



## Powers Ranger District

Located in southwestern Oregon, the Powers Ranger District offers diverse and amazing, year-round recreation, including Wild and Scenic Rivers, hiking trails, federally-designated wilderness areas, and camping opportunities.

The western side of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest embodies the most complex soils, geology, landscapes, and plant communities in the Pacific Northwest. World-class rivers, biological diversity, remarkable fisheries resources, and complex watersheds define this area. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is the most botanically diverse national forest in the country, including unique species like cobra lilies (*Darlingtonia californica*) and Big Tree, the world's largest Port Orford cedar.

This area is unique in habitat for special status species that include Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, northern spotted owls, marbled murrelets, mardon skipper, and red tree voles. You'll also find species that are loved by hunters and fishermen, including black-tailed deer, elk, and steelhead.

### Recreation

The Coquille River and its tributaries form the backdrop for part of the district, with numerous waterfalls, large trees, and swordferns that evoke an otherworldly landscape.

The Wild and Scenic Elk River's blue waters are the gem of the southwest portion of the district. The Powers Ranger District is home to two of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's Wilderness Areas: the Copper Salmon and Grassy Knob Wilderness Areas.

Southern Oregon's [Glendale to Powers Bicycle Recreation Area](#) is a 74-mile paved bicycle route that begins in Powers or Glendale and leads the rider through some of the most breathtaking scenery in Southern Oregon. The bikeway is also the scene for the annual [Tour de Fronds](#).

[Powers County Park](#) is located 0.75 miles north of Powers. It has a multitude of amenities, and provides camping for both RV and tent campers.

Deer and elk hunting are excellent, as is salmon and steelhead fishing in the Elk River, Sixes River, and the South Fork of the Coquille River. The world-famous Rogue River is approximately 35 miles south of Powers via the Agness Road.

### Climate

The climate is typical of western Oregon and the coast, with mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers. Rainfall averages about 63 inches a year. Snow can occasionally occur on the Powers Ranger District at elevations above 1,000 feet.

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### Communities

#### Powers (population 703)

*Location: Approximately 75 miles west of I-5, and 50 miles east of the Pacific coast.*

Powers is in the southwestern corner of Oregon, nestled in a valley ringed by steeply forested mountains of the Coast

Range, and retains the close-knit, small-town character of a Pacific Northwest logging community. It is 21 miles to the next nearest town, Myrtle Point, and 30 miles from the Coos County seat, Coquille.

Services in Powers include a store, cafe, and several churches. Childcare facilities may not be available. The school system consists of a grade school (grades K-6) and a high school (grades 7-12).

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#### Myrtle Point (population 2,470)

*Location: 21 miles northwest of Powers and approximately nine miles east of Coquille, OR.*

Myrtle Point is a small, historic town in Coos County, known as the "Hub of Coos County," located in the Coquille River Valley near the Oregon Coast. Established in 1887, it offers a blend of rural charm, outdoor recreation, and serves as a central spot for exploring Oregon's South Coast.

[North Bend Medical Center](#) serves the community of Powers and those living in the area.

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#### Coquille (population 3,972)

*Location: Approximately 15 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.*

Coquille is the county seat of Coos County, located in the scenic Coquille Valley along the Coquille River, offering mild weather and access to fishing, boating, and nearby coastal beaches. Known for its history tied to timber, agriculture, and the Coquille Indian Tribe, the city boasts attractions like the [Sawdust Theatre](#) and the [Coquille Valley Museum](#), making it a community rich in natural beauty and local heritage.

[Coquille Valley Hospital](#) serves the communities of Coos County.

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*Top: Waterfalls are abundant along the Coquille River and its tributaries. Stock photo.*

*Middle: The [Copper Salmon Wilderness Area](#) is one of two wilderness areas on the Powers Ranger District.*

*Bottom: The [Tour de Fronds](#) is a popular community event held annually in Powers, boasting bike rides that vary from a few miles to 100 miles.*