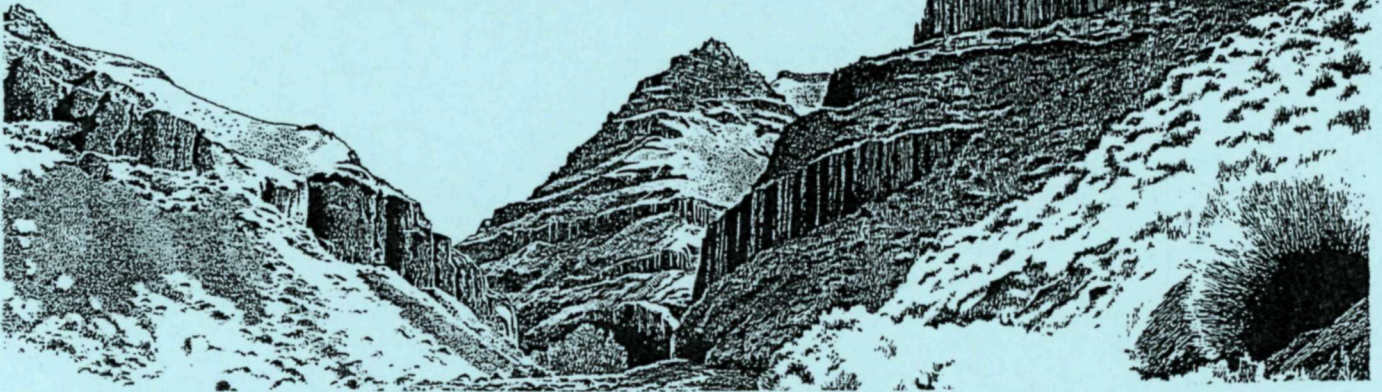


# VISITOR PROGRAMS

June 14 to Labor Day, 1998



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

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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. *The 16 minute orientation film is highly recommended.* 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.

***Daily Sheep Rock Talks*** ... Beginning at the visitor center at 1 pm daily, and also at 11 am Saturdays and Sundays, these 40 minute talks feature the geological or paleontological story of the fossil beds.

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. *Ranger talks at the overlook Saturdays & Sundays at 3 pm.*

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. *Ranger talks at the picnic area and trail head from noon to 2 pm, Saturdays and Sundays.*