



ONE OF THE SEVEN
WONDERS OF OREGON

In the Wallowas, you can look down from an alpine summit and see the high desert of Indian country roll out before you, then turn the other direction and gaze past Hells Canyon into the next state.

Home to snowcapped mountain ranges, glacier-carved lakes, the state's largest wilderness area and America's deepest river gorge, the area surrounding the Wallowa Mountains claims some of the most dramatic scenery in the country. There are fields of fauna, working ranches, abundant wide open spaces—even a few ghost towns. Once you experience them for yourself, it's easy to see why the Wallowas are one of the 7 Wonders of Oregon.



Northeastern Oregon preserves the past in small-town life, endless vistas and Oregon Trail sites frozen in time. Many notable spots can be seen along the stunning 208-mile loop of the **Hells Canyon Scenic Byway**. This tour can begin from any part of the loop—just don't miss a single mile.

Baker City to Halfway

The Byway winds through the craggy, 8,000 foot depths of Hells Canyon and along the 10,000 foot peaks of the Wallowas. Gear up in **Baker City**, one of Rand McNally's 6 most beautiful small towns in America and home of **Barley Browns** award-winning brew pub. Late 19th century Victorian architecture dominates the city's downtown, including the famous **Geiser Grand Hotel**. Before leaving town, immerse yourself in pioneer history at the **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**.

Halfway to Joseph

Early pioneers first traveled portions of this route on their way to the Willamette Valley in the early 1840s. Today, the area is a mecca for backpacking, fishing, white water rafting and **Jet Boat Trips** with **Hells Canyon Adventures** on the Snake River.

Near Halfway, stay at **Cornucopia Lodge** and enjoy the surrounding Eagle Cap Wilderness by horseback (excursions available for all level riders). For a truly unique trekking experience, venture out on a llama pack trip with **Wallowa Llamas** tours.

Heading out of Halfway, take a short detour to the **Hells Canyon Overlook**, with outstanding views of McGraw Creek, Hells Canyon, and the Seven Devils Mountains, which stand at the Idaho border.



Onward to **Joseph**, you'll be enthralled by the jagged peaks of the Wallowas, reminiscent of the Swiss Alps. Six miles south of town, glacially-formed **Wallowa Lake** features a lodge and a state park with yurts, cabins and tent sites. **Wallowa Lake Tramway** takes you to the summit of Mt. Howard, where 2 miles of easy trails lead to viewpoints. If you're up for an adventure, **Winding Waters Rafting** is unmatched.

The picturesque town of **Joseph** tempts visitors with galleries, bronze foundries, outfitters and artisan chocolate makers—there's even a craft distillery.

Enterprise - Elgin - La Grande

West of the Wallowas, the bountiful Grande Ronde Valley unfolds and is rich in native American history. Enterprise offers an array of shops and accommodations, as well as the cozy creekside **Terminal Gravity Brewery**. You'll continue through **Lostine** and **Wallowa**, home of the Nez Perce Interpretive Center.

Following the beautiful Wallowa River, you'll soon reach Elgin, and the elegantly restored 1912 **Elgin Opera House**. Elgin is also home base for the **Eagle Cap Excursion Train**, which runs 63 miles along the Grande Ronde and Wallowa Rivers.

La Grande

Your Byway adventure ends in La Grande. Once a rest stop along the historic Oregon Trail, this town offers year-round cultural events, a preserved commercial **Historic District**, and is home to **Eastern Oregon University**, the only four year university in Eastern Oregon.

For more trip ideas and planning resources check out:
VisitEasternOregon.com

For more on Hells Canyon Scenic Byway visit:
HellsCanyonByway.com

Great Events

Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo
Halfway – 4th weekend of June

Elgin Stampede Rodeo
Elgin – 2nd weekend in July

**Pioneer Wagon Encampment
at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**
Baker City – Labor Day Weekend

**Taste of Baker and Baker City
Artist Studio Tour**
Baker City – 1st weekend in October

Scenic Hiking Trails

Two Pan Trail: Follow the valley floor lush with wildflowers and clear streams ideal for fishing, plus views of Eagle Cap Peak. 17 miles south of Lostine.

Hurricane Creek: The jumping off point to access the Eagle Cap Wilderness and high alpine lakes. Take in views of Sacajawea, Matterhorn and Eagle Cap Peaks. 6 miles south of Joseph.

West Fork of the Wallowa River: One of the three main trails for exploring the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Located at the south end of Wallowa Lake.

Mt. Emily Recreation Area: Miles of beautiful trails just 2 miles from downtown La Grande can be enjoyed by foot, mountain bike or horseback.

Catherine Creek State Park: A great basecamp for exploring the region, the park provides a peaceful setting along the crystal-clear water for camping, hiking and fishing. 8 miles from Union.

The Wallowas—Top 20

- 1 **Hells Canyon Scenic Byway:** Take a breathtaking 208-mile driving tour of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, the Snake River and the deepest river gorge in America.
- 2 **Grande Tour Scenic Bikeway:** Crystal clear streams and serene farmlands mark this scenic, 134-mile figure-8 loop.
- 3 **Eagle Cap Excursion Train:** Journey along the Wild & Scenic Wallowa River past wildlife, timbered ridges and rugged cliffs.
- 4 **Blue Banana Coffee Shop:** Fuel up with a frozen chai or espresso drink in this kitschy roadside landmark (don't forget the camera)!
- 5 **Lostine Tavern:** Everything local is “on tap” at this farm to table gathering spot. Dine on locally sourced wild salmon, grass fed beef burgers, brews and more.
- 6 **Terminal Gravity:** A mecca for craft beer lovers, taste some of the Pacific Northwest’s best IPAs alongside tasty pub food in a cozy, creekside setting.
- 7 **Rim Rock Inn:** Sleep in an authentic tepee overlooking spectacular Joseph Canyon.
- 8 **Chief Joseph Gravesite:** Pay homage to the Nez Perce tribe and their revered leader who inhabited these lands and rose up against settlers.
- 9 **Arrowhead Chocolates:** Every hike needs chocolate: pack up award-winning huckleberry truffles, habanero caramels and more for your adventure.
- 10 **Wallowology & Josephy Center for Arts & Culture:** The perfect introduction to the area’s stunning natural and cultural environments.

- 11 **Wallowa Lake Tramway:** Glide through the evergreens to the top of Mt. Howard for a jaw-dropping view of the Eagle Cap Wilderness’s 10,000-foot peaks.
- 12 **Zumwalt Prairie & Buckhorn Overlook:** Experience magnificent views of wildflowers, the Nez Perce homelands and 33,000 acres of the only native bunch grass prairie remaining in the United States.
- 13 **Hells Canyon Adventures:** Make new memories with a thrilling jet boat ride along the Wild River section of the Snake River.
- 14 **Cornucopia Lodge:** Unplug from the hustle and bustle and take in the magnificent views of the Wallowa Mountains.
- 15 **Halfway Whimsical Local Artists Co-op:** A definite stop for treasure hunters, with art, decor and furniture made from recycled objects.
- 16 **Oregon Trail Interpretive Center:** Walk in actual wagon ruts of the Oregon Trail and learn about the heroic journey of these pioneers.
- 17 **Baker City:** The charming downtown district of Historic Baker City makes for a great home base while exploring the areas Old West culture.
- 18 **Barley Brown’s Brew Pub:** One of Oregon’s most award-winning breweries also serves home cooked meals in this beautiful 1870’s town.
- 19 **Buffalo Peak Golf Course:** 18 holes with gorgeous views of the Grande Ronde Valley and surrounding Wallowa and Blue Mountains near the historic town of Union.
- 20 **Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area:** Home to an ongoing flow of migrating ducks, geese and nesting shorebirds.

