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BACKCOUNTRY SHELTERS

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1927, the Dutchman Peak Lookout is one of the last cupola-style (called D-6) Forest Service fire lookouts remaining in the west and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Donomore Cabin is in Donomore Meadows, west of Dutchman Peak. It was built in 1935 and is lovingly maintained by local families and residents with long-standing ties to the historic cabin. The PCT traverses the gorgeous Donomore Meadows, so PCT and local backpackers walk to the cabin on foot, but because you can drive backcountry dirt roads to the area, hunters and campers also use the cabin.

The Perks Pasture Guard House was built in 1936 on Elliott Ridge back when numerous US Forest Service (USFS) guard stations were scattered throughout the region in backcountry locations. The structure is not currently open to the public for use, but you can visit the site to check it out. Perks Pasture is named for John Perkins, a packtrain operator in the 1850s who went by the nickname "Old Perks."

The Squaw Peak Lookout has not yet had a formal name change to Acorn Woman Lookout, to match the name changes of nearby geographic

places, like Acorn Woman Lakes. Hopefully the USFS will update the name soon. This historic fire lookout was constructed in 1942 as an L-4 style cabin, called the Alladin style, and is on the National Historic Site Registry. The lookout is available to rent on recreation.gov from May through September, but reservations sell out quickly! With amazing views of the surrounding Siskiyou Mountains, the lookout makes a great rustic retreat.

The Sucker Gap Shelter, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, is located in the Sucker Creek watershed in the Red Buttes Wilderness. This three-sided trail shelter is in a very picturesque meadow, but it takes a good climb to access it via wilderness trails.

The Grayback Snow Survey Shelter is located at 5,600 feet, below Grayback Mountain. It was constructed for annual snow surveys but is open for public use. It is a funky 10- by 14-foot cabin with a wood floor, rustic table, woodstove, and windows. Although it takes a hike to get there, this cabin, full of rustic charm, gets a lot of use.

Grouse Gap, Wrangle Camp, Donomore Cabin, Sucker Gap, and the Grayback shelters are all in the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District and are all first-come, first-served camping sites open to the public.



The Grayback Snow Survey Shelter is located at 5,600 feet below Grayback Mountain. It was constructed for annual snow surveys but is open for public use. Photo: Suzie Savoie.



The Grouse Gap Shelter, built around 1970, is one of the more modern backcountry shelters on the Siskiyou Crest. Photo: Suzie Savoie.

Help protect and preserve these historic backcountry shelters for contemporary use. If you stay in one, please clean up when you leave, pack out your trash, and take only photos and memories.

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