

# Welcome!

## N. Fork John Day Campground

### History

The North Fork John Day Campground is built upon a terminal moraine left by a valley glacier. Other geology in the vicinity originated as chains of islands and blocks of sea floor from the Pacific Ocean.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s the area boomed with gold mining. An estimated 5.8 million dollars—mostly gold and silver—were produced from the Granite mining district. The ruins of the Cougar Mill can be seen three miles north of the town of Granite on the west side of the road. A restored floating dredge can be toured at the town of Sumpter.

Just north of Granite, hand-stacked "walls" of placer mine tailings can be seen east of the road. Chinese miners carefully stacked these boulders to recover the gold located on top of the bedrock.

This historic legacy is one of the reasons the adjacent North Fork John Day River has been protected as a National Wild and Scenic River.

### Local Attractions

One of the main trailheads into the North Fork John Day Wilderness is located at the north end of the campground. This trail runs 22 miles along the North Fork John Day River. About 8 miles to the south is the historic mining town of Granite, which has a gas station, restaurant, and small grocery store. There are several points of interest along Forest Road 73 describing historic mining in the area.

### Details

- Elevation 5,200 feet
- 14 single campsites, 5 walk-in/tent sites, 1 group site
- 3 vault toilets
- Stock corral, manger, loading/unloading ramp, and hitching posts
- No potable water or garbage service
- Access to NFJD Wilderness trails

*Please Enjoy Your Stay!*

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