

BIG HORN BONANZA

Many visitors come to Lake Abert and Abert Rim for excellent bird watching, but they'll also encounter majestic big horn sheep who have called this home since the 1970s.

Come for the birds. Stay for the big horn sheep.

We've got a tip for your summer. Along the Oregon Outback Scenic Byway, there's a desolate little stop at Lake Abert near the California border that might just be one of our best-kept secrets.

The first thing you'll notice when you pull up is the beautiful water. But leave your fishing pole in the car. Why, you ask? Because no fish can live in Oregon's only salt water lake. However, brine shrimp can. Lots and lots of brine shrimp.

Not that the birds are complaining. Brine shrimp are like drive-thru take-out to the migratory birds who fly this skyway highway each spring and fall making it a bird watcher's paradise.

Then you'll want to turn around as even more wildlife awaits. High atop the nearby Abert Rim, you may see the big horn sheep that were transplanted here in the late 1970s to replace those which had disappeared some 60 years prior.

Hang gliding is also popular with experienced pilots launching off Abert Rim.

With so much to see and do, you'd think Lake Abert wouldn't be such a guarded secret. But now that we've let the cat out of the bag, are you ready to see what the various skyflyers and sheep have known for years?

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