



For much of the outside world, Grant County may seem like uncharted territory, a little known part of Oregon.

Although vast—it sprawls over 4,500 square miles, nearly as large as Connecticut—the county is remote from more urban parts of Oregon. It’s not just rural, but proudly frontier. No freeway or railroad runs through it. You can’t drive in from north, south, east, or west without first crossing a 5,000-foot pass. If you don’t mind sharing a country road with a cattle drive, or pausing for a herd of elk, or stopping on the highway for a county fair parade, you will find it well worth the effort.

The history of the county is rich—gold rush, ancient fossils, timber, and cattle barons. The Kam Wah Chung Museum and Heritage Site offers a fascinating look into the Chinese experience in the old west.

You can explore the Age of Mammals at the renowned John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Hike through stunning geologic formations and watch archaeologists at work.

The 7,200 folks who call Grant County home have deep roots in their communities and families, some tracing back to the 1862 Gold Rush. Our biggest city is small by urban

standards, and it boasts just one stoplight, the only one in the whole county.

It’s a place where people greet each other, even strangers, on the sidewalk. A place where neighbors look out for their neighbors. A place where generation after generation has worked in harmony with the land. Above all, it’s a place defined by the bounty of nature—meandering rivers, open range, towering forests, stunning rock formations and abundant wildlife. And while your new friends in Grant County may not tell you where their favorite huckleberry patch is, they’ll gladly share the rest of their stories.



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Grant County Oregon: a Land of Contrast

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The Kam Wah Chung Museum and State Heritage Site offers a fascinating look into a little known historic era, exploring the Chinese experience in the Old West and the gold rush era in Grant County.

PHOTOS top row: Magone Lake; Sheep Rock, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument; forest road in Malheur National Forest. **LEFT** top: Kam Wah Chung Museum & Heritage Site. **MIDDLE**: Strawberry Lake, Strawberry Mountain Wilderness. **BOTTOM**: John Day Fossil Beds National Monument Interpretive Center. **RIGHT** top: Cattle drive west of Mt. Vernon. **MIDDLE**: "Graveling" near Prairie City. **BOTTOM**: Cathedral Rock, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.



If you look up the definition of "wide-open spaces," you'll find "Grant County." This vast, remote county sprawls over 4,500 square miles—nearly as large as Connecticut—with wildlife outnumbering its 7,000+ human residents.

Your opportunity for outdoor adventures are abundant in Grant County—camping, hiking trails, fishing, snowmobile trails, cycling (whether bicycle or motorcycle), alpine lakes, forest peaks and pine forests. Get ready to unplug and breathe deeply.



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