

VISITOR PROGRAMS

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John Day Fossil Beds National Monument - (541)987-2333

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is divided into three widely separated units, the Sheep Rock Unit, Painted Hills Unit, and Clarno Unit.

The **Sheep Rock Unit** is located at the intersection of routes 26 and 19, near the town of Dayville. The visitor center, with bookstore, fossil museum, picnic area, and restrooms is located here. The center is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Several short trails with interpretive exhibits are within a few minutes drive. For your enjoyment and education the monument offers the following ranger-conducted programs at the Sheep Rock Unit:

Daily Fossil Museum Talks ... 10 minutes long, these talks focus on the fossil exhibits and are given periodically and upon request.

Orientation Film ... 16 minute orientation video (open-captioned), presented at the visitor center.

Saturday & Sunday Sheep Rock Talks ... Beginning at 1:00 pm on the visitor center front porch, these 40 minute talks feature the geological and paleontological story of the monument.

The popular **Painted Hills Unit** is located 9 miles west of the town of Mitchell, off of Route 26, a one hour drive from the Sheep Rock Unit. A picnic area, restrooms, water, short hiking trails with exhibits, and drive-to overlooks are located here. The scenic landscape is best photographed in late afternoon.

The **Clarno Unit** is located 18 miles west of Fossil, Oregon, along route 218, this unit has a picnic area, restrooms, water, short trails and exhibits. This unit is a 1 hour and 45 minute drive from the Sheep Rock Unit, and is best photographed in the morning light.