



Farewell Bend Management Unit Farewell Bend Office Coordinator Position FAQ's



Where is Farewell Bend State Park geographically located?

Farewell Bend State Park is located approximately 25 miles from Ontario, Oregon. It's part of the Farewell Bend Management Unit. The Management Unit office is based at Farewell Bend State Park located 25 miles west of Ontario, Oregon on Interstate 84 at the entrance to the Hells Canyon Recreation area.

What can you expect as the Office Coordinator for the Farewell Bend Management unit?

The Office Coordinator position is often routine task oriented, but can be more diverse if the person is efficient and seeks new challenges. You will work very closely with the Park Manager and Park Rangers providing administrative support for their park operation activities, while often providing frontline customer service answering telephone calls and serving walk-in customers. In addition to routine duties that include accounting, payroll, vendor orders and payments, revenue reconciling, statistics, inventory tracking and general office coordination, this position may also assist with volunteer management, project management records and other special assignments.

What is the Farewell Bend Management Unit staff like?

Dennis



Dennis joined OPRD in 1985 as a seasonal conservation aide, during his 20 year career at Detroit Lake State Park he promoted to permanent park ranger then to Team Leader. In 2004 he promoted to park manager for the Sunset Bay Management Unit. In 2005 he promoted to Park Manager of the Beachside Management Unit, then in 2009 he promoted to his current position as the Park Manager of the Farewell Bend Management.

Terra



Terra started her career in 2007 as the Lead Park Ranger Assistant with Jackson County Parks in Ashland, OR. In 2008, she accepted a Ranger, Interpreter, position at Crater Lake National Park. Then for the past three summers Terra was the Lead Ranger at Newberry National Volcanic Monument in Central Oregon where she led all visitor services, fees and maintenance operations. In 2014 she was hired as a Park Ranger 1 at Farewell Bend State Park. Terra's responsibilities include; lead interpreter for the management unit, management unit host coordinator and responsible for booth/campground operations.

Larry



Larry started in 2004 as a Ranger Assistant at Farewell Bend State park, in 2007 he promoted to team leader at Lake Owyhee State park, which was reclassified to a Ranger 3 position later that year. Larry is very proficient with park maintenance and operations. In 2013 Larry moved to Farewell Bend State Park, where he has taken over leading staff with daily park field operations.

Robert



Robert started in 1995 at Farewell Bend State Park as a conservation aide. In 1997 he promoted to a full time ranger. Then In 2009 his position was reclassified as a ranger 2. Robert is the lead maintenance ranger with responsibilities of leading a 10 person inmate crew, lead water systems operator, management unit verbal judo instructor, safety coach and certified pesticide applicator. He independently carries out maintenance, construction and landscape duties throughout the management unit.

Jim



Jim started his career with OPRD in 2007 as a Seasonal Ranger Assistant at Wallowa Lake State Park, his duties included; campground registration/operations, park rule enforcement and campground maintenance activities. In 2009 Jim was promoted to Seasonal Park Ranger 1 as lead evening camp ranger, in 2013 he was promoted to Park Ranger 3 at Lake Owyhee State Park. Jim's responsibilities include; leading a team in visitor services, maintenance and landscaping tasks and assists where ever needed throughout the management unit

Where are they now, past manager, park ranger supervisor and park ranger?

Nickie Scharbrough – Nickie was office coordinator for the Farewell Bend Management Unit from 2008 until August 2014. After 6½ years of service, Nickie felt it was time to retire and enjoy spending time at home with her family.

Joe Kenick was the Park Ranger 1 at Farewell Bend State Park until 2013 when he promoted to Park Ranger 2 at Joseph Stewart State Park in Central Oregon.

Ben Cox was the parks Ranger Supervisor until January 2013 when he promoted to Park Manager of the Devils Lake Management Unit on the Central Coast

Brent Seibold – Brent was the management unit manager from 2004 to 2009. He then moved to manage the Harris Beach Management unit on Oregon’s South Coast.

An excellent **seasonal staff** comprised of 9 motivated and teamwork-oriented, Rangers and Ranger Assistants support the staff featured above.

What properties are included in the Farewell Bend Management Unit?

Farewell Bend State Park: Historic Farewell Bend State Recreation Area is located on the Oregon/Idaho border north of Ontario. Pioneers on the Oregon Trail took a final rest here before leaving the Snake River to travel wearily inland on their way to Oregon City. Historic markers and interpretive displays provide visitors with information on Farewell Bend's significance on the Oregon Trail. Recreational opportunities include; fishing, water skiing and boating. There are horseshoe pits, basketball hoop and a sand volleyball court. The campground offers; 101 electrical, 30 tent sites (maximum site 56 feet); a hiker-biker camp; 2 cabins; 1 reservable group tent area.



Lake Owyhee State Park – McCormack & Indian Creek Campgrounds, Indian Creek and Gordon Gulch Day use areas: There are a total of 74 sites between both campgrounds with 2 Teepee, two group tent areas, two boat launch facilities and a Concession store operation. Common park visitor activities in the vicinity include fishing, boating, waterskiing, hunting on nearby federal land and visiting the historic Lake Owyhee Dam that is on the national register of historic places. Visitors also make day trips to numerous nearby historic and tourist attractions.

Succor Creek State Park: Succor Creek is an unstaffed, no-fee primitive camping area; there are six campsites, 14 walk-in campsites. There's no potable water service and the park lies on rough unpaved road. The park is very popular with rock- hounds that know Succor Creek State Natural Area is a great place to find thunder-eggs and gem stones. If you're interested in geology you can't help but be impressed with the towering rock bluffs and deep canyons. Wildlife watchers may glimpse an elusive chukar (an upland bird) and see pronghorn antelope, mule deer and coyotes.



Lonesome Willow State Park; Lonesome Willow used to be a working farm until OPRD purchased the land. In the past year a few upgrades have been made to the park property that includes; 1400 ft irrigation wheel line, potable water well, host site and fencing. We have partnered with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to enhance the fields for wildlife habitat. Visitors to this park can see pheasant, quail, chucker, antelope, deer and an occasional golden eagle flying overhead.





Ontario State Park: is a restful day-use park situated on the west bank of the historic Snake River just north of Ontario, Oregon. Green grass, clean grounds, modern restrooms and boat launch are there for visitors stopping to boat, fish, swim or picnic for the day. Majestic cottonwood trees, sumac and fragrant junipers offer large splashes of shade to cool the hot summer days and provide startling color in the autumn.

What is the weather like?

Farewell Bend State Park is located at an elevation of approximately 2,754'; Farewell Bend may experience snow in the winter and hot dry conditions during the summer. For more information, follow the instructions and websites below.

Ontario: Average precipitation: 13 inches; see website listed for average temps; Average annual snowfall 18 inches. <http://www.weather.com/weather/wxclimatology/monthly/graph/97907>

What is the community like and what is there to do in the area?

These websites describe more about the communities around Farewell Bend State Park:



<https://www.visithuntingtonor.org/Home.php>

<http://www.oregonstateparks.org>

<http://www.ontariochamber.com/>