La Pine

The Newberry National Monument is located in the town of La Pine. It is just 5 miles north of the Chamber office on Hwy 97. Turn Left (east) and travel up into the crater to enjoy the world’s largest obsidian flow, Paulina Lake and resort and the wonderful little East Lake resort. Both Lakes feature camping, a store, restaurant, boats, fishing, and camping or cabins to rent. Paulina is open for the winter, too and you can go into the resort to stay on a snowmobile! This is the one thing in La Pine you do not want to miss! For information about any of the Lava Lands destinations call the Newberry National Monument Hotline number at 541-383-5700.

Inside the Caldera: Paulina Creek Water slides. Go on Paulina Lake road to McKay Campground (McKay Crossing Campground) then take the 1-1/2 mile trail to the waterslides.

To get to the Hot Springs go to the far end of Little Crater Campground on Paulina Lake and hike on the lakeshore trail approximately 1 mile. You will see the little hot spring pools that people have made through the years.

Rosland Campground is located ¼ mile past the Little Deschutes River on Burgess Road (Wickiup turn off from Hwy 97) The little park is a Park District owned park that features a day use area with access to the river, camping and they are remodeling the park to include a new pavilion that is a covered area for your picnics, gatherings and meetings.
Places to go within 45 minutes of the Chamber of Commerce in La Pine: 541-536-9771

NORTH

- **Quail Run Golf Course** - 18 holes of wonderful golf set in a beautiful La Pine area setting for your convenience. Carts and pro shop, Lunch café and all of the amenities are available at this Public Course. Go north on HWY 97. Turn left at RV resort and follow signs that say golf course this way! DiamondStone Resort and Moto Fantasy is located 1 mile south of the golf course on Sprague Loop. 541-536-1303 for information

- **La Pine State Park** - A beautiful State Park with camping and visitor amenities including hiking, access to the Big Deschutes and the Big Tree - a local favorite for weddings and gatherings. Go north on HWY 97 to State Rec road and turn left. The park is at the end of the road. There is fishing and watersports in the Big Deschutes River and all kinds of outdoor activities available all year round. 541-536-2428 is where you can reserve a camping spot or ask questions.

- **Lava Lands Visitor’s Center** - go north on HWY 97-18 miles. Turn left into the center and go to the main info booth for all of the maps and activities you can do while there. From the top of the butte you can see 300 cinder cones in the local area. Benham Falls is on the south end. It is a good place to access the river in several locations. Newberry National Volcanic Monument hotline is 541-383-5700.

- **High Desert Museum** - 22 miles north of La Pine on HWY 97 you will see the right hand turn off into the museum. It features the natural history of the entire Central Oregon region from the Native Americans through the settlement period and it also offers a living history cabin and garden, wood mill and colorful characters to entertain and answer your many questions about pioneer life. There are raptor exhibits daily and you can peek at bobcats and otters!

- **Bend** - 30 miles north, the City of Bend offers many wonderful things to do. Try the Old Mill District off Reed Road. You will find theaters, shops, restaurants and great parking while you are there. Stop in at the Central Oregon Visitor’s Center on the South end of the parking lot and pick up additional info about bend things to do.

- **Sunriver** - 17 miles north of La Pine you can turn west off HWY 97 into the Sunriver Experience! The resort, the Village, the new aquatic park called the SHARC, the Sunriver Nature Center, The Oregon Observatory, the horse stables, the boat landings, the bike paths the vacation rentals are all waiting for you to enjoy!

- **Sunriver Nature Center and the Oregon Observatory** are both located off Circle three in Sunriver. Look at the stars, have a bird-watching adventure and learn about nature in Central Oregon. 541-593-4442 for the nature center and the observatory is 541-598-4406.

WEST

- **South Twin Lake/North Twin Lake** - Take Huntington Road through town, north to Burgess. Turn left and follow the road, past Wild River and Pringle Falls to South Century Drive. Turn left 4 miles and left again to the resort. Boats, fishing, camping, cabins, great food and all of the fun a person could want at a local lake are available to all visitors.

- **The other High lakes** - Crane Prairie, Wickiup, Cultus and many others are easily accessible following the same basic directions

SOUTH

- **Crescent Lake Lodge** - located on Hwy 58 right (west) after the cutoff road from Crescent (17 miles south of La Pine off of HWY 97) joins the Hwy, you will find great food, a pristine lake, camping, fishing nature trails and all kinds of resort amenities in the tiny town.

- **Gilchrist/Crescent** - two tiny towns connected by their relationship with what was the old mill town of Gilchrist (Now Interfor). It is located 17 mile south of La Pine on HWY 97 and boasts a historic mall, a beautiful old theater and an amazing motel lodge.

- **Salt Creek Falls** - located on Hwy 58; Salt Creek Falls is a waterfall on Salt Creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, located near Oakridge, Oregon in the Willamette National Forest. It is about 286 feet tall and is the second highest waterfall in Oregon. Watch for signs as you approach Oak Ridge Oregon.

EAST

- **Fort Rock, Oregon** - Located north of Hwy 31 east of La pine about 30 miles, like a desert mirage, this National Natural Landmark rises huge out of the barren, immense flatness of Oregon’s high desert. An enormous near-circle of towering jagged rock walls making it seem like a fort. Hike around and you’ll soon realize it’s even bigger than it looks! It’s an old tuff ring set in what was a shallow sea in prehistoric times. As you walk around inside, imagine the early American Indians who canoed to and from what was then an island. Sandals found in a nearby cave are the oldest ever discovered, dating back around 9,000-13,000 years. The nearby town has a restaurant and several amenities for visitors. Fort Rock also has an old museum to poke around in.

- **Silver Lake** is the home of the famous Cowboy Dinner tree. Call for reservations and get ready to put on the feed bag 541-576-2426. Located 4 miles south of the Town of Silver Lake, it is a pristine experience in old fashioned western hospitality. It is a cook shack using no electric and they do offer rustic cabin rentals and dry camping for their guests to the area. It has amazing food and amazing views! Silver Lake also has a little bar where they serve top shelf liquors and alligator on demand!

- **A short drive east on Hwy 31** reveals the high desert and all of the geological changes you can imagine. Rock hunting, sight-seeing, day hiking (watch out for snakes) are ready for you to enjoy. See The Devil’s Garden, Crack-in-the-ground, and Hole-in-the-ground. Drive a little further until you reach Silver Lake.

- **Summer Lake Hot Springs** - One of the most picturesque places in the USA! There is ancient artesian hot springs located at the south end of Summer Lake. Day use $10.00 9AM to 7PM. 541-943-3931.

- **Paisley** is located in an up-thrust of new geological mountain and it offers the Little Potato River and annual Mosquito Festival every June.