

Why climb a mountain? Just because it's there? Nonsense. In Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country, people climb mountains to soak in the unforgettable scenery. Dozens of vistas reveal the complex geography, biology and economy of the region.

Ask any number of local residents where their favorite viewpoint in the area is, and you'll get any number of answers. There are far too many to list in any single brochure. But after prolonged debate, a group of community leaders came up with a list of the best of the best viewpoints, and listed them here in this brochure. Some can be reached only by walking or with four-wheel drive. But many are alongside highways or require only a short trip out of your way.

The Cascade volcanoes are the star attraction from any viewpoint along the West Coast, and 14,162-foot Mount Shasta is the king of them all in the central coast region. Its snowy crown can be seen from nearly any hilltop between Redding, CA, and Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. While you're at it, see if you can pick out Lassen Peak, Mount McLoughlin, Mount Scott or the Three Sisters.

Wildlife, particularly waterfowl and raptors, are abundant throughout Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country. Migratory waterfowl number in the millions during spring and fall months. Bald eagles are relatively easy to spot during later-winter months. For the best wildlife viewing begin your drive or hike just as dawn breaks.

You'll find fire lookout towers at some of the viewpoints listed here. During the summer season when the towers are occupied, visitors are welcome to climb to the top and look around. In the off-season, climbing on the towers is discouraged.

Viewpoints listed in this brochure are categorized according to accessibility by car, high-clearance vehicle or foot.

Suggestions or New Ideas:

Please contact Klamath County Dept. of Tourism
1-800-445-6728

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Bonus Points

If you're looking for views that the average tourist never sees, here are a few ideas for scenic adventures that may take a little more time or present some unique challenges:

- Try a day hike to one of several peaks within wilderness or roadless areas. You'll see lots of unspoiled country and get a little exercise along the way. Who cares if you don't reach the summit? The scenery will wow you along the way. Local favorites are Mount McLoughlin 30 miles west of Klamath Falls, and Gearhart Mountain 55 miles east of Klamath Falls. For information on McLoughlin contact the Klamath Ranger District, (541) 885-3400. For information on Gearhart contact the Bly Ranger District, (541) 353-2427.
- Want to experience the spectacular view that John C. Fremont did when his excursion stopped at Winter Rim? Try a visit to Fremont Point southeast of Silver Lake on the Fremont National Forest. Here you will find outstanding views of Summer Lake and the high Oregon desert and a monument commemorating Fremont's historic visit. Contact the Silver Lake Ranger District for directions at (541) 576-2107.
- Get a hang glider's view of the high desert by visiting Tague's Butte, site of the national hang gliding championship. For directions call the Fremont National Forest at (541) 947-3334 or the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce at (541) 947-6040.

Guide to number codes:

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| 1. Accessible by passenger car. | 3. Accessible by foot. |
| 2. Accessible by high-clearance vehicle. | 4. Historical viewpoint. |
| | 5. Drive-by view. |
| | 6. Mountaintop view. |

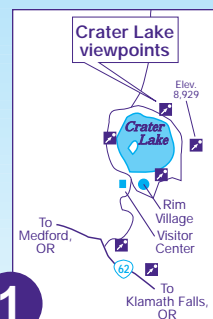
Crater Lake National Park

60 mi. N of Klamath Falls, OR on Hwy. 97 & 62.

Here are the world-renowned views you've seen on post cards and in magazines. Too many individual spots to mention. Many viewpoints accessible by wheelchair. Some are found at the end of hiking trails.

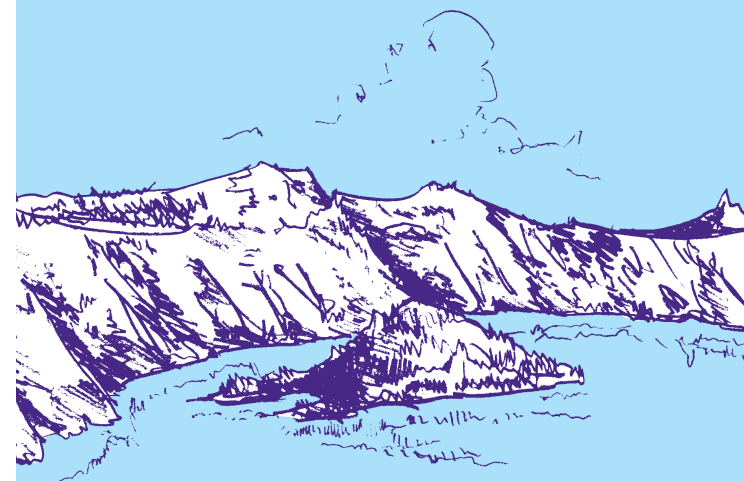
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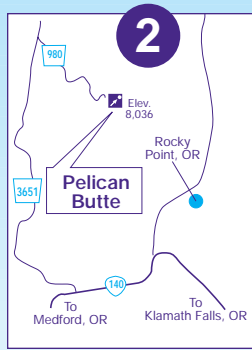
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Klamath, Lake, & Modoc Country

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Pelican Butte

From Klamath Falls, OR, W 25 mi. on Hwy. 140 to Forest Service Rd. 3651, N 9 miles to spur no. 980, E 3 mi. to summit.

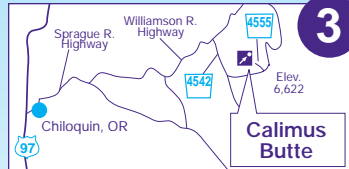
Summit offers breathtaking view of Upper Klamath Lake and Sky Lakes Wilderness. Old-growth timber lines the narrow, rough road to the top. About an hour's drive from Klamath Falls to the summit.

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Information: Klamath Ranger District, (541) 885-3400.

Calimus Butte

From Chiloquin, OR, E 5.5 on Sprague River Hwy., left on Williamson River Rd. for 11 mi., right on Forest Service Rd. 4542 for 2 mi., left on Rd. 4555, 1 mi. to summit.



Historic cupola-style lookout built by Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1920. Overlooks scene of 48-square-mile Lone Pine fire in 1992. Also, Klamath Marsh, Sprague River valley.

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Information: Chiloquin Ranger District, (541) 783-4001.

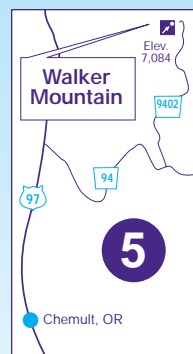
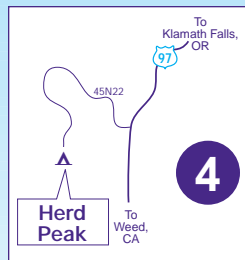
Herd Peak

From Macdoel, CA, S 17 mi. on Highway 97, W on Forest Service Rd. 45N22, follow signs for approximately 5 mi. to lookout.

A gravel road off Hwy. 97 leads to Herd Peak where a fire lookout is staffed during the summer months and is open to the public. The summit offers breathtaking views of Mt. Shasta and the surrounding area.

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Information: Goosenest Ranger District, (530) 398-4391.



Walker Mountain

From Chemult, OR, 3 mi. N on Hwy 97, right on Forest Service Rd. 94 for 4.5 mi., left on Rd. 9402 for 3 mi. to summit.

On a clear day, view from fire lookout extends from Mt. Jefferson in central Oregon to Mount Shasta in northern California. Surrounded by a sea of forest land.

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Information: Crescent Ranger District, (541) 433-2234.

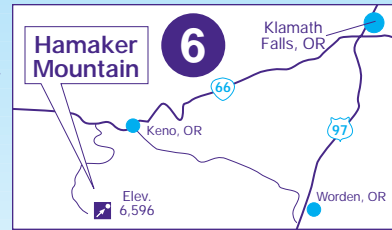
Hamaker Mountain

From Keno, OR, 1 mi. W to Hamaker Mountain road, left for 13 mi. to summit.

Paved road provides easy access to the summit. Overlooks transition zone from Cascade Mountains to Klamath Basin. Watch out for snowplows in winter! No facilities.

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Information: Bureau of Land Management, Klamath Resource Area (541) 883-6916.



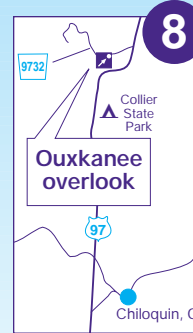
Hager Mountain

From Silver Lake, OR, S on Forest Service Rd. 28 for 11 mi., left on Forest Service Rd. 036 for 4 mi. to top.

Fire lookout at summit offers view of Cascades to the west, Steens Mountain to the east. Overlooks Sycan Marsh. Alternate route to summit is on National Recreation Trail from Forest Service road 036. Inquire at Forest Service about renting the lookout for an overnight stay during winter.

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Information: Silver Lake Ranger District, (541) 576-2107.



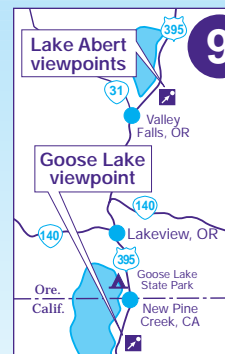
Ouxkanee overlook

From Klamath Falls, OR, N. 32 mi. on Hwy 97, W. on Forest Service Rd. 9732 1 mi. to overlook.

A short drive off Highway 97 leads to a picnic area with stunning overlook of Williamson River valley and surrounding landscape. Scan the horizon as far as Mount Shasta in Northern California.

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Information: Chiloquin Ranger District, (541) 783-4001.



Lake Abert, Goose Lake

Overlooks along Hwy. 395.

With no outlets, these lakes rise and fall with the changing climate. This valley attracts many nesting and migrating waterfowl. Abert Rim is longest fault escarpments in North America. Look for Applegate Trail crossing at Goose Lake.

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Information: U.S. Forest Service (530) 233-5811 or (541) 947-3334. Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District, (541) 947-2177 or Alturas Resource Area, (530) 233-4666.

Modoc National Wildlife Refuge

From Alturas, CA, 1.5 mi. S on Hwy. 395 to large pullout on S side of Pit River.

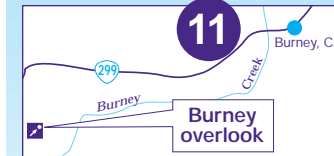
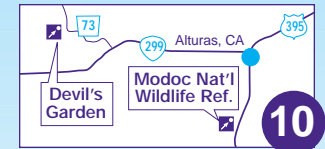
Devil's Garden

From Alturas, CA, 4 mi. W on Hwy. 299, N on Crowder Flat Rd. 1.5 mi. to top of hill.

Refuge is a stopover for nesting area for thousands of migratory birds. Devil's Garden area is transition between forests and high desert.

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Information: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (530) 233-3572. Modoc National Forest, (530) 233-5811.



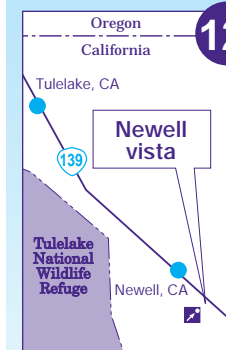
Burney overlook

From Burney, Calif., W 7 mi. on Hwy 299 to pull-out.

Overlook offers view of Burney Basin and high desert to the east. Scenery dominated by ranches and meadows. Also in view is the 60,000-acre Fountain fire that burned in 1992.

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Information: Burney Chamber of Commerce, (530) 335-2111.



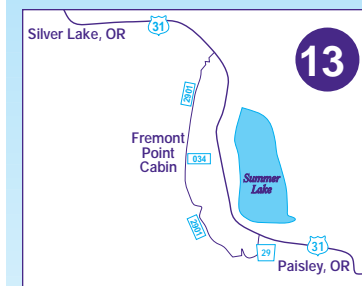
Newell vista

From Newell, Calif., S 1 mi. on Hwy 139.

Two pull-outs along highway overlook scenes of skirmishes in the Modoc War. Geologic features include Horse Mountain to the northeast, the Peninsula and Petroglyph Rock to the west, and Lava Beds National Monument to the southwest. One mile north of vista look for monument identifying site of "American citizen" and Japanese internment camp.

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Information: Lava Beds National Mon., (530) 667-2282.



Fremont Point

Drive N on Hwy. 31 for 11 mi. Turn left at Government Harvey Pass sign post. Travel W on Forest Service Rd. 29 for 10 mi. to top of winter rim. Turn left and drive 2 1/4 mi. to the parking area. From

the parking area, there is a trail that leads to the cabin.

This historic site is located on the cliff face of one of Eastern Oregon's major fault blocks, Winter Ridge. Overlooking Summer Lake, the view is spectacular with the elevation at 7,135 feet above sea level.

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Information: Silver Lake Ranger District, 541-576-2107.