the geological boundary between the Upper Klamath Basin and the steep Cascade foothills. Odessa, Malone, Crystal, and Mare's Egg Springs all feature superb examples of forest and wetland species together. Enjoy nesting Red-necked Grebe, Yellow Rail and Least Bittern on a morning canoe tour off Rocky Point, and then visit Crystalwood Lodge in the afternoon to see nesting Sandhill Crane and Pileated Woodpecker only a few hundred yards apart. Around the southern end of the trail, Mountain Quail, Red-breasted Sapsucker and Hermit Warbler exemplify the mixed conifer forested communities of this region, and all three species can be found from Willow Prairie to the Mill Creek Bridge. The shores of Lost Creek Reservoir turn the Rogue River into a shorebird magnet each fall, while the open water invites mergansers, goldeneyes, loons, grebes, and gulls. High above, on the Rogue-Umpqua Divide, Huckleberry Gap invites nesting Lazuli Bunting, Willow Flycatcher, and Townsend's Solitaire.
watch for Blue and Ruffed Grouse and Mountain Quail.

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### 161. Joseph Stewart State Park
Oregon State Parks. From Prospect, 8.8 mi S on Hwy 62 to park entrance on R. Large reservoir with expansive mudflats, depending on water level, surrounded by pine forest; high concentration of migrant and wintering waterfowl, including Barrow’s and Common Goldeneyes, Hooded Merganser, scoters, and a variety of loons, gulls and grebes; nesting species include Varied and Swainson’s Thrushes, Fox Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Osprey, and occasional Red-shouldered Hawk; in late summer and fall, exposed flats draw migrating shorebirds, as well as American Pipit and occasional longspurs; trees introduced around park attract many migrant songbirds.

Sponsor: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District

### 162. McGregor Park
US Army Corps of Engineers. From Prospect, 14.1 mi S on Hwy 62, past Last Creek Reservoir, to R on Takelma Drive; 0.3 mi to park entrance on R. Riparian and open water wetland below Last Creek dam known locally by fishermen as “Holy Water” because of huge trout here; hosts wintering waterfowl including American and Eurasian Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, and Redhead; paved access roadway with parking areas and benches for waterfowl viewing at close range; Yellow-breasted Chat nests annually.

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### 163. Medco Pond
Plum Creek Timber Co. From Prospect, 12 mi S on CO 992 (Butte Falls-Prospect Hwy) to shore access; park in roadside turnout. Shallow and deep water ponds and dry meadow bordered by agricultural land and mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forests; excellent transition zone for wide diversity of species; resident waterfowl, Bald Eagle, Great Gray Owl, and Steller’s and Gray Jays; nesting Williamson’s Sapsuckers, Western Tanager and Sandhill Crane.

### 164. Willow Lake
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF; High Cascades RD. From White City, 29.1 mi E on Hwy 140 to L on FR 37/CO 821; 1.6 mi N to L on FR 378; 1.3 mi W to L on FR 3735; 0.2 mi to FR 430 at campground entrance; park in day use area. Wet meadow and beaver pond surrounded by mixed conifer forest; up to six pairs of resident Great Gray Owls; nesting Sandhill Crane, Western Tanager, and MacGillivray’s and Hermit Warblers; resident Mountain Quail.

### 165. Willow Prairie
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, High Cascades RD. From White City, 29.1 mi E on Hwy 140 to L on FR 37/CO 821; 1.6 mi N to L on FR 378; 1.3 mi W to L on FR 3735; 0.2 mi to FR 430 at campground entrance; park in day use area. Wet meadow and beaver pond surrounded by mixed conifer forest; up to six pairs of resident Great Gray Owls; nesting Sandhill Crane, Western Tanager, and MacGillivray’s and Hermit Warblers; resident Mountain Quail.

### 166. Fish Lake Trail
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Ashland RD. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 34.6 mi to signed trailhead parking on L. Wet and dry meadow habitats, surrounded by subalpine and mixed conifer forest; nesting species include Rufous Hummingbird, Spotted Sandpiper, American Pipit, Hermit Thrush, Common Nighthawk, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Western Tanager, and Vaux’s Swift; resident forest birds include Golden-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Chickadee, Steller’s and Gray Jays, Red Crossbill, Pileated Woodpecker, and Spotted Owl.

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### 167. Great Meadow
Frenton-Inema NF; Klamath RD. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 34.6 mi to signed trailhead parking on L. Wet and dry meadow habitats, surrounded by subalpine and mixed conifer forest; nesting species include Rufous Hummingbird, Spotted Sandpiper, American Pipit, Hermit Thrush, Common Nighthawk, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Western Tanager, and Vaux’s Swift; resident forest birds include Golden-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Chickadee, Steller’s and Gray Jays, Red Crossbill, Pileated Woodpecker, and Spotted Owl.

### 168. Fourmile Lake
Winema NF; Klamath RD. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R onto Hwy 140; 34.6 mi to R on FR 3661; 6.2 mi to campground at lakeshore. Large subalpine lake at base of Mt. McLoughlin; diversity of habitats along last 2-mi of FR 3661, from wet meadow, ponds, and marsh to dry meadow and subalpine forest; lake supports concentration of gulls and diving birds in species include nuthatches, Brown Creeper, American Dipper, Belted Kingfisher, and various sparrows; breeding and migrant species include variety of warblers, woodpeckers, and wrens; easy, 0.5-mi trail along North Fork Little Butte Creek Fish Lake Dam.

**Birding Tip**

Drink before you’re thirsty, eat before you’re hungry. You will better withstand longer days in the field or on the road if you stay fueled and hydrated. Take snacks and water along with you on a hike to keep your observation skills sharp, keep them in the car for times you are miles from town.
migration, including loon, grebes, and diving ducks; nesting species include Red Crossbill, Gray and Steller's Jays, chickadees, nuthatches, and Western Tanager; trails enter Sky Lakes Wilderness.

169. Howard Bay, Upper Klamath Lake
Klamath County Parks. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 10 mi to boat ramp and large pull-out on L (2.8 mi past Running Y Resort).
Shallow open water with adjacent grassland and pine forest; excellent location for migrating gulls and terns and wintering waterfowl, plus nesting marsh birds and forest species.

Sponsor: Running Y Resort

170. Eagle Ridge County Park
Klamath County Parks. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 18.3 mi to R on Eagle Ridge Road (8.8 mi N of Running Y Resort); use caution when wet – road may be impassable; 3 miles to park entrance.
Open water with marsh and willow habitat along shore and mixed conifer and shrubs on ridge above road; nesting Clark's, Western, and Eared Grebes and Black Tern; forest supports Western Tanager, Yellow-rumped Warbler, House Wren, Chipping Sparrow, and Cassin's Vireo; excellent in fall migration; good canoe birding most of year and ski birding in winter.

Sponsor: Klamath County Tourism

171. Odessa Creek Marsh
Fremont-Winema NF; Klamath RD. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 22.8 mi to R on FR 3639; 1.0 mi to campground; park in day-use area. Ponderosa pine forest overlooking Odessa Creek marsh, with transition from marsh to riparian and pine habitats; concentrations of woodpeckers in campground, including Pileated and White-headed Woodpeckers; resident forest species include Mountain Chickadee, nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Red Crossbill; forests also host nesting Western Wood-Pewee, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, and Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers; dense marsh area invites Common Yellowthroat and Marsh Wren; marsh best explored by canoe for chance to view Sora, Virginia Rail, American and Least Bittens, and Black-crowned Night-Heron.

Sponsor: Klamath County Tourism

172. Rocky Point
Fremont-Winema NF; USFWS. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 25.5 mi to R on Rocky Point Road; 2.8 mi to boat launch and day use parking on R, just past resort.
Extensive marshland and shallow open water on Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, borders mixed conifer forest; marsh hosts rare nesting Red-necked Grebe plus Black and Forster's Terns, Least and American Bittens, American White-Pelican, Willow Flycatcher, and Osprey; resident Great Blue Heron, Black Duck, and Northern Harrier; nesting bitterns and terns best viewed by boat.

Sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

173. Malone Spring
Fremont-Winema NF; USFWS. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 26.4 mi to R on Westside Drive (FR 34/331); 6.2 mi to signed driveway on R.
Spring feeding Crane Creek and draining into Wood River Valley, surrounded by mixed conifer forest; excellent for migrating warblers, nesting rails, and resident grousse; Yellow and Virginia Rails and Sora; Blue and Ruffled Grouse; up to eight warbler species; resident Pileated Woodpecker and nestling Flammulated Ow! spring named for rare Mare's Egg alga that requires cold deep spring water; great canoeing.

Sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

174. Crystalwood Lodge
Privately Owned. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 26.4 mi to R on Westside Drive (FR 34/331); 25.8 mi to R on Sevenmile Road (FR 1439); 2 mi E to L on Hackler Road; 2.5 mi N to L on Nicholson Road; 1.5 mi to guard station parking. From Fort Klamath, off Highway 62, 3.9 mi W on Nicholson Road to guard station.
Cottonwood, aspen and willow along Sevenmile Creek surrounded by mixed conifer; adjacent agricultural lands; forest hosts resident Ruffled Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Steller's and Gray Jays, and three species of Chickadee; nesting birds include Flammulated and Northern Saw-whet Owls, Vaux's Swift, Rufous Hummingbird, Williamson's Sapsucker, Hammond's, Dusky, and Cordilleran Flycatchers, Nashville, MacGillivray's and Wilson's Warblers, and Purple and Cassin's Finches; creek supports resident American Dipper; agricultural lands invite high concentration of raptors in winter; gorgeous fall colors.

Sponsor: Crystalwood Lodge

175. Mare's Egg Spring
Fremont-Winema NF; Klamath RD. From Crystalwood Lodge on Upper Klamath Lake. 6.2 mi N on Westside Rd to parking area on R, W side of Wood River Valley.
Transition from marshland to aspen/willow riparian and mixed conifer forest; excellent location to view species of all three habitats, including Dusky and Willow Flycatchers, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-breasted and Williamson's Sapsuckers, and Sora and Virginia Rail; excellent canoe birding.

Sponsor: National Forest Foundation

176. Sevenmile Guard Station
Fremont-Winema NF; Klamath RD. From Klamath Falls, 2.2 mi S on Hwy 97 to W Hwy 140 exit; 0.2 mi to R on Hwy 140; 26.4 mi to R on Westside Drive (FR 34/331); 25.8 mi to R on Sevenmile Road (FR 1439); 2 mi E to L on Hackler Road; 2.5 mi N to L on Nicholson Road; 1.5 mi to guard station parking. From Fort Klamath, off Highway 62, 3.9 mi W on Nicholson Road to guard station.
Cottonwood, aspen and willow along Sevenmile Creek surrounded by mixed conifer; adjacent agricultural lands; forest hosts resident Ruffled Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Steller's and Gray Jays, and three species of Chickadee; nesting birds include Flammulated and Northern Saw-whet Owls, Vaux's Swift, Rufous Hummingbird, Williamson's Sapsucker, Hammond's, Dusky, and Cordilleran Flycatchers, Nashville, MacGillivray's and Wilson's Warblers, and Purple and Cassin's Finches; creek supports resident American Dipper; agricultural lands invite high concentration of raptors in winter; gorgeous fall colors.

Sponsor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Pass Forest. Sno-park); after 0.25 mi, R into Sun E, at S entrance to Crater Lake NP, 0.6 mi enters Sun Pass Forest. From Hwy 62 Mountain Road beyond park entrance 3.2 mi N to Kimball State Park; Sun Mountain Road (FR 623); 1 mi N to L on FR 960; 0.6 mi to R at signed entrance to Williamson River campground; 1.4 mi to R into campground. Riparian habitat along Williamson River, surrounded by aspen and mixed conifer forest; river species include nesting Osprey, resident American Dipper and Common Merganser, and migrant goldeneyes; excellent for migrant songbirds and summer hummingbirds; forest species include Gray and Steller’s Jays, Clark’s Nutcracker, chickadees, and nuthatches; excellent museum and other facilities across highway at visitors’ center.

Sponsor: Klamath County Tourism

177. Sevenmile Marsh Fremont-Winema NF, Klamath RD. 

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From Sevenmile Guard Station (see site description), 0.3 mi on FR 3300 to R on FR 3334; 5.7 mi to trailhead and campground. High-elevation wetland surrounded by mixed conifer forest; nesting Lincoln’s Sparrow, Spotted Sandpiper, MacGillivray’s Warbler, Swainson’s Thrush and Willow Flycatcher; resident and nesting forest species include Clark’s Nutcracker, Gray and Steller’s Jays, nuthatches, chickadees, Western Tanager, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Sponsor: Klamath County Tourism

178. Sun Pass State Forest Oregon Department of Forestry. From Ft. Klamaht, 1.3 mi E on Hwy 62 to L on Sun Mountain Road (FR 623); 3.2 mi N to Kimball State Park; Sun Mountain Road beyond park entrance enters Sun Pass Forest. From Hwy 62 E, at S entrance to Crater Lake NP 0.6 mi S to L on FR 6237 (Annie Creek Sno-park); after 0.25 mi, R into Sun Pass Forest.

Riparian habitat along Sun Creek surrounded by forest with open stands dominated by ponderosa pine; nesting Pileated, White-headed, Black-backed, and Hairy Woodpeckers and William’s Sapsuckers; Great Gray Owl observed between Highway 62 and Sun Creek; other raptors include all three accipiters, Red-tailed Hawk, and Northern Pygmy-Owl; common nesting species include Yellow-rumped Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Tanager, and Evening Grosbeak; open to vehicles seasonally, between July 1 and November 1, other times, access is via mountain bike, foot, or horse.

Sponsor: National Forest Foundation

179. Jackson F. Kimball State Park Oregon State Parks. From Ft. Klamaht, 1.3 mi E on Hwy 62 to L on FR 623; 3.2 mi N to park entrance on L.

Mixed conifer surrounding headwaters of Wood River, with aspen and willow riparian downstream; resident Blue and Ruffed Grouse, Red-breasted and Williamson’s Sapsuckers, and Western Screech-Owl; excellent migration and nesting diversity with Lincoln’s Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, Audubon’s, MacGillivray’s, and other warblers.

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Sponsor: Oregon Tourism Commission

180. Wood River Picnic Ground Fremont-Winema NF, Chiloquin RD. From Ft. Klamaht, 1.3 mi E on Hwy 62 to L on Sun Mountain Road (FR 623); 1 mi N to L on FR 960; 0.6 mi to parking area.

Large aspen and cottonwood stands and marshy wetland surrounded by lodgepole and ponderosa pine; supports nesting Wood Duck, Sora, Virginia Rail, Wilson’s Phalarope, Common Nighthawk, snipe, and swallows; aspen and cottonwood galleries invite all three sapsucker species, Western and Mountain Bluebird, Warbling Vireo, and Black-headed Grosbeak; pine forest supports nesting Western Wood-Pewee, Red Crossbill, Hermit Thrush, and Cassin’s Vireo; resident forest species include White-headed Woodpecker, Steller’s Jay, Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Northern Pygmy-Owl; excellent for migrating songbirds, and wintering raptors and Northern Shrike.

Sponsor: Oregon Tourism Commission

181. Fort Klamath Museum Klamath County. From Ft. Klamaht, 1.8 mi S on Hwy 62 to signed entrance on R. Nearly 8 acres of grassland in Wood River Valley that has never been plowed; adjacent mixed conifer forest with riparian habitat along Fort Creek across Hwy 62; excellent diversity of breeding and migrant birds, including Black-headed Grosbeak, Bullock’s Oriole, vireos, warblers and sparrows; winter birding on adjacent ranchland good for raptors, including Bald Eagle and Rough-legged Hawk; town of Fort Klamath excellent winter habitat for sparrows and finches.

Sponsor: Oregon Tourism Commission

182. Head of Spring Creek Fremont-Winema NF, Chiloquin RD. From Hwy 62/97 junction, S of Chiloquin, 7.8 mi N on Hwy 97 to L at main park entrance; 3 mi to L on FR 9732; 4.1 mi to parking at picnic area.

Lush, spring-fed creek with emergent and riparian vegetation; nesting species include Western Wood-Pewee and other flycatchers, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, MacGillivray’s Warbler, and Williamson’s Sapsucker; higher elevation resident forest birds, include Red-breasted Sapsucker, Clark’s Nutcracker, and Gray Jay; trail follows creek 1.8-mi to Collier State Park (site 183).

Sponsor: Klamath County Tourism

183. Collier State Park Oregon State Parks. From Hwy 62/97 junction, S of Chiloquin, 7.8 mi N on Hwy 97 to L at main park entrance; 0.3 mi to R at signed entrance to Williamson River campground; 1.4 mi to R into campground. Riparian habitat along Williamson River, surrounded by aspen and mixed conifer forest; river species include nesting Osprey, resident American Dipper and Common Merganser, and migrant goldeneyes; excellent for migrant songbirds and summer hummingbirds; forest species include Gray and Steller’s Jays, Clark’s Nutcracker, chickadees, and nuthatches; excellent museum and other facilities across highway at visitors’ center.

Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management

184. Wood River Wetlands & Petric Park Bureau of Land Management. Klamath District; Klamath Co. Parks. N end of Agency Lake; from Hwy. 62 at Klamath Falls, 7.8 mi. S on Modoc Pt. Rd to Petric Park; from Hwy 97 at Chiloquin, 2.3 mi W on FR 64 (OR 422) to Modoc Pt. Rd; 0.8 mi S to Petric Park. Riparian, marsh and open water; excellent for water birds, including Clark’s Grebe, Black Tern, Wilson’s Phalarope, and American White Pelican; nesting songbirds include Bullock’s Oriole, Lesser Goldfinch, Willow Flycatcher, and Tricolored Blackbird; wintering and migrant waterfowl concentrations on Agency Lake easily viewed from park.

Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management