

September 2023 Gold Ray Dam Tour

Several members of Henry's Lady joined the State of Jefferson Antique Car Club and Southern Oregon Model T Club on one of their local tours Saturday, September 30th through the scenic Gold Ray section of the Rogue River and ending at Bill Wilkins' farm for a picnic lunch.

The route started just east of Gold Hill and follows the Rogue River and the railroad on Upper River Road, Gold Ray Road and Tolo Road. It passes the former site of the Gold Ray Dam (built in 1904, removed in 2010) and the former site of Fort Lane (Oregon State Heritage Site commemorating peace treaty with Rogue River Indians). Tour leader Bill Wilkins also took us by the Willow Springs School which served the area from 1924 through 1955. We had picnic lunch at Bill Wilkins' farm on Old Stage Road. Many thanks to Bill for an interesting tour of this area!

ADDITIONALLY Check out these articles from the Oregon Historical Society online encyclopedia.

History buffs will find the back stories interesting!!

https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/gold_ray_dam/

https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/fort_lane/



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