

# **Zumwalt Prairie Preserve – Public Access Information**

Welcome to the Zumwalt Prairie Preserve! The Preserve encompasses 33,000 acres with elevations ranging from 2,000 feet in the lower canyons to 5,500 feet at the top of Harsin butte. It is part of the largest remaining intact Pacific Northwest bunchgrass prairie in North America. Our activities include collaborative research projects, controlled fires, managed grazing and wildlife habitat enhancement, and various public uses. You are welcome to enjoy beautiful views of the prairie and canyons through the hiking trails and the driving route listed below.

Note that the general trail routes are indicated on the ground with marked wood posts. Access is day use, by foot only. The Preserve is managed as part of a working landscape where activities including elk hunting and range cattle grazing do occur in the vicinity of the trails. Check the information kiosk at the Duckett barn (see map) for current information about Preserve activities around trails. Dogs, horses and bicycles are permitted on open public roads within the Preserve, but not on the hiking trails or closed private roads. Please do not collect anything from the Preserve, and do not disturb markers or monuments placed for management and research purposes. Enjoy your visit!

**Directions to the Zumwalt Prairie Preserve (from Enterprise, OR):** Take Hwy 82 towards Joseph approximately 3 miles. Turn left on Crow Creek Road. Go 5 miles and turn right on Zumwalt / Buckhorn Road. After approximately 14 miles, you will find yourself at the junction of Zumwalt / Buckhorn Road (697 Road) and Duckett Road (716 Road). For directions to:

#### Horned Lark Trail –

Stay on Zumwalt/Buckhorn Rd. for another 3.1 miles. The trailhead is on the west side of the road and is marked with a Trailhead sign. Park on the shoulder of the road. This *1.9 mile loop trail* begins on the divide between the Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins, and loops through the Pine creek riparian area and diverse native prairie.

### > Patti's Trail -

Turn right on Duckett Rd. and go 1.4 miles to the Duckett Barn. Park in the lot at the Information Kiosk. The trailhead is marked with a trailhead sign north of the road. This **2.3 mile loop trail** leads visitors into the headwaters of Camp creek across a variety of terrain including old homesteader's fields and native prairie.

## > Harsin Butte Trail -

Turn right on Duckett Rd. and go 3.1 miles until you reach a road junction at the top of the hill. At the junction take a right on the 676 Road and proceed 1/4 mile; park near the trailhead sign, taking care to not block the road. This **0.8 mile in-and-out trail** gains about 700 feet in elevation and skirts a small stand of pine trees. It is a bit of a scramble, but the spectacular views are worth the effort!

## > Canyon Vista Trail -

Turn right on Duckett Rd. and go 3.1 miles until you reach the junction with the 676 Road at the top of the hill. At the junction, turn left and continue 1.8 miles down the 676 Road. Park near the Trailhead sign at the green metal gate on your right. This 1.8 mile in-and-out trail begins in a wooded draw near the head of Trail Creek, and opens onto beautiful canyon vistas.

# > Prairie to Canyon Driving Tour-

Turn right on Duckett Road. Continue past the Duckett barn and turn left at the junction with the 676 Road at the top of the hill. The 676 Road follows Trail Creek into the canyons and continues to the Little Sheep Creek Road near the town of Imnaha. Higher clearance vehicles with good tires are strongly recommended for this route. The Driving Tour goes *through about 10 road miles within the Preserve, with a 3000' elevation difference*. It will take about 1 hour of driving time to cover the 10 miles.

Please contact The Nature Conservancy's office in Enterprise at (541) 426-3458 with questions, comments or to inquire how you can get involved with volunteer efforts on the Preserve.

Please don't block gates or roads, and leave gates as you find them!

