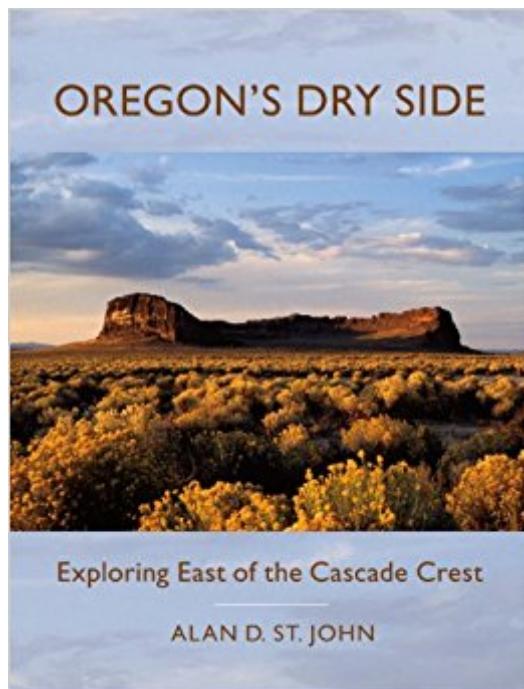


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# Oregon's Dry Side: Exploring East Of The Cascade Crest



## Synopsis

Come explore the sights, sounds, scents, and stories of Oregon's dry side, the stunning, vast, arid East, which is the state's true West. Here are the volcanic mountains and mysterious fossils, vanilla-scented ponderosa pines, painted desert colors, wild creatures large and small, rugged wildflowers, remote outposts, and rich history reaching back to prehistoric times. Your expert guide is Alan D. St. John, naturalist, photographer, native Oregonian, and lifetime dry-side explorer who shares it all, including - and this is generous indeed - some of his own little-known favorite places. Also a broad field guide to eastern Oregon, this treasure of a book shows the region's flora and fauna and dramatic geology in gorgeous photographs.

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Neither an insider's travel guide, nor an informative natural history, nor an engaging portrait of the contemporary culture and economic landscape in central and eastern Oregon: It's all of the above. -- Camela Raymond Portland Monthly 20070501 Written and photographed by native Oregonian naturalist and photographer Alan D. St. John, the book is truly a labor of Stetson spirit and tumbleweed love. ... [It] captures the sage-scented lifestyle, the granite and ice, the tule dingles, the pine-scented paradises and sense of spaciousness so many of us treasure. -- Jeff Petersen La Grande Observer 20070412 [St. John] includes natural history with geology, nature, travel tips, and local lore in an easy style against an awesome array of photos, mostly his own. -- John Terry Oregonian 20070429 [St. John's] descriptions of flowers, trees, geology, wildlife, and other critters

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Southern Oregon Mail Tribune 20080111 Beautifully illustrated with striking photographs and historical reproductions, and St. John's description of Oregon's dry landscapes is fascinating. -- Keith R. Benson Pacific Northwest Quarterly 20080401

Come explore the sights, sounds, scents, and stories of Oregon's dry side, the stunning, vast, sunny East, which is the state's true West. In three extensive, flexible driving and hiking routes of the region, you'll visit the rugged mountains, mysterious fossils, vanilla-scented ponderosa pines, painted desert colors, wildlife and wildflowers, remote outposts, and rich history. Our expert guide is Alan D. St. John, a naturalist, photographer, native Oregonian, and lifetime dry-side explorer, who shares it all, including some of his own little-known favorite places in Central, Southeastern, and Northeastern Oregon. Illustrated with hundreds of St. John's magnificent photographs, this treasure of a book will delight armchair travelers and intrepid adventurers alike.

This book provides, in stunning pictures, as well as words, a picture of Oregon that most people don't know exists. It is a travel guide that covers small towns and natural areas in good detail. Most people don't know that these places exist, and a vacation or weekend trip to these areas will get you away from the crowds (unless you choose to attend a local festival, where the crowds are still not exceedingly large). St. John gives listings of wildflowers and wildlife you might see along the route or at your destination and when the best chances of sightings occur. These helpful hints prove to be very useful. Being a desert rat, I find it easy to see the beauty in the remote areas St. John describes.

Alan is such a great writer and illustrator. Highly recommended reading.

I do not understand why this book is out of print. There are beautiful photographs, a well written book. I wasn't expecting the book to be so small, (9 1/4" X 7") but a great size for the shelf. I wasn't happy about the condition it was in. I bought used and it said light wear, etc. Turned out to be very well used (corners bent, creased, dirty pages). I would rate the author and contents of the book itself more than 5 stars, but the seller 3 stars only because I received the book quickly.

The author:  
a) Really knows his stuff  
b) Takes good pictures  
c) Must have been paid by the word. By the time he gets to the point, you're daydreaming about what's for dinner tonight.  
d) All of the above

I live in Southern California and discovered this unique area a few years ago. And I keep going back even though it's an 800 mile drive. That's how fascinating this place is. As other reviewers point out, Eastern Oregon is rarely visited. Let's hope it stays that way. An interesting aspect of this book is that the author took all the photographs. He's as good a photographer as he is a writer so the text and the images are closely related. There are a handful of other guides for this area, including material put out by the state, but nothing matches this one. So if you're heading for the Dry Side of Oregon, this book is an absolute necessity.

I've read portions of this book, purchased it as a gift for a friend who does lots of hiking/exploring in the area. Provided them with many more features of the area to explore. Definitely would recommend for someone wanting a guide for exploring Eastern Oregon. Well laid out into various areas.

A remarkable book for those with an interest in the geological and cultural history of Eastern Oregon. For those of us who have been raised and lived there it is a bright and shining testimony of why we go back over and over.

Having traveled many of these places, this book makes me want to get out and see more. Good history, good recommendations, great photos!!

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