here are the innumerable unmaintained trails and backcountry areas not often visited. These rugged, remote scenic spots are worth every drop of blood and sweat if you know where to look. Old pack trails, min- many small galleries and shops in ers' routes, and game trails await your adventure! Solitude can also Adventure lodging features rebe found in your own little portion nowned treehouse resorts and of the wilderness, as bears feed on ziplines. The Kerbyville Museum native onions in upper meadows, rewarding you with a glimpse of the wild. Finding your own swimming hole can be a challenge but worth the extra steps to get there.

through the BLM and the Illinois classes. Valley Ranger District of the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest. Check this For further information, maps, hikmap for campgrounds and trails! The Illinois Valley serves as a gate- visit the Illinois Valley Ranger way to the Klamath and Six Rivers District and the Illinois Valley National Forest. Also, the Smith River National Recreation Area Caves and beyond. proudly hosts the cleanest river in California. Just west of there is Thank you for picking up this brochure. the nearby Redwood Parks, a vis- Enjoy your visit! itor center in Hiouchi, California which falls within the boundaries of Jedediah Smith Redwoods, and leads to the scenic Oregon Coast.

And Cave Junction

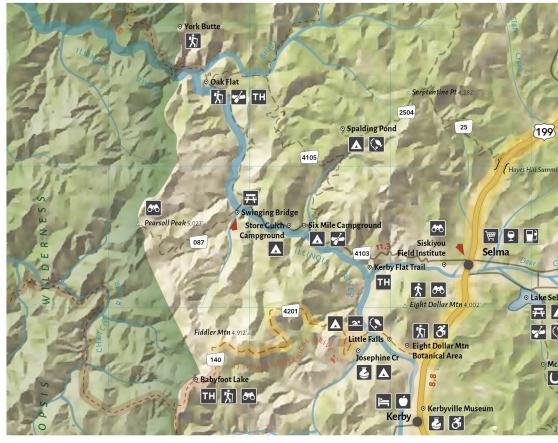
Here you will find a place to cele- Lake Selmac County Park offers brate and enjoy a diverse natural camping, boating, and fishing. wonderland of geology, flora, and Illinois River Forks State Park is a swimmers' delight and offers a disc province that serves as a jump- golfcourse. Additionally, Rough and off to three wilderness areas: the Ready State Botanical Wayside, five Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou, and Red miles south of town, is one of many botanical "hotspots" that highlight this, The Oregon Caves National a rich, diverse "fruitcake geology Monument and Preserve offers in the red rock rain forest." This is a place where the earth's mantle trails from there to the high country has surfaced, creating a peridiotite with an eighty-mile hike to Ashland wonderland where many rare plant species are hosted. Scenic byways, scenic rivers, as well as natural, and bicycle routes, and horseback riding botanical areas await your discovery await you here, along with fishing, disc golfing, and just plain quiet places for relaxing or enjoying clean Among the greatest features found water. All can be found here in the

Cave Junction is the hub for groceries, supplies, and information. Artists and crafters abound in Kerby, Selma, O'Brien, and Takilma. showcases local history and books. Illinois Valley is home to the famous Taylor's Sausage at their country store, award-winning wineries, a renowned cannabis culture, plus Rusk Ranch Nature Center, and Siskiyou Several hiking guides and recre- Field Institute for nature-based ation opportunities are available experiences and ecologic science

> ing guides, and local knowledge, Visitors Center for all things Oregon

EIGHT DOLLAR MOUNTAIN





The Illinois River, famous for its blue-green color, flows unobstructed through the Illinois Valley and into the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. It is one of two rivers in Oregon without fish hatcheries and is considered a wild salmon/steelhead stronghold. Designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1984, the Illinois spans 50.4 remote and isolated miles (28.7 miles Wild, 17.9 miles Scenic, and 3.8 miles Recreational). It is home to class IV+ rapids and is consistently noted as a difficult multi-day trip for experienced rafters.

Hiking and backpacking opportunities ranging from moderate to strenuous difficulty are plentiful in this section of the Rogue

River-Siskiyou National Forest. If you are looking for a short but moderate hike, start at the Kerby Flat Trailhead 4.2 miles from Highway 199 on Illinois River Road. This hike drops down a serpentine ridge to the mouth of Deer Creek at the Illinois River. There are primitive campsites and swimming holes along the

Continuing down the Illinois River Road, enjoy the scenic views but drive slowly and carefully as many spots are single lane. Note that when parking, your vehicle should be tucked safely behind the white line and for everyone's safety, drinking

alcohol is banned in this area and is punishable by law. Continuing down the road, there are trailheads and small first-come first serve campgrounds at Six Mile



and Store Gulch. Be prepared

out your own trash.

with drinking water and to pack

The last stop for those traveling

without high clearance vehicles

Bridge at the McCaleb Ranch, a

Boy Scout Camp. The suspension

bridge hovers 60 feet over the

clear water. Beyond this point,

adventures including the Illinois

River Trail, Pearsoll Peak Lookout,

To learn more about the area, the

field courses and youth programs

rentals and lodging opportunities

Siskiyou Field Institute offers

at their facility at 1241 Illinois

available here. Visit siskiy-

information

oufieldinstitute.org for more

The small town of Selma offers

groceries, fuel and a post office.

ning wines are just a few miles

down Deer Creek Road. Finally,

Josephine County's Lake Selmac

Park off of Lakeshore Drive pro-

picnicking, equestrian riding,

fishing, and a disc golf course.

vides a place for hiking, camping,

Deer Creek Vineyards' award-win-

River Rd. There are also facility

there are epic backpacking

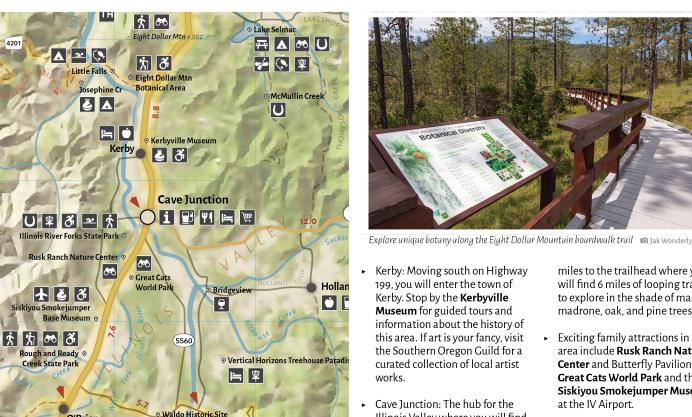
Upper Chetco Trail and the

Kalmiopsis Rim Trail.

brings you to the **Swinging**

Pitching camp on the Wild and Scenic Illinois River 🔊 Will Volpert, Indigo Creek Outfitt

OREGON CAVES National Monument and Preserve



This area is home to serpentine soils, carnivorous plants, pristine swimming holes, wildflowers, easy hikes, wildlife viewing and stunning scenery.

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The following activities are located just off the Redwood Highway, but civilization can feel far away. There is something here for everyone.

 Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical Wayside and the Illinois River: From Highway 199 and Eight Dollar Mountain Road, a .8-mile drive takes you to the family friendly and wheelchair accessible **Eight Dollar Mountain** Boardwalk Trail. This is a 1/8 mile long trail with interpretive signage that leads you to the center of a massive Darlingtonia (carnivorous plant) fen. Across the road you will find the wildflower-filled Jeffrey Pine Loop trail that leads

to the Illinois River. Continue on Eight Dollar Mountain Road for 1.2 more miles to find a campground and trail to the Little Illinois River Falls. This waterfall is perfect to view salmon migration in the fall and winter.



Illinois Valley where you will find coffee, groceries, restaurants, food trucks and shops with unique gifts and commodities. The city's Jubilee Park offers a skate park, playground and sports fields. Drop by the **visitor center** on Caves Highway for more information about the Oregon Caves and other area attractions.

Just south of Cave Junction, you will find the entrance to **Forks** State Park, located at the convergence of the east and west forks of the Illinois River. There is no admission to enjoy the picnic areas, deep swimming holes, or 18 basket disc golf course. If you are interested in hiking or equestrian riding, try the west side of the park via Westside Road. Travel 3.4 miles south of Cave Junction, turn on Westside Road, and travel 3

National Forest. Nature is

resilient: watch for fascinat-

ing patterns of post-wildfire

regrowth and renewal at Page

Mountain Sno-Park and Bolan

Lake campground, where the

2020 Slater Fire created a mosaic

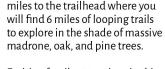
of fire-affected landscape, with

a lesser impact towards Tanner

Lakes and Red Buttes Wilderness.

The Tanner Lakes area hosts two

champion trees: A seven-foot

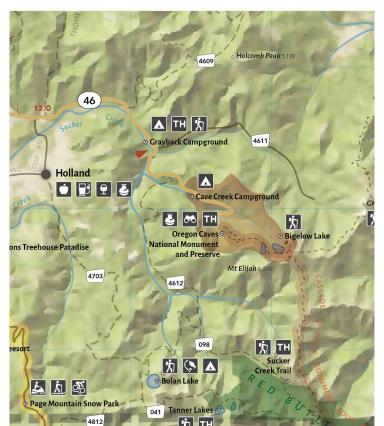


Exciting family attractions in this area include Rusk Ranch Nature Center and Butterfly Pavilion, Great Cats World Park and the Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum

Finally, **Rough and Ready** Botanical Wayside, 5.1 miles south of Cave Junction, is an easy wheelchair accessible hike that meanders next to Rough and Ready Creek and rare wildflowers. 360 degree views of the surrounding mountains are silhouetted and draped in majestic colors at sunrise and sunset



Don't forget to fuel your adventure with a stop or two before you leave town 🔊 Jak Wonderly



Deep within the Siskiyou Mountains are dark, twisting passages that await your discovery.

a mountain from the inside out!

In 1909, by presidential proclamation. Oregon Caves and its surrounding environment were designated as a national monument for the enjoyment of future generations. The

Eons of acidic water seeping into original designation was 480 acres. marble rock created and decorat- The addition of the 4,070-acre naed the wondrous "Marble Halls of tional preserve, signed into law in Oregon." Join a tour, get a taste of 2014, included the surrounding wawhat caving is all about, and explore tershed and forest, adding new visitor opportunities and cultural and natural resources to the park unit.

> Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve is an outstanding place to view one of the world's most complete



Enter dark, twisting passageways of the Oregon Caves and discover spledid arrays in the "Marble

Oregon.

and complex arrays of geology. It is also home to the first subterranean National Wild and Scenic River, the River Styx. The River Styx and other rivers in this watershed are critical to the sustained health of the cave and karst features.

The centerpiece of the Oregon Caves historic district is the Chateau, one of the grand lodges of the national parks. This unique six-story, cedar bark-sided building was built in 1934 to provide lodging and food service to park visitors. **The Oregon** Caves Chateau was designated a national historic landmark in 1987 because of its architecture and

► Campsites are available seasonally in the heart of an old growth forest where you can relax to the sounds of the cascading waters of Cave Creek. Cave Creek Campground is located 15 miles up Highway 46 from Cave Junction and just four miles from the cave entrance. The campground offers 17 sites available on a first-come first-serve basis. The spaces are too small for large RVs or trailers. Maximum vehicle length is 20 feet.



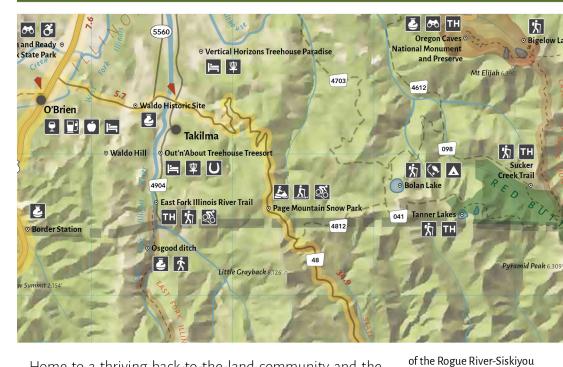
The Illinois Valley Visitor Center in Cave Junction is open yearround and is a great place to start your Oregon Caves adventure. It is a place to get cave tour information purchase tickets and browse our bookstore. The Oregon Caves Visitor Center, at the monument and preserve, is open seasonally and is where you will gather for your cave tour.



the Oregon Caves 🔊 Jak Wonderly

The still-growing Paradise Lost formation at

TAKILMA & Red Buttes Wilderness



Home to a thriving back-to-the-land community and the parent-cooperative Dome School, the quirky village of Takilma straddles the Oregon-California border.

Bike the three-mile community-maintained footpath and return the waves of friendly residents from "Four Corners" all the way to the Green Bridge swimming hole.

Out 'n' About Treehouse Resort offers rustic treetop accommodations, horseback riding, and hearty family-style ranch house breakfasts. Sleep amid branches under skies sequined with stars, hearing crickets, frogs, and nighthawks. Swim in the river-fed pool, and ride the thrilling zip lines above the forest slopes of Hope Mountain

 Stream KXCJ radio online while tootling down Takilma Road and take the right fork along the East Fork Illinois River to Hogue

Meadow, the Osgood Ditch Trail, and the East Fork Illinois River Trail. You'll discover turquoise swim spots shaded by old growth trees. Pack in and pack out all supplies- there are no amenities here except the stunning beauty of the Illinois River and the sweet whisper of the wind in massive Douglas firs.

Southbound Takilma Road's left fork leads up into California's **high Siskiyous**. Be certain to check for fire-related road and trailhead closures near Black Butte and Sanger Peak before proceeding.

 Drive back north out of Takilma and turn right at "Four Corners" to rise up into the higher elevations

diameter Brewers Spruce, and a split top Incense Cedar near East Tanner Lake.

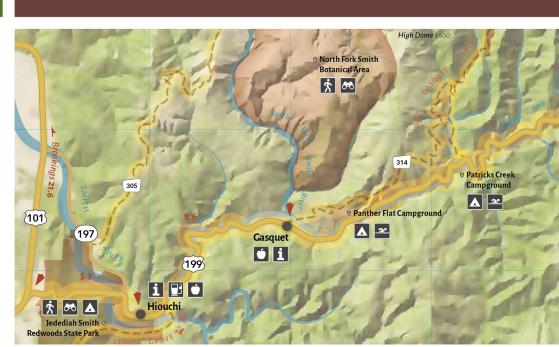
The Illinois Valley offers four access points to the Red Buttes Wilderness. One is behind the Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve going out on the Siskiyou Crest via the Boundary Trail. The second is at the upper headwaters of Sucker Creek and the trail to Sucker Gap. The third is Tanner Lakes (headed to Sucker Gap) and the fourth is the Tanner Peak Trail on Thompson Ridge. From Thompson Ridge looking south one can view Slater Butte, which was ground zero for the 2020 Slater Fire.

iron-rich soils, the Red Buttes Wilderness features serpentine rock geology that supports unique botanical treasures. Wildflowers seen nowhere else grace these high peaks, which may be blanketed in snow from September to June. These stunning Siskiyou Mountains are crisscrossed by hiking trails and open to equestrian camping amid stands of old growth cedar, pine and fir. Carry plenty of water in our dry summers and heed snow closures as late as June.

Named for the russet hues of



REDWOODS And the Smith River



The road through the Smith River National Recreation Area follows the Smith River canyon to Redwood National and State Park where the tallest trees in the world can be found

Roger Brandt

To the northwest of the highway are Wilderness and other backcountry public lands with opportunities for driving opportunities. Most roads exploring historic stagecoach roads out of the canyon are gravel surfaced and pack trails used to transport sup- and can get rough. If you want to explies from the port of Crescent City plore the backcountry, carry a map, to gold camps in the Illinois Valley. basic emergency supplies (blanket, To the southeast, a short drive out of water, etc), and ensure your vehicle the canyon takes you to the Siskiyou has tires and clearance suitable for driving on gravel roads.

> California Agricultural **Inspection Station:** Travelers heading south from Oregon to California will be required to stop at a California agricultural inspection station. Some fruits and vegetables are not allowed into the state. Patrick Creek Lodge and

Campground: Patrick Creek Campground has interpretive displays on mining and Civilian Conservation Corps history, A wheelchair accessible walkway under the bridge connects Patrick Creek Lodge to the campground.

Gasquet Ranger Station: The town of Gasquet (pronounced gas-key) was established as a stage stop for the 1884 Gasquet Toll Road The Gasquet Ranger Station at the north end of town has maps, books, and interpretive displays and provides information for travelers who might want to drive the historic Gasquet Toll Road to Patrick Creek Lodge. Stout Grove – South Fork Road:

A brown road sign indicates the intersection for the road to Stout Grove, one of the densest stands of coast redwoods in the world and home to the world's sixth tallest tree. This road crosses a bridge and a short distance further crosses a second bridge where you will encounter a fork in the road. Go right to follow the historic Gasquet stage road

Crescent City, with several hiking opportunities including Stout Grove. For those who don't want to drive on this gravel road, see Jedediah Smith Campground for summertime options to see Stout

through the Redwood Forest to

Hiouchi: This small community offers a gas station and refreshments.

National Park Visitor Center: This visitor center has maps. books, and interpretive displays.

Jedediah Smith State Park Campground: The entrance fee to the campground is well worth it. The day use area offers scenic views of old growth redwoods growing along the banks of the river and is one of the better places to get into the river to cool off. In summer, a walking bridge is installed for people to walk across the river to the Stout Grove.

Redwood Forest: The highway passes through three miles of old growth redwood forest with several turnouts to stop and look at the trees



redwoods in the world and the sixth tallest tree in the world. Roger Brandt

RECREATING IN THE **ILLINOIS VALLEY**

Walking & Running Paddle Sport Whether it's a brisk morning walk or If you have the gear, we have the lakes afternoon stroll, there's no shortage—and rivers. to be found close at hand.

Illinois River Forks State Park

Waters Creek Interpretive Trail

Grayback Interpretive Trail

onment imaginable.

Historic Osgood Ditch Trail

Cycle Oregon brought one of thei

Baby Foot Lake Rim Trail

Kalmiopsis Wilderness

Oregon Caves

Bolan Lake

Old Gasquet Toll Road

Mountain Biking

Page Mountain Sno-Park

Each season brings a different look

which means every drive has a fresh

view. Here's how to see the sights and

McGrew Trail

Taylor Creek

Scenic Driving

never leave your car.

Caves Hwy. 46

T) Howell Botanical Drive

Nature Viewing

Illinois Riv<u>er Forks State Park</u>

Little Falls along Illinois River

Rusk Ranch Nature Center

options throughout the area.

Grayback Campground

Historic Sites

Kerbyville Museum

he Oregon gold rush started ir

Sailor's Diggings not far from the

poomed, then disappeared. Kerby

was once the county seat. The first

Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum

mokejumper base opened here in

Camping

Lake Selmac

State of Jefferson Scenic Byway

► Illinois River

Swimming

Illinois River Corridor

Kerby Flat Trail leads

is a taste of where to go. Road & Gravel Biking McGrew Trail

► Briggs Creek Trail

country adventure, there are doz-ens of designated equestrian trails around the Illinois Valley

► Kalmiopsis Rim Trail

brings snow to the mountains. ► The Page Mountain Sno-Park.

In the Illinois Valley we are committed to expanding ways to increase

places ready for you. ► Illinois River Forks State Park

► Eight Dollar Mountain Boardwalk

Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum

Disc golf enthusiasts have a new destination in the Illinois Valley.

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Winery Need an RV hookup? There are many

easy to make it part of your recreation

Bridgeview Winery

Foris Vineyard





CARE

Plan Ahead Prepare before you head out, consider when to stop for the what you want to day. Follow the signs; see and experience, they're there to tell your group's physical you important stuff abilities and what's realistic to do in the ries and not get lost. time you have. Can you visit off peak to avoid crowds?

PREPARE

Be Ready

Check conditions.

Pack your Ten

so take a picture

Don't Forget

for park fees (that

help maintain our

natural spaces).

Be Respectful If you're lucky enough to spot wildlife, use your zoom lens and observe from afar. Share trails with Essentials. Got the others. Know who right shoes for the manages the land you access and what the

terrain? Water? Cell phone? You may not rules and regulations always have coverage, of the trail map or Keep It Natural bring one with you. Stay on designated Consider hiring a

trails and areas to protect the landscape Don't take anything home but your Let someone know trash—and please, where you're headed please take your and when you plan to trash with you. Make be back. Tuck some wildfire prevention a cash in your pocket top priority.

Make Smart Choices Enjoy Yourself Know your limits and Experiencing the

quiet, awe-inspiring beauty of nature can not only uplift your spirits, it can improve like how to avoid injuyour health. Think of Oregon's vast outdoors as your place to relax and recharge.

CONNECT

Say Hello Greet fellow adventurers and spark a conversation. Check in at a visitor center, ranger station and/or local business to learn from the locals, grab a map and gather local insight.

Spread Goodwill Share your knowledge with others if it's helpful. Support the community—eat, drink, shop and stay local. Stop by cultural centers to learn our history and relationship to place.



Lake Selmac

Smith River

Hiking & Backpacking

Summer is the time to find cool, clear water. You will find it here.

and something more strenuous, the 🕒 Illinois River Forks State Park

every type of trail challenge or envi-► Smith River Recreation Area

OHV OHV enthusiasts are always looking for somewhere new to explore. This

nemorable annual road rides Briggs Creek frai hrough the Illinois Valley. If you're Onion Way Trail ooking for scenery and some chal

lenges, but want to stay on pave-ment, there is plenty of road to ride. Equestrian Whether an afternoon ride or cross State of Jefferson Scenic Byway

► Illinois River Forks State Park

There are literally hundreds of miles - Sucker Creek Trail of lightly used gravel forest service

Sam Brown Horse Campground oads that cross every type of river, orest, meadow, or mountain terrain.

Snow Sports Whether it's the sparkle of a light dusting or deep drifts, each winter

Accessible

access and accessibility. Here are

The Illinois Valley is home to an extraordinarily diverse geology and landscape. Old growth forests, rare

plants, craggy mountains, native salmon runs, and clean rivers await. Distance or tight technical, we have

Disc Golf

► Illinois River Forks State Park Treehouse Resorts

We are the home of award-winning

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State ► Deer Creek Vineyard

Augustino Winery

Take Care Out There

