

LEE WOODEN/FISHHAWK FALLS PARK

Location:	Located on Hwy. 202 at milepost 25, 5 miles west of Jewell
Size:	47.15 acres
Ownership Status:	County
Land-use zone:	Open Space Parks and Rec (OPR)
Classification:	Natural Area

Description/Natural Features:

A rural day use park that features a maintained trail from a parking area near Fishhawk Creek to the base of Fishhawk Falls, and approximately 2000 feet of frontage on Fishhawk Creek. An abandoned stone road in the southeast corner leads to a natural meadow area. A stone quarry, located on the southwest section of the property, is currently used by the County Road Department.

The falls are the main attraction for day visitors. There has been some unauthorized primitive camping.

Lee Wooden Park is truly one of the hidden jewels in the county park system.

Facility Inventory:

- 2 picnic tables
- Primitive trail with bridge
- Informal parking area

Cultural/Historical Significance:

Area residents have used the meadow area in the past for weddings and Boy Scout campouts.

Geological Significance:

The stacked basalt columns of a dike exposed at Fishhawk Falls is identical to Columbia River basalt further east. This basalt flow, like those at Otter Rock and Hug Point, ranks among the longest on earth, i.e., 300 miles from eastern Oregon and Washington.

Acquisition by County:

The county acquired this property in 1962 through property tax foreclosure. It was named after Lee Wooden, a homesteader from the Jewell area.

