

## So You Find Yourself in Rocky Point, Oregon

If that's the case, we're very glad you're here. We're a population of 300 something folks, mostly retired, and happy to live in this rich and varied landscape. You'll find friendly people, lots of recreational opportunities, quiet times, and the freedom to be as public or private as you want to be.

This packet of materials includes a copy of the monthly newsletter *To The Point*, the area annual tourism and information newspaper *Crater Lake's Backyard*, a list of local businesses and services, and a letter from our Fire Chief. If none of those resources answer your questions, please call one of the numbers and you'll likely get your answer, or at least the number of someone who can provide one. You may also want to visit the area website [www.AdventuresNearCraterLake.com](http://www.AdventuresNearCraterLake.com).

Now a little bit about Rocky Point. This unincorporated community has no school, no church, no local post office, and no government offices. The limited private land is surrounded by many acres of Forest Service, BLM, and Fish and Wildlife properties. The only public facility is the all-volunteer Rocky Point Fire/EMS building on Rocky Point Road. It houses the fire and emergency equipment and offices, as well as a public meeting room which also is the home of the local library. You'll be amazed at the variety of viewing, reading, and listening material available to everyone. Take the time to at least sit down and read the library's copy of the *History of Rocky Point*.

The concept of self sufficiency dominates here. Residents take their own trash to the local transfer station east on Highway 140 on Saturdays. There is no pick-up service, unless contracted with Waste Management. For the most part road and driveway maintenance and snow removal are the domain of the residents. There is no local road district. ODOT maintains Highway 140, and Klamath County cares for Rocky Point Road, Westside Road, and Pelican Butte Road. All other streets and roads are *Public Roads*, meaning they're entirely user-maintained. While Varney Creek Road belongs to the Forest Service, their provided care and maintenance is typically limited to an annual pass with a road grader.

All properties are served by private wells and septic systems. There is no community water supply or sewage treatment facility. Land-line phone service is for the local area only. Customers must also secure Extended Area Service for toll-free calling to Klamath Falls. All other outside-area calls are long distance.

So if everyone is so busy taking care of themselves, why live here? Well, it's full of opportunities. Outdoor enthusiasts can literally walk out the door and find spectacular fishing, birding, wildlife viewing, hiking, snowmobiling, kayaking, cycling, snowshoeing, and hunting. Those less physical may choose to pal up with the Bunko group, see how they can help at the fire department, join in with the quilt folks, get a membership in the Rocky Point Social Club, become active in the Community Action Team, help out at the BBQ or Fall Festival, sidle up to one of the many bonfires, or just get to know the coffee-drinking locals. Even if your thing is quiet reading and private reflection time, you're doing it in the heart of the Klamath

Basin Birding Trail, along the Volcanic Legacy All American Road, and next to one of the best canoe trails in the west.

The list of businesses and services is pretty long for such a tiny community. You don't have to go anywhere else to get a mechanic, handyman, welder, liquor supply, fuel (including diesel), meal, basic groceries, storage unit, or automotive supplies.

It'll take awhile to absorb all that's available around here, but you're among willing resources, ones who were once newcomers too. We hope you're as awed as the rest of us are and value this chapter of your life in an amazing place. We welcome you.