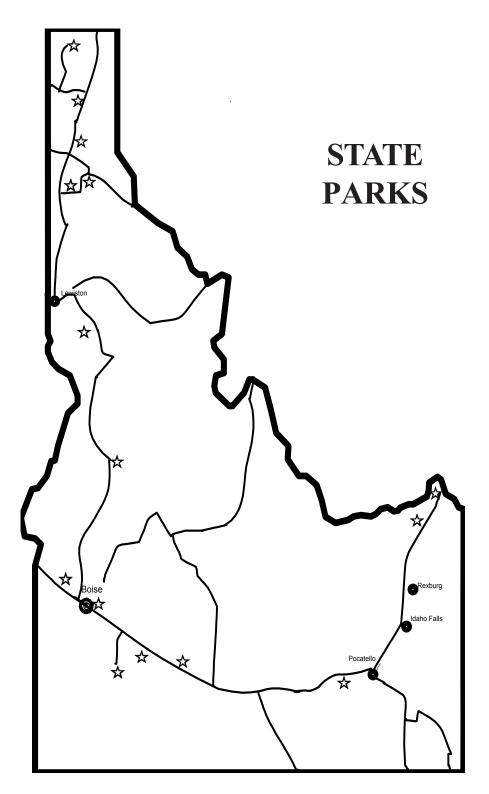


Bundage Mountain near McCall

Photo Courtesy: Steve Lee



# State Parks

### Bear Lake

The 20-mile-long turquoise blue body of water that straddles the Idaho-Utah border. Anglers can try for a native cutthroat or lake trout in the summer. In the winter, they can come back with buckets and nets when the Bonneville cisco run. The fish is found nowhere else on Earth.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 297, Paris, ID 83261

Phone: 208-847-1045 Office (208-945-2565 N. Beach 208-945-2565 E. Beach - Seasonal)

E-Mail: BEA@idpr.state.id.us

# **Box Canyon**

Box Canyon is the site of the 11th largest spring in North America, which pours 180,000 gallons of water per minute into the Snake River. The canyon is also the home to a rare fish species found only in Idaho, the Shoshone sculpin, as well as three endangered spring snails. The canyon walls are popular for nesting raptors.

Location: 20 miles northwest of Twin Falls

Phone: 208-837-4505

E-Mail: mal@idpr.state.id.us.

### **Bruneau Dunes**

They include the largest single-structured sand dune in North America, with a peak 470 feet above the lakes. The two prominent dunes cover about 600 acres.

20 minutes off I-84 near Mtn. Home

Location: Bruneau, ID (Highway 78, off State Highway 51) Mailing Address: HC 85, Box 41, Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 208-366-7919 Fax: 208-366-2844

E-Mail: BRU@idpr.state.id.us

### Cascade

Nestled in the majestic mountains of central Idaho, popular for all types of boating, prevailing winds on the water make it especially well-suited for sailing and windsurfing. Rainbow trout, coho salmon, and small mouth bass and perch can be caught from the shore or by boat in the summer or through the ice in the winter.

Location: West old State Highway of Highway 55 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 709, Cascade, ID 83611

Phone: 208-382-6544 Fax: 208-382-4071

E-Mail: CAS@idpr.state.id.us

# City of Rocks National Reserve

Nestled amidst the mountain peaks of the Albion Mountain Range lies City of Rocks National Reserve. Embracing a sagebrush steppe valley, spectacular granite rock formations, pinyon/juniper tree stands and alpine-like meadows, the reserve presents an inspirational landscape.

Location: 3035 Elba Almo Rd, Almo, ID (Off Idaho 77) Mailing Address: P.O. Box 169, Almo, ID 83312

Phone: 208-824-5519 ext. 344

Fax: 208-824-5563

E-Mail: CIT@idpr.state.id.us

# Coeur d'Alene Parkway

Lies along the north shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene, following Centennial Trail east from Coeur

d'Alene to Higgins Point. Over 1,000 feet of public shoreline parallels the path.

Mailing Address: 2750 Kathleen Ave., Suite 1, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Phone: 208-666-6711 Cell phone: 208-699-2224 E-Mail:COE@idpr.state.id.us

### **Dworshak**

Located among trees and open meadows on the western shore of Dworshak Reservoir. The area

is known for its moderate summer nights and mild winter temperatures.

Location: Orofino, ID (Off U.S. 12, Freeman Creek Campground Cavendish area)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2028, Orofino, ID 83544

Phone: 208-476-5994 Cell Phone: 208-791-8921 Fax: 208-476-7225

E-Mail: DWO@idpr.state.id.us

# **Eagle Island**

This day-use park features a popular swimming beach, concessions, grassy picnic areas with tables, a group shelter and a waterslide. It's a great getaway near the capital city.

Location: Off Hatchery Road, west of Eagle, Idaho Mailing Address: 2691 Mace Road, Eagle, ID 83616 Phone: 208-939-0704 (winter) 208-939-0696 (summer)

E-mail: EAG@idpr.state.id.us

# Farragut

Situated at the foot of the Coeur d'Alene Mountains in the Bitterroot Range. This four-season vacationer's paradise awaits you with scenic mountains, pristine forests, abundant wildlife, and the crystal clear, azure waters of the largest lake in Idaho, Pend Oreille.

Location: Athol, ID (State Highway 54, off U.S. 95)

Mailing Address: 13400 East Ranger Road, Athol, ID 83801

Phone: 208-683-2425 Fax: 208-683-2975

E-Mail: FAR@idpr.state.id.us

### Harriman

Lies in the heart of a 16,000-acre wildlife reserve in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. This sanctuary protects a diversity of birds and mammals similar to those living in nearby Yellowstone National Park.

Location: 3489 E. Highway 20 (20 miles north of Ashton) Mailing Address: HC 66, Box 500, Island Park, ID 83429

Phone: 208-558-7368, Fax: 208-558-7045

E-Mail: HAR@idpr.state.id.us

### Hells Gate

Just outside Lewiston, includes 200 developed acres that border the Snake River. A large beach, play area and miles of hiking and biking trails make the park a popular destination.

Location: On Snake River, Lewiston, ID

Mailing Address: 3620 Snake River Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501 Phone: 208-799-5015

(office) 208-799-5016 (marina)

Fax: 208-799-5187

E-Mail: HEL@idpr.state.id.us

# Henry's Lake

Located just 15 miles west of Yellowstone National Park, this high-mountain lake is surrounded by 8-10,000 foot mountains and Targhee National Forest which provide spectacular scenery. The fishing in Henry's Lake and surrounding streams is a trout anglers dream and is a world renowned fishery.

Location: 3917 E 5100 N, Island Park ID 83429

Mailing Address: HC 66, Box 20, Island Park, ID 83429 (summer)

Phone: 208-558-7532 E-mail: hen@idpr.state.id.us

# Heyburn

The Coeur d'Alene Indians were the first inhabitants of the area now known as Heyburn State Park. It was an ideal place for an encampment. Then, as today, the lakes provided an abundance of fish, the marsh areas had plentiful waterfowl and the heavily timbered slopes and open meadows were ideal habitat for deer, bear and upland birds.

Location: Between Plummer & St. Maries, ID (SH 5, off U.S. 95) Mailing Address: 1291 Chatcolet Rd., Plummer, ID 83851

Phone: 208-686-1308 Fax: 208-686-3003

E-Mail: HEY@idpr.state.id.us

### Land of the Yankee Fork

Located in scenic central Idaho, this historic area provides visitors with a chance to experience Idaho's frontier mining history.

Location: Between Sunbeam and Challis off US 93 and SH 75

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1086, Challis, ID 83226

Phone: 208-879-5244 Fax: 208-879-5243

E-Mail: LAN@idpr.state.id.us

# **Lucky Peak**

This day-use-only park is located on and near Lucky Peak Reservoir, just east of Boise. Lucky Peak was listed by Northwest Travel Magazine (1999) as one of the Northwest's top 25 parks. The park consists of three units providing a wide variety of recreational activities.

Location: Southeast of Boise on State Highway 21 Mailing Address: 9275 E Highway 21, Boise ID 83716 Phone: Spring Shores Marina Unit 208-336-9505,

Marina Restaurant/Store 208-336-7326, Sandy Point/Discovery Office 208-334-2679,

Spring Shores Marina Office 208-336-9505

E-mail: LUC@idpr.state.id.us

# **Malad Gorge**

The Malad River crashes down stairstep falls and into the Devils Washbowl, then cuts through a beautiful 250-foot gorge on its way to the Snake River, 2-1/2 miles downstream.

Location: Tuttle, ID (Off I-84)

Mailing Address: 1074 E 2350 S, Hagerman, ID 83332

Phone: 208-837-4505 Cell Phone: 208-539-0519 E-Mail: MAL@idpr.state.id.us

### Massacre Rocks

Gate of Death and Devil's Gate were names given to this area during the Oregon Trail period. These names referred to a narrow break in the rocks through which the trail passed.

Location: 10 miles west of American Falls, (off I-86)

Mailing Address: 3592 N. Park Lane, American Falls, ID 83211

Phone: 208-548-2672

E-Mail: MAS@idpr.state.id.us

# **McCroskey**

This 5,300-acre park was given to the state of Idaho in 1955 and is dedicated to the memory of frontier women and the hardships they endured. The ridgeline park offers spectacular views of the Palouse prairie which reflects the ever-changing agricultural patchwork of the valleys bordered by surrounding forested foothills.

Location: 30 miles North of Moscow on SH 95

Mailing Address: 2750 Kathleen Ave., Suite 1, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Phone: 208-666-6711

E-Mail: MCC@idpr.state.id.us

# **Niagara Springs**

Tumbling down the canyon side at 250 cubic feet per second, Niagara Springs is a sight you won't soon forget. The churning water is the icy blue of glaciers. The springs are a National Natural Landmark and part of the world-famous Thousand Springs Complex along the Snake

River.

Mailing Address: 1074 E 2350 S, Hagerman, ID 83332

Phone: 208-536-5522

E-Mail: MAL@idpr.state.id.us

### **Old Mission**

The park offers picnicking under tall trees, walking trails and a chance to explore the oldest building in Idaho with its unique 18-inch-thick walls. Most of all, it gives us a chance to learn more about the colorful history of Idaho and the Coeur d'Alene Indians.

Location: Cataldo, ID (Exit 39 off I-90)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30, Cataldo, ID 83810

Phone: 208-682-3814 Fax: 208-682-4032

E-Mail: OLD@idpr.state.id.us

### **Ponderosa**

Ponderosa State Park covers most of a 1,000-acre peninsula that juts into Payette Lake, just outside McCall. The character of the park is molded by its diverse topography. It ranges from arid sagebrush flats to a lakeside trail; from flat, even ground to steep cliffs; and from dense forest to spongy marsh.

Location: McCall, ID (East Lake Drive, Off SH 55- Miles Standish Rd)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box A, McCall, ID 83638 Phone: 208-634-2164 Fax: 208-634-5370

E-Mail: PON@idpr.state.id.us

### Priest Lake

Lying at about 2,400 feet above sea level, Priest Lake State Park has an abundance of beautiful scenery and recreational opportunities. Visitors will enjoy the dense cedar-hemlock forests and the wildlife, such as whitetail deer, black bear, moose and bald eagles. Noted for its clear water, Priest Lake extends 19 miles and is connected to the smaller Upper Priest Lake by a placid, two-mile-long water thoroughfare.

Location: Coolin Road (off State Highway 57)

Mailing Address: 314 Indian Creek Park Road, Coolin, ID 83821-9076

Phone: 208-443-2200, 208-443-2929 (Lionhead Unit)

E-Mail: PRI@idpr.state.id.us

### Round Lake

The 58-acre lake at Round Lake State Park was a million years in the making. It is a product of glacial activity dating back to the Pleistocene Epoch.

Location: Sagle, ID (2 Miles E on Dufort Road, off U.S. 95)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 170, Sagle, ID 83860

Phone: 208-263-3489

E-Mail: ROU@idpr.state.id.us

# **Three Island Crossing**

Upon reaching the Three Island ford, the Oregon Trail emigrants had a difficult decision to make. Should they risk the dangerous crossing of the Snake, or endure the dry, rocky route along the south bank of the river? The Three Island ford was used by pioneer travelers until 1869, when Gus Glenn constructed a ferry about two miles upstream.

Location: Glenns Ferry, ID (W Madison Street off I-84) Mailing Address: P.O. Box 609, Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 208-366-2394 Cell Phone: 208-599-2100 Fax: 208-366-2060

E-Mail: THR@idpr.state.id.us

### Walcott

Located at the northwest end of the Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Walcott Project, Lake Walcott State Park is perfect for camping and fishing. Picnickers enjoy the acres of grass beneath groves of stately eastern hardwoods.

Mailing address: 959 East Minidoka Dam, Rupert, ID 83350

Phone: 208-436-1258 Fax: 208-436-1268

E-Mail: Wal@idpr.state.id.us

### Winchester Lake

The park surrounds a 103-acre lake, nestled in a forested area at the foot of the Craig Mountains.

Location: Winchester, ID (1/4 mile SW of town center) Mailing Address: P.O. Box 186, Winchester, ID 83555

Phone: 208-924-7563 Fax: 208-924-7824

E-Mail: WIN@idpr.state.id.us

Source: Idaho State Parks and Recreation

http://www.idahoparks.org/

# Alpine Ski Areas

### Lookout Pass Ski Area

Northern Idaho, 12 miles E. of Wallace on I-90

Lookout, Idaho's oldest ski area, opened in 1935. Today, Lookout is an affordable family ski area that combines easy access with great snow. Groomed and ungroomed Nordic trails are accessed from Lookout's parking lot, or skiers can take the lift to the top and the trail down to St. Regis Basin. Bring the kids for ski school lessons on Saturdays. More than 350-400" of snowfall per year means there's always great powder skiing.

Contact info: Box 108, Wallace Ph#:(208) 744-1301

Web Address: www.skilookout.com

### **Schweitzer Mountain Resort**

Northern Idaho, 11 miles E. of Sandpoint

With a dazzling view of Lake Pend Oreille, Schweitzer Mountain Resort lies high in the Selkirk Mountains, where abundant snowfall buries the slopes in more than 300" of white delight. Facilities include day lodges, a gift shop, a general store, restaurants and cafes, lounge and chapel. Ski school, day care, special children's programs and rental services are available. Accommodations include the European-style Selkirk Lodge and numerous condo units - affordable studios to superior quality three-bedroom jacuzzi units. Snowboarding, crosscountry ski trails, snowmobiling and sleigh rides are also available.

Contact info: 10,000 Schweitzer Mountain Road, Sandpoint Ph#:(208) 263-9555

Web Address: www.schweitzer.com

### Silver Mountain Ski Resort

Northern Idaho, E. of Coeur d'Alene near Kellogg

Located on the north-facing slopes of the scenic Bitterroot range, Silver Mountain is blessed with 350" of powder annually. The mountain's six lifts are reached after a 19-minute ride on the world's longest single-stage gondola. The base terminal features a restaurant, ski rentals and shops. The upper terminal lodge offers a bag check and complimentary ski check and waxing. A beginner chair, handle tow, SKIwee and day care puts the emphasis on family skiing. The mountain offers a variety of expertly-groomed runs for all abilities, as well as gladed areas and some of the West's premiere steep powder terrain. Lodging is available in Kellogg, Wallace or Coeurd'Alene

Contact info: ,610 Bunker Avenue, Kellogg Ph#:(208) 783-1111

Web Address: www.silvermt.com

### **Bald Mountain Ski Resort**

North Central Idaho, E. of Orofino near Pierce

Managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, this small resort in north-central Idaho has been open since 1959.

Contact info: Box 1126, Orofino Ph#:(208) 464-2311

### Cottonwood Butte Ski Resort

North Central Idaho, 19 miles N. of Grangeville near Cottonwood Cottonwood Butte is a small ski resort in North Central Idaho with a t-bar lift and night skiing.

Contact info: ,Box 162, Cottonwood Ph#:(208) 962-3624

### Snowhaven Ski Resort

North Central Idaho, SE of Lewiston near Grangeville

3 runs served by 1 T-bar lift and 1 rope tow, Snowhaven has a vertical drop of 400 ft. A snack bar, ski shop, day lodge and rentals complete the facility.

Contact info: 225 W. North, Grangeville Ph#:(208) 983-2851

# Brundage Mountain Ski Resort

Southwestern Idaho, 8 miles N. of McCall

Eight miles north of McCall in the mountains of central Idaho, Brundage Mountain Ski Resort boasts 1300 acres of wide, elegantly-groomed runs and abundant powder glades. A big comfortable day lodge houses a restaurant, retail and rental shop and ski school. A spacious Kid's Center offers day-care for children as young as eight weeks and ski programs for children through age 12.

Contact info: ,Box 1062, McCall Ph#:(208) 634-4151

Web Address: www.brundage.com

# **Bogus Basin Ski Resort**

Southwestern Idaho, 16 miles N. of Boise

Every year, north of Boise, Mother Nature blankets the slopes of Bogus Basin Ski Resort. The result: an enviable playground with 2600 acres of skiable, snowboardable terrain. Bogus' two mountains are transformed into wide, machine-groomed runs with some areas kept "au natural" for purists and powder hounds. And when the sun goes down, so can you, thanks to Bogus' lighted runs. Bogus has more night skiing terrain than any other ski area in the northwestern U. S.

Contact info: 2405 Bogus Basin Road, Boise Ph#:(208) 332-5100

Web Address: www.bogusbasin.com

# Magic Mountain Ski Area

South Central Idaho, 28 miles S. of Hansen

This small resort near the Twin Falls area features great snow, a day lodge with a cafeteria, equipment rentals and a lounge.

Contact info: 3367 N. 3600 E., Kimberly Ph#:(208) 423-6221

### Pomerelle Ski Resort

South Central Idaho, near Burley, 25 miles off I-84, Hwy. 77 near Albion

Pomerelle Ski Resort is a relaxed, fun-filled ski area nestled in the Sawtooth National Forest south of Burley. Open from mid-November to mid-April, Pomerelle is usually one of the first Idaho resorts to open with natural snow and one of the last to close for the season. With an annual snowfall of 500" there is good skiing into mid-April. The resort offers groomed runs, night skiing and some of the best slopes for family-oriented skiers and boarders. The Ski School specializes in family groups. Kids 6 and under ski free with parent. Nordic skiing is close to the resort on forest service trails. Pomerelle welcomes skiers with great snow, affordable rates, smiles and service.

Contact info: Pomerelle Ski Resort, Box 158, Albion Ph#:(208) 673-5599 (winter)

Web Address: www.pomerelle-mtn.com

### Pebble Creek Ski Resort

Southeastern Idaho, SE of Idaho Falls near Pocatello

Pebble Creek is a vertical playground that attracts skiers of all abilities. Located 20 minutes

south of Pocatello in the Caribou National Forest, Pebble Creek boasts 2000 vertical feet, 1100 skiable acres, 45 runs, virtually non-existent lift lines and terrain for beginners or those demanding an honest challenge. After skiing, enjoy the soothing natural spas of Lava Hot Springs.

Contact info: Box 370, Inkom Ph#:(208) 775-4452 Web Address: www.pebblecreekskiarea.com

# **Grand Targhee Ski Resort**

Alta, Wyoming via Driggs, Idaho

Nestled on the sunny west side of the Grand Tetons, Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort enjoys uncrowded slopes, abundant powder (more than 500" annually) and awesome Teton scenery. Targhee offers skiers two mountains totaling 3000 acres! Fifteen hundred acres are served by lifts with 300 acres of wide, groomed trails and 1200 acres of skiable powder. Targhee's second 1500 acre, 2800-foot vertical mountain is reserved for snowcat skiing only.

Contact info: Box Ski, Driggs Ph#:(208) (307) 353-2300

Web Address: www.grandtarghee.com

# Kelly Canyon Ski Resort

Eastern Idaho, 25 mi. NE of Idaho Falls

This eastern Idaho resort features intermediate terrain, a ski school, equipment rentals and four lifts

Contact info: Box 367, Idaho Falls Ph#:(208) 538-7735

# Sun Valley Ski Resort

Central Idaho, at Ketchum

Sun Valley is the very definition of the American winter vacation, being the nation's first destination ski resort. Discover for yourself why Sun Valley attracts such an interesting mix of Hollywood movie stars and Olympic champions. Casual elegance is the style at the resort's stately Sun Valley Lodge and Sun Valley Inn. Sun Valley boasts a world-class mountain, with a quality ski school, experienced instructors and a rich variety of apres-ski activities. Sun Valley continues to be ranked among the best in North America (Conde Nast 1997; Ski Magazine 1996).

Contact info: ,Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley Ph#:(208) 622-4111

Web Address: www.sunvalley.com

### Soldier Mountain Ski Resort

Central Idaho, 12 miles N. of Fairfield on Hwy. 20

When you ski Soldier Mountain, you go back to simpler, less-crowded times. Soldier Mountain is one of Idaho's hidden gems, recently purchased by movie star Bruce Willis. Behind the gorgeous face, backcountry skiing--obtained through your own hard labor, or more recently, snowcats--is fantastic. This easy-going resort is located in the picturesque Camas Prairie, halfway between Boise and Sun Valley.

Contact info: Soldier Mountain Ski Resort, Box 539, Fairfield Ph#:(208) 764-2526

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce

# **Snowmobiling**

Idaho has over 7,200 miles of snowmobile trails in 29 grooming programs located throughout the state. Millions of acres of open riding exist on Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State and private land. The Forest Service and BLM can provide information

that identifies open and closed areas, closure dates and other details that may help you plan an enjoyable ride. Many county snowmobile programs also provide trail maps of the areas that are groomed. For more on where to ride in Idaho, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (208) 334-4199.

# **Nordic Skiing**

Idaho's unique terrain of mountain valleys, broad sweeps of gently rolling hills and a rugged backcountry that includes the largest wilderness in the continental U.S., offers the Nordic ski enthusiast a very special experience.

Nordic ski instruction and rentals are available at most ski resorts throughout the state. There are also several tour operators who offer Nordic ski packages, including backcountry touring, hut to hut skiing, or groomed trails for easy touring. Numerous Forest Service and privately groomed trails from 5 to 60 kilometers are found throughout the state.

# Park N' Ski Program

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation operates a unique program called Park N'Ski through four separate trail systems and four state park ski areas. Many trails are groomed on a regular basis and provide amenities such as restrooms, warming shelters and backcountry huts/yurts. A season pass cost \$20 and a three-day temporary permit costs \$7.50. Permits may be purchased at a variety of places throughout the state, including sports shops, state parks offices, U.S. Forest Service ranger stations and chambers of commerce. In addition to the Park N'Ski areas, Farragut State Park, Priest Lake State Park, Round Lake State Park and Winchester State Park have cross-country ski trails available for use. For more information, contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065, (208) 334-4180 ext. 228.

### Source: Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

# **Bureau of Land Management**

The BLM manages 11.9 million acres of public land in Idaho, most of which is concentrated in the southern part of the State. Every Idaho county contains some BLM-managed land, which accounts for 22 percent of the total Federal acreage within Idaho's borders. Idaho's public lands feature alpine forests, rolling rangeland, and spectacular canyonlands with premier desert white-water streams--the Owyhee, Bruneau, Jarbidge, and Lower Salmon.

Idaho's public lands are rich in environmental, historical, recreational, and economic values. These lands, with historical features that include some of the best remaining original ruts of the Oregon Trail, will attract millions of recreational visits. Many of these visits will be made by the outdoor sportsmen of Idaho, where about one of every three persons owns a fishing or hunting license. BLM-managed lands also support the traditional commodity activities of grazing, mining, and timber production, which are vital to Idaho's rural economies.

# **BLM's National Landscape Conservation System**

National Conservation Area (NCA)
Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)
Wilderness Area
National Historic Trails
National Scenic Trails

1 NCA (1.2 million acres) 66 WSAs (1.7 million acres) 1 area (802 acres) 4 trails (436 miles) 1 trail (13 miles)

Source: Bureau of Land Management

# National Forests and Grasslands in Idaho

The National Forest system is responsible for administration of over 21 million acres of Idaho's forested land. This land serves a multiplicity of uses. The Forest Service must juggle several competing uses including mining, recreation, logging, camping, wilderness, watershed protection, and scientific research, to name a few.

### BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST\*

1810 N. 1st Street Hamilton, Montana 59840 (406) 363-3131 www.fs.fed.us/cgi-bin/select-forest

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST 1249 Vinnell Way, Suite 200 Boise, Idaho 83709 (208) 373-4100 www fs fed us/r4/boise/index html

CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST\*

Suite 172, Federal Building 250 South Fourth Avenue Pocatello, Idaho 83201 (208) 236-7500 www fs fed us/r4/curlew/

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST 12730 Highway 12

Orofino, Idaho 83544 (208) 476-4541

www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/

CURLEW NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

Malad Ranger District 75 S. 140 E., Box 146 Malad, Idaho 83252 (208)766-4743

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FOREST: COEUR D'ALENE-KANIKSU-ST. JOE NATIONAL FORESTS\* 3815 Schreiber Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 (208) 765-7307 http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST Route 2, Box 475 Grangeville, Idaho 83530 (208) 983-1950 http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/

\*Unit is in two or more states

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

800 West Lakeside Ave, McCall, Idaho 83638 (208) 634-0700

http://www.mccall.net/pnf/

SALMON - CHALLIS NATIONAL

**FORESTS** 

Hwy 93 South, RR Box 600 Salmon, Idaho 83467 (208) 756-2215

http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST\*

2647 Kimberly Road East Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 (208) 737-3200

http://www.northrim.net/sawtoothnf/

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST\* 420 North Bridge Street, PO Box 208

St. Anthony, Idaho 83445 (208) 624-3151

(208) 624-3131 http://www.fs.fed.us/tnf/

WALLOWA NATIONAL FOREST\*

Box 907

Baker City, Oregon 97814

(503) 523-6391

http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/

WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL

FOREST\* 860 N. 1200 E. Logan, Utah 84321 (801) 753-2772

http://www.fs.fed.us/wcnf/

# Major Land Areas, Sites and Rivers Designated by the U.S. Government

### NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

The first National Park (Yellowstone) was designated in 1872. The National Park Service was created in 1916 to advance a new concept of land use to conserve the scenery, natural, historic, and wildlife in perpetuity for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. The U.S. Congress establishes these Parks and Sites.

### NATIONAL RECREATION AREAS

Congress in 1962 passed the National Recreation Area Act to help preserve and expand outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the nation.

### **WILDERNESS AREAS**

In 1964, Congress passed the Wilderness Act to set aside certain lands from development and to preserve their natural character. The Wilderness Act defines wilderness as an area of undeveloped Federal land, usually 5,000 acres or more, in a substantially natural condition. It is without permanent improvements or human habitation, and has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. Such an area may contain ecological, geological, or other features or scientific, educational, scenic, or historical values.

### WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

In 1968, Congress authorized the Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act which permits State Legislatures and the U.S. Congress to designate certain rivers as wild and scenic to preserve outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values in a natural and free-flowing condition for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

### NATIONAL NATURAL AREAS AND LANDMARKS

In 1972 Congress directed the Secretary of Interior to investigate and inventory areas which could be designated National Natural Landmarks and for possible inclusion into the National Parks System.

Sources: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Facts; United States Code

# **National Parks, Monuments and Reserves**

### Nez Perce National Historical Park

Established: 1965. 24 historical areas in north-central Idaho retrace the history of the Nez Perce Indians, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and numerous other developments of early Idaho history.

Box 93, Spalding, Idaho 83551 (208) 843-2261

# Craters of the Moon Ntl. Monument

Established: 1924. A desolate area illustrating in startling variety the results of violent volcanic action, and representing some of the nation's most recent volcanic outpourings. Last eruptions were about 1,600 years ago.

Box 29, Arco, Idaho 83213 (208) 527-3257

### **Yellowstone National Park**

Established: 1872. Idaho can also boast of having a portion of the nation's oldest and most famous national park. A thin strip totaling 31,488 acres (of the park's 2 million plus acres) make up part of its western border.

P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 (307) 344-7381

# National Parks, Monuments and Reserves (continued)

### City of Rocks National Reserve

Established: 1988. Erosion formed from various rock formations and shapes from a granite mountain. An historic landmark, known to emigrants on the California Trail.

P.O. Box 169, Almo, Idaho 83312-0169 (208) 824-5519

### Hagerman Fossil Bed Ntl. Monument

Established: 1988. A major fossil deposit in North America. Over a dozen zebra-like horse fossils were uncovered by the Smithsonian Institute in the 1930s.

P.O. Box 570, Hagerman, Idaho 83332 (208) 837-4793

### Hells Canvon N.R.A.

Established: 1976. Straddles a 67 mile long stretch of the Snake River on the west central border. Includes the deepest gorge in the world, Hells Canyon, which averages 6,600 feet in depth. Four-fifths of area is in Oregon: 215,233 acres are classified as wilderness. Wild and Scenic rivers include the Snake and Rapid.

Route 1, Box 270A, Enterprise, Oregon 97828 (503) 523-6391

### Sawtooth N.R.A.

Established: 1972. To preserve rural, recreational and scenic values in response to a proposed open-pit molybdenum mine at the base of Castle Peak in the White Cloud Mountains. The eastern half contains the White Cloud and Boulder Ranges, while the Sawtooth Range and Wilderness Area lie to the west.

2647 Kimberly Rd. East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 (208)733-3698

# Wild and Scenic Rivers

### Middle Fork of the Salmon

106 miles Wild; From its origin downstream to the confluence with the main Salmon.

### Main Salmon

46 miles Recreational; From the mouth of the North Fork of the Salmon to Corn Creek. 79 miles Wild; From Corn Creek downstream to Long Tom Bar.

### Middle Fork of the Clearwater

23 miles Recreational; From Lowell downstream to Kooskia, includes the:

**Lochsa**. 70 miles Recreational, from Powell Ranger Station downstream to Lowell and Junction with the Selway, forming the MiddleFork of the Clearwater.

**Selway**. 79 miles Wild; from its origin downstream to Selway Falls. 20 miles Recreational; from Selway Falls downstream to Lowell and junction with the Lochsa, forming the MiddleFork of the Clearwater.

### St. Joe

27 miles Wild; From St. Joe Lake downstream to Spruce Tree Campground. 40 miles Recreational; From Spruce Tree Campground downstream to confluence with the North Fork of the St. Joe.

### Snake

32.5 miles Wild; From Hells Canyon Dam downstream to Pittsburgh landing 34.5 miles Recreational; From Pittsburgh landing downstream to the northern border of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

### Rapid

24 miles; From headwaters to the National Forest Boundary, includes the:

**West Fork of Rapid**. From the Hell's Canyon Wilderness Boundary to the confluence with the main stream.

Source: Land Areas of the National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service

### Natural Areas

### Birds of Prey Natural Area

Established: 1971. Contains the densest concentration of raptors in the world. Area expanded to include desert floor above canyon to protect bird's food supply. Parts of Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

# National Natural Landmarks

### Big Southern Butte

The butte is composed of light-colored silicic volcanic rocks and stands nearly 760 meters above the low relief surface of the Eastern Snake River Plain. The site is an ecological "island" supporting vegetation such as lodgepole pine (Pinus contorta), aspen (Populus sp.), Douglas für (Pseudotsuga menziesii), and manzanita (Arctostaphylos sp.) not common to this region.

### **Big Springs**

The springs emanate from rhyolite lava flows of the Madison Plateau, which comprise one of the largest rhyolite lava fields in the United States. Big Springs is the only first magnitude spring in the United States that issues forth from rhyolitic lava flows.

### Cassia Silent City of Rocks

Located in the Cotterrel Range of south central Idaho, the site contains monolithic landforms created by exfoliation processes on exposed massive granitic plutons. The site contains the best example of bornhardts in this region.

### **Crater Rings**

Crater Rings are two closely adjacent pit craters that provide one of the few examples of this type in the continental United States. The crater rings are larger than, but similar to, pit craters along Chain of Craters Road on the southeast flank of Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii.

### **Great Rift System**

The Great Rift System of the eastern Snake River Plain is a dramatic and outstanding example of tensional tectonic forces in the earth's crust. The, site also has biological interest as an example of primary vegetation succession on very young lava flows.

### Hagerman Fauna Sites

The site contains the world's richest known deposits of Upper Pliocene age terrestrial fossils.

### Hell's Half Acre Lava Field

The lava field is an outstanding example of a single event, single process geologic feature that is fully preserved and fully exposed. Fractures, depressions, and small lava caves are common features on the flow, which otherwise has a fairly smooth surface.

### **Hobo Cedar Grove Botanical Area**

This landmark contains a grove of old growth western red cedar in near natural condition. Two communities are represented: mainly western red cedar (Thuja plicata)/Oregon boxwood (Pachistima myrsinites) on the uplands and western red cedar/ladyfern (Athyrium filix-femina) on the lowland portions of the site.

### Menan Buttes

The site is an outstanding example of a glassy tuff cone, which is found in only a few places in the world. The buttes are composed of small fragments of basaltic glass formed by sudden chilling of magma.

### Niagara Springs

The site is one of a number of large spring sets where the Snake River Plain aquifer drains into the Snake River from the northern cliffs of its canyon. It is illustrative of the enormous volume of water transmitted through this aquifer.

### Sheep Rock

The site provides perhaps the best view of the horizontally layered lavas that represent successive flows of the Columbia River Basalt. The Columbia River Basalt covers an area of some 518,000 square kilometers in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. It represents one of the great lava extrusions of geologic time.

Source: http://www.halcyon.com/rdpayne/nnl.html

### National Wildlife Areas

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers seven areas for viewing wildlife. Information can be obtained from the following sources:

### Bear Lake

370 Webster, Box 9 Montpelier 83254 (208) 847-1757

### Camas

2150 East 2350 North Hamer 83425 (208) 662-5423

### Deer Flat

13751 Upper Embankment Road Nampa 83686 (208) 888-5582

### **Gravs Lake**

Grays Lake Road Wayan 83285 (208) 574-2755

### Kootenai

HCR 60, Box 283 Bonners Ferry 83805 (208) 267-3888

### Minidoka

Route 4, Box 290 Rupert 83350 (208) 436-3589

### Oxford Slough Waterfowl Production Area

1246 Yellowstone Ave. Pocatello 83201-4372 (208) 237-6616

### National Historic Landmarks

U.S. Assay Office: 210 Main Street Boise 83702 Established: October 15, 1976 The Boise Assay Office was erected by the U.S. Government in 1870-71. The building is a symbol of the importance of mining in the political, social, economic and legal development of Idaho and the Far West. In 1972 the Idaho State Historical Society assumed ownership, it is presently being used as offices and a museum.

### Cataldo Mission: Clark County Established: May 10, 1989

Built around 1850 by Jesuit missionaries and Coeur d'Alene Indians, this log and adobe church with Baroque and Greek Revival details is the oldest surviving church in the Pacific Northwest and also the oldest structure in Idaho. The mission restoration project was completed in 1975 and is now a museum administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

# City of Rocks:

Near Almo in Cassia County Established: October 15, 1966 One of the great natural landmarks on the California Trail, one of the few places in this country where Precambrian rock is exposed. After 1846 this route was sometimes referred to as the "Applegate Trail" used by Oregon-bound emigrants. The area is managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management along with some private ownership.

# Experimental Breeder Reactor #1 Near Arco in Butte County Established:

On the EBR-1 produced the first usable amounts of electricity created by nuclear means. Operation continued at EBR-1 until 1964. Administered by the Energy Research and Development Administration. The National Park Service conducts tours there from May through September.

### Fort Hall:

Bannock County Established: October 15, 1966

October 16, 1966

Built by Nathaniel Wyeth as a trading post in 1834, then sold to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1837. The fort is remembered for its association with overland emigration on the Oregon-California Trails and as the most important trading post in the Snake River Valley. A stone monument on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation marks the site of the former fort

### Lemhi Pass: Salmon Ntl. Forest Established: October 15, 1966

Located on the Idaho-Montana border in the Salmon and Beaverhead National Forests. This is the point where the Lewis and Clark expedition crossed the Continental Divide leaving the United States and entering into Spanish territory.

### Lolo Trail: Clearwater & Lolo National Forests Established: October 16, 1966

The most difficult stretch of the entire route traveled by Lewis and Clark on their expedition to the Pacific in 1805. This trail was used by the Nez Perce Indians on their trips to the buffalo country.

### Weippe Prairie: Clearwater County

Established: October 15, 1966 The prairie contains three historic campsites of the Lewis and Clark expedition during their west and eastbound journeys. It was here that Lewis and Clark first met the Nez Perce Indians, who proved to be most helpful to the expedition.

### Idaho Historic Sites

The Historic Sites program promotes Idaho history through the preservation, maintenance, and educational use of Idaho's historic properties. The Society owns five significant properties, most managed locally by volunteer organizations.

### **Old Idaho Penitentiary**

Boise. Visitors can take a guided or self-guided walking tour within the wall of the 1870-1973 prison. 208/368-6080

### Stricker Ranch and Rock Creek Store

Hansen. The Rock Creek Store was the only supply point on the Oregon Trail between Fort Hall and Boise from 1865 to 1897. 208/423-4000

### Lorenzo Hill Hatch House

Franklin. This two-story stone building was built in 1874 and is an exceptionally pure example of the Greek Revival architectural style. The structure is unrestored.

### Relic Hall

Franklin. A 1937 log and stone lodge that houses artifacts relating to the history of the area.

### Pierce Courthouse

Pierce. Idaho's first courthouse was built in 1862 to serve Shoshone County, then in Washington Territory. The courthouse has been partially restored and contains exhibits interpreting the area's gold mining, settlement, and transportation history.

### U.S. Assay Office

Boise. Opened in 1872 and by 1895 the annual deposits reached more than a million dollars. By 1917 the Idaho mines had yielded some \$400 million in gold, silver and lead.

Source: Historic Sites Office 208/334-2844

# **Hunting and Fishing**

The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for management and regulation of the use of fish and wildlife resources of the state. The Department is governed by the six-member Idaho Fish and Game Commission. Commissioners are appointed by the governor for staggered four-year terms and are subject to confirmation by the Idaho Senate. The commission system was established by Idaho's first successful voter initiative in 1938.

Field operations are organized by seven regions statewide and the various functions common to all regions are organized into bureaus (Fisheries, Enforcement, Wildlife, etc.) with statewide coordination from the state office in Boise.

Nonresident licenses and tags may now be purchased using credit cards by calling 1-800-554-8685. Information is available at 1-800-635-7820.

Public outreach, involvement and education are an important function. Legislative action in 1980 made hunter education mandatory. More than 1,000 volunteer instructors reach about 6,500 students per year. A program in landowner relations geared to promoting cooperation between hunters, anglers and landowners encourages ethical behavior as a way to increase access and sporting opportunity on private land. A volunteer coordinator organizes groups and individuals willing to give time to projects in the public interest.

The quarterly *Fish and Game News* reaches 270,000 with timely hunting/fishing/ habitat news; *Inside on the Outdoors*, a live call-in talk show Monday evenings on KBOI radio in Boise and KSEI in Pocatello gives one-third of a million listeners a chance to reach the Director; and *Incredible Idaho*, a monthly half-hour television program is produced in cooperation with KTVB in Boise and viewed statewide.

The Habitat Improvement Program utilizes duck and upland game bird stamp funds to construct and maintain habitat improvement projects on public land and assist private landowners with wildlife projects on their land.

The Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center at state headquarters, 600 South Walnut in Boise, began as a habitat demonstration area and was enhanced as a Centennial project during

1990 to include a river observatory complete with underwater viewing of a mountain stream. A learning center has displays, projection room, and computer link to a regional river information system. The Nature Center hosts school groups and individuals amounting to about 1,000 visitors per day. Also a Centennial year project, identification and directional signs guide the public to more than 250 access sites statewide, and a companion booklet lists them by area and gives directions.

# Fish and Game Information and Education

	FY 1993	FY 1995	Fy 1997	FY 1999
Number of Web site contacts	0	2,000	115,000	1,000,000
Fish & Game Volunteers	3,354	3,318	4,161	4,931
Hunter Safety Students	8,413	9,566	11,000	9,758
Volunteer Instructors	1,302	1,414	1,223	1,208

Source: Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis

# Idaho Reference Books General Guidebooks

*The Official Idaho Travel Guide*, Idaho Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism Development, Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0093, TEL: 800 VISITID.

*Idaho For The Curious*, Cort Conley, Backeddy Books, P.O. Box 301, Cambridge, ID 83610, TEL: 208-257-3810, Cost: \$19.95.

Hidden Idaho: The Adventurer's Guide, Richard Harris, Ulysses Press, 3286 Adeline Street, Suite 1, Berkeley, CA 94703, Cost: \$13.95.

A Compass Guide to Idaho, John Gottberg, Compass American Guides, 5332 College Ave., Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94618, Cost: \$18.95.

Roadside History of Idaho, Betty Derig, Mountain Press, 1301 S. Third, Missoula, MT 59806, TEL: 800-234-5308, FAX: 406-728-1635, Cost: \$18.00.

*Idaho Handbook*, Bill Loftus, Moon Publications, 4065 Hollis St., Emeryville, CA 94608, TEL: 510-658-3453, Cost: \$12.95.

*Idaho Highway Historical Marker Guide*, Idaho Transportation Department, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707, TEL: 208-334-8000, Cost: \$5.

*Idaho Outfitters Catalog*, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, TEL: 208-342-1438, Cost: free.

# History

History of Idaho, Leonard Arrington, University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, TEL: 800-847-7377, Cost: \$39.95.

*In Mountain Shadows: A History of Idaho*, Dr. Carlos Schwantes, University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE, TEL: 800-755-1105, Cost: \$19.95.

So Incredibly Idaho, Dr. Carlos Schwantes, University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, TEL: 800-847-7377.

The Snake: The Plain and Its People, Todd Shallat, Editor, Boise State University Press,

1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725, TEL: 208-385 1577, Cost: \$24.95.

*Idaho Place Names: A Geographical Dictionary*, Lalia Boone, University of Idaho Press, Moscow, ID 83843, TEL: 208-885-6111, Cost: \$17.95.

Traveler's Guide to the Oregon Trail, Julie Fanselow, Falcon Press, Helena, MT 59604, TEL: 800-582-2665, Cost: \$11.95.

Bound for Idaho: The 1864 Trail Journal of Julius Merrill, University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, TEL: 800-847-7377, Cost: \$13.95.

*The Oregon Trail Yesterday and Today*, William E. Hill, Caxton Printers, 312 Main St., Caldwell, ID 83605, TEL: 208-459-7421, Cost: \$19.95.

*Indians of Idaho*, Deward E. Walker, Jr., University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, TEL: 800-847-7377, Cost: \$11.95.

Myths of Idaho Indians, Deward E. Walker, Jr., University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, TEL: 800-847-7377, Cost: \$11.95.

*Idaho Loners*, Cort Conley, Backeddy Books, Box 301, Cambridge, ID 83610, TEL: 208-257-3810, Cost: \$19.95.

*Idaho Chinese Lore*, Sister Alfreda Elsensohn, Caxton Printers, 312 Main St., Caldwell, ID 83605, TEL: 208-459-7421, Cost: \$9.95.

Southern Idaho Ghost Towns, Wayne Sparling, Caxton Printers, 312 Main St., Caldwell, ID 83605, TEL: 208-459-7421, Cost: \$7.95

### Flora and Fauna

*Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide*, Leslie Benjamin Carpenter, Falcon Press, Helena, MT 59604, 406/442-6597, Cost: \$5.95.

Mountain Wildflowers of Idaho, Marjorie & Robert Boren, Sawtooth Publishing Company, Boise, ID, Cost: \$5.95.

Roadside Geology of Idaho, David D. Alt, Mountain Press Publishing, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806, TEL: 800-234-5308, Cost: \$15.

Wild Trees of Idaho, Frederic D. Johnson, University of Idaho Press, Moscow, ID 83843, TEL: 208-885-6111, Cost: \$39.95.

### **Backroads Travel**

*Idaho: Off the Beaten Path,* Julie Fanselow, The Globe Pequot Press, Box 833, Old Saybrook, CT 06475, Cost: \$10.95

Country Roads of Idaho, Bill London, Box 286, Lower Main Street, Castine, Maine 04421, Cost: \$9.95.

*Idaho Off the Road: Back Country Drives for the Family*, Tony Huegel, Post Publishing Co., P.O. Box 1800, Idaho Falls, ID 83403, TEL: 208-522-1800, Cost: \$10.95.

Montana & Idaho's Continental Divide Trail: The Official Guide, text by Lynna Howard, photography by Leland Howard. Westcliffe Publishers, Box 1261, Englewood, CO 80150-1261, TEL: 800-523-3962, FAX: 303-935-0903, E-Mail:westclif@westcliffepublishers.com, Cost: \$27.95

# **Family Trips**

Boise With Kids: 101 Adventures in the Treasure Valley and Beyond, Jean McNeil, Alturas Press, Box 1763, Boise, ID 83701-1763, Cost: \$12.95.

A Family's Guide to North Idaho, Lanny Ream, L.R. Ream Publishing, P.O. Box 2043, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, TEL: 208-667-0453, Cost: \$6.95.

# **Characters and Characteristics**

Is Idaho in Iowa?, Tim Woodward, Backeddy Books, Box 301, Cambridge, ID 83610, TEL: 208-257-3810, Cost: \$10.95.

*Idaho Yearbook and Directory*, Ridenbaugh Press, P.O.Box 2276, Boise, ID 83701, (208) 344-0844, web: www.ridenbaugh.com, E-mail: stapilus@ridenbaugh.com

Paradox Politics: People and Power in Idaho, Ridenbaugh Press, P.O.Box 2276, Boise, ID 83701, (208) 344-0844, web: www.ridenbaugh.com, E-mail: stapilus@ridenbaugh.com

### For a complete listing of Idaho Reference books go to www.visitid.org

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