

Backpacking The Wallowas

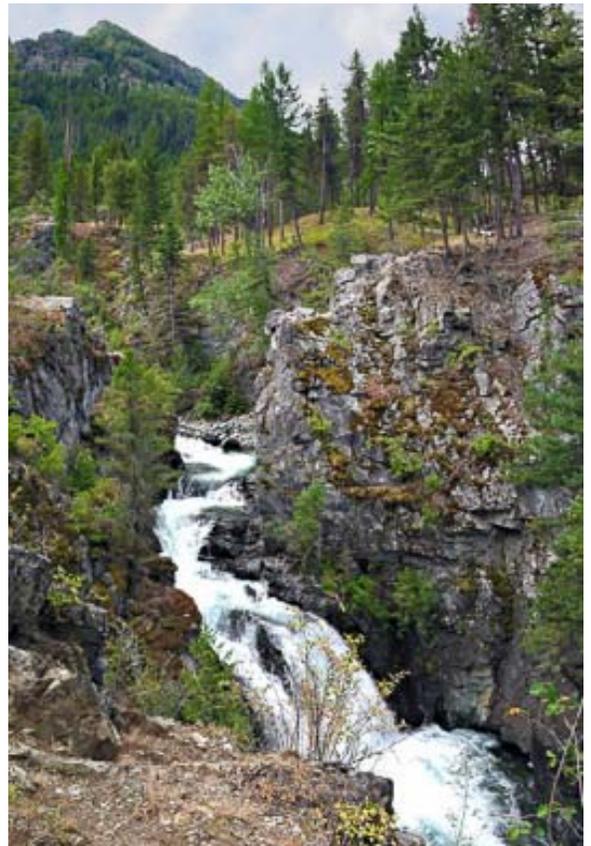


The Wallowa Mountains are a range located in Northeast Oregon— the majority of which are part of the Eagle Cap Wilderness and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The Wallowas are often called the “Alps of Oregon”.

The Eagle Cap Wilderness was first occupied by ancestors of the Nez Perce Tribe and changed hands between several tribes, before European settlers arrived in 1860.

The Eagle Cap Wilderness was established in 1940 and is named for Eagle Cap Peak in the Wallowa Mountains.

The Wallowas were previously called the Eagle Mountains.



Summer days in the Wallowas are usually warm to hot and dry. After the sun goes down, nights are cool. Weather in the mountains can be unpredictable, so always be prepared with layered clothing.



	Activity Schedule Wallowas Backpacking
Monday Depart for Wallowas Camp at Wallowa Lake State Park Organize gear Overview of route	
Tuesday Pack up Hit the trail Camp Lakeside Leave No Trace	
Wednesday Pack up Map and Compass/Routes Hike to the top of the pass Wallowas Geology	
Thursday Pack up Descend into a glacial valley Set up Camp Wildlife Ecology	
Friday Pack up Return to Wallowa Lake Set up Camp Environmental Forum Program Reflection	
Saturday Return to OMSI, arrive at 5:00	
<i>If you have an emergency and need to contact your camper, call The Coastal Discovery Center at Camp Gray: 541.819.0030</i>	
We all want campers to go home with the right person! Remember to bring a government- issued photo identification card to present to OMSI Outdoors Staff when picking up your camper.	

While camping at Wallowa Lake, participants can see near perfect Moraines. Moraines are created by glacial movement.

Glaciation played a formative role in carving the valleys and creating the lakes that are found in the Wallowas.

Participants might get the chance to witness the hardy wildlife that call the Eagle Cap Wilderness home.



3 week NISE Summer Homestay/ OMSI Camp

First week of program must be spent in a homestay with an American host family. Participants choose if they want to stay with the family an additional week before leaving for OMSI camp, or if they would like to return to spend another week with their host family after camp.

4 week NISE Summer Homestay/ OMSI Camp

First week of program must be spent in a homestay with an American host family. Participants choose if they want to stay with their host family the remaining 2 week before leaving for OMSI camp, or if they would like to return to spend another week or two with their host family after camp, or split their homestay in another way.