

Traveling to Oregon Star Party

We strongly suggest printing the following route information for your use. GPS has proven to be fallible in the Ochocos. Cellphone service can be extremely spotty and unreliable in the area.

We would like to remind everyone that sunset in mid-August is around 8:00 PM. Please try to arrive before dark. But if you are unable to do so, be cautious of deer or other animals on the roads, particularly around dusk or dawn. In normal year's you could anticipate an 1 to 1.5 hours drive from Prineville to the site, however, with heavy eclipse traffic expect longer commute times. Roads are paved except for the last four miles, which are gravel and in good shape.

- Those arriving after 8pm should plan on spending their first night parked at the entry Late Night Arrival Area.
 - The road into the main area will be blocked and you will be asked to camp in the late night arrival area near the entry gate. The road will reopen at 10am in the morning.
 - We have had some trouble in the past with local hunters removing our signs, so if you follow the mileages listed, you will find OSP without any problem.
1. Please check the Oregon Department of Transportation web page [tripcheck](http://tripcheck.com) (tripcheck.com) for up-to-date road information. The link for Incident Maps will take you to a 9 section grid. The Indian Trail Spring site is in Central Oregon. The site is east of Prineville along Highway 26.
 2. If you need additional directions. A good idea is to pick up either a Pittmon map for Crook County, or a National Forest Service map of the Ochoco's for detailed information about the area.

Warning

Due to the large crowds expected in Central Oregon for this year's eclipse and the fact that Symbiosis will exclusively use Forest Service road 42 (OSP's traditional entry road) we are trying to give you some alternatives for travel to the Oregon Star Party. It is expected that some traffic jams may be as long as several hours. Solarfest (Madras), Oregon Eclipse 2017 (Symbiosis), and Oregon Star Party all begin on the same day. Please exercise patience and use tripcheck (tripcheck.com)

Related Articles:

Central Oregon Braces for Eclipse Traffic (<http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/5364416-151/central-oregon-braces-for-eclipse-traffic?referrer=section&ref=popular>)

Total Solar Eclipse Casts Spotlight on Rural Oregon Town (<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/total-solar-eclipse-casts-spotlight-on-rural-oregon-town/>)

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From Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, & other states:

Coming from places east of Indian Trail Spring, there are several options. From the north and east several good paved roads lead eventually to the town of Mitchell along Hwy 26. It is recommended that those coming in from this direction continue west on Hwy 26 to the turnoff for the Ochoco Ranger Station Road.

There are several gravel Forest Service roads that can be taken if one has an Ochoco National Forest map and feels comfortable with navigating back roads. But it is always a good idea to contact the Forest Service right before OSP to make sure these roads are open.

From Western Oregon, Western Washington, and California:

Oregon Star Party is discouraging people from using highway 97 down from the Washington border and highway 26 over Government Camp. We suggest that you use Interstate 5 down to highway 22 (Salem), highway 20, or highway 58 (Eugene) for travel east.

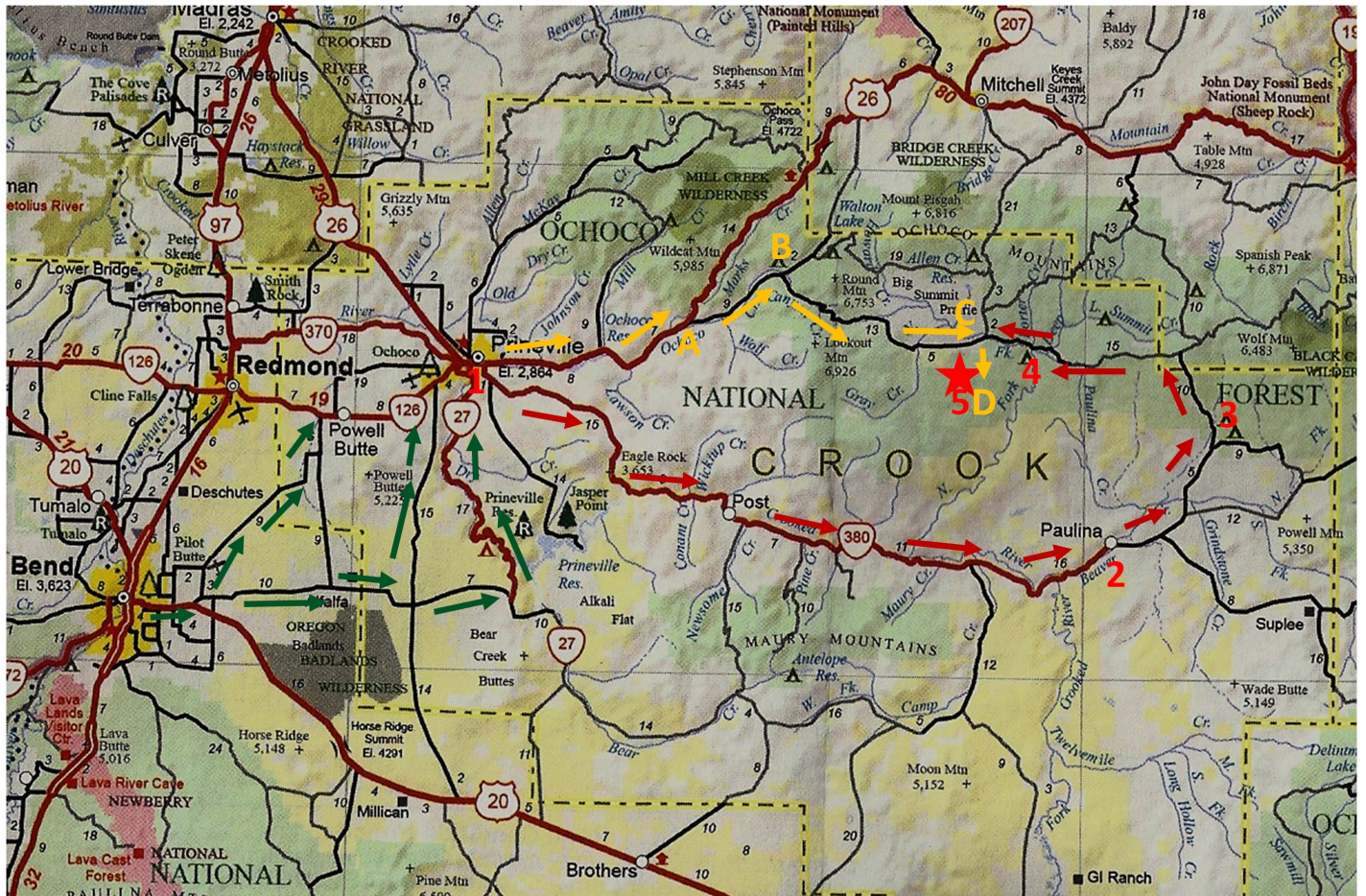
Once in Central Oregon, additional backup can be expected around the Prineville area. In many instances Oregon Star Party, Symbiosis, and Mitchell will be using the same routes. Traffic can be expected to be heaviest on highway 26 from Madras to Mitchell and highway 126 from Redmond to Prineville. Gas shortages may become an issue in Central Oregon, we suggest you fill your gas tanks before travelling to Oregon Star Party (i.e. Redmond or Bend).




Some paved routes you might consider (See Central Oregon Map):

- Highway (O' Neil highway) 370 between Redmond and Prineville
- Highway 20 alternatives from Bend (The first two routes will shorten your time on highway 126):
 - Highway 20 to Powell Butte highway. North on Powell Butte highway to highway 126. East on highway 126 to Prineville.
 - Highway 20 to Powell Butte highway. North on Powell Butte highway to Alfalfa Market road/Willard road/Reservoir road (it's all the same road). East on Alfalfa Market road to George Millican road. North on George Millican road to highway 126. East on highway 126 to Prineville.
 - Highway 20 to Powell Butte highway. North on Powell Butte highway to Alfalfa Market road/Willard road/Reservoir road (it's all the same road). East on Alfalfa Market road to Crooked River highway (Hwy 27). North on Crooked River highway to Prineville. Note this route should only be attempted by small rigs due to sharp turns in the Crooked River Canyon. This route can be used to avoid highway 26 in Prineville and east. When coming into Prineville turn right on Lynn Blvd. (just after Crook County Fairgrounds). Proceed to Paulina Hwy. See Alternate Route.

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Central Oregon Route Map



-  Highway 20 Alternative Route
-  Regular Route to OSP
-  Alternative Route to OSP

From Prineville to Oregon Star Party

The following pages describe two routes that you can use to get to Oregon Star Party from Prineville:

The Regular Route will take you out highway 26 to Forest Service road 42. Please note this is the same route that Symbiosis is using to get 35,000 people into their site. Traffic will be heavy at times.

The Alternative Route will take you out highway 380 to Paulina, north to Forest Service road 42, and then west to Big Summit Prairie. Although 46 miles longer, this route will be considerably less crowded.

Note: Route signs not to scale.

Highway 26 Route: Prineville to Oregon Star Party



FS - A Prineville to Ochoco Creek Road (Ochoco Ranger Station Road) Segment

GPS

44° 18' 13" N -120° 48' 31" W

44° 18.2131' N -120° 48.5185' W

44.303551° N -120.808641° W

Zero your trip meter at the Forest Service Headquarters at the east end of town. 14 mi
Drive eastbound on Hwy 26 to Ochoco Creek Road



Turn right onto the Ochoco Creek Road



A - B Ochoco Creek Road to Walton Lake Road (Old Ochoco Hwy.) Segment

11 min (8.6 mi)

GPS

44° 20' 30" N -120° 33' 43" W

44° 20.5076' N -120° 33.7183' W

44.341794° N -120.561972° W

Zero your trip meter. Travel on Ochoco Creek road until you come to a "Y" in the road (Walton Lake Road and NF - 42) just past the Ochoco Rest Area. 8.6 mi



Turn right onto NF - 42 (Canyon Creek Road)

Highway 26 Route: Prineville to Oregon Star Party



B - C NF - 42 Road (Canyon Creek Rd/Arvid Nelson Rd and NF - 4240 (N Fork Rd)

Segment 35 min (19 mi)

GPS

44° 23' 43" N -120° 25' 11" W

44° 23.7173' N -120° 25.1855' W

44.395288° N -120.419759° W

Zero your trip meter. Travel on NF - 42 to NF - 4240 19 mi



Turn right onto NF - 4240



C - D NF - 4240 (N Fork Rd) to NF - 800 (N Fork Rd)

Segment 8 min (2.7 mi)

GPS

44° 20' 07" N -120° 08' 25" W

44° 20.1107' N -120° 08.4122' W

44.335178° N -120.140203° W

Zero your trip meter. Travel on NF - 4240 to NF - 800 2.7 mi



Turn right onto NF - 800

D - NF - 800 (N Fork Rd) to OSP Front Gate

OSP 7 min (1.5 mi)

GPS

44° 18' 21" N -120° 06' 47" W

44° 18.3535' N -120° 06.7897' W

44.305891° N -120.113161° W

Zero your trip meter. Travel on NF - 800 to OSP Front Gate 1.5 mi

You made it. Welcome to the Oregon Star Party!

Alternative Route: Prineville to Oregon Star Party



1 - 2 Prineville to Paulina

1 hr 12 min (57.5 mi)

Depart US-26 on to NE 3rd St and drive to NE Combs Flat Rd 1.6 mi



Turn right onto OR-380 / NE Combs Flat Rd 55.9 mi

Phillips 76 on Corner (follow signs to Hospital)

Arrive at OR-380 / SE Paulina Hwy at Paulina Valley Rd.



Paulina General Store—Last chance before OSP

Note: Refer to map on page 1 for further guidance on segments. Traveling this route will take about 2.5 hours from Prineville to OSP.



Beaver Creek Rd. Turnoff

2 - 3 Paulina to NF-42 (Bull Springs Rd)

13 min (11.1 mi)

Road name changes to Paulina-Suplee Hwy

Continue on Paulina-Suplee Hwy to 3.6 mi

Beaver Creek Rd.



Bear left onto SE Beaver Creek Rd 7.5 mi



Bear left onto NF-42



NF-42 Turnoff

Alternative Route: Prineville to Oregon Star Party



NF-42 Intersection (NF-3810)



NF-42 Intersection (NF-12)



NF-42 Intersection (NF-4250)



NF-42 Intersection (NF-4240)

3 - 4 Segment NF-42 (Bull Spring Rd) to NF-42 (Deep Creek CG)

40 min (20.2 mi)

Continue Straight on NF-42
(one lane Rd with turn outs)

NF-42 Intersection (NF-3810) 1.4 mi



Turn left to stay on NF-42

NF-42 Intersection (NF -12) 6.2 mi



Turn left to stay on NF-42 (Buck Hollow Rd)

Unpaved Road 0.2 mi

Pavement Begins
(one lane Rd with turn outs) 9.6 mi

NF-42 Intersection (NF-4250) 1.2 mi



Turn left to stay on NF-42 (Two lane Rd) (Arvid Nelson Rd)

Arrive at NF-42 (Deep Creek CG) 1.5 mi

4 - 5 Segment NF-42 (Deep Creek CG) to NF-800 (N Fork Rd)

20 min (8.3 mi)

Drive west on NF-42 to NF-4240 4.0 mi



Turn left onto NF-4240 (N Fork Rd) 2.7 mi
Unpaved Road - Normal OSP Route



Turn right on NF-800 (N Fork Rd)

Drive west on NF-800 to OSP Entry Gate 1.5 mi

Alternative Route: Oregon Star Party to Prineville



If you plan to return to Prineville by way of the Alternative Route be aware of one intersection on the unpaved portion of the route. The intersection is about 4 miles east of Deep Creek CG. Turning left will take you Big Springs CG the right turn will take you to Paulina and eventually Prineville.