



Date	Late June	Time	All day trip
Location	The Owyhee Backcountry Byway	Weather	Clear and sunny
Fish Species	Redband Trout	Size Range	small
Fish Caught	I didn't fish but I saw several Trout		
Flies Used			
Techniques			
Comments	There are many secret places in the Owyhees that are easily overlooked!		

I decided to take a day and drive the Owyhee Backcountry Byway to do some reconnaissance for future trips into the area. I specifically was interested in finding Camel Falls which I had read about on another website. It is a seasonal waterfall.

I was also interested in exploring Deep Creek, Currant Creek, and the N.F. Owyhee River as time permitted.

I started out by hiking three miles into Camel Falls from the road. There is not a trail so I got GPS coordinates off my GIS and used the GPS to guide the way.

I was not disappointed when I arrived at the falls. It was not running but there was a big pool of water at the bottom. The stream that exited the pool was not flowing either.

As I looked into the pool with my binoculars I noticed dimples on the



surface. As I looked closer I could see a few fish rising to the surface. I was quite shocked to see Redband Trout swimming in that pool. There must be enough water in the pool for the fish to survive each season.

Camel Falls



On the hike back to the truck I saw a dozen Sage Grouse that flew off as I approached. The next stop along the way was just a few miles down the road at Deep Creek and Currant Creek. I saw small Redband Trout in both streams when I stopped and looked off the bridge at both crossings. They were too small to catch on a fly rod but I figure there are probably bigger fish for someone who wanted to explore the stream.

I explored Currant Creek a few miles north of the road. It cuts through the hills forming some deep slot canyons that I did not have time to explore. I have seen some neat pictures in the area and will be back in the future.



Currant Creek

I explored a little around the area of Juniper Mountain and was then off to my last destination. By the time I got to the N.F. Owyhee River it was too late to hike down into the canyon so I just explored from above. I'm not sure what the fishing is like in the river.

There is a small campground along the river if desert camping is your thing. It looks like the area just downstream might be worth exploring.

I didn't get to the areas I wanted to get to in the Owyhees this year. It just never stopped raining during the month of June. I decided to take this late road trip to get my last dose of the Owyhees before the mountains opened up for the year. The road is well maintained and is a good day trip for someone that wants to see something different.



N.F. Owyhee River just downstream from the campground