

Driving Directions to OSP

The starting point is at the Ochoco National Forest Supervisor's Office, located on US route 26 at 3160 NE 3rd Street, just east of Prineville.

From there, zero your odometer and drive east for 14.2 miles on US-26. Look for a sign pointing to Walton Lake and Big Summit Prairie. It will be a soft turn to the right, onto Ochoco Creek Road.

Follow Ochoco Creek Road for 8.5 miles. At that point, the road becomes the start of National Forest 42 (NF-42). There is a sign at that point showing a left turn to Walton Lake. Zero your odometer at that point. Do not make the left turn. Continue straight ahead on NF-42 for another 13.9 miles. That makes a total of 22.4 miles from US-26.

At that point, you will reach a fork in the road. Bear left to stay on NF-42 (Arvid Nelson Road). Zero your odometer and continue on NF-42 for 5.2 more miles. This makes a total of 27.6 miles from US-26.

At that point, turn right onto NF-4240 (North Fork Road). This is the start of gravel road. You will be on gravel roads for the remainder of the route. Zero your odometer and follow NF-4240 for 2.8 miles to NF-800 (Fox Reservoir Road). This might be the easiest turn on the route to miss. The best way to identify this turn is by a small “Limited Use Area” sign.



Zero your odometer one last time. Turn right and follow NF-800 for 1.7 miles to OSP. Most of this road is a narrow, winding climb. Just over a mile into it, there is a sharp right turn. As you complete the turn, the forest opens up into a large clearing. OSP is at the top of the hill, and will be unmistakable.

Note that this last segment is the narrowest, and most technically challenging, road in the route for RV's. There are places on the road where there are juvenile pine trees that encroach on the road, and there may be low hanging limbs over the road, but the parts that impinge are mostly just thin limbs and pine needles.

This will be the 19th time that I've driven my 34' class A motorhome up to OSP. Each year, there are a few places where I brush limbs on both sides of the coach. But in all that time, brushing the occasional limb has done no damage to the motorhome. As always, use caution and your best judgement.

Regarding road conditions, especially for folks that have been to OSP before, the NF-4240 and NF-800 roads are in very good condition. In particular, NF-800 is in about the best condition as I've ever seen it. There is virtually no washboard, and in the few places where water can create ruts, the road has been repaired so that it is smooth nearly the whole way.

We look forward to seeing you at OSP this year