Know Before You Go

There are primitive camping areas and restrooms on the Rogue River near the mouth of Mule Creek. Camping is allowed at the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site, but be sure to coordinate with the caretakers. There is a public restroom, small parking area, and drinking water at the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site. The drinking water is available at one outside spigot near the caretaker's house.

Tucker Flat, a no fee campground, is 0.1 mile down the road, northwest from the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site. Tucker Flat has six primitive campsites, restrooms, and a trailhead into the Rogue Wilderness. Water is available from Mule Creek, but water purification is advised. The Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site is open May through October each year.

Access

The Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site can be accessed by boating, hiking, or driving. The ranch is 22 river miles and 23 trail miles from Grave Creek. The drive to the ranch is 37 miles from Grave Creek. Most people take two days to float, three days to hike, and two hours to drive to the ranch. If you drive, start with a full tank of gas and plenty of food and water. There are no gas stations or services along the route. Drive with care as the roads are narrow and winding.

Native Americans

Archeological excavations have shown that Native Americans used the Marial area for over 9,000 years. Takelma-speaking people represented an ancient people of the Rogue Valley, while Athabascan-speaking people were relatively new immigrants to the area. Although languages differed, there was a common way of life based on hunting, fishing, and gathering shared by those living along the Rogue at Marial.

Directions to the Site

From Glendale

Total distance from Glendale to Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site is 45 miles.

Take exit #80 off I-5 and go southwest to Glendale for 3 miles. In Glendale, turn right on Douglas County Road 27/Reuben Road. Cross the bridge and turn left past lumber mill and travel 5 miles to the junction with Douglas County Road 321. Continue 8 more miles to junction with Riffle Creek. Turn left on paved BLM Road 32-7-19.3 and follow signs to Marial. Travel 8 miles to junction with BLM Road 32-8-31 and turn right and drive on paved road for 5 miles to junction with BLM Road 32-8-9.2 on right. Turn left and continue on BLM Road 32-8-31. Travel 1 mile to next junction and turn left onto BLM Road 32-9-14.2 Travel 3 miles to the Marble Gap Junction, continue ahead. The pavement ends. Travel 3 more miles to Fourmile Saddle Junction, keep left and stay on BLM Road 32-9-14.2 and travel another 9 miles to the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site.

From Galice

Total distance from Galice to Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site is 45 miles.

From Galice, head north on Galice Road for 8 miles. Cross Grave Creek Bridge and stay left on BLM Road 34-8-1. This route is the "Grave Creek to Marial Byway", follow Byway signs to the Ranch. Travel 5 miles to the Junction with Whisky Creek Road 33-8-26, stay right on BLM Road 34-8-1. The pavement ends. Please note this is narrow road and drivers will need to watch out for other vehicles and log trucks!

Travel 3 miles to junction with BLM Road 33-8-13, stay left and continue on BLM Road 34-8-1 for 8 miles. Travel 9 miles to the junction with BLM Road 32-8-31, go left and continue on paved road. Travel 5 miles to the junction with BLM Road 32-8-9.2 on right, keep to the left, and continue on BLM Road 32-8-31 for 1 mile. At the junction, turn left on BLM Road 32-9-14.2 and continue for 3 miles to the Marble Gap Junction continue ahead. The pavement ends. Travel 3 miles to the Fourmile Saddle Junction, go left and stay on BLM Road 32-9-14.2 for 9 miles to the Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site.

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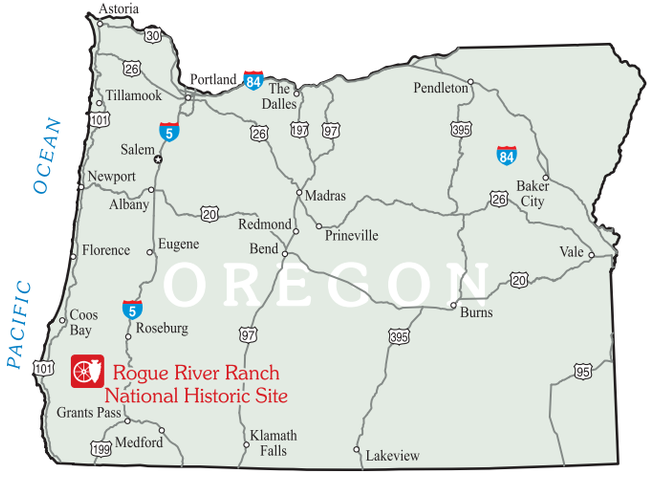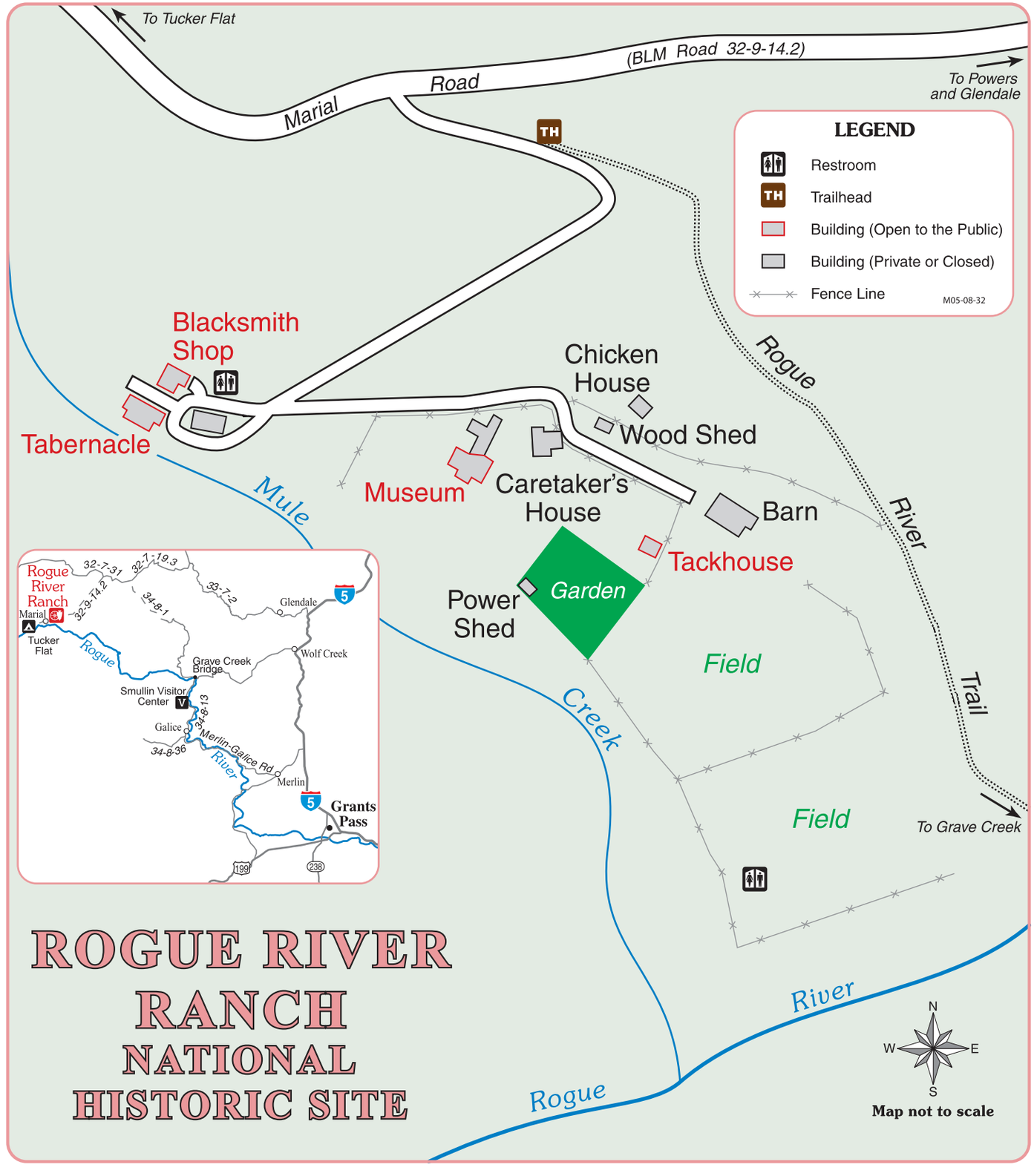
Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site is located in southwestern Oregon approximately 75 miles northwest of the city of Grants Pass. The Rogue River Ranch National Historic Site is at the mouth of Mule Creek and nestled in the heart of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River's wild section. Once a major Native American site, there is evidence of over 9,000 years of Native American habitation. In the 1880s, the site evolved into a small gold-mining community, with up to 100 residents trying to scratch a living from the gold-bearing gravel bars of the Rogue River. The ranch structures remaining today represent the center of the old community of Marial. The ranch hosted a trading post with lodging in the second story, a blacksmith's shop, and numerous outbuildings that served the early residents' social and commercial needs.