

High Desert Adventure

at Hancock Field Station



Hancock Field Station (HFS) is named for an amateur paleontologist that made the first discovery of a vertebrate fossil in this part of the world. He unearthed fossils ranging from alligators to tiny camels and three-toed horses.

Campers get a taste of everything from Astronomy to Zoology.

- Meet high desert raptors
 - Dig for fossils
 - Sleep under the stars
- Learn to navigate with a map and compass

...and make new friends, sing campfire songs, swim in the river, and eat s'mores!



HFS's proximity to the John Day Fossil Beds make it an ideal place to study geology and paleontology. In the nearby volcanic and sedimentary rocks, one can discover the story of life from the time the dinosaurs disappeared 60 million years ago to the beginning of the Pleistocene ice age 2 million years ago.