

# Clearwater National Forest Lookouts

## Lookout Statistics

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Name	Type	Year Built	Status
Ant Hill	L-4	1932	Destroyed 1946
Austin Ridge	L-4, R-6	1932	1951, replaced in 1960
Balancing Rock	L-6	1933	Abandoned 1940s. Restored 2010s
Bald Knob	Cabin	1924	Abandoned in the 1940s
Bald Mtn	Cabin	1910	Burned in 1910 Idaho Fire. 1912 log cabin in ruins.
Bald Mtn	Cabin, L-4, R-6	1913	1938 tower added. 1960 a 41' treated timber tower with R-6
Bar Point	L-4	1934	Destroyed 1960s
Barren Hill	L-4	1931	Last manned in 1940s or 50s
Bear Butte	L-4	1934	Abandoned 1964
Bear Mountain	Cabin, crow's nest L-6, L-4	1921-22	Staffed
Beaver Ridge	Camp, cupola cabin, R-6	1919	Staffed
Big Hill	L-4	1934	Abandoned 1950s. Burned about 1960
Big Horn Point	L-4, L-6	1937	Ruins
Big Sand	Camp	1940	Abandoned.
Birch Ridge	L-4	1932	Destroyed 1959
Black Mtn	L-4, R-6	1932	Staffed
Blacklead	Cabin, L-4	1929	Gone
BM Hill	Pole tower	1932	Destroyed 1973
Boundary Peak	L-4	1934	Burned in 1954
Bruin Hill	Cupola cabin	1932	Gone by 1959
Brush Hill	Camp	1920s	Camp with two patrol trees
California Point	25' tree platform	1939	Only used summer of '39
Cantaloupe Peak	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1942.
Canyon Meadows G.S.	3 patrol lookouts	1928	Abandoned 1940s
Castle Butte	Cupola cab, L-4, L-5	1916	Rental Program
Cave Point	L-4, L-5	1931	Destroyed 1960.
Cedar Knob	Camp, crow's nest	1920s	Abandoned 1950s
Chateau Rock	L-4	1931	Ruins since 1961.
Clarke Mtn	D-6, L-4	1920s	Abandoned
Cold Spring	Cabin, L-4	1931	Log cabin (still there). Abandoned 1953.
Cook Mtn	tree platform, L-4	1917	Abandoned 1963. Gone.
Coolwater	Camp cabin, L-4	1915	Staffed
Cooperation Point	L-4 Tower	1934	Destroyed 1950.
Crooked Fork	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Dan Lee (Dewey)	L-4 cab	1941	Destroyed 1952
Dan Ridge	L-4 tower	1934	Destroyed 1973.
Diablo	Cabin, R-6	1926	Currently staffed by volunteers
Doe Point	Camp	1939	Abandoned after 1941
Doris Point (Butte)	L-4 cab	1934	Destroyed 1962.
Dry Point	20' L-4	1934	Abandoned 1940s Burned 1960s
Eagle Mountain	Camp	1915	Abandoned after 1921 fire season

Eagle Point	Cabin, L-4, R-6	1935	Emergency Use
Elizabeth Mtn	Camp	1934	Abandoned in 1941
Elk Summit	Cupola cabin	1924	Gone
End Butte	10' L-4	1935	Burned in 1954
Fire Creek Point	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Fish Butte	Camp, L-4	1915	Gone by 1985
Fish Lakes Butte	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1941
Fly Hill	L-4 cab	1934	Abandoned 1950s
Fourth of July	Camp	1935	Abandoned 1930s
French Mtn	L-4	1932	Also 2 patrol crow's nests. Abandoned 1948
Frenchman Butte	40' L-4	1934	Abandoned 1940s. Still there in 1959 destroyed in 1960
Gold Hill	30' L-4	1931	Destroyed 1954.
Goose Ridge	Camp	1940	Abandoned 1942
Goose Point	Camp	1930s	Abandoned 1940s
Gorman Hill	L-4 tower	1933	Abandoned 1955
Gospel Hill	Pole tower, camp	1934	Ruins 1940s
Grave Butte	Camp, log cupola	1928	Abandoned 1950s
Grave Peak	D-6 cupola cabin	1924	Last used in the 1960's. 1998 volunteer restoration.
Green Point	L-6 cab	1934	Gone
Grouse Point	L-4 tower	1933	Burned in Pete King Fire. Gone in 1934
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Hemlock Butte	Cupola Cabin, L-4	1921	Staffed
Hidden Peak	shake cabin, L-4, R-6	1927	Open to public use, in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.
Higgins Hump	Crow's Nest	1934	Abandoned 1941
Hornet Point	Pole L-4	1934	Destroyed
Horseshoe Lake	Log Platform, L-4	1921	Remained on site until 1983
Hot Springs Point	Cabin	1929	Destroyed 1956.
Hungry Point	L-4 cab	1934	Abandoned 1945
Idaho Point	platform tower	1930	burned in the 1934 Pete King Fire
Independence Ridge	Camp	1930	Abandoned
Indian Grave	L-4 tower	1934	Tower moved to Horseshoe Lake L.O.
Indian Post Office	Log cabin w/cupola	1922	Destroyed
Isabella Point	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Jay Point	L-4	1929	Tower burned in 2015 Jay Point Fire
Jerry Johnson	L-4 tower	1934	Destroyed 1972
Johnagan Mtn	L-4 cab	1934	Abandoned 1947
Junction Mtn	Camp, L-4	1924	Abandoned in the 1970s
Jungle Point	L-4 tower	1930s	Abandoned
Kellys Sister	90' steel tower, cab	1936	Cabin burned in forest fire 1936
Kellys Thumb	Camp	1930	Abandoned
Larch Butte	30' L-4 Tower	1933	Abandoned
Larson Point	Log cabin	1930	Gone 1960
Lean-To Ridge	40' L-4	1934	Destroyed 1963
Liz Butte	Log cabin	1929	1930s: 30' pole tower w/ cab (in ruins)
Lochsa Peak	Crow's nest, camp, L-4	1930	1931: L-4 cab atop 8' log crib. Abandoned 1940s. Gone.
Lolo Forks	L-4 ca	1935	Ruins
Lone Knob	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Long Creek Ridge	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1941
Lookout Peak	L-6, cabin	1934	Destroyed 1962
Lost Ridge	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1941

Lunde Peak	L-4 cab	1931	Destroyed 1963
Mallard Peak	Camp, L-4	1914	Abandoned 1957. 1980s maintenance. Listed in National Historic Lookout Register
McConnell Mtn	Camp, cabin	1918	Abandoned in 1951. Burned in a 2013 forest fire.
Meadow Point	Camp	1930	Abandoned
Middle Butte	Cabin	1920	Abandoned 1930
Midway	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Mocus Point	tree platform, L-4	1934	1973 Destroyed
Monroe Butte	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Monumental Butte	Log cabin, cupola	1919	Cabin burned in 1921. Cabin w/roof platform destroyed by lightning in 1924. cupola cabin, destroyed 1969
Moose (Model)	Camp, cabin, L-4	1918	Destroyed 1950s
Moscow Bar	L-4 cab, L-6	1934	Abandoned 1940s
Mud Creek	L-4, 100' steel aeromotor	1932	Abandoned 1967, tower came down in 1978
Mulligan Hump	Cabin	1930s	Ruins
Mush Point	Camp, L-6	1941	Abandoned 1940s
Old Man	20' L-4	1931	Burned in 1934 Pete King Fire.
Osier Ridge	Log Cabin, L-4, R-6	1912	Staffed
Pete Forks	L-4 tower	1934	Destroyed 1948
Pollock Hill	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1942
Pot Mtn	Cabin, L-4	1919	Abandoned
Ranger Peak		1960s	
Raspberry Butte	50' pole L-4	1934	Abandoned 1945
Rocky Point	L-4 cab, R-6	1934	Staffed
Rocky Ridge	Log cabin	1914	Abandoned 1940s
Round Top	L-4	1934	Destroyed 1972
Savage Ridge	L-5, Cabin	1929	Destroyed in 1972.
Scurvy Mtn	Platform tower, L-4	1917	Restored 2010s
Seven Mile Point	20' L-4	1941	Destroyed 1962
Shale Mtn	Camp	1930s	Abandoned 1940s
Sheep Hill	30' L-4	1933	Gone
Sheep Mtn	Camp, cabin, L-6	1914	Ruins 1950
Short Point	Camp	1940	Abandoned
Smith Butte	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1949
Smith Point	L-6 tower	1934	Abandoned 1941. Tower fell down in 1950s
Sneak Peak	L-4 tower	1930s	Abandoned 1941
Snowy Summit	Tower	1930s	Abandoned 1950s
Split Creek Point	30' L-4 tower	1931	Burned 1934 Pete King Fire.
Sponge Mountain	Crow's nest.	1915	Abandoned 1940s.
Stanley Butte	Platform on rock with cabin	1922	Abandoned in the 1950's.
Star Point	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Surveyors Ridge	20' pole L-4, R-6	1931	Listed National Historic Lookout Register
Tamarack Ridge	L-4	1933	Ruins 1940
The Nub	Camp, L-4	1924	Destroyed 1958
Toboggan Hill	35' platform L-4	1930	
Trap Point	Cabin, crow's nest	1930s	Abandoned
Twin Peaks	Camp	1934	Abandoned 1930s

Van Camp	spar pole platform, L-4 cab	1930	Abandoned 1950s
Vanderbilt Hill	Log cabin	1934	Abandoned 1941 (Ruins)
Walde Mtn	100' steel tower	1939	Staffed and Rental
Wallow Mtn	L-4 cab	1932	Rental
Weitas Butte	30' pole L-4	1931	Rental on stand by
Wendover Ridge	Pole L-4	1934	Destroyed 1950s
White Sand	Camp	1930s	Abandoned
Willow Ridge	Camp , L-4	1929	1930: L-4 cab Burned in 1934 fire. Gone
Wounded Doe	Camp	1933	Abandoned 1939.
Woodrat Mtn	Log cabin, platform tower, L-4	1925	Destroyed 1972

\*All photos from [www.firelookout.com](http://www.firelookout.com) ; photographer listed when possible.

### Historic Lookout Stats on the Clearwater National Forest

1910 - The first lookout site on the Clearwater National Forest was a log cabin on Bald Mountain, located 26 miles West of Powell Ranger Station at an elevation of 6526'. It burned in 1910 Idaho Fire. A new cabin was built in 1912 and is currently in ruins. (Is it still there today?)

From 1910-1919, 17 lookout sites were manned in the Clearwater National Forest. Of these original 17 sites the following 4 remain either as active fire lookouts or in the recreation rental program: Beaver Ridge, Castle Butte, Osier Ridge and Scurvy Mountain.

From 1920-1929, 25 additional lookout sites were created on the Clearwater National Forest. Of these 25, the following three remain in use today as manned fire lookouts: Bear Mountain, Diablo, and Hemlock Butte.

From 1930-1939, 96 more lookout sites were created on the Clearwater National Forest. Of these 96 sites, the following five remain in use today: Austin Ridge, Black Mountain, Rocky Point, Walde Mountain and Weitas Butte.

From 1940-1949, six new lookout sites were added to the forest. None of them remain in use today.

Ranger Peak, elevation 8817', 15 miles E of Powell was used as a lookout in the 1960s. It was the only additional lookout site of the forest in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was also the highest elevation lookout site on the Clearwater National Forest.

The lowest elevation lookout site on the forest was at Jungle Point, 14 miles ENE of Kooskia, at an elevation of 4000'

The tallest lookout tower is located at Walde Mountain, 17 miles NE of Kooskia. The tower is 100' tall.

### A breakdown on the different types of lookouts on the forest

Total number of:

D-6's: 3	R-6's: 10	Only Tree Platforms or Crow's Nests: 6
L-4's: 78	Aeromotors: 3	
L-5's: 3	Only cabins: 16	
L-6's: 8	Only Camps: 28	