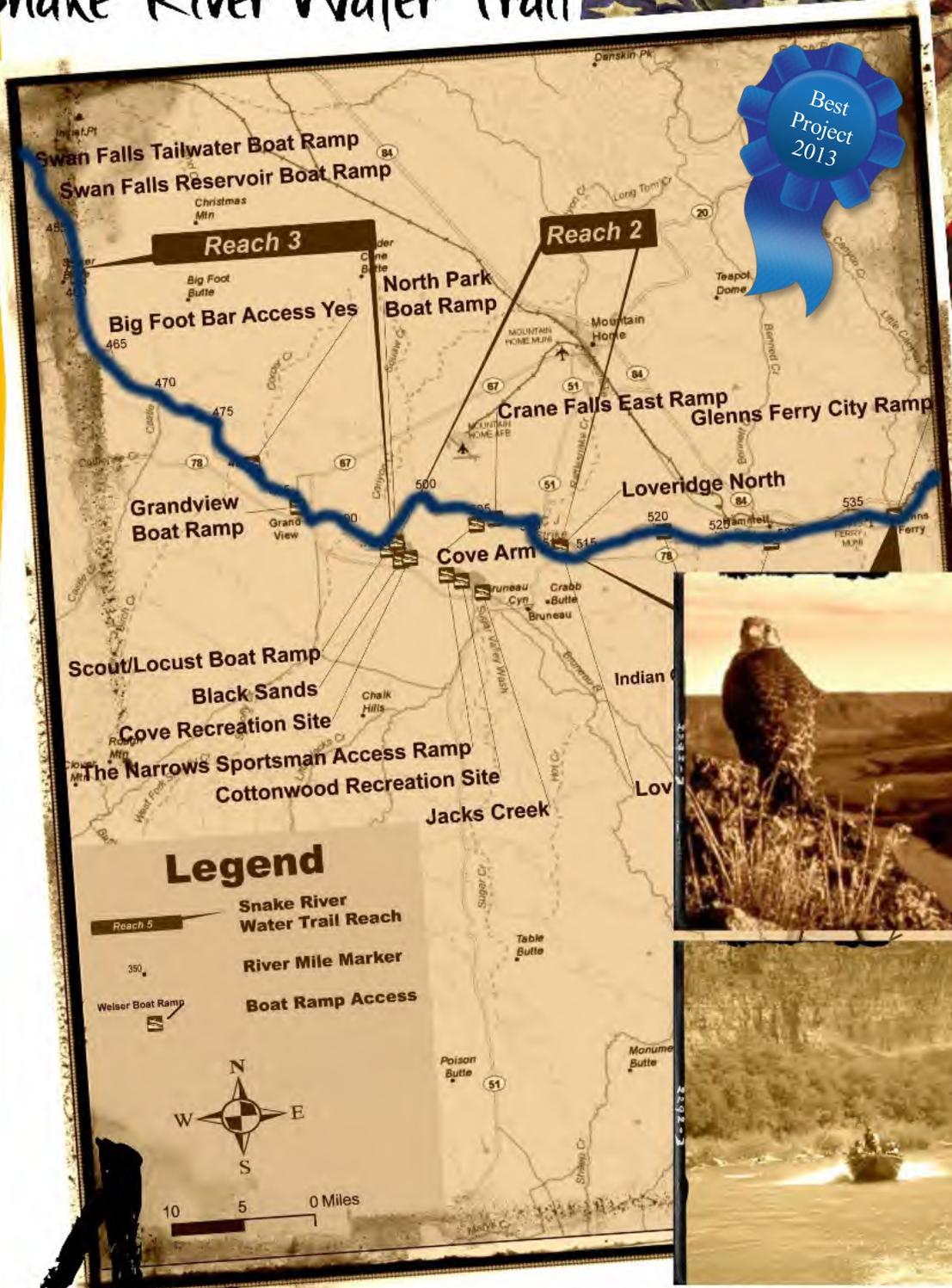
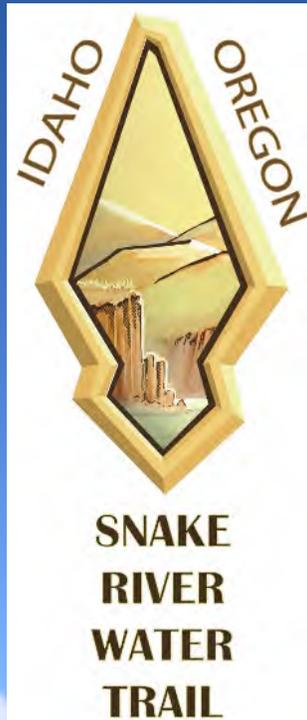


Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail



Adventure Guide



Over 80 Resource Conservation and Development Councils in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming recognized the **Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail** as the best RC&D project for 2013.

The RC&D Program identifies and solves problems in rural communities that include human, economic and environmental issues. RC&Ds address local problems by obtaining assistance from the private sector, corporations, foundations and all levels of government.

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What is a Water Trail?

Water Trails are boat routes suitable for canoes, rafts and kayaks as well as recreational motorized watercraft. Like pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle trails, water trails are recreational corridors between destinations.

Water trail amenities include access areas, boat launches, day-use sites, fishing accesses, and camping areas. Water trails serve as educational venues that create interactive educational experiences regarding the geology, pre-history, history, ecology and commerce of an area.

Water trails vary from short routes along shorelines to loops around lakes and lagoons. They may stretch hundreds of river miles through several states or they may follow the coastline and connect with maritime ports or remote islands.

Regardless of their length or configuration, water trails are valuable assets to cities and counties, providing recreational and educational opportunities for both citizens and visitors. Water trails also help people discover new perspectives about their waterways and their communities, raise awareness of watershed stewardship and serve as economic engines through tourism and its associated hospitality industry.

The Benefits of Water Trails

- Help people discover a new perspective of the river and their communities
- Build and strengthen partnerships with neighboring water and shoreline managers
- Pool resources to manage river recreation sites and nearby resources
- Combine outreach efforts and provide interpretive information
- Boost local economies
- Win grants that target partnership efforts (local and regional)
- Create a quality experience on the water for boaters
- Improve stewardship of natural and cultural resources along the river
- Highlight safety on the water
- Provide better access and more facilities for non-motorized boaters
- Tell more cultural and historical stories
- Get kids interested in their “back yards”



National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

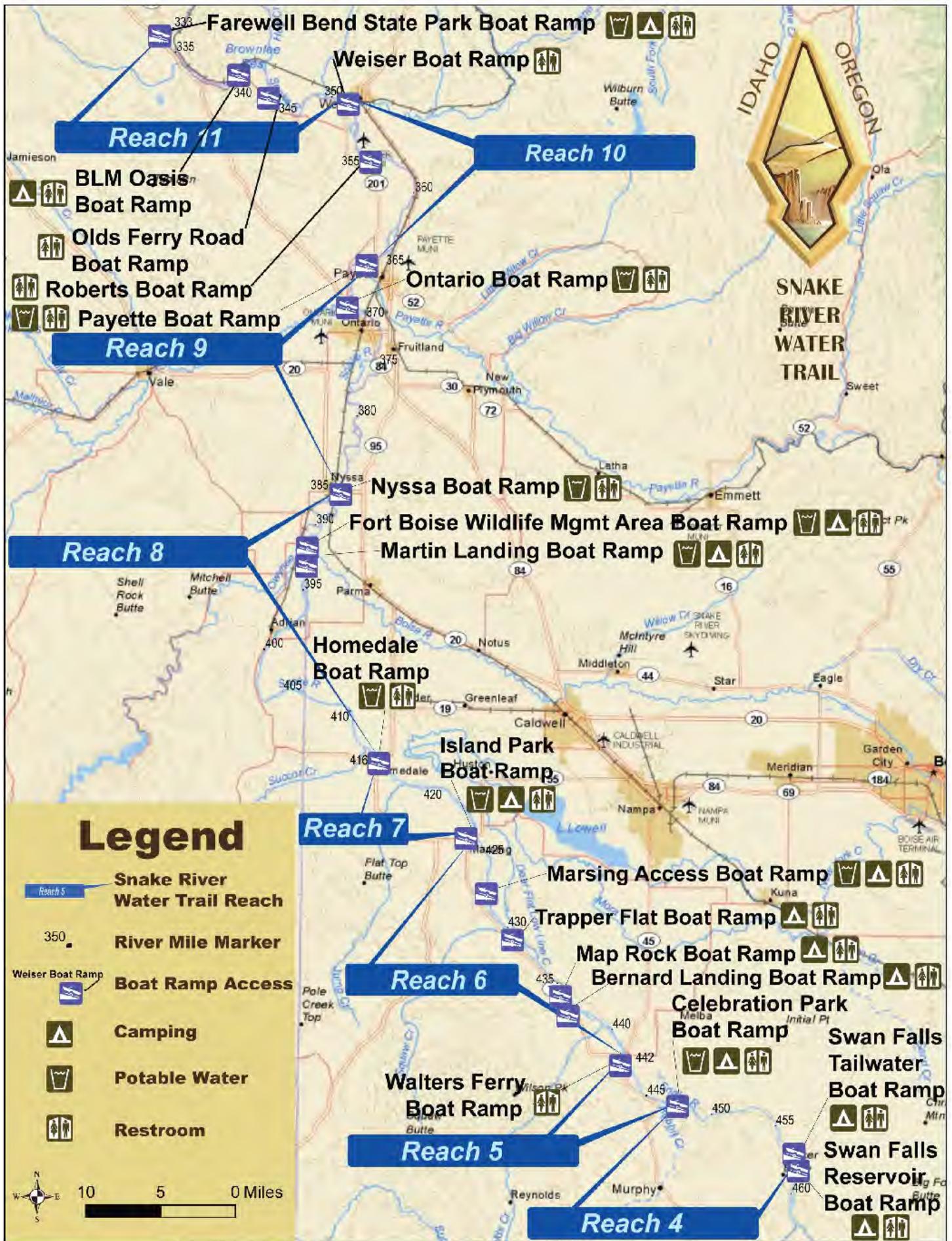
Places on the Snake

For over two years, a coalition representing the communities and stake holder agencies between Glens Ferry, Idaho and Baker City, Oregon, with the assistance of the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, worked together to develop a plan for the 205 mile Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail.

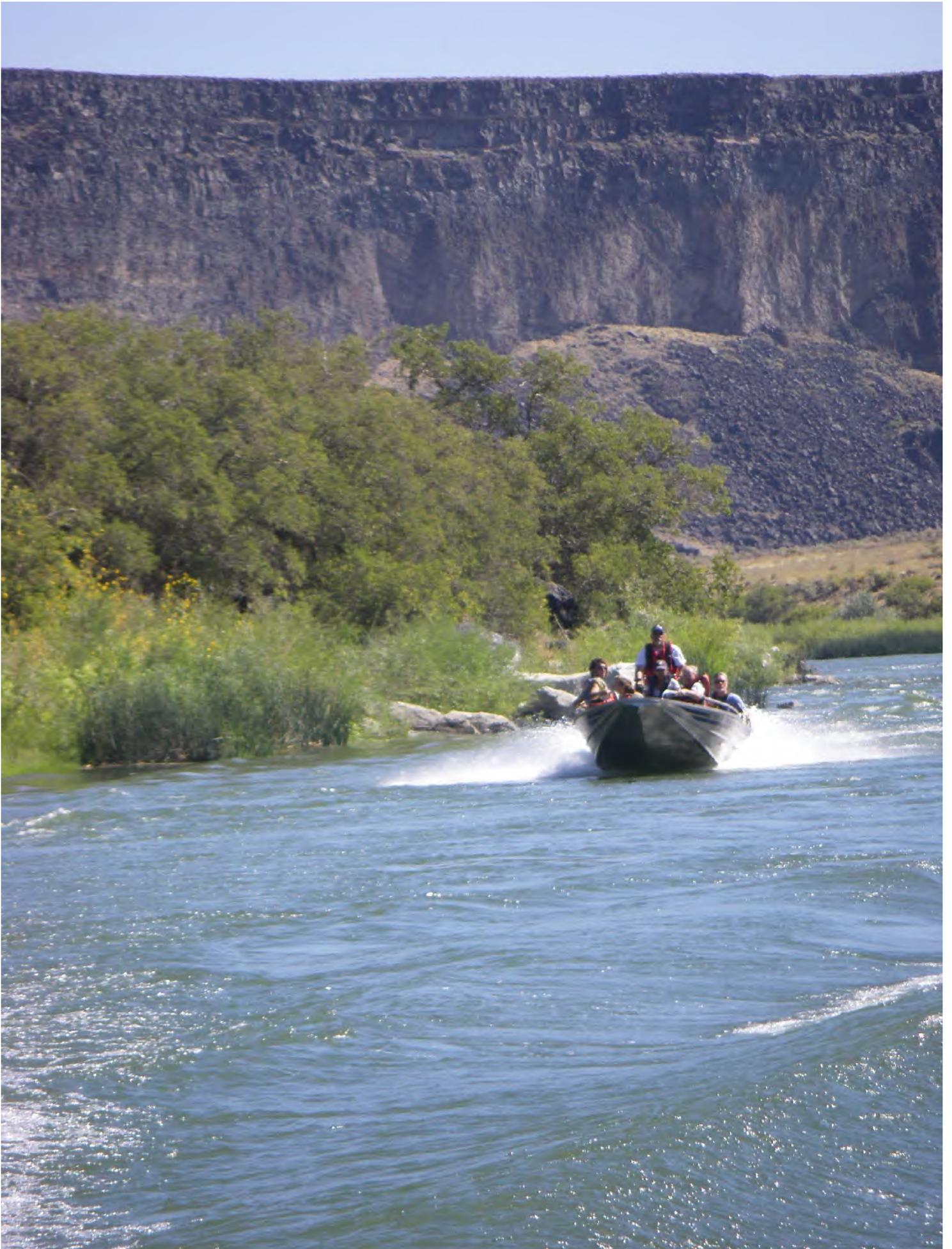
This remarkable coalition has made a historic change in the way southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon perceives the Snake River, its canyon, cultural and natural resources, recreational and economic opportunities.

The Snake River Water Trail “Adventure Guide” provides information that will help you have the most enjoyable adventures as you explore the wonders of this amazing water trail system. Discover “Places on the Snake”.









Information and tips for enjoying your time on (or off!) the Snake River



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GRAB YOUR FISHING POLE

For anglers, Idaho is truly a land of opportunity and variety. From alpine peaks to lowland deserts and valleys, a dazzling array of waters await discovery. Idaho offers anglers 26,000 miles of streams and rivers, more than 3,000 natural lakes, and a quarter-million acres of ponds and reservoirs.

Inhabiting those waters are 42 gamefish species, from giant white sturgeon to wild trout, catfish to kokanee, and smallmouth bass to salmon and steelhead. Fishing trips can be as simple as a short walk to a local pond or as challenging as a Snake River float trip – there are plenty of options from which to choose.

Most Idaho waters have year-round fishing seasons. However, many rivers and streams and some lakes have special rules and seasons. Pick up a fishing rules brochure which outlines season dates, special regulations and bag limits.

Every angler 14 years old or older must have a valid license to fish in Idaho. Resident anglers under 14 may fish without a license and keep their own bag limits of fish. Nonresident anglers under 14 may fish without a license if accompanied by a license-holding adult.



Catfish are frequently found in local area waters.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Anglers and hunters are required to obtain landowner permission before entering private land. And remember to grab and review a copy of the current seasons and rules brochure which outline season dates, special regulations and limits. Brochures are available at all Fish & Game offices and most sporting goods stores statewide.

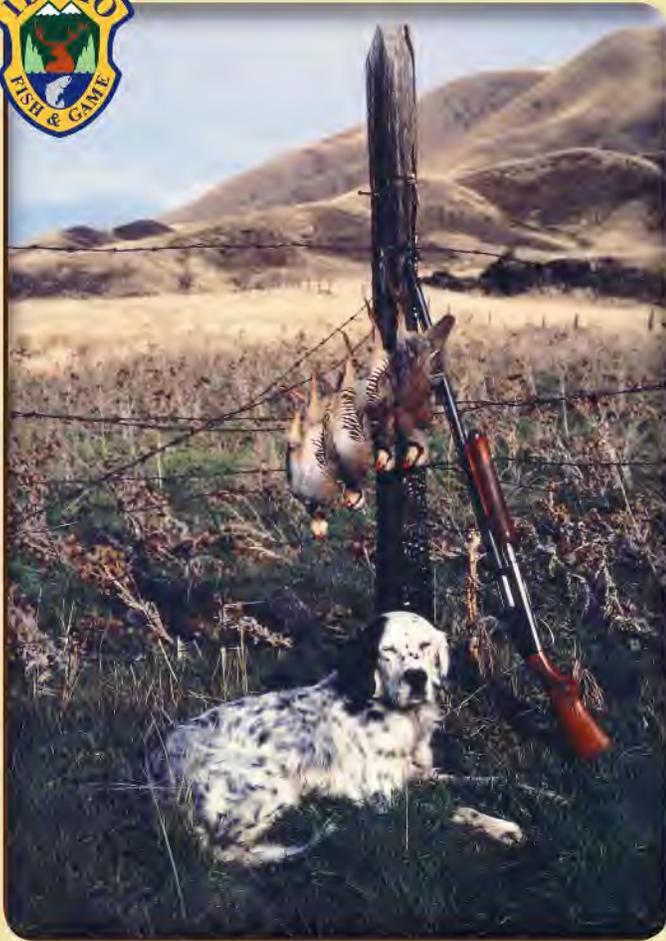


Fishing is a great family pastime.



Use the Idaho Fishing Planner on the Fish and Game website to plan your next fishing trip. Click the Fishing Planner icon to find any stream, lake or reservoir in the state, see what fish species live there and check fishing rules. You can even print customized maps.





A good pointing dog is the chukar hunter's best friend.

GRAB YOUR SHOTGUN

Bird hunters will find good chukar and gray partridge hunting along the Snake River, not to mention robust populations of California quail. Chukars and gray partridge (huns) thrive on large tracts of public ground, and are available to everyone willing to make the effort to hunt them.

Chukars are typically found in rocky, arid areas covered with cheat grass and sage brush. Gray partridge (huns) are often found in close proximity to chukars and adjacent to cultivated land.

California quail occur from south-central Idaho, west to the Oregon border and north to the Palouse Prairie. Good populations live along rivers and streams with brushy cover below 3,500 feet in elevation.

Pheasant hunting can be found off the beaten path and on private lands where much of the best habitat occurs. Hunters willing to wear through some boot leather as well as knock on doors can find good success.

Very strong populations of Canada geese and migrating ducks in south-central and southwest Idaho will keep waterfowlers busy. Waterfowl hunting is generally best during late November, December.



LICENSES CAN BE PURCHASED:

- At any local license vendor
- Fish and Game office
- Via telephone and credit card:
1-800-534-8685
- Through the Idaho Department of Fish & Game's website:
fishandgame.idaho.gov



Use the Idaho Hunt Planner to plan your next hunting trip. Click the Hunt Planner icon to search for a hunt, review hunt area maps, browse by region and view by species. You can also search harvest statistics by species, weapon, season and year.



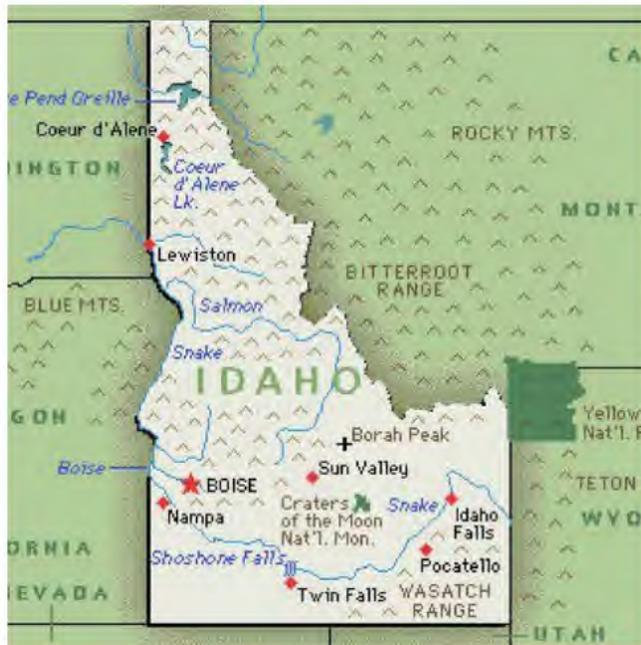
Exploring Idaho

“A lot of state this Idaho, that I didn’t know about.”
Ernest Hemingway

Idaho - also known as the Gem State - is a big state. It's a place where travelers can indulge themselves in just about every sort of luxury, adventure, climate and geography one could possibly desire. World class resorts, wilderness adventures and everything in between attracts many people to this vacation paradise every year.

It's been said if all the mountains in Idaho were flattened, Idaho would be the size of Texas. The state's geography covers two time zones and encompasses the western side of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains. Rivers, mountains and farmland dominate the state's landscape. Idaho's panhandle is made up of emerald green hillsides, timbered mountains and sprinkled with lakes of all sizes. Central Idaho is covered with jagged peaks. The Snake River Plain, with its wide open vistas, irrigated farm lands and vibrant cities, forms the character of southern Idaho.

They call **northern** Idaho lake country, thanks to prehistoric glaciers of the ice age that left behind hundreds of beautiful lakes - Priest Lake, Lake Coeur d'Alene and Lake Pend Oreille. And while visitors don't have to be able to pronounce them to enjoy the scenery, they do have to hold on tight when riding the rollercoasters at Silverwood Theme Park. If swinging a golf club is more to their liking, Circling Raven Golf Course at the Coeur d'Alene Casino (one of several in Idaho) and the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course are listed by several golfing magazines as among the finest in the country. Mountain biking families love the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and the Route of the Hiawatha, and in the winter are sure to hit the slopes at Schweitzer Mountain and Silver Mountain Ski Resorts, two of 17 ski areas in the Gem State.



North central Idaho is so full of American history and beautiful scenery it would take a book to describe all the things to see and do. The Lewis and Clark Trail crosses through this region. The Nez Perce National Historical Park, the only national park that celebrates a people instead of a place, is located just outside Lewiston. After touring all the mountains and prairies Idaho has to offer, travelers can drop down into the deepest river gorge in North America, Hell's Canyon. Jet boat rides on this stretch of the Snake River are highly recommended for adventure seekers of every age.

In **southwestern** Idaho, travelers and adventure seekers can climb a sand dune, soak in a natural hot spring, tour a few wineries or visit a multitude of museums in and around Boise. Tamarack, Brundage Mountain and Bogus Basin Mountain all offer un-crowded ski slopes in the winter and hiking and biking trails in the summer months.

In **south central** Idaho outside of Twin Falls, the Perrine Bridge is one of the premiere base-jumping attractions in the world. If you



prefer climbing to jumping, the City of Rocks is a great place to test your skills. Stop to admire the waters of the mighty Snake River as it drops some 486 feet over Shoshone Falls or visit the Hagerman Fossil Beds.

The **southeast** corner of Idaho is known as the land of pioneer history and offers up the same forests, mountains, rivers and lakes that challenged the early-day trappers and wagon-train pioneers. The Oregon/California Trail Center gives a real feel for the hardships faced by the families who journeyed on that trail westward. Soak in historic healing waters at a place called Lava Hot Springs, relax on the shores of Bear Lake, known for its turquoise-blue water or visit the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

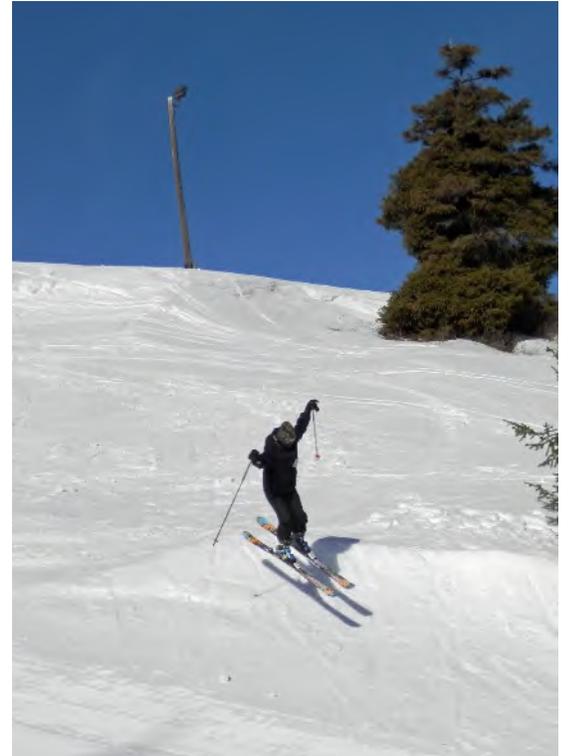
Eastern Idaho is also known as Yellowstone-Teton Territory and adjoins a region of the snow-capped peaks of the Grand Tetons, thundering waterfalls, glistening lakes and free-flowing rivers. A neighbor to Yellowstone and Teton National Parks, eastern Idaho shares much of the same spectacular beauty and awesome adventure, but without the crowds. Island Park is a mecca for hiking and fishing in the summer and skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. The world famous fly-fishing stream, Henrys Fork of the Snake River, winds through the meadows of Harriman State Park.



And right in the middle of it all, in **central** Idaho, Craters of the Moon National Monument is the largest volcanic lava field in the mainland of the US. A short drive from the lava fields is world-renowned Sun Valley, which includes the town of Ketchum and the Sun Valley Resort.

Whichever part of this magnificent state travelers and visitors choose to discover, they will find spectacular scenery, fun things to do and friendly, helpful people. Idaho is a place that's unhurried, unspoiled and unassuming. So linger awhile and discover Idaho.

For more information on Idaho, please go to: www.visitidaho.org





From the river to the orchards; wildlife to recreation; natural and cultural history—the Snake River Scenic Byway weaves adventure, people, and experiences into a unique Idaho story. The rich agricultural land found along the byway was born of fire when volcanoes dominated the area. It was then reshaped nearly 15,000 years ago by one of the largest floods in geologic history, the Bonneville Flood. Plan some time to come experience all that this 70 mile byway has to offer.

You'll be traveling near some of the best wineries and vineyards in Idaho. Stop in for a tasting! Be sure to call as hours do vary.

EAT

- Cook's Two Hole Bar and Grill**
313 Broadway Ave., Melba
- Orchard House**
14949 Sunnyslope Rd., Caldwell
- Frosty's Place**
32 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale
- Sandbar Riverhouse**
18 Sandbar, Marsing
- Alejandra's Mexican Restaurants**
308 A Ave., Wilder; 208 Main St., Marsing
- Bistro 2 Fifteen**
215 Main St., Parma
- Orphan Annie's Bar and Grill**
801 Everett St., Caldwell
- Greenleaf Café**
21513 Main St., Greenleaf
- Spot Pizza**
12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing
- Brick 29 Bistro**
320 11th Ave. S., Nampa
- Copper Canyon**
103 Shannon Dr., Nampa

CAMP

- Celebration Park**
6530 Hot Spot Ln., Melba
- Givens Hot Springs**
11309 State Hwy. 78, Melba
- River's Edge RV Park**
28522 Lower Pleasant Ridge Rd., Wilder

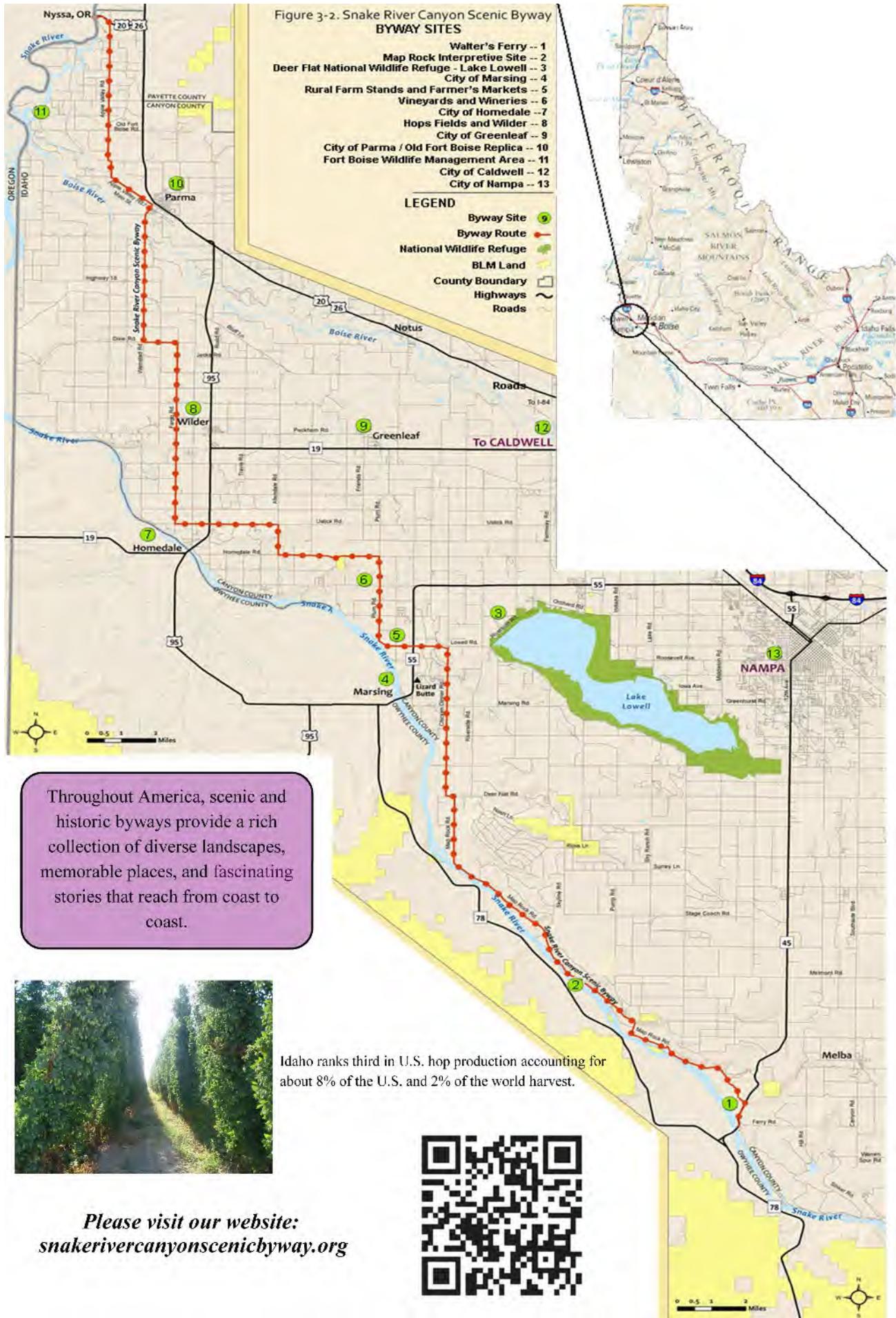
- Decoy RV Park**
15702 Riverside Rd., Caldwell

STAY

- Snake River Log Bed and Breakfast**
11800 Snake River B & B Ln., Melba
- Bitner Vineyards Bed and Breakfast**
16645 Plum Rd., Caldwell
- Best Western Caldwell Inn**
908 Specht Dr., Caldwell
- Court Motel and Beverage Store**
712 E. Grove Ave., Parma
- Hat Ranch Winery B&B**
15343 Plum Road, Caldwell;

WINE

- Bitner Vineyards**
16645 Plum Rd., Caldwell; 208-455-1870
- Fujishin Family Cellars**
15593 Sunnyslope Rd., Caldwell; 208-649-5389
- Hat Ranch Winery**
15343 Plum Road, Caldwell; 208-994-6416
- Hell's Canyon/Zhou Zhou**
18835 Symms Rd., Caldwell; 208-454-3300
- Huston Vineyards**
16473 Chicken Dinner Rd., Caldwell; 208-455-7975
- Koenig Winery**
20928 Grape Ln., Caldwell; 208-455-8386
- Sawtooth Winery**
13750 Surrey Ln., Nampa; 208-467-1200
- St. Chapelle Winery**
19348 Lowell Rd., Caldwell; 208-453-7840
- Williamson Orchards & Vineyards**
19692 Williamson Ln., Caldwell
208-459-7333



Throughout America, scenic and historic byways provide a rich collection of diverse landscapes, memorable places, and fascinating stories that reach from coast to coast.



Idaho ranks third in U.S. hop production accounting for about 8% of the U.S. and 2% of the world harvest.



Please visit our website:
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Eastern Oregon

...off the water trail

There is so much to do and see in Eastern Oregon, you'll want to visit again, trading the water trail for the highways and back roads of Malheur County. The communities of Jordan Valley, Adrian, Nyssa, Ontario and Vale are rich in history and each has a community event to enjoy. Or, take to the back roads of the Owyhee country and enjoy solitude and magnificent scenery. One note: Malheur County is on Mountain Time.



Lupine at Wildhorse Basin above the Owyhee Reservoir

Agriculture—Malheur County is famous for the variety of crops grown in what is known as the Treasure Valley. Our agriculturists raise onions, potatoes, wheat, corn, mint, dried peas and beans, alfalfa and a variety of seed crops, as well as raising cattle and sheep.

Hunting/Fishing—The choice is yours: fly fish the Owyhee for brown trout or drop a line into one of the reservoirs such as Owyhee, Malheur or Beulah for crappie, bass or trout. Hunting includes big game, water fowl and upland birds. Cow Hollow Park is a great facility for camping and supporting the park with your purchase of a CHP Hunt Pass. Visit malheurco.org/cowhollow or Cow Hollow Park on Facebook for details.



Mural in Vale, Oregon. Over 30 murals to view!

Rodeo—If rodeo is your sport, Malheur County has 4! Jordan Valley gets the season started in May with the Big Loop Rodeo. Followed by Nyssa Nite Rodeo in June, Vale 4th of July Rodeo and the Malheur County Fair and Rodeo in August.

Geology—Nyssa, the “Thunderegg Capital of the World” is the place to be for Thunderegg Days in July. Leslie Gulch, Succor Creek and the Owyhee range afford the geologist an opportunity to admire rock formations and search for agate, petrified wood, thundereggs and more.



Malheur Butte

Early travelers crossed the Snake River after visiting Fort Boise, just south of present day Nyssa. From there, they continued northwest into present day Vale along the Malheur River. Those on the “South Alternate” route traveled north through Adrian and met up with the main trail between Adrian and Nyssa. It was a long days trip (20 miles!) through sagebrush and alkali dust from the Snake River to the Malheur. Your drive in an air conditioned vehicle will be much faster...and comfortable!



History—Those who enjoy history will want to visit the gravesite of John Baptist Charbonneau, the son of Sacajawea, located south of Jordan Valley. There are Oregon Trail sites from Adrian to Vale, the later right on the Oregon Trail. Drive along Lytle Blvd to access Keeney Pass and see actual ruts of the old Oregon Trail. While in Vale, be sure to visit the murals! Ontario holds its Global Village event the first Saturday in June celebrating the many cultures in Malheur County.

History also comes alive at the Four Rivers Cultural Center and Museum in Ontario. The four rivers (Snake, Payette, Owyhee and Malheur) have been home to Native Americans, Oregon Trail pioneers, Japanese, Basque and Mexican peoples who have added to the cultural diversity of Malheur County. The beautiful Japanese Garden is a tranquil spot for reflection, or jumping with music, weddings, reunions and other special events. Visit them at 4rec.com or on Facebook.

For more information, contact:
Nyssa Chamber of Commerce &
Agriculture

541-372-3091

Ontario Area Chamber of Commerce

541-889-8012

Vale Chamber of Commerce

541-473-3800

Four Rivers Cultural Center, Ontario

541-889-8191





Dam Safety

Normal power plant operations can cause unexpected and rapid water-level fluctuations both upstream and downstream.

Don't wade, swim, fish or anchor your boat directly upstream from a dam or spillway. Water flowing into the tunnel-like penstocks that feed water into a dam's turbines can create strong, unseen currents that could pull you underwater. Keep a safe distance upstream of the dam's line of warning buoys.

Play safe and stay safe!

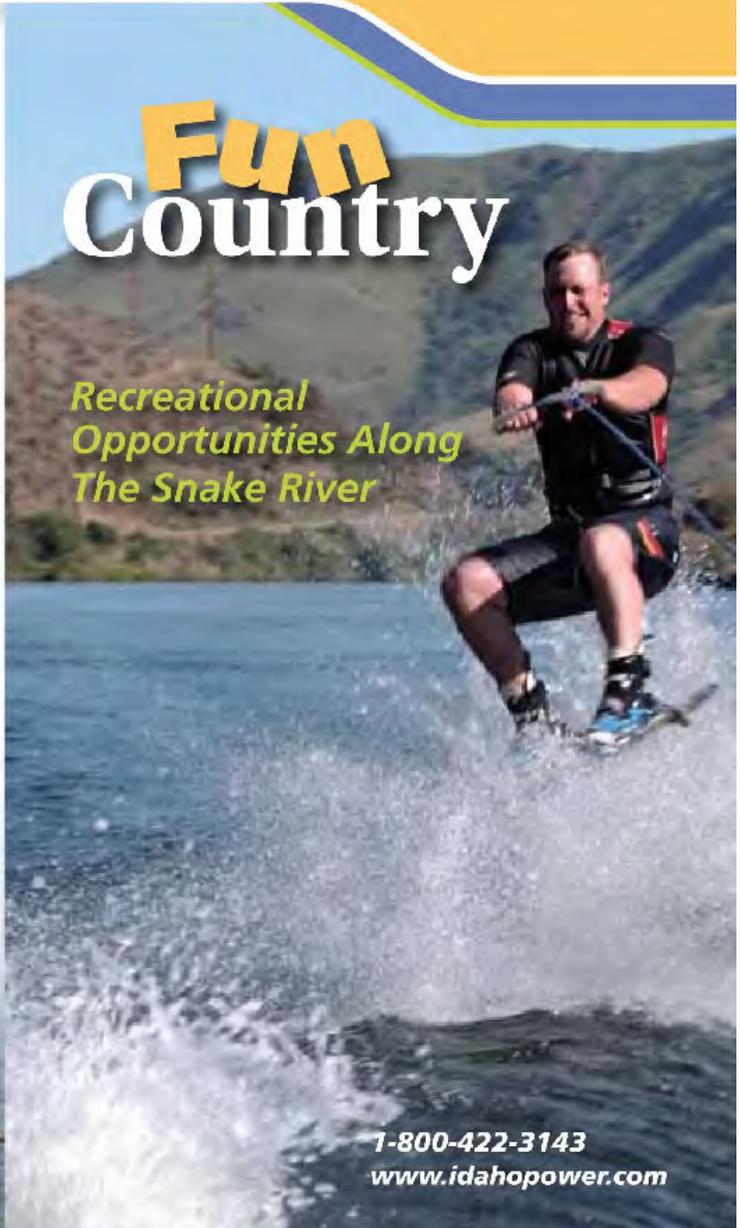
If water is released through the dam's spill gates, you could be swept over the spillway. Boats anchored immediately downstream of a dam near a spillway could be swamped by a sudden water release. Also keep away from the outflow area of the dam's turbines, called the tailrace. The water in this area is generally calm when a generator is not working but may become turbulent if the generator suddenly comes back on-line.



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*Recreational
Opportunities Along
The Snake River*



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The Snake River is perhaps one of the most beautiful rivers in the West.

Welcome!



Starting as a trickle from melting snow packs high in the mountains of western Wyoming, it grows and swells as it is fed by streams, springs and smaller rivers until at last it is the magnificent Snake River that flows through Idaho.

“The Snake” as it is known locally, sustains southern Idaho’s agricultural economy. Cities and towns have grown up on its banks. It is the source of water for lives and for livelihoods.

It is also a river of recreation. Areas along the river offer giant aquatic playgrounds, havens for boaters, anglers, white-water rafters, water skiers and those who simply want to get away from it all.



**Some call it “spectacular.”
We at Idaho Power simply
call it “Fun Country.”**

Balancing power generation with recreational opportunities has been one of Idaho Power’s primary considerations for decades. As a steward of this vital resource, we value it as the driving force for our hydroelectric plants and as the unique scenic river that belongs to all of us.

From this great river and its tributaries, we generate the electricity that has helped Idaho grow and prosper. At times half of all the power we generate comes from this important source.

Our company’s system of 17 hydroelectric generating projects is located in the central and lower stretches of the Snake River where we have developed numerous parks and other recreational facilities to enhance your access to the river. The reservoirs upstream of each dam, and the river itself, are a major recreational resource. We encourage you to use them fully.

Fun Country

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Idaho Power has embraced a policy of recreational access since the 1930s when we built our first park in response to public need. Our parks incorporate much of what is so special about the Snake River. Near our parks you can find the grandeur and ruggedness of Hells Canyon, the majestic cascade of Shoshone Falls or the arid beauty of the historic Oregon Trail. But there's much more to "Fun Country!" We invite you to discover it all for yourself.

This brochure provides maps showing park locations and other facilities as well as information about local and historical points of interest. But no brochure can highlight all that the river has to offer. A visit to various area visitors' centers can give you more specific information about what's available in any particular area.

Whatever your recreational preference, you'll find it easy to enjoy your favorite outdoor pastimes in...

Fun Country





Few places in America offer the rugged scenic beauty of Hells Canyon.

North America's deepest river gorge, Hells Canyon is a recreational paradise.

Anglers rarely go home empty handed from Hells Canyon. The reservoir system there is one of the Northwest's finest bass and catfish fishing areas. And few truly dedicated anglers would pass up the chance to land a steelhead from the river downstream of Hells Canyon Dam.



Hells Canyon



Hells Canyon Area Map

Idaho Power maintains four year-round parks in Hells Canyon with day-use and overnight camping facilities:

- **Woodhead Park** (124 RV sites & 15 tent sites) located on the Idaho side of Brownlee Reservoir
- **McCormick Park** (34 RV sites & 8 tent sites) on the Idaho side of Oxbow Reservoir
- **Copperfield Park** (62 RV sites & 10 tent sites) downstream of Oxbow Dam in Oregon
- **Hells Canyon Park** (24 RV sites & 16 tent sites) on the Idaho side of the Hells Canyon Reservoir

Each offers recreational vehicle and tent camping sites as well as restrooms, showers, picnic tables, fire rings and boat launching facilities.

No matter which park you choose, you'll be at the gateway to recreational opportunities within Hells Canyon.



Hells Canyon



Idaho Power maintains a 24-hour report that provides a daily update on reservoir levels and downstream releases from our Hells Canyon dams. Information can be obtained by calling 1-800-422-3143, toll free.

Or log on to www.idahopower.com and go to the "Rivers and Recreation" area. Our home page also provides stream flow information, water temperatures, reservoir levels, boat ramp elevations, park conditions and other recreation information.

Your computer just might be the best way to begin planning your trip to Hells Canyon.

24/7 RECREATION REPORT

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Looking to get away from it all?

Two magnificent mountain ranges are close to our Hells Canyon parks—the towering Seven Devils that reach up to 9,393 feet and Oregon's beautiful Wallowa Mountains, often called the "Alps of North America." National forest trails through these mountain ranges provide opportunities for horseback riding, hiking, mountain and trail biking, backpacking, nature photography and a host of other activities limited only by your interests.

Our three reservoirs add much to the area's recreational attractions by providing water skiing and boating opportunities through a number of boat ramps and convenient docks.

Reservoirs and stream flows at Hells Canyon fluctuate depending upon our customers' need for electricity. We work to balance these fluctuations with the need for recreational uses as well.





The first hydroelectric project on the Snake River was built in 1901...

...in a rocky canyon at Swan Falls, about 40 miles south of Boise. Back then, the plant provided power for mines in the nearby Owyhee Mountains. Today, it still provides power to Idaho Power customers through an improved powerhouse.

The old powerhouse was decommissioned late last century but remains an historical landmark.

Swan Falls offers more than history. It's an ideal spot for birdwatchers because it lies within the Snake River Birds of Prey Area and is home to falcons, eagles, owls and hawks, to name just a few.

Other popular activities at Swan Falls include upland bird and waterfowl hunting, fishing, rafting and boating. Sportsmen should always be aware of state

hunting and fishing regulations. Although no formal facilities are available for campers, the area downstream of the dam offers some primitive camping opportunities.

A large grassy, tree-shaded, day-use area upstream of the plant provides a picnic area with restrooms. Below the dam there is white water access and a launch site.



Swan Falls

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C. J. Strike Dam lies about 35 river-miles upstream of Swan Falls Dam, providing an excellent place for sailing, boating and waterskiing. Game fish are found here including bass, sturgeon and crappie. The reservoir also is stocked with more than 50,000 catchable trout each year. Picnic areas, some with firepits, overnight camping and boat ramps are available.

Strike's North Park features prehistoric markings left by ancient Indian tribes. Interpretive signs explain to visitors what some of these petroglyphs mean.

Idaho Power owns and manages some 3,000 acres in the nearby C. J. Strike Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Ducks, geese and upland game birds may be hunted within the WMA during the appropriate seasons, usually mid-September through December.



C. J. Strike

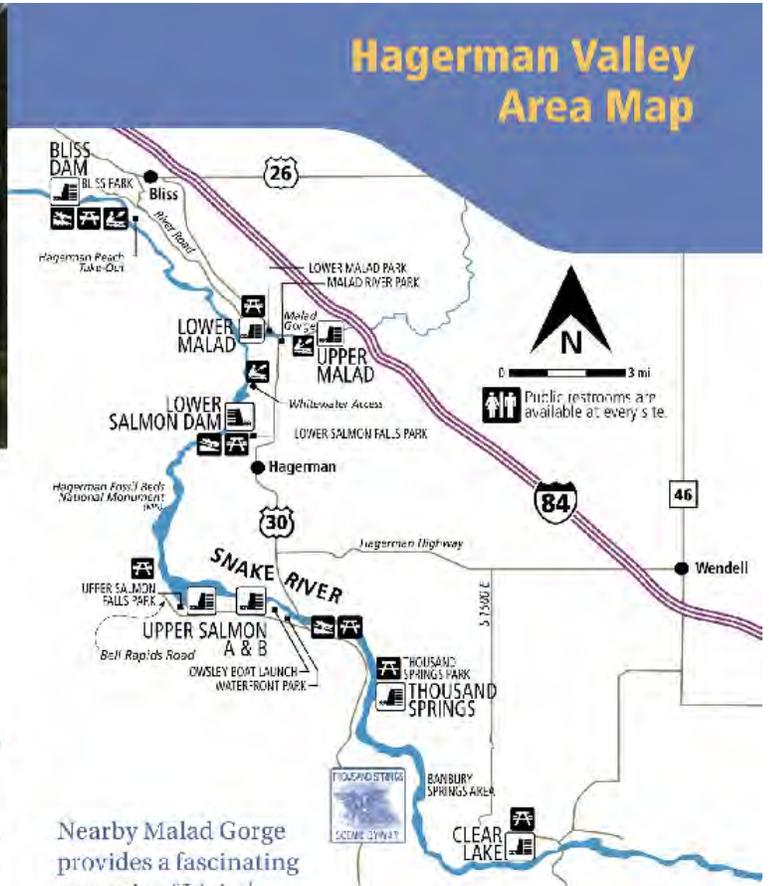


Further upriver is a series of power plants we call the Mid-Snake Projects.

These are the power plants in the Hagerman Valley at Bliss, Upper and Lower Malad, Lower Salmon, Upper Salmon A and B, Thousand Springs and Clear Lake. Most offer day-use facilities. For example, the Bliss project provides a boat ramp, two picnic areas complete with tables and restroom facilities. Nearly all the rest provide boat ramps, picnic facilities, drinking water and restrooms.

The Thousand Springs and Clear Lake projects are renowned for the many fresh underground springs that cascade from nearby steep canyon walls. The water comes from the Snake River Plain Aquifer, a Lake Erie-sized underground reservoir that feeds the Snake River here. Because the water has a constant temperature, fish habitat is remarkable, and so is fishing. Both Thousand Springs and Clear Lake offer visitors parks for day-use and picnicking.

No visit to the Hagerman Valley is complete without seeing the famed Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. Here it is possible to get a glimpse of life as it was millions of years ago.



Nearby Malad Gorge provides a fascinating example of Idaho's diverse geology. Only 2.5 miles long, the Malad River is one of the shortest rivers in America, yet it is a stream that fly fishermen find especially productive.

Our parks are a popular place to picnic and fish or provide shade for those who just want to sit and enjoy the splendor of the Hagerman Valley.

Hagerman Valley



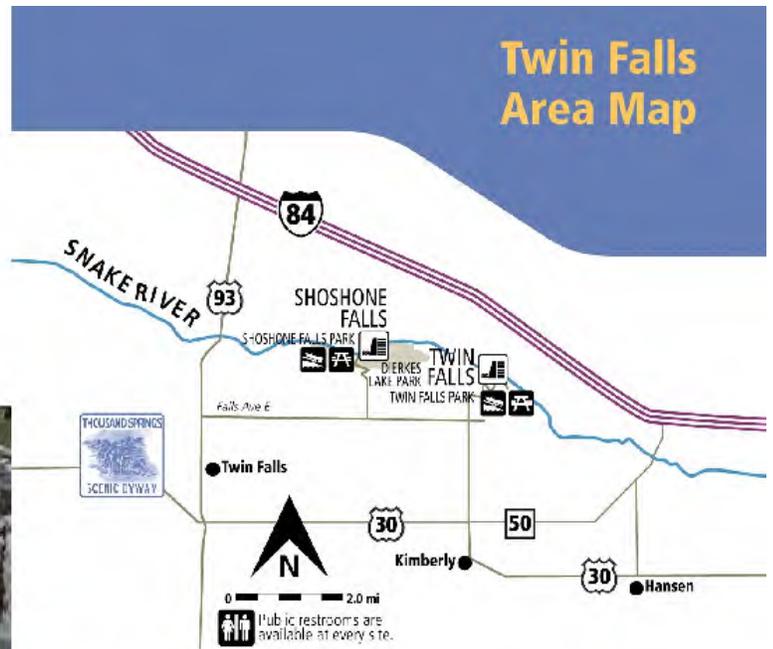
At 212 feet,
Shoshone Falls
 is America's highest waterfall,
 surpassing Niagara Falls
 by 36 feet.



In fact, it's one of the West's most spectacular natural beauties.

From April 1 through Labor Day weekend, irrigation and power production demands traditionally diverted most of the water away from the falls. Now Idaho Power provides at least 300 cubic feet of water per second during daylight hours to provide visitors with an opportunity to see these magnificent falls.

The City of Twin Falls owns and operates the Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake Park Complex. The area offers a unique blend of hiking trails, landscaped picnic areas, playgrounds, scenic overlooks, swimming area, boat ramps and a visitors' center with restrooms.



Idaho Power's Twin Falls Park is just a few miles upstream of Shoshone Falls and provides visitors with 10 acres of grassy areas for day-use including picnicking. A boat ramp here allows anglers and water skiers access to the Twin Falls Reservoir.

A viewpoint with interpretive information about the area is located near the falls and there is walking access along the river downstream of the falls.



Shoshone and Twin Falls



Milner and American Falls Area Map



Milner Dam is one of the oldest dams on the Snake River. It is located upstream of a stretch of the river popular for kayaking, whitewater rafting and boating. While the dam itself is owned by Milner Dam Inc., Idaho Power operates the power plant associated with the dam. Under the company's federal license to operate this plant, Idaho Power is required to release adequate water to provide for whitewater recreational use during May and June when water is available.

**When available,
flows here can exceed
10,000 cubic feet per second...**

... and are recommended only for expert kayakers and rafters. The one-mile stretch of river between the dam and power plant is a Class V level white-water rapid. This 5.5-mile stretch of river downstream from the power plant to Star Falls

provides boaters with a potential Class II or Class III level white-water experience. It is recommended for intermediate boaters when flows exceed 700 cubic feet per second.

Stream flows in this area are subject to change hourly. Those interested in boating this stretch of the Snake River should check Idaho Power's toll-free recreation number **1-800-422-3143** or go to the "Rivers and Recreation" area of the company's Web site, www.idahopower.com. Either source will provide updated information about river conditions downstream from the plant and dam.

The Milner Historic Recreation Area (BLM) has day-use facilities, including boat ramps, docks, picnic tables and vault-style toilets. Anglers interested in catfish will find Milner Reservoir the ideal spot. More than 20,000 catfish are released into the reservoir each year by Idaho Power as part of the company's federal license to operate the power plant at Milner.



Milner

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Trenner Park was Idaho Power's first public recreation area. Developed in 1933, it is located at the site of the old American Falls powerhouse and provides picnic tables and access to fishing.

American Falls Reservoir is the second largest in Idaho. Sailing, water skiing, sail boarding, fishing, bird watching, swimming, picnicking and boating are some of the recreational opportunities here. Since 1981, Idaho Power has annually stocked the reservoir with 8,000 pounds of rainbow trout to help enhance the trout fishery.

A public dock and boat launch located downstream of the dam and power plant give access to the river for boating and fishing. Idaho Power also maintains American Falls Park, a day-use area near the power plant village with tables, a children's play area and restrooms.

For birdwatchers, the American Falls area is an excellent place to view geese and ducks during their annual migration. Bald eagles also winter here, as do white pelicans.

Park Rules

Idaho Power's parks are governed by rules intended to make everyone's stay as enjoyable as possible. To that end we ask that all generators, radios and other sources of noise be turned off at 10 p.m. Please keep pets on a leash at all times. Fires should be contained in fire rings. No reservations are taken at any Idaho Power campground and stays are limited to 14 consecutive days.

A complete set of rules is available at each campground and at the "Rivers and Recreation" area of the company's Web site, www.idahopower.com.



Facilities

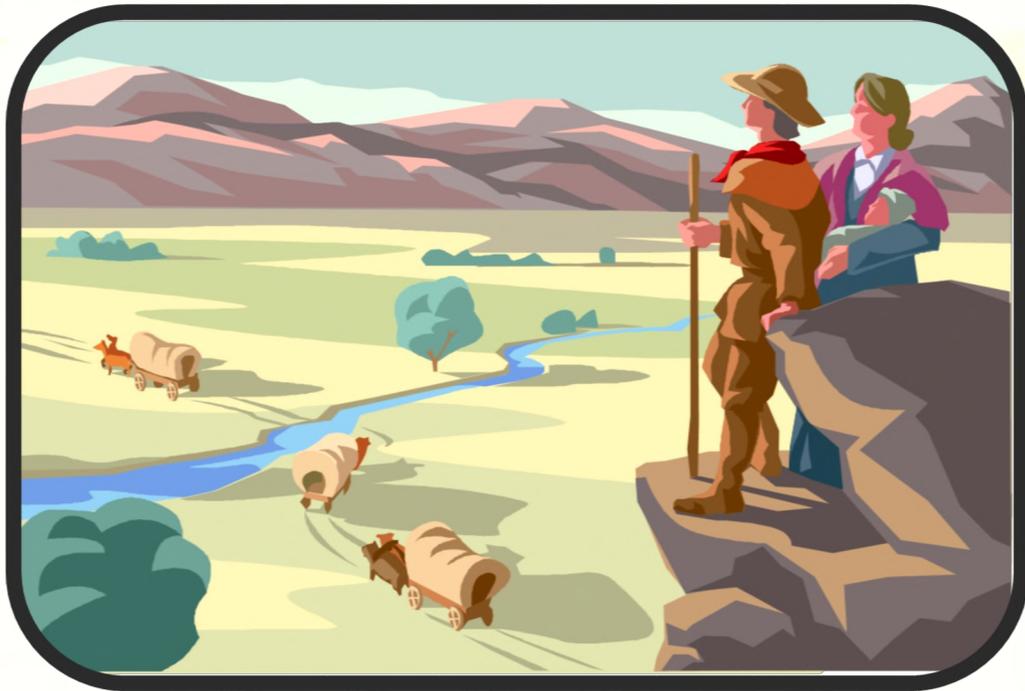
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All recreational facilities featured in this brochure are open year round. Public restrooms are available at every site.



Reaches 1-3



Reach Information

Reach 1: Glens Ferry Boat Launch (RM 539)—Loveridge Bridge (RM 513)

Reach 2: Loveridge Bridge (RM513)— C.J. Strike Dam (RM 494)

Reach 3: C.J. Strike Dam (RM 494)—Swan Falls Dam (RM 457.5)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

City of Glens Ferry
Three Island Crossing State Park

GLENN'S FERRY

Your Adventure Starts Here!



The Glenn's Ferry area has a diverse history. The town is close to the site of the most dangerous river crossing along the Oregon Trail, The Three Island Crossing. The town was named after Gustavus "Gus" Glenn who started a ferry service upriver from the three island crossing site.

The ferry saved twenty miles of rough travel and the dangers involved in fording the Snake River.

The area has always been a travel hub. Beginning with the vast horde of Oregon Trail emigrants. The transcontinental railroad completion in 1864 eliminated the need to go overland. However the original cross country route went to California not Oregon so the Oregon Short Line Railroad was constructed from Salt Lake to Portland and passed thru Glenn's Ferry in 1883. Widening of the track and a take over by Union Pacific saw the establishment of the main East/ West tracks which go directly thru town.

EVENTS

High School Rodeo
Mid-April

4th of July Celebration
Parade 11:00
Kid Games in Park
Activities in Park all Day

**Elmore County Fair
and ICA Rodeo**
Mid-July

**Between The Vines
at Crossings Vineyard**
Mid-September

Glenn's Ferry Museum
June through August.
Music, Films & Vendors
Every Fri and Sat

Fall Fest
Mid-October

**Holiday Fair and
Christmas Parade**
Sat after Thanksgiving



HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

The Historic Opera Theater

Built in 1909 to host touring vaudeville acts, converted to a movie theater in the 1920's, then resurrected for theatrical use in 1994, this 'Grand Old Gal' boasts restored floors, seats, woodwork and trappings. Every weekend from June thru August 'she' hosts plays every Friday and Saturday night. Come enjoy a dinner and show or just the show. The building is featured in the historical and ghost tour of Glenn's Ferry.



The Glenn's Ferry Historical Museum

Built in 1909 of a unique local sandstone the building originally housed the local school. Ongoing restoration and upgrading have helped refurbish the old and provide a historic location to showcase local history. FREE Tours are conducted from 8 to 5 on Sat. and Sun. during the summer season. Special weekend displays and events highlight and showcase local history and this local treasure.



Three Island Park & Interpretive Center

The Park and Center are located at the original Three Island crossing site. The Park today is a shady resting place for a weary traveler or recreational camper. The museum and Interpretive center offer visitors a chance to learn about the local Native Americans inhabitants as well as the travelers along the Oregon Trail and how they lived. Take the tour....it's free.



World Wide Equine Horse Dentistry School & Museum

World Wide Equine Inc. is an equine dental instrument and equipment manufacturer that produces quality instruments and products to be shipped to customers around the world. The company is owned by the Jeffery brothers and has been located in Glenn's Ferry for over twenty years. Their factory houses an Equine Dentistry Museum that is open to the public. The museum houses old



books, fossils and dental instruments. It also features an old dentistry wagon and several other wagons and carriages. The highlight of the collection is a reproduction of an 1865 Concord Stagecoach. Museum tours are FREE Monday through Friday from 8 to 4. Factory tours are available by appointment. More information can be found at www.equinedentistry.net.

Equine Gnathological Training Institute

EGTI is located next door to the museum and trains people from all over the world in the care of horse's teeth. The school houses one of the world's largest horse skull libraries. Visitors are welcome when classes are in session and tours of the skull library and classroom are available by appointment. More info at: www.horsedentistry.info, or www.dalejeffrey.com.

THINGS TO DO.....

Boating/Water Activities

Floating, paddling, sailing or motoring on the Snake River is a favorite recreation activity in our area. The newly redone launch ramps make the Eddie Bostic Recreation Area a friendly site to access the River and begin the first leg of your Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail adventure.



Hunting & Fishing

Golden Bluffs along high desert canyons provide a variety of opportunities for hunting and shooting enthusiasts. The area is home to a variety of game. Trophy-class Elk, Deer, Antelope, Cougar, Bear and Wolf can all be hunted close to town. There is also an incredible array of Upland Birds and Waterfowl. The various rivers, lakes, streams, and reservoirs surrounding Glens Ferry are the perfect place to catch many species; including Bass, Trout, Crappie, Perch, Catfish, and White Sturgeon.



Biking & Hiking

Regardless of pedal or motor, hundreds of miles of lightly traveled paved road or trails and open cross country await your discovery. Glens Ferry hosts several road race events each year and is a choice for practice sessions to prepare for other events. A hike along the Glens Ferry Recreation Trail, or a walking tour of town, are both good ways to get exercise. The Glens Ferry Recreation Trail connects the Three Island State Park with the downtown and is an opportunity for observing a variety of birds and game. Our famous Historical Tour and newly developed Ghost Tour are also great choices.



Golfing

Not to forget our golfing friends, the Crossing Winery and Golf Course offer's nine challenging holes of standard golfing. There is disk golf available also at the Three Island State Park. So bring your clubs and disks and enjoy either or both.



Swimming Pool

For those who prefer to swim in a pool, the Glens Ferry City pool located at the City Park offers that choice. The pool has snacks and picnic areas and is watched over by friendly competent lifeguards.

Bluebird Trail

Within easy driving distance of Glens Ferry, the Elma Goodman Blue Bird Trail is an opportunity to view our State bird in the wild. With over 150 boxes and 40 years of history the Trail and boxes are well established. The road over Bennett Mountain travels past dozens of occupied boxes.



Historical Tour Within 30 minutes we promise to enlighten you with some interesting facts about Glens Ferry's past as well as letting you in on some town secrets. visit www.boiseartwalks.com/glens_ferry/ and you will be provided with a tour guide with more information.

MORE INFO AT: GLENNSFERRY.ORG



THE THREE ISLAND CROSSING AND OREGON TRAIL HISTORY: “PIONEERS KNEW THE SPOT WELL....”

Oregon Trail pioneers knew this spot well. It was one of the most famous river crossings on the historic trail.

The trail played a significant role in the exploration and settlement of western America. The original course of the Oregon Trail was from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Most pioneers traveled the trail from 1841 through 1848. However, fur trappers and explorers used the travel corridor as early as 1811. By the mid-1860s, the trail was used little as an emigration route.

The Oregon Trail entered Idaho in the southeast corner of the state. At Fort Hall, it joined the Snake River, following the south bank until this crossing was reached near Glenns Ferry. The route left Idaho near the site of old Fort Boise, near Parma, after winding through 500 miles of the state.

CELEBRATING HISTORY

Learn about the risky river crossing at the **Three Island State Park History and Education Center**.

Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission to center is free although a **\$5 day-use fee** is assessed at the park gate per car, per day.



Three Island Crossing State Park

Nestled alongside the Snake River, beneath the shade of old growth trees, Glenns Ferry, Idaho - Where Idaho's history begins.

Campsites • Cabins

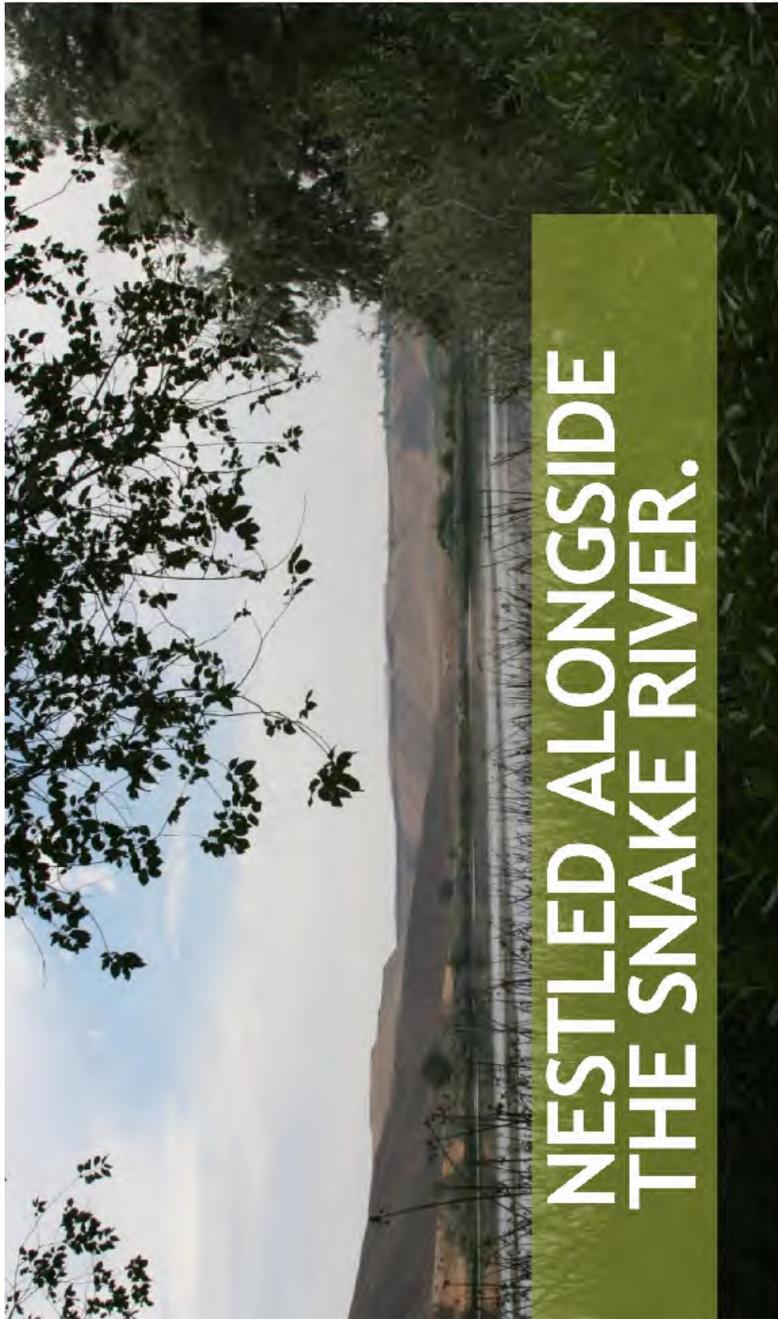
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NESTLED ALONGSIDE THE SNAKE RIVER.

THREE ISLAND CROSSING STATE PARK IS NESTLED ALONGSIDE THE SNAKE RIVER, BENEATH THE SHADE OF OLD GROWTH TREES.

Modern travelers will find a stay at Three Island Crossing State Park much more hospitable than did the pioneers. Located just off Interstate 84 at the Glenns Ferry exit, the park offers a full-service campground, cabins, picnic areas, historical interpretive programs and a fascinating admission-free interpretive center. You can take the self-guided tour, see the replica wagons and dangle your feet in the Snake River where emigrants made their historic crossings.

Campsites within the park have water and electricity and are \$22 per night, plus Idaho State Sales Tax.

Companion Campsites accommodate two camping units and are also available at the park, with water and electricity for \$38 per night, plus Idaho State Sales Tax.

Camping Cabins sleep five and are equipped with electricity, lockable windows and doors, heat and A/C. Cabins are \$50.00 per night, plus Idaho State Sales Tax.

Rates are subject to change. Please check our website for current rate information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q How can I make reservations within the park?

A Reservations are accepted online: www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov and toll-free by phone: 1.888.922.6743, nine-months in advance of your stay and no later than 24-hours prior to your intended arrival.

Q What activities are available within the park?

A Visitors enjoy disk golf, hiking, biking, fishing, touring the park's history and education center and cool, shaded, relaxing campsites and cabins near the river.

Q What activities are nearby?

A Located in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, park visitors can enjoy nearby restaurants, vineyards and golf and a community pool.

Q When is the annual River Crossing event held?

A Although the actual, very risky, river crossing doesn't take place anymore, the community of Glenns Ferry still celebrates annually. Visit www.threeislanddays.org to learn more.

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Reaches 4-5



Reach Information

Reach 4: Swan Falls Dam (RM 457.5)—Guffey Bridge/Celebration Park (RM 447.5)

Reach 5: Guffey Bridge/Celebration Park (RM 447.5)—Walters Ferry (RM 441.7)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Swan Falls Dam
Celebration Park
Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp

Swan Falls

Recreation

The area around Swan Falls provides a variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, boating, and waterfowl and upland game bird hunting.



Park Facilities

- Day use area
- ADA accessible restrooms
- Picnic area with tables
- Fishing access
- Interpretive information

Recreation Sites Above and Below the Dam

- Camping sites – no potable water
- Portable and vault toilets
- Fishing access
- Portage trail around the dam
- Reservoir boat ramp and docks
- Whitewater boating access below dam
- Hiking and biking trails
- Bird watching



Interesting Facts

- Swan Falls Dam is made of reinforced concrete with steel spill gates.
- The historic power plant when fully developed had 10 generators that produced 10,400 kilowatts.
- The new 1994 power plant has two generators that produce 25,000 kilowatts.
- Swan Falls may have taken its name from a man named Swan who operated a placer mine near the site in the late 1800s. Other sources suggest the area was named after white trumpeter swans stopping along this portion of the river during their annual migration.
- Both the Swan Falls Power Plant and the Guffey Butte-Black Butte Archeological District surrounding the power plant are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Swan Falls Power Plant

For more information about our other power plants and our commitment to the environment, visit www.idahopower.com.



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The “grandfather” of Idaho Power’s hydroelectric plants.



HISTORY

In the late 1800s, a major mining boom was underway in the Owyhee Mountains south of the Snake River. In frontier mining towns, wood was used for nearly everything – constructing buildings, bracing mining tunnels and shafts, and as fuel to heat homes and operate the steam boilers that provided power at the mines. After three-and-a-half decades of mining and construction, the mountains surrounding the Owyhee Mining District were stripped of timber, leaving mine operators in an energy crisis and desperate to develop new sources of power.

It was this crisis that led some people to look to the Snake River as a potential source for generating electricity. As early as 1894, a local engineer, Arthur D. Foote, approached the Trade Dollar Mining Company with the idea of developing a hydroelectric plant on

the Snake River at Swan Falls. The site was only 28 miles from the Silver City mines and Foote was confident that he could use hydroelectric power to end the mining company's quest to find adequate wood resources. It would take several years before the mine owners fully realized the potential of the project and turned to Boise Engineer Andrew J. Wiley to make Foote's vision a reality. Wiley designed and directed construction of the first dam and power

plant from 1900 to 1901. This accomplishment is impressive considering how remote and inaccessible the location was at that time.



1901: The Trade Dollar Mining Company completed construction of the Swan Falls hydroelectric plant and began generating electricity.



1910: The Swan Falls Power Company was formed and took over operation of the project. A second addition to the west side of the original powerhouse and installation of two new three-phase generators increased generation by 1,700 kilowatts.



The plant was built at a cost of \$250,000, and when completed included four vertical turbines which turned a shaft connected by a belt to three generators.

The plant first began generating electricity in 1901, producing 900 kilowatts of 500-volt two-phase alternating current. While that may not seem like much today, it was enough to provide power to the Trade Dollar Mine, as well as lighting the towns of Murphy, Silver City and Dewey. Output from the plant also was used for some of the first electrically-heated buildings.



1916: The newly formed Idaho Power Company assumed ownership of the project. Six new units were installed replacing some of the historic generators and upgrading the plant's rated total capacity to 10,400 kilowatts.

1907: Increasing demand for electricity resulted in a major addition to the east side of the original powerhouse, including the installation of four vertical turbines. New transmission lines were constructed to carry more power to the Owyhee Mining District, and the owners of Swan Falls began selling power to Nampa, Caldwell and Boise residents.



1911: The Southern Idaho Light, Heat and Power Company was formed by the consolidation of Swan Falls Power Company and two other companies. The name was changed to Idaho Railway, Light and Power Company, which also included three electric railway companies operating in the Boise valley. The newly formed company

began a major redevelopment of the Swan Falls project by removing the three original 900 kilowatt generators and demolishing the superstructure of the earliest powerhouse. A new, reinforced concrete powerhouse was built over the foundation of the old power-house and four new turbines with a rated capacity of 5,000 kilowatts were installed.



1994: After 93 years of service, the historic powerhouse and all the generating equipment were taken out of service and retired. The company finished construction of a new powerhouse with two state-of-the-art Kaplan-style horizontal pit turbines, giving the new plant a capacity of 25,000 kilowatts.

The Swan Falls hydroelectric plant has had a long history of useful service that continues today. Changing technology and increasing demands for electricity led to three major expansions of the historic power plant prior to its eventual replacement by a new powerhouse constructed by Idaho Power in 1994.



Tours of the Swan Falls Historic Powerhouse are available by appointment which must be made at least one week prior to arrival. Please call 208-736-3438.

Today: Idaho Power operates 17 hydroelectric plants on the Snake River and its tributaries. Swan Falls is one of the smallest plants in terms of generating capacity. However, over the years it has been a steady producer of electricity and remains the "grandfather" of the company's hydroelectric plants.

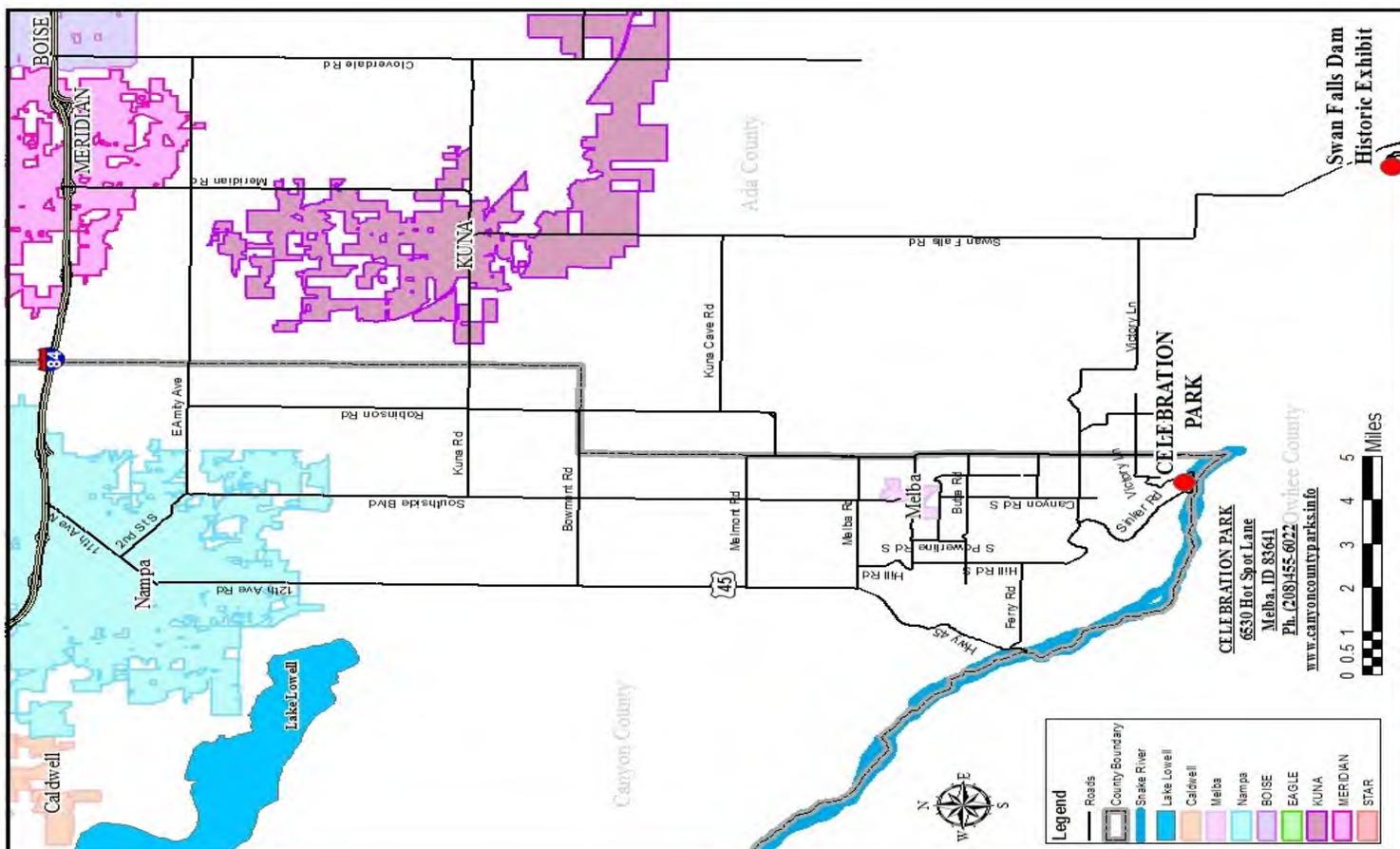


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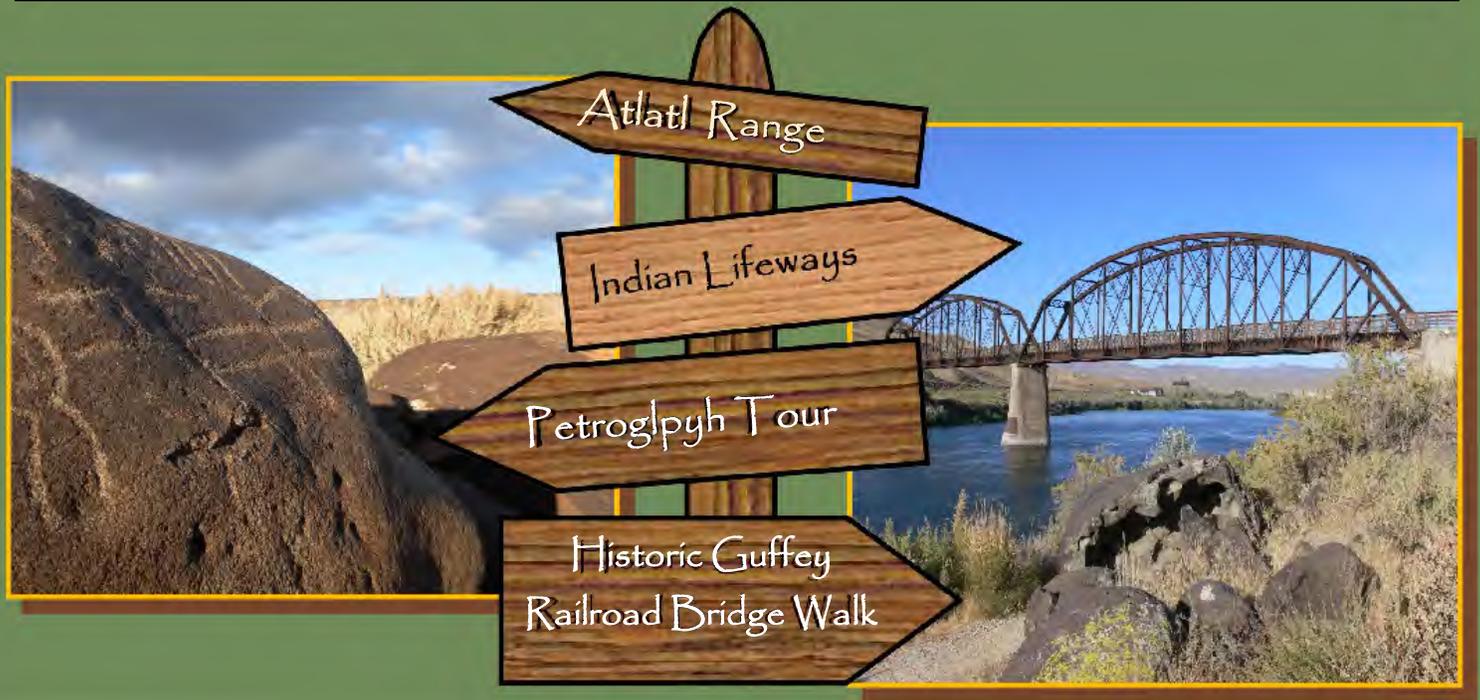
Celebration Park

Idaho's Only Archaeological Park



There's something for everyone!

Tours, School Field Trips, Camping, Hiking, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Boating, Birding, Mountain Biking, and much more! During park hours, Interpretive Specialists are available for tours and programs. For scheduling, call 208-455-6022.



Open daily 10a-2p
From Nov 1 to Mar 31 hours vary, give
us a call!

Day Use Fee: \$2

Camping: \$5
no reservations,
first come first serve

Annual Pass: \$15



Celebration Park was established in 1989 as Idaho's only Archaeological Park and is one of Idaho's true treasures. Located in the Snake River Canyon, the park provides a beautiful setting to explore and experience Idaho's cultural and natural history. A unique and inspiring place, the Celebration Park area has been the site of human habitation for at least 10,000 years. Come visit us and find out why Celebration Park is so special!



Reach 6



Reach Information

Reach 6: Walters Ferry (RM 441.7)—Marsing (RM 424)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Islands
Bernard Landing Boat Ramp
Map Rock Boat Ramp
Map Rock Cultural Site
Trapper Flat Boat Ramp

Islands of Habitat

...at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge



Recreational Activities

Wildlife comes first on national wildlife refuges, but people seeking an escape from life's hectic pace can visit refuge islands to enjoy compatible recreational opportunities such as wildlife observation and photography, fishing, and hunting.

Wildlife Observation and Photography. The patient observer or photographer will have many wildlife-viewing opportunities on refuge islands. Wildlife is generally most active in the mornings and early evenings. Each season brings different wildlife-viewing opportunities. The best season for viewing a wide variety of wildlife is from September through December.

Fishing. Visitors can also fish from refuge islands along the water trail. Bank fishing for catfish can be very productive when river levels fall in mid to late summer. Fishing from the shore is prohibited during the nesting season closure (see Refuge Regulations section).

Hunting. All refuge islands are open to hunting of mourning dove, upland game, waterfowl, coot and deer. The islands are heavily hunted on weekends from September-January.

For more information

Phone: 208-467-9278

E-mail: deerflat@fws.gov

Visit: <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat>



Bird watching (© Mike Morrison)



Mule deer (courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

The Lake Lowell Unit

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge also manages another refuge unit at Lake Lowell in Nampa. On your way to or from the river, why not stop at the refuge Visitor Center. The Visitor Center includes interpretive displays about refuge history, local natural history, management activities and the role of irrigation. It has an observation room overlooking Lake Lowell and a kids' activity area. Open 8-4 weekdays and 10-4 Saturdays. Free.

Directions to Visitor Center

Take Exit 33A (west-bound) or Exit 33 (east-bound) off I-84. Head west on Highway 55/Karcher Road. Follow Karcher about 3.5 miles to Lake Avenue. Turn left onto Lake and drive about 2.5 miles to the intersection with Roosevelt Avenue. Turn right onto Roosevelt. At Indiana Avenue at the top of the hill, turn left into the refuge and follow the road to the Visitor Center.

Annual Refuge Events

BioBlitz Festival. Celebrate Idaho's living things with activities that include viewing live animals, insect-collecting expeditions, guided walks, crafts, and exhibits from local organizations. Held annually in June. Visitor Center.

Kids' Fishing Day. Learn about fish biology, fishing ethics, and water safety and practice rigging, casting, and fishing. Fishing poles available to borrow or bring your own. Held annually in June. Gotts Point at Lake Lowell.

Creepy Critter Encounters. Put a little nature into Halloween. Learn about creepy critters on a spooky hike, create Halloween crafts, listen to spooky stories and howl for coyotes. Held annually in October. Visitor Center.

All Refuge events are free. See contact information on previous page.



Refuge Visitor Center (courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)



Enjoying Kids' Fishing Day (courtesy USFWS/Culling)

Refuge Regulations

Please help protect wildlife and their habitat by obeying all regulations and posted signs. For more information or to confirm regulations after 2014 season, call 208-467-9278 or visit <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat>.

- June 1 to January 31: Refuge Islands open sunrise to sunset; no camping allowed.
- February 1 to May 31: Refuge Islands closed to all uses to protect nesting birds.
- Pack out what you pack in!
- Pets must be leashed except when actively hunting.
- The following are prohibited: Open fires and fireworks; gathering wood and collecting plants, animals, rocks, or other specimens; target shooting, airguns, and paint ball weapons; and use of metal detectors.
- State hunting and fishing regulations apply: Contact your state fish and game agency for current regulations.
- Bird and upland game hunters required to use non-toxic shot and may not possess lead shot in the field.
- Temporary blinds may be constructed from natural vegetation less than three inches in diameter. Portable blinds may be used during hunting season, but must be removed at the end of each day. Permanent blinds prohibited.



Refuge islands provide ideal nesting habitat for these Canada geese as well as ducks, herons, gulls, cormorants, and various songbirds. To protect nesting birds, refuge islands are closed to all uses between February 1 and May 31 (photo courtesy USFWS).

Idaho's Map Rock

A Noble Cause for Preservation



An Idaho icon and enigma, Map Rock is a mystery that entralls every visitor.

Petroglyphs

There are three styles of petroglyphs on Map Rock. The styles are called Great Basin Representational, Great Basin Abstract and Great Basin Curvilinear.

When speaking of petroglyphs, researchers refer to a single distinct image as an element. Elements grouped on the same stone are called panels. Groups of panels are called clusters.

Petroglyphs are images pecked or abraded on stone. They are sometimes misidentified as pictographs, hieroglyphics, or rock art. Unlike petroglyphs, pictographs are painted images and hieroglyphics can be read like a book.

Is it a map?

We don't know what any of these petroglyphs mean. The meaning and message of these ancient etchings may have informed and delighted the culture for which they were intended, but 21st century observers may be too far removed in time to understand their symbolism.

It is entirely possible that the petroglyph makers didn't want anybody to know what their images meant. They may have been created only to mean something to their creator, or their friends and family, but no one else. That would make it extra difficult to interpret or decode them. On the other hand there is the possibility that no one has yet looked at these images in the right way. When viewed with the correct information, and time of day or night, during the right season, under completely correct circumstances their meaning may become crystal clear. For now, whatever you believe the petroglyphs mean is just as valid as anybody else's guess.



Who named Map Rock and made it famous?

“Two Gun” Bob Limbert

A diamond hunting newspaper solicitor made the first recorded reference to Map Rock in 1877. The petroglyph panel gained notoriety when it was interpreted by Bob Limbert, in 1922, as a map of the Snake River from the source in Yellowstone to the mouth of the Columbia. Bob Limbert featured Map Rock and other petroglyph sites in southwestern Idaho in numerous Union Pacific Railroad publications enticing “Easterners” to discover the unknown Idaho by buying train tickets.

“Two Gun Bob,” as Limbert was known in the '20s and '30s, was a flamboyant character and lively storyteller. He made his living as a gunslinger—he would shoot a silver dollar as it flew or hit a sharp axe blade, splitting a bullet to smash a plate on either side—as he toured the East in a Wild West show. Once he claimed to challenge Al Capone, the infamous criminal, to a shootout. Capone refused to take him up on that challenge, and Limbert used it to publicly display his toughness.

“He was a total raconteur,” said John Davidson, who ran Grainey's Pub in Boise and has known about Limbert for many years. “He spoke for the wonders of Idaho. I guess you could say he was an early day conservationist. Compared to Borah (U.S. senator from Idaho, serving 1907-1940), who saw a forest as something to use up and sell, Limbert saw something to protect. He brought awareness and a commitment to keep something intact. He saw Idaho's real treasures: the beauties of place that make people want to come to it from all over.”

In 1911, Limbert came to Idaho from Nebraska to start a taxidermy business, and in 1920 he was one of the first white men to traverse the Craters of the Moon lava fields. He wrote kindly of Craters in the National Geographic article as having “bubbles, rolls, folds, and twists as if a giant's frying pan of thick gravy furiously boiling had been frozen instantly.”



Reach 7



Reach Information

Reach 7: Marsing (RM 424)—Homedale (RM 416)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Islands
City of Homedale

Homedale

Idaho



Located in southwestern Idaho, Homedale is situated along the banks of the Snake River. The idyllic location affords Homedale's citizens and visitors access to a variety of recreation and cultural activities. A small town community with a welcoming feel, Homedale invites you to experience everything they have to offer!

The Chamber of Commerce holds the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at Sundance Park the Saturday before Easter. Local children, ages 10 & under hunt for candy-filled eggs and win prizes sponsored by local businesses.



Badiola Arena hosts the **Basque Dance** on the second Saturday in March each year. It features live music, Basque dancers of all ages, traditional foods—chorizos, homemade flan, Basque bread—and both live and silent auctions.



In July, Sundance Park plays host to the annual **Conner Landa/Daniel Miller Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament**. This three day tournament raises scholarship funds for local students.

The **Angel Walk & Car Show** is held annually in May. This Walk/Run/Bike 5K and classic car show benefits local families in need of assistance with medical bills.





The **Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo** is held the first full week in August each year. There is livestock & agriculture competition, live music, food & merchandise vendors, and nightly rodeo performances. Activities culminate on Saturday with the **Fair & Rodeo parade** in the morning and the livestock auction in the afternoon.



The Homedale Band Boosters and High School FFA put on a **Farmer's Market** every Saturday during the summer at Bette Uda Park. It features fresh, local produce, baked goods and hand-crafted items.

The Homedale Lions Club presents their annual **Demolition Derby** on the 4th of July. After the derby, there are fireworks and a live band.



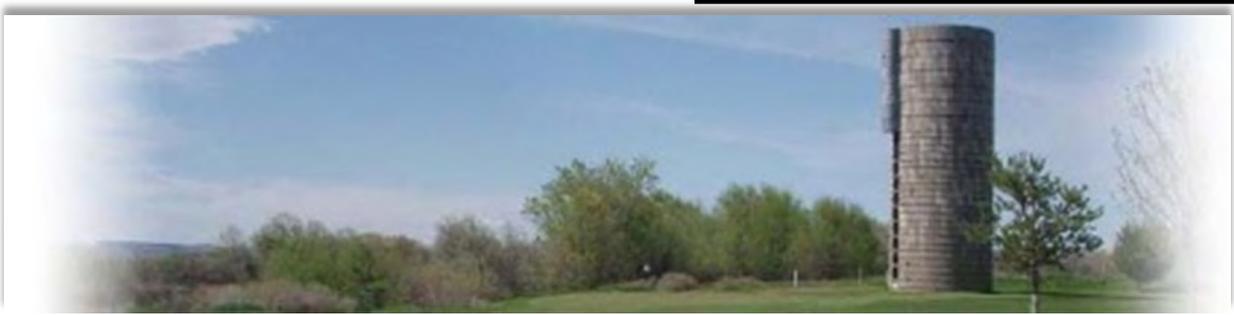
From 4-5 pm on Saturdays, the **Homedale Public Library** hosts a Teens & Tweens program. Different activities each week have included making candles & lava lamps. A story time for the younger children is hosted on Friday mornings at 10:15.

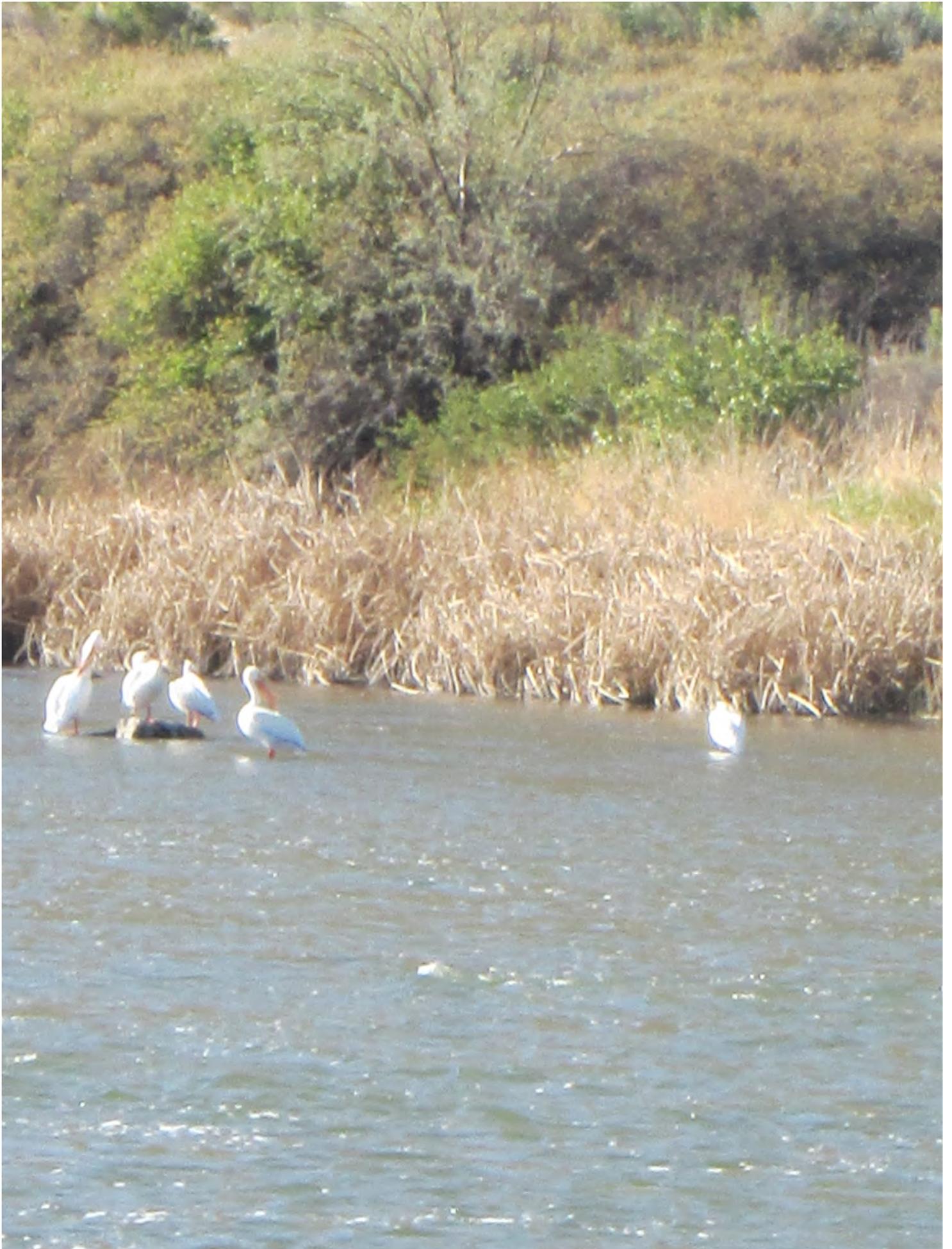


The Chamber of Commerce hosts a **Christmas Parade** in early December every year. After the parade, residents and visitors can gather for **Brunch with Santa** at Homedale Elementary School.



Two great golf courses are within minutes of Homedale. **River Bend Golf Course** is right on the Snake River bank and has beautiful views. **Timberstone**, the newest golf course in the area, is near Ustick & Van Slyke Rds.





Reaches 8-9



Confluence of the Snake, Boise and Owyhee Rivers.

Reach Information

Reach 7: Marsing (RM 424)—Homedale (RM 424)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Islands
City of Adrian, Oregon
Martin Landing
City of Nyssa, Oregon
City of Ontario, Oregon



The folks who live in Adrian, and the Big Bend area, want to make one thing very clear. They are proud residents of Oregon, not Idaho. According to a book written by Helen Lowell and Lucille Peterson, “Our First Hundred Years”, it took four surveys (1867, 1876, 1891, 1901) to make a mistake legal. The Big Bend community wanted to be in Oregon, but an arbitrary surveyor’s line had caused this 6,980 acre area to be separated from its county seat by a big river. All is well now for Adrian, OREGON!

Adrian is a tiny farming community of 147 people on the banks of the Snake River near the Oregon-Idaho border. It is named after Adrian, Illinois, the birthplace of Reuben McCreary, who platted the town site and suggested the name.





A major agricultural region, potatoes, onions, corn, beets, wheat and other crops are grown in large amounts in this country along the Snake River. Adrian businesses along the main street reflect the agricultural influence. Irrigation water from the Snake and Owyhee Rivers has transformed what was once a barren desert into productive farmland.



Adrian's new park, Two Rivers Community Park, is a the perfect gathering place for the community and it's visitors.



With it's location near the confluence of the Snake and Owyhee Rivers, Adrian is a great stop-over for the essentials to any outing. The Adrian Market offers, among other things, fishing licenses, food and drink.





Thunderegg Capital of the World

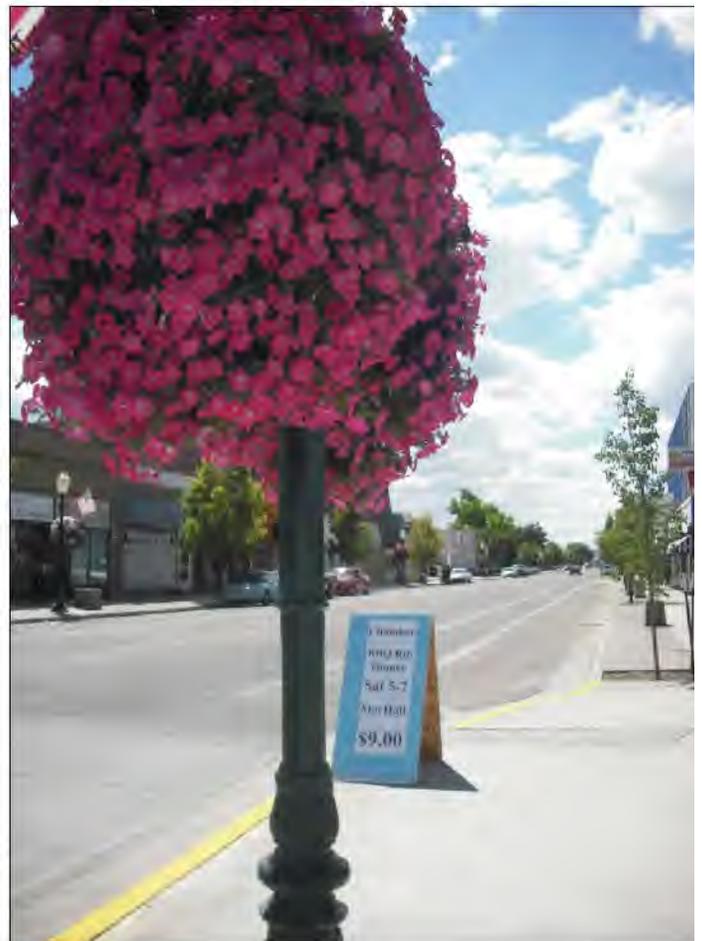
Nyssa, Oregon

Abundant Outdoor Recreation
Agriculturally Rich Economy
Excellent City Services
Growing Business Community
Historic Oregon Trail Sites
Involved Citizens
Outstanding Schools

Located on the banks of the Snake River, just north of the historic Oregon Trail Snake River Crossing, Nyssa has a rich history. From pioneers of the past, to sheep herders, cattlemen, farmers and merchants of the present, Nyssa welcomes you to enjoy the beauty of the Snake River and the hometown friendliness of our community.

Known as the "Thunderegg Capital of the World," Nyssa hosts the annual Thunderegg Days & Festival, a three day event starting the second Thursday of July.

For more information, call 541-372-3091, visit us at www.nyssachamber.com, or like us on Facebook at Thunderegg Days & Festival or Nyssa Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.



Beautiful parks, including Snake River Landing with a boat launch, is just one of the attractive features of Nyssa. The downtown core is approximately 1/4 mile from the river, affording river travelers an opportunity to purchase fuel and supplies or enjoy a meal at one of our local eateries. Nyssa is a friendly community with restaurants, shops, great schools, responsive city government and an active, vibrant Chamber of Commerce.

Agriculturists in the area grow a variety of crops, including potatoes, onions, wheat, mint, seeds, shallots, asparagus, dried beans, and alfalfa, as well as raising cattle and sheep.

Recreationalists will not only enjoy the Snake River, but the Owyhee River and Owyhee Reservoir for fishing, Leslie Gulch and Succor Creek for their scenic beauty, rock hounding and hiking opportunities. Bird hunting for water fowl, chukar and pheasant is also available.



Community Events

- Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday before Easter
- Flag Day Celebration—June
- Thunderegg Days & Festival—2nd Thursday in July
- Nyssa Nite Rodeo—June
- Chautauqua—July
- Scarecrows on Main Street—October
- Nite Lite Christmas Parade—2nd Saturday in December



For more information visit www.nyssachamber.com
 Facebook: Thunderegg Days & Festival or
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Fascinating history, friendly people

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Ontario, Oregon is nestled on the lush banks of the Snake River and is proud to be the first Oregon city you encounter when traveling west from the Idaho border. Once you enter the uniquely rugged landscape of the Treasure Valley, you will come to understand why many people never want to leave. Those who choose to live here understand the meaning and importance of a quality, family oriented lifestyle. Thus, the community reflects the energy, distinction, and diversity of its surrounding geography and residents.



And speaking of diversity, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual America's Global Village Festival in Lions Park the first Saturday in June. The festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with a multicultural parade through the park followed by a flag ceremony.

The Festival, celebrating 14 years in 2014, celebrates the authentic cultural villages of African, Basque, German, Hawaiian, Japanese, Mexican, Pioneer, Scottish and Native American cultures. Each village features food, arts and crafts, cultural demonstrations and free youth activities. The main stage highlights cultural entertainment throughout the day.

Upon entering the park for the Festival, visitors are given a souvenir passport. With each visit to the villages, the passport will be stamped. When children have a full passport, they will receive a free prize. Adults who turn in a complete survey will have a chance to win one of two \$50 gas cards.

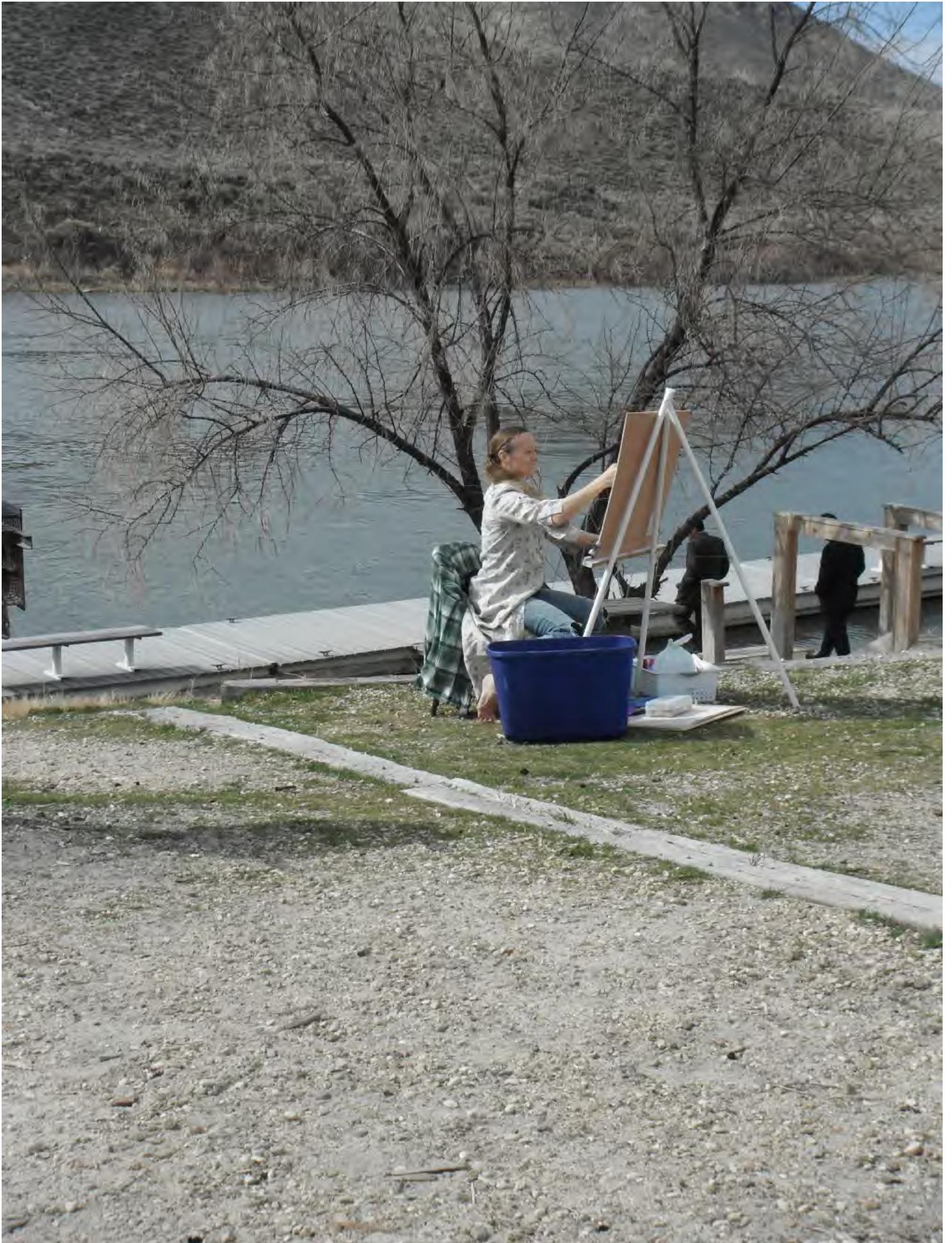


While Ontario is the kind of laid-back town you dream about when you want to get away from the hectic schedule of a busy, big city lifestyle, it also boasts a myriad of recreational activities for all ages, interests and skill levels within driving distance from its downtown area. Here you can enjoy mountain biking, hiking, golfing, camping, sport fishing, bird watching, kayaking, river rafting, horseback riding and much more.

Ontario is situated only two hours from four separate ski resorts, including the world renowned Tamarack Ski

Resort in Cascade, Idaho. You can not only downhill ski to your heart's content, but also snowmobile, cross country ski and ice skate as well. There are also 61 acres of lush parks within the city if you're looking for a place to just relax and enjoy the landscape.

Ontario is a town where you will find the people are genuine, authentic, friendly, and down to earth. It is a town with a fascinating history, rich traditions, and a diverse population. It is also a place filled with things to



Reach 10



Reach Information

Reach 10: Payette (RM 365—Weiser (RM 351)

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Islands
City of Payette



Scotch Pines Golf Course



Payette County Museum



Kiwanis Park Band Shell

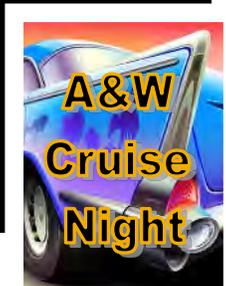


Come experience Payette!



A recreational hotspot that boasts 320 days of sunshine a year, Payette is a rural beauty nestled on the Idaho-Oregon border. Ranked in Outdoor Life magazine as one of the top places for outdoorsman to live, Payette is a recreation playground. The state's most notorious rivers for white-water rafting – the Snake and Payette rivers converge here and are also popular areas for waterskiing, tubing, rafting and fishing. A recent Idaho Department of Parks grant made improvements possible to the only boat launch in Payette County along the Snake River. You'll also find outdoor lovers enjoying Payette's 49 acres of parks, which include greenway trails and the top-ranked 18-hole golf course Scotch Pines.

A&W Cruise Night
Join us the first weekend in September for Payette's Annual A&W Cruise Night. We kick off the festivities with a free downtown Payette Cruise on Friday night, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Music, prizes, food and fun is enjoyed by all. The event continues on Saturday with the Show and Shine in Kiwanis Park.



The Scotch Pines Golf Course is a beautiful 18 hole public course, opened in 1962 and located in the rolling foothills of Payette, ID in Southwestern Idaho, approximately 60 miles west of Boise and on the Idaho/Oregon border. The course is open all year round and has a set of tees for all levels of players from advanced (6600 yards from blue tees) to beginners. It has played host to numerous state-wide competitive events and is highly rated by golf websites and organizations. The course is very walkable and has a fully stocked pro shop and driving range, with a special short game area. Lessons are available from a PGA professional. There is also a bar/restaurant available for events.

Harmon Killebrew Days:

Held in April at Killebrew Field, Payette High School

Welcome to Payette



Hometown of Harmon Killebrew

Nestled in the middle of Scotch Pines Golf Course, lies the small, community oriented, Payette Municipal Airport. The airport, just north of Payette, serves a small town where people always smile and call each other by first name. Many pilots and non-pilots alike have dubbed it the, "friendliest little airport in the west". Pilots from all over the Northwest come to Payette just to play a round

of golf and have lunch at the Scotch Pines Clubhouse, as do many residents and business people.



Payette City Airport



www.harmonkillebrew.com/payettedays



Apple Blossom Festival – The Payette Apple Blossom Festival runs the second full week of May every year. It features events in both Central and Kiwanis Parks. It is the first festival of the spring and summer and is also the longest running festival in the community, 7 full days. It features an Ice Cream Social, live music Thursday through Saturday, a carnival Thursday through Sunday, and a parade on Saturday along with a car show and fireworks that night. Throughout the week it also features many contests open to the public. The festival also plays host to over 70 vendors each year. The Apple Blossom Festival has been in operation for over 150 years and is a draw for many in the community and surrounding areas.



Payette City Pool: The Payette Pool is the perfect place to be on those hot, summer days! Pool patrons enjoy a full size indoor pool, a full size outdoor pool, and a wading pool for the kiddies. Exercise classes, adult lap swim time, and pool rentals are available in addition to regular swim time and swimming lessons.



The Big Nasty Hill Climb—

Idaho's Largest Motorcycle Event, the Big Nasty, had over 800 entries in 2013, and over 700 camping passes sold. Held in September, every Nasty gets bigger and better!

www.bignastyhillclimb.com



Incorporated as a city in 1891, Payette was designated the county seat of Payette County in 1917.



Reach 11



Reach Information

Reach 11: Weiser (RM 351—Farewell Bend State Park (RM 333))

Points of Interest/Things To Do

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge Islands
Farewell Bend State Park
Brownlee Reservoir

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department



ABOUT

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

“Provide and protect outstanding natural, scenic, cultural, historic and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.”

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) fulfills this mission by:

- Operating a system of State Parks, Recreation, Historic and Natural Areas;
- Managing special programs including Scenic Rivers, Recreation Trails, Historic Preservation, and Ocean Shores;
- Managing the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center;
- Providing assistance to local governments for recreation and heritage conservation.



SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Our Water Trail Partners

Eastern Region is one of four field operation areas within the OPRD Operations Division. Region employees in 14 management units maintain park facilities, and provide visitor services and on-site management to OPRD properties in 19 Oregon counties. Eastern Region has 44 parks, waysides and recreational area properties. Facilities and programs include 25 overnight camps and 43 day-use areas, various hiker/biker, horse and group camps, concessions, agricultural leases, State Recreation Trails and Scenic Waterways, historic buildings and volunteer groups, recreation and visitor service programs.





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Farewell Bend State Park

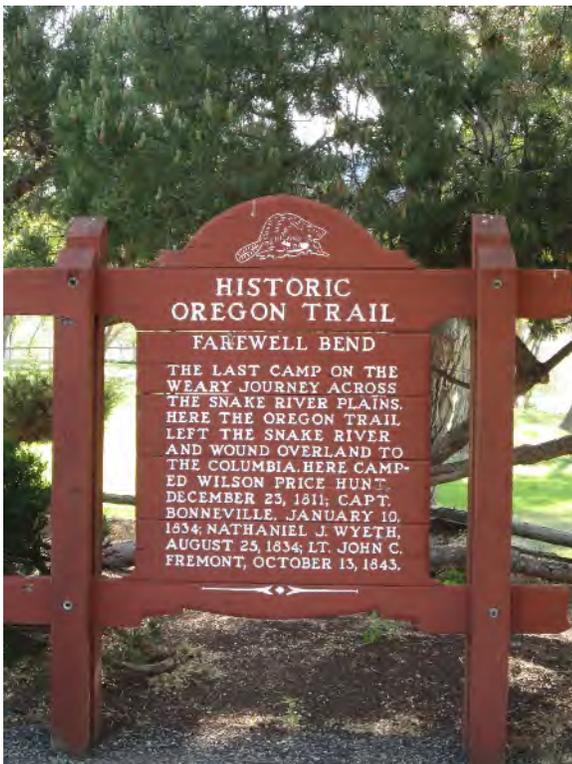
Historic Farewell Bend State Recreation Area, located on the Oregon/Idaho border north of Ontario, offers a beautiful desert experience on the banks of the Snake River's Brownlee Reservoir. Pioneers on the Oregon Trail took a final rest here before leaving the Snake River to travel wearily inland on their way to Oregon City. Historic markers and interpretive displays provide visitors with information on Farewell Bend's significance on the Oregon Trail.



The RV and tent campgrounds make excellent base camps as you explore the region. Oregon Trail wagon ruts are visible just up the road. The National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is less than an hour away in Baker City.



If history isn't your game, come for the sports! Brownlee Reservoir offers fishing, water skiing and boating. There are horseshoe pits, basketball hoops and a sand volleyball court for you land lovers. Best of all, while resting from the day's activities, you can enjoy the scenery and amenities. Picnic on the cool grass, roast marshmallows over your campfire or attend an evening interpretive program at the amphitheater. Whatever you like to do, Farewell Bend is the place to do it.



Web links:

Ontario:

http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_4.php

Farewell Bend:

http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_7.php



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