

Okonogan Country Presents Many Lakes Historic Map

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Okanogan Country's MANY LAKES LOOP MAP

Historical Sites

- SI Nighthawk Historic Townsite The Nighthawk Hotel, original schoolhouse, a mining office and old mill are all still standing.
- **S2** Old Oroville Depot Museum Old Depot Museum features the first railroad in Okanogan County in 1905. Displays in the main room change each year and always offer something of interest.
- S3 Loomis Once called "Loomistown", this was another of the great Okanogan mining towns, including eight saloons and two dance halls.
- **S4** Conconully Museum In 1889, Conconully was the county seat, and a beacon for prospectors all over the west. Learn more at the Conconully Museum and Matsura City Park.
- **S5** Ruby Townsite Ruby City was one of the most famous mining towns in the Northwest and was the county seat for 11 months. Today, stone foundations are all that remain of a city that once included six general stores, saloons and hotels.
- **S6** Okanogan Historical Museum Explore the museum artifacts of early ranches, schools, and pioneers of the Okanogan Valley, stroll through an outdoor village, and visit a fire engine at the old Fire Station. If you want more details, the Wilson Research Center is part of this set of buildings.
- S7 St. Mary's Mission First church in Okanogan County. Paschal Sherman school was founded by the church, and is still in existence.
- S8 Old Molson Ghost Town & Museum

Cemeteries

- CI Old Oroville Cemetery
- C2 Old Riverview Cemetery
- C3 Little Chopaka Cemetery
- C4 Mountain View Cemetery
- C5 Mountainview Memorial Cemetery
- **C6 Ellisforde Mission Cemetery**
- **C7 Tonasket Cemetery**
- C8 Pine Creek Cemetery
- C9 Swipkin Family Cemetery
- C10 Clover Cemetery (Spring Coulee)
- CII Conconully Pioneers Rest Cemetery
- C12 Ruby Cemetery
- C13 Riverside Cemetery
- CI4 St. Mary Mission Cemetery
- CI5 Omak Memorial Cemetery
- C16 Okanogan City Cemetery

Wildlife Areas

WI Sinlahekin Wildlife Area - 5 miles S of Loomis or 4.5 miles NE of Conconully. This wildlife area is open to the public for wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, hiking and boating.

Features: 14,000 acres managed for wildlife habitat and wildlife-oriented recreation. The area has 5 lakes, all undeveloped; primitive campsites, some with accessible toilets and cooking grills. Seasonal wildlife viewing possible from car.

In 1957, eighteen California Bighorn Sheep were transplanted to the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area in an effort to reintroduce bighorn sheep to Washington. The effort, along with additional subsequent introductions, have been successful, resulting in reestablishment of bighorn sheep populations to the Sinlahekin.

W2 Tunk Creek Wildlife Area – 12 miles NE of Omak. This 1,080 acre area is managed primarily to protect critical sharp-tailed grouse habitat. The area also supports mule deer, ruffed grouse, quail, and gray partridge as well as many non-game species. Deer hunting is very popular in the area, and wildlife viewing opportunities also exist.

W3 Scotch Creek Wildlife Area – 10 miles west of Omak and Okanogan on Conconully HWY. The area encompasses a total of 9,067 acres in three separate parcels referred to as the Scotch Creek, Mineral Hill, and Pogue Mountain Units. The area was purchased primarily for the purpose of protecting critical sharp-tailed grouse habitat. There have been four leks (grouse dancing grounds) documented in the Wildlife Area. The area also supports mule and white-tailed deer, ruffed and blue grouse, pheasants, quail, chukar, and Hungarian partridge, along with a full complement of non-game species. Some primitive, undeveloped campsites. Seasonal wildlife viewing possible from car.

Hikes

- H1 Similkameen Trail 8 mi round trip from Oroville Depot Museum & Visitor Information Center; an easy hike. A railtrail with opportunities for biking, hiking, birding, wildlife, wildflowers, river views, salmon viewing, photography, waterfall, and history. If you want an urban trail this one has it all. The trail follows the Similkameen River into the river gorge for incredible views. A 375-foot bridge above the river provides excellent viewing for salmon and steelhead runs.
- **H2** Whistler Canyon On HWY 97, 14 mi N of Tonasket, 3 mi S of Oroville. Several loop & spur trails offer short day hikes to extended hikes, horseback riding and rock climbing opportunities. This 12-mile trail is part of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail & connects to the Wilcox Mountain trailhead. Choose from a short hike of a couple hours round trip on the Frog Pond Trail, a half day hike to Black Diamond Lake, or a 24-mile roundtrip that gains over 3000 feet to Wilcox Mountain. The lower elevations dry out early.
- H3 McLaughlin Canyon Trail 4 mi S of Tonasket, take McLaughlin Canyon Rd for three miles to trailhead on north side of road. The trail heads down the South canyon Once part of the Brigade Trail used by the Hudson's Bay Company in the early 1800's, it became known as the Caribou Trail during the Gold Rush in the 1850's. Today it is an easy 3 mile round trip.
- **H4** Island Trail This easy day hike offers a rare opportunity to experience the deserts river habitat. Built and maintained by Okanogan High School Students a little more has been added each year.

Lakes & Campgrounds

Aeneas Lake – 3.5 miles S of Tonasket. Rainbow and brown trout. Fly-fishing only. No motors.

Blue Lake – Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. Rainbow and brown trout. Gravel parking area. Boat launch. Primitive camp sites. Check fishing regulations.

Bonaparte Lake – 26 miles E of Tonasket on Hwy. 20, 6 mi. N on FS 4953. Rainbow, brook, lake trout and kokanee. Campground with fishing platform. Resort.

Chopaka Lake – 2.1 miles N of Loomis, 1.4 miles W on Chopaka Lake Road, 5.1 miles N on steep one-lane road, E. 2 miles Trout. Campground with picnic shelters.

Conconully Lake – .25 mile E of Conconully. Rainbow trout and bass. Boat launch with public restrooms. Resort.

Conconully Reservoir – .25 mile S of Conconully. Rainbow trout and kokanee. Boat launch with public restrooms. State Park with camping and picnic areas. Resorts.

Fish Lake – Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. Rainbow trout. Boat launches. Primitive campsites. Toilets.

Forde Lake – Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. Wild brook trout. Boat launch. Gravel parking lot. Primitive campsites.

Green Lakes – 5 miles NW of Omak. Rainbow trout. Winter season: Dec. 1 - March 31. Catch-and-release for other seasons. Check fishing regulations.

Leader Lake – 8.4 miles W on Hwy. 20 from junction with Hwy. 97, 0.4 mile N on Leader Lake Road. Trout and bass. Campsites and picnic area. Fishing platform.

Osoyoos Lake - .25 miles N of Oroville on Hwy. 97. Boat launches. City Park with camping and picnic areas, swimming.

Palmer Lake - 8.5 miles N of Loomis. Boat launch. Resorts.

Sidley Lake – 5 miles E of Oroville on Chesaw Road, 2 miles N on Molson Road. Rainbow trout. Year-round fishing.

Spectacle Lake - 9 miles NW of Tonasket. Rainbow trout. Public access. Resorts.

Wannacut Lake - 6 miles SW of Oroville. Rainbow Trout. Public access. Resort.

Whitestone Lake – 8.1 miles N of Tonasket on 4th St. and Hwy. 7. Check fishing rules. Gravel and black-top parking.

Osoyoos Lake Veteran's Memorial Park – Located .25 mile north of Oroville, WA., near the Canadian border. From Canada: Travel south on Hwy. 97. The park is on the left across from Prince's Department Store, just north of Oroville. From the south: Travel north on Hwy. 97. Pass through Oroville, and look for the park on the right, across from Prince's Department Store. Beach access. Reservation Phone: 509-476-3321.

Visitor Information & Chambers of Commerce

Conconully Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.conconully.com Phone: 509-826-9050

Okanogan Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.okanoganwash.com Email: okchamber@ncidata.com Phone: 509-422-3658

Omak Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.omakchamber.com Email: omakchamber@northcascades.net Phone: 509-826-1880

Omak Visitor Information Center

401 Omak Ave , Wa 98841 Phone: 509-826-4218

Oroville Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.orovillewashington.com Email: orovillechamber@gdicom.net Phone: 509-476-3515

Tonasket Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.tonasketwa.org Email: info@tonasketwa.org Phone: 509-486-4543

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