

## **LAKEVIEW AREA...part of the Channeled Scablands**

About 5,000 acres of public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are located in Lincoln County, within an area known as the Channeled Scablands. Along six miles of roads open for vehicle travel in the Lakeview area, visitors have easy access to scenic canyons. At the Lakeview Ranch, you'll find picnic areas with grills for cooking. Just a short distance east of the ranch, on the Pacific Lake shoreline, are recreational facilities, including a boat launch, fishing dock, and several camping and picnic sites. The corral and loading chute at the ranch are used occasionally for wild horse adoptions.

### **Odessa to Pacific Lake Trail**

For hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers there's a 9.5 mile trail that winds across grasslands between Odessa and Pacific Lake/Lakeview Ranch. There's also 3.5 miles for motorized vehicle use. At the Odessa Trailhead, you'll find a kiosk with a map of the trail route. Watch for directional signs from downtown Odessa to get to the trailhead.

### **Getting There**

The Lakeview area is located 8 miles north of Odessa, Washington, in Lincoln County. Take Highway 21 north from Odessa, go 2 miles to Lakeview Ranch Road, turn left and travel 5 miles on a gravel road to Lakeview Ranch.

### **Geology, Vegetation & Wildlife**

Lakeview is part of the Channeled Scablands of eastern Washington, named for the trenches and outcrops of ragged, scarred rock interspersed with wet meadows and wheat fields. Canyons dissect the area. These canyons were carved by the Great Missoula Ice Age Floods that scoured the region about 12,000 years ago.

This area's sagebrush-steppe habitat is typical of the eastern Columbia Basin vegetation. Big sagebrush is often interspersed with bluebunch wheatgrass, basin wild rye, and wildflowers. Mule deer often browse along uplands, and many migratory birds flock to lakes and wetlands. Watch where you walk...*rattlesnakes* have been seen in the area, too.

### **Land Uses**

Livestock and recreationists share use of this land. Seasonal livestock grazing is managed by the BLM. For wildlife-based recreation such as hunting and fishing, check with the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife for seasonal rules.

**OHV Designation:** All motorized vehicle travel is limited to designated roads and trails.

*For more information about the Lakeview Ranch and public land managed by BLM in Lincoln County, contact the Spokane District at 1103 North Fancher, Spokane, WA 99212, or call (509) 536-1200.*

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