

SUTTON MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY

The Bureau of Land Management
Prineville District



WELCOME TO SUTTON MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY!

Welcome to 41 miles of Central Oregon's scenic backcountry! Relish views of the orange and red clay mounds of the Painted Hills, crane your neck to catch the emerald-green lichen on the rock walls of Girds Creek Canyon, and get up close and personal with the high desert cliffs of Sutton Mountain. You can stick to the byway or explore colorful hiking trails, discover historic corrals from early ranching days, pause for a lunch break at Priest Hole on the banks of the John Day River, or camp under breathtaking, unobstructed night skies. Anywhere you look, it's a photographer's dream!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- ✓ **OPEN YEAR ROUND** to motorcycles, vehicles, and bicycles. No fees.
- ✓ **AMENITIES NEARBY** include picnicking, restrooms, and drinking water available at the Painted Hills National Monument (water not available during winter months).
- ✓ **PETS ARE ALLOWED.**
- ✓ **FUEL, FOOD, AND LODGING** are available in Mitchell.
- ✓ **PRIMITIVE CAMPING** is available at the BLM Priest Hole Recreation Site reached via a 1.4 mile spur road off of the north side of the byway loop. Priest Hole has no restroom and no water.

DIRECTIONS

The Sutton Mountain Backcountry Byway is a 41-mile scenic loop that can be traveled in either direction. From State Hwy 26 about 3 miles west of Mitchell, Oregon, head north on Bridge Creek Road past the Painted Hills for about 9 miles. Continue to the right toward Priest Hole on the Twickenham/Bridge Creek Cutoff Road and follow that for about 15 miles. Head south on Hwy 207 until you bump into Hwy 26, about ½ mile west of Mitchell.

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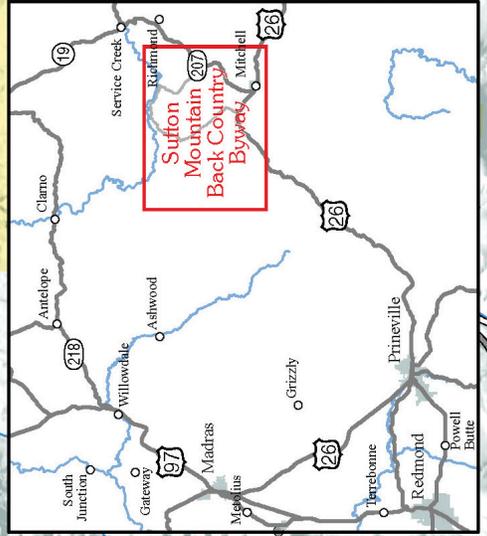
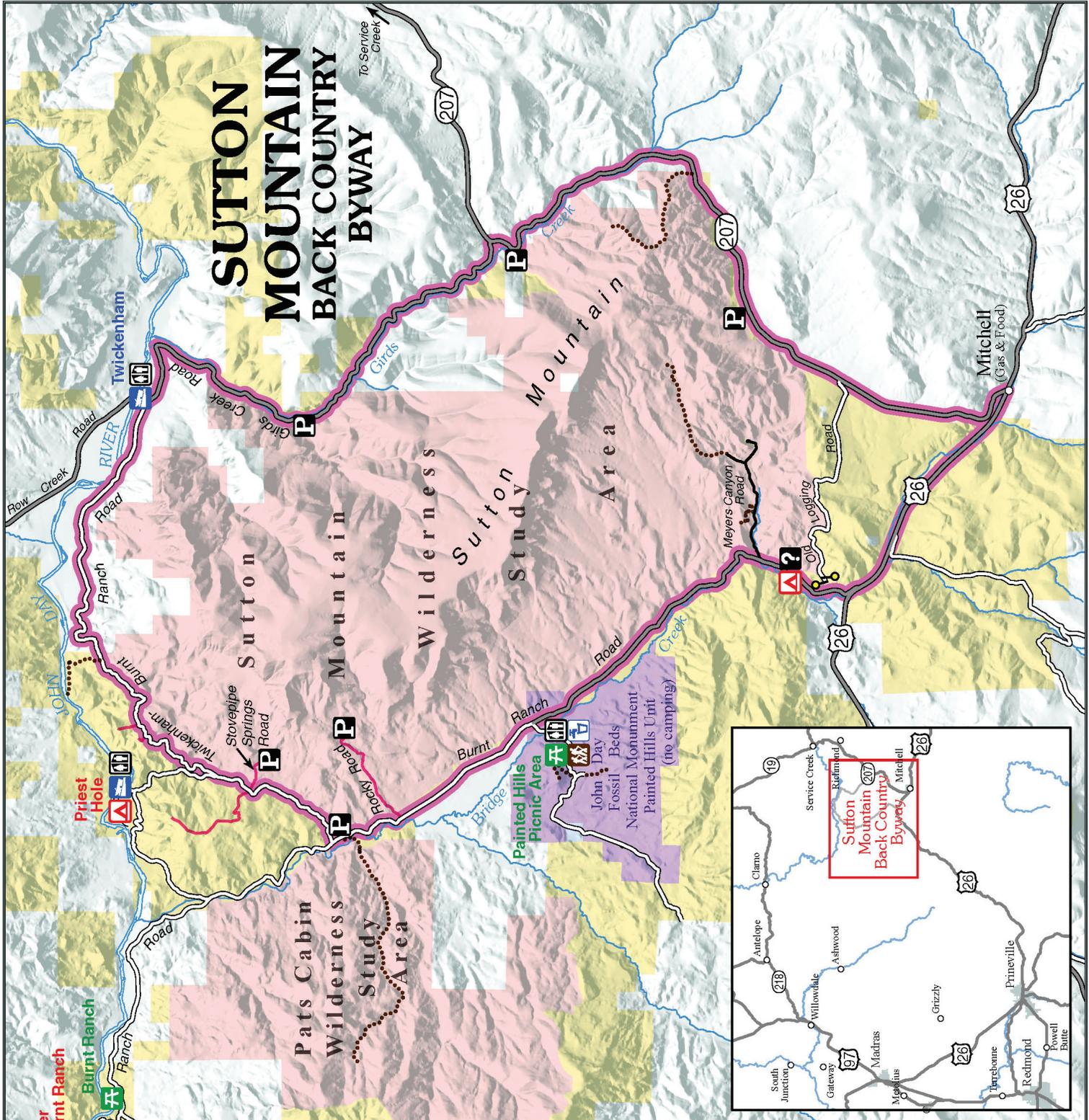
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POINT OF INTEREST

The Scenic Byway passes by the Painted Hills, one of the Seven Wonders of Oregon. It's worth the time to explore the colors, fossils and geology of this amazing place!



SUTTON MOUNTAIN BACK COUNTRY BYWAY



LEGEND

	Day Use
	Primitive Camping
	Boat Launch
	Hiking
	Parking
	Drinking Water
	Trail
	Paved Road
	Unpaved Road
	Sutton Mountain Back Country Byway

Designated Route, Unimproved Road

	Open Road from April 16 to November 30
	Open Road All Year

	BLM
	BLM Wilderness Study Area (WSA)*
*No bicycles or game carts in WSAs	
	US Forest Service
	National Park Service
	State
	Private or Other

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