



Hells Canyon (photo courtesy Michelle Peters, Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau)

58 lakes and a small ice field. Its 360,000 acres is home to eagles, deer, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

The fishing is exceptional in most of the lakes and streams. It is a photographer's paradise with all the beautiful wildflowers, birds and wildlife. For solitude and relaxation, you will find it here.

ELGIN

Located on Oregon Hwy. 82, northeast of La Grande.

Elgin is located in a friendly valley surrounded by big trees in the mountain wilderness, meadows and wheat fields. While in Elgin, visit the historic Elgin Opera House and Museum.

Elgin is in about the center of

three wilderness areas. There is room for hiking, snow skiing, fishing, boating, horseback riding, camping, river floating, tennis and much more.

The Elgin Stampede includes three days of action during the second weekend of July. Along with the rodeo, the weekend is filled with many other activities. Come and join in the fun. For more information, phone the **Elgin Chamber** at (541) 786-1770.

ENTERPRISE

Located at the base of State Highway 3 and 82.

When you arrive in **Enterprise** you are in the area once claimed by the Nez Perce Indians and the legendary Chief Joseph. A trip to **Enterprise** is well worth the time. This is also the visitor's center that can give you information about the Hells Canyon Recreation Area.

GRANITE

Carved out of the untamed wilderness, the boom gold rush town of **Granite, Oregon** was born.

The year was 1862, Independence Day; a group of men commanded by A.G. Tabor and A.J. Dickison had made an arduous journey along the south side of the John Day River; their destination was the gold rich mining country of the Boise Basin. After resting from their long trek from The Dalles in the worst winter weather, they began building a new town. This town, south of present day **Granite**, was first designated Independence, Oregon because gold was discovered there on July 4, 1862.

In 1874 their request for a post

office was denied because another town was registered under the same name in Oregon. Quickly the town reapplied under the new name of **Granite**. In 1900, **Granite** was moved to its present location, closer to the quartz-mining boom. The town boomed and built two hotels (the Grand Hotel had forty-two rooms), three stores, five saloons, a drugstore, stables, a dance hall, a newspaper (the Granite Gem) and a blacksmith shop.

Then as suddenly as the town had grown, the mines failed. People moved out. During the 1940-50's many of the buildings, dilapidated by neglect, were razed. Soon after that the town of **Granite** was classified as a ghost town.

Today, amidst the ghosts of the past, a new town of **Granite** has emerged with a gas station, RV Park, lodge, restaurant and a general store. **Granite** is now the stepping off point into the untamed wilderness with abundant fishing, hunting, horseback riding, hiking, biking, mushrooming, snowmobiling and exploring. True to its history, you may even find some of **Granite's** gold.

HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Located in northeast Oregon along the Oregon/Idaho border.

This is North America's deepest canyon and a place where you can actually see the centuries of earth's formations. Start at the **Hells Canyon Visitor Information Center**, then head out for the adventure of a lifetime.

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