

**W**elcome to Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country, one of America's richest havens for wildlife, where seven national wildlife refuges, three state wildlife areas and thousands of acres of private farmlands provide habitat for a rich variety of waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, raptors, big game, small mammals and aquatic life.

**T**ake an early morning drive on an auto tour route through Lower Klamath or Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges, and listen to the raucous sounds of millions of birds feeding, building nests, or perhaps gaining strength during a rest on their migration. An estimated 80 percent of the waterfowl in the Pacific flyway pay a visit to the Klamath Basin sometime during the year. The Klamath Basin Refuges are a fee demo program. 100% of the fees go back into the refuges.

**B**ald eagles gather by the hundreds in the Klamath Basin each winter. Klamath Falls hosts an annual Bald Eagle Conference in February, providing a forum for professional wildlife managers and serious bird enthusiasts. Forested lands north and west of Klamath Falls produce one of Oregon's most productive eagle nesting areas.

**P**ronghorn, mule deer and elk are all present in Klamath, Lake and Modoc Country, though elk and pronghorn are usually harder to find than birds. Inside this brochure are some hints on where to look for antelope, pronghorn, elk and deer, as well as many other forms of wildlife.

## Bonus Points

**H**ere are some suggestions for those who want to get a closer look at the Klamath, Lake and Modoc country's wildlife. These activities may require extra effort or patience, but the reward is usually a wildlife viewing experience that few people will ever know.

- Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges offer photo blinds for \$5 a day. Eight photo blinds available. Arrive before daybreak, and you'll find unsuspecting birds coming within a few feet of your camera lens. Reservations required. **(530) 667-2231** or [www.klamathnwr.org](http://www.klamathnwr.org).
- Hike the perimeter of Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and see a mixture of high desert, marshland and forest wildlife communities. 4½ miles. **Info: (541) 783-3380.**
- Consult the "Birder's Guide to the Klamath Basin" published by the Klamath Basin Audubon Society. For copies write the society at P.O. Box 354, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, or inquire at local government offices.
- The Bureau of Land Management is establishing a Watchable Wildlife touring route within the Gerber Reservoir Area. There will be nine stops along this route to view a variety of wildlife. **Info: (541) 883-6916.**
- **Rare Bird Alert: (541) 850-3805.**
- Want to get away from people while seeing lots of our feathered friends? Then visit the Bureau of Land Management's Wood River Wetland, located on the north shore of Agency Lake, off of Modoc Point Road. This 3,200 acre former ranch, now a restored wetland, offers a great canoe launch and non-motorized access for those

that want to get away from it all! You're guaranteed to see lots of waterfowl; migratory birds and bald eagles. Check out the Wood River for some great trout fishing! **Info: (541) 883-6916.**

*We would like to thank Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge for assisting in sponsoring this brochure.*

**Suggestions or New Ideas:**  
Please contact Klamath County Dept. of Tourism  
1-800-445-6728

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[www.sova.org/klm/](http://www.sova.org/klm/)

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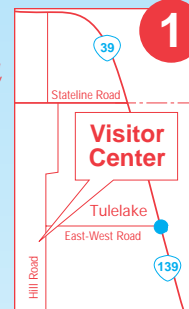
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### Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuges visitor center

From Tulelake, CA, W 5 mi. on East-West Road, south 1/2 mi. on Hill Road.

Open every day all year. The place to start for getting an overview of wildlife in the Klamath Basin. Wildlife exhibits, films, viewing tips, occasional guided tours. Visitor centers open daily including weekends.

**Information: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (530) 667-2231**



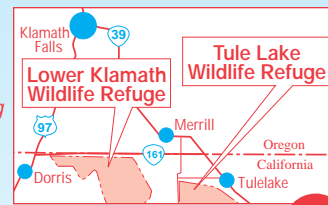
### Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuges

Auto tour routes begin at refuge visitor center and along Hwy. 161 (Stateline Road).

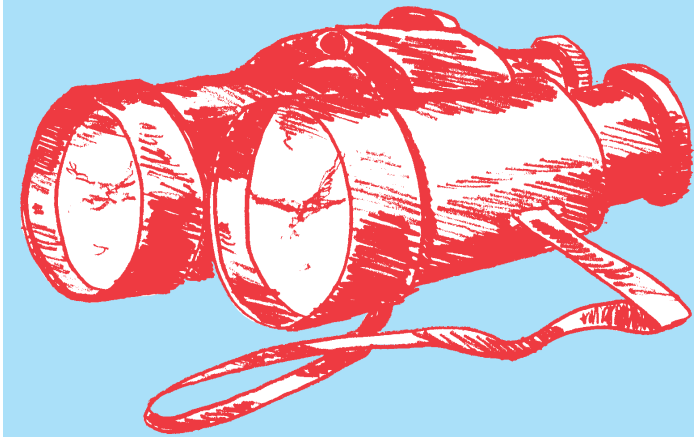
Refuges open during daylight hours all year. Best bird viewing in the Klamath Basin.

Eagles and other raptors abundant, especially in winter. Migratory waterfowl by the millions. Also big game, grebes, shorebirds, cranes, swans, pelicans.

**Info.: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (530) 667-2231.**  
Fee demo program, all fees invested back into refuges.

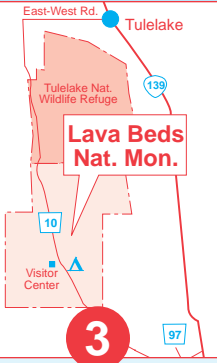


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## Klamath, Lake, & Modoc Country

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**Lava Beds National Monument**

From Tulelake, CA, W 5 mi. on East-West Road, S 9.5 mi. on Hill Road to Monument, S 9.5 mi. to Visitor Center.

Deer and pronghorn antelope wintering area. Songbirds typical of sagebrush habitat, including mountain bluebird, plain titmouse, towhees and Townsend's solitaire. Visitor Center open daily including weekends.

**Information:** Lava Beds National Monument, (530) 667-2282

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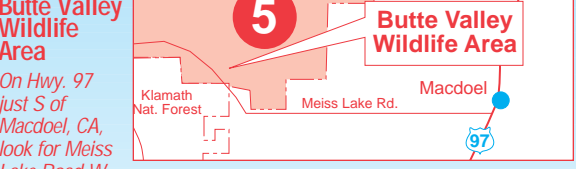
**Clear Lake Wildlife Refuge**

From Tulelake, CA, 15 mi. S on Hwy. 139 to Forest Service Rd. 136, then 10 mi. E along south boundary of refuge.

Sage and juniper rangeland provides best place to see pronghorn and some deer. Use binoculars to spot white pelicans on remote nesting island in this refuge that is closed to access by general public.

**Information:** U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (530) 667-2231.

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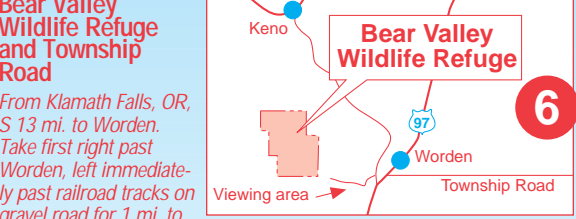
**Butte Valley Wildlife Area**

On Hwy. 97 just S of Macdoel, CA, look for Meiss Lake Road W.

Stopping point for migratory waterfowl, summering area for shorebirds, hunting grounds for dozens of raptors. Look for uncommon Swainson's hawk, pronghorn throughout Butte Valley.

**Information:** Butte Valley Wildlife Area, (530) 398-4627

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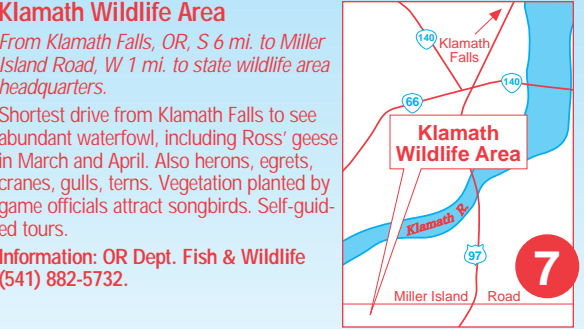
**Bear Valley Wildlife Refuge and Township Road**

From Klamath Falls, OR, S 13 mi. to Worden. Take first right past Worden, left immediately past railroad tracks on gravel road for 1 mi. to eagle viewing area. Township Road runs east from just south of Worden.

Daily eagle flyout from roost sites in Bear Valley during winter months. Eagles, in winter, and other raptors perch along Township road throughout year.

**Information:** U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (530) 667-2231

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**Klamath Wildlife Area**

From Klamath Falls, OR, S 6 mi. to Miller Island Road, W 1 mi. to state wildlife area headquarters.

Shortest drive from Klamath Falls to see abundant waterfowl, including Ross' geese in March and April. Also herons, egrets, cranes, gulls, terns. Vegetation planted by game officials attract songbirds. Self-guided tours.

**Information:** OR Dept. Fish & Wildlife (541) 882-5732.

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**Moore Park, Link River Trail, and Lake Ewauna**

Take Oregon Ave. exit from Hwy. 97, follow signs to Moore Park. Look for trail on west side of Link River.

Excellent birding opportunities in heart of Klamath Falls. One-mile, easy trail along river provides views of songbirds, diving ducks, cormorants. Songbirds thrive on berries and fruit trees along trail. Deer spotted here often.

**Information:** Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, (541) 884-5193.

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**Upper Klamath Wildlife Refuge**

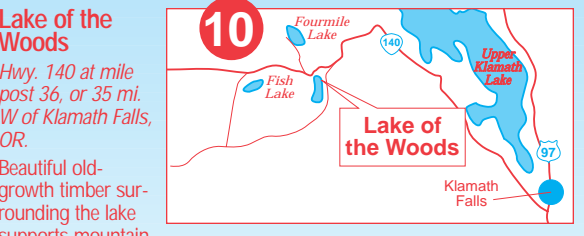
From Klamath Falls, OR, 28 mi. W on Hwy. 140 to Rocky Point Rd. At boat launch continue north on Westside Rd.

One of Klamath County's most scenic roads provides an overview of refuge. Prime eagle nesting area. Canoe trails. Follow hiking trails west of road into elk habitat.

This route is part of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, an "All American Road."

**Information:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (530) 667-2231  
Winema National Forest (541) 883-6714

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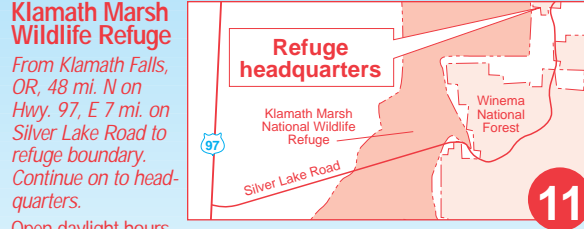
**Lake of the Woods**

Hwy. 140 at mile post 36, or 35 mi. W of Klamath Falls, OR.

Beautiful old-growth timber surrounding the lake supports mountain species such as gray jays, nuthatches and crossbills. Ospreys and eagles often seen at lake. Trails into Mountain Lakes Wilderness provide opportunities to see elk.

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

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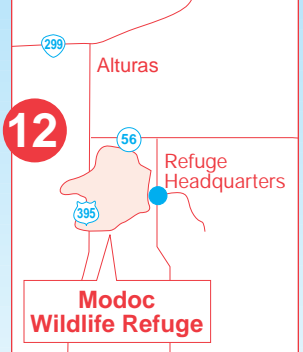
**Klamath Marsh Wildlife Refuge**

From Klamath Falls, OR, 48 mi. N on Hwy. 97, E 7 mi. on Silver Lake Road to refuge boundary. Continue on to headquarters.

Open daylight hours year round. Forest Service Rd. 690 on refuge's east side leads to observation points above Wocus Bay. A new recreational trail traces refuge's east boundary, and is a great cross-country ski trail.

**Information:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (541) 783-3380.

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**Modoc National Wildlife Refuge**

From Alturas, CA, E 1 mi. on County Rd. 56.

This refuge established in 1960 supports sandhill cranes, waterfowl and raptors, including eagles. Auto tour route leads past lakes. Visit Modoc County Museum in Alturas for local history. Refuge Headquarters for further tour information.

**Information:** U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (530) 233-3572.

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**Summer Lake Wildlife Area**

1 mi. S of the town of Summer Lake, OR on Hwy. 31.

An auto tour through wetland areas provides opportunities to view waterfowl including trumpeter swans, raptors, shorebirds, and sandhill cranes. Other marsh species are also present.

**Information:** Summer Lake Wildlife Area, (541) 943-3152.

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**Warner Wetlands**

From Lakeview, OR travel 5 mi. N on Hwy. 395, 15.5 mi. E on Hwy. 140 E, County Rd. 3-13 travels to Plush, OR, from Plush travel 8 mi. on County Rd. 3-12 to wetlands.

The cyclic flooding and drying of the lakes creates a complex and constantly changing habitat for plants and wildlife. Spring and fall migrations bring hundreds of thousands of birds through Warner Valley, such as cranes, herons, egrets, ducks, and swans.

**Information:** Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District, (541) 947-2177.

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