
Oregon National Guard Map Of Forts

Overview Hugo, Oregon like most places has its Native American history, some known, most not. Hugo's first citizens or peoples were the Takelma Indians in the Rogue River Valley.¹

Oregon Forts - Camps - Roads: 1805 - 1976²

Downloaded September 25, 2011 (<http://fortwiki.com/images/b/b3/OregonForts1805-1976.jpg>). A few selected forts from the *Forts - Camps - Roads* Map follows.

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Photo 1. Old Birdseye Home

by volunteer Oregon troops during the Rogue River Indian War of 1855. Called fort Bailey for Captain Josephine Bailey, Company a, 1st Bn Mounted Volunteers.”

“**Fort Birdseye** - Built in Jackson County by settlers during the Rogue River Indian Uprising of 1855 - 1856. It was located on the south bank of the Rogue River near the mouth of Birdseye Creek.”

“The wounded Hungry Hill troops were carried to the safety of Fort Birdseye near the present town of Rogue River. The old Birdseye home had timbers made from the old Fort Birdseye.” (Photo 1).

Forts - Camps - Roads

“**Fort Briggs** - Built during the Rogue River Indian Wars of 1855-56. This fort, located in Josephine County, housed settlers on Sucker Creek in the Illinois Valley.” (Photo 2).

“**Camp Elliff** - Located in Douglas County, where the Pacific Highway reaches the Cow Creek Valley after going south from Canyonville. It was established during the Rogue River War of 1855 - 56 and occupied by a detachment of Company B, Second Oregon Mounted Volunteers, mostly from Lane County. Camp had no permanent structures and was abandoned in late 1856.”

“**Fort Hayes** - Organized in Josephine County by settlers during the Rogue River Indian Wars of 1855-56. Fort Hayes was located on what is now the Redwood Highway southeast of Grants Pass. No indication of Military involvement.”

“**Fort Lane** - Established on 28 September 1853, about 8 miles north of present Jacksonville, on the south bank of the Rogue River near the mouth of Bear Creek. Was abandoned 17 September 1856. Immediate predecessor of Fort Lane was Camp Alden, it existed for a few months and was abandoned when Fort Lane was established.”

“**Fort Leland** - Located in Josephine County the Oregon Volunteers used this fort during the Rogue River uprising of 1855 - 56. Fort Leland was located just north of where the Pacific Highway crosses Grave Creek north of Grants Pass.”

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. January 1, 2010. *Program Overview: Native Americans of Hugo, Oregon.* Hugo, OR.

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“**Fort Smith** - This post was used by the Oregon Volunteers during the rogue River War of 1855 - 56. The fort is located about four miles up Cow Creek from the present town of Glendale, close to the Pacific Highway.”



Photo 2. Caroline Briggs & Son At Homestead
Courtesy of Josephine County Historical Society

“**Fort Vannoy** - Established in October or November 1855. Located on the right bank of the Rogue River about four miles west of the town of Grants Pass. One of the more important posts of the Oregon Volunteers during the Rogue River War of 1855 - 1856, since it served as a headquarters camp for the Volunteers.”

2. Oregon National Guard. July 1976. *Forts - Camps - Roads.*
3. Beckham, Stephen Dow. September 30, 1993. *Takelman And Athapascan Lifeways And History, Rogue River Corridor - Applegate River To Grave Creek: Investigations For Interpretive Programs.* Submitted to BLM Medford District. Heritage Research Associates, Inc. Eugene, OR.
4. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society & Josephine County Historical Society. Draft September 22, 2011. *Beckham's Notes On Fort Vannoy (Part I of II).* Brochure NA-32A Of Hugo's Native American Brochure Series Hugo, OR.
5. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society & Josephine County Historical Society. Draft September 22, 2011. *Beckham's Notes On Fort Vannoy (Part II of II).* Brochure NA-32B Of Hugo's Native American Brochure Series Hugo, OR.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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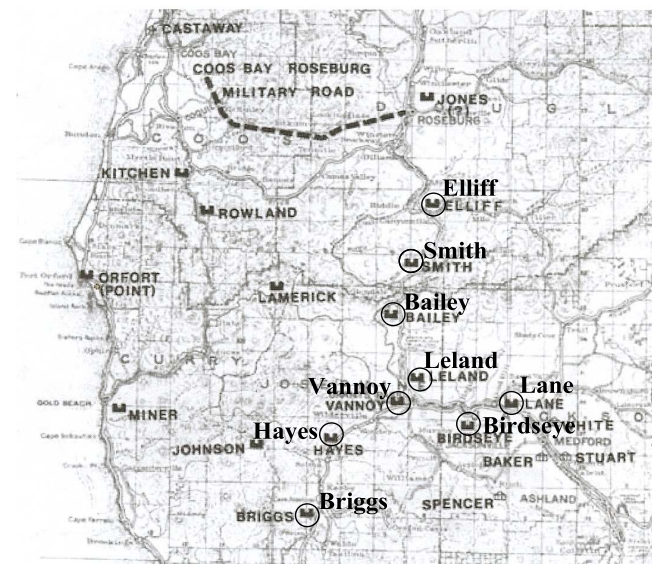
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Map 1. Southwest Oregon Forts
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