





## A Welcome Stop for Travelers of Yesterday and Today

Wolf Creek Inn stands in a valley nestled among the green, forested hills of southern Oregon. Built in 1883, the inn is as convenient for today's I-5 motorists as it was for 19th-century travelers of the old California-Oregon Stage Road.

## A Classic Early Inn

The historic hostelry was built by Henry Smith—merchant, farmer and community founder. Though conservative in style for its time, the building was well crafted by local sawyers and carpenters.

Typical of early inns in the American west, the building originally had an ell-shaped floor plan. The main structure retains its classic long, double veranda with multiple entrance doors. Inside, the central staircase separates the men's and women's parlors and leads to upstairs sleeping rooms. The kitchen and dining room are in the rear wing, with a ballroom upstairs.

The Classic Revival architectural style was carefully retained by John Dougall, who added the south wing guest rooms in 1925. Dougall also installed the original roadway arches promoting "tasty cuisine." He and his wife gained fame for their fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings.



## The Restoration

Oregon Parks and Recreation purchased the inn and surrounding property in 1975. Aided by a federal grant, experts in historic architecture, construction and furnishings preserved one of the oldest active travelers' inns in Oregon. Repairing roofs and rebuilding brick chimneys complemented long-forgotten crafts such as combing—a decorative painting technique—used to simulate a red oak finish on some of the interior trim and doors. The final touches included selecting original period and reproduction furniture.

## Things to See and Do

Wolf Creek Inn is a perfect base to explore southern Oregon attractions. Golden Townsite State Heritage Site lies just three miles east of the inn. More than 100 years ago, miners searched for gold in Coyote Creek and the tiny town flourished. Now a ghost town, the remains of the once bustling hub include a church and cemetery, a building that once housed the post office and general store, a former residence and a shed. The entire property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Other nearby state parks include Valley of the Rogue and Joseph Stewart.

You can try your hand at hiking, panning for gold, whitewater rafting and jet boat adventures along the Rogue River. Crater Lake National Park is a must-see and is an easy day trip from the inn. Plan another day trip to the Oregon Caves National Monument, the fabled "marble halls of Oregon."

If the arts are your passion, see a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, February through October. Explore historic Jacksonville, visit its specialty shops or attend the summertime Britt Music Festival.

## For Today's Visitors

Nine guest rooms with private baths offer charming overnight accommodations reminiscent of simpler times. Décor from the early days of automobile travel promises comfort without the intrusion of telephones, televisions or clock radios. Room reservations are available—see back panel for information.

Diners enjoy a diverse menu that makes the most of fresh Oregon ingredients. Daily entrée specials, seafood, home-baked bread and delectable desserts are served in the comfortable dining room or on the patio. Fine Oregon wines and microbrews complete the experience.

The upstairs ballroom is perfect for meetings and receptions. Ask about our special events.



Historic church and general store at nearby Golden Townsite State Heritage Site.

