

THE HELLS CANYON CORRIDOR

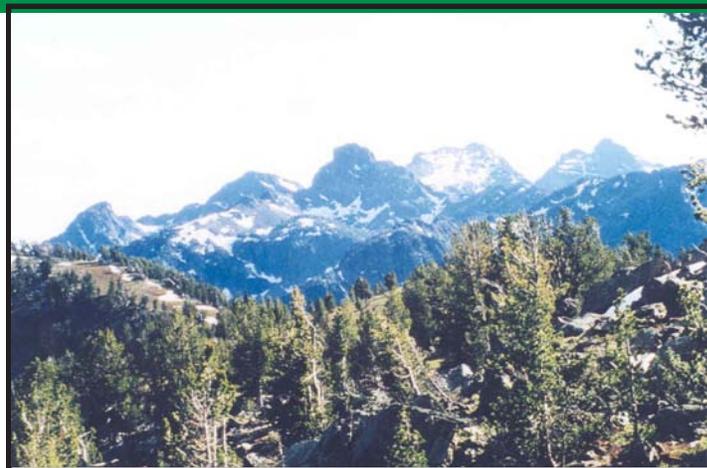
WHAT'S IT LIKE?

Once called the “Grand Canyon of the Snake River,” the Hells Canyon corridor is known for its magnificent but extremely rugged landscape. There are few points of entry into Hells Canyon, so traveling in this corridor takes time and effort. Once there, however, visitors are rewarded with indescribably beautiful scenery and exciting whitewater on the wild and scenic Snake River. There are unlimited opportunities for camping, hiking or just admiring the ever-changing views.

WHAT'S THE ROAD LIKE?

Highway District Road 493, which intersects Highway 95 near White Bird and winds 20 miles to Pittsburg Landing, is one of two Idaho access points to the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The road is a single-lane gravel road with steep grades and tight switchbacks.

The other Idaho access point to the Snake River is County Road 71, which intersects Highway 95 at Cambridge and traverses 65 miles to Copperfield where it meets the Idaho Power



Seven Devils Mountains

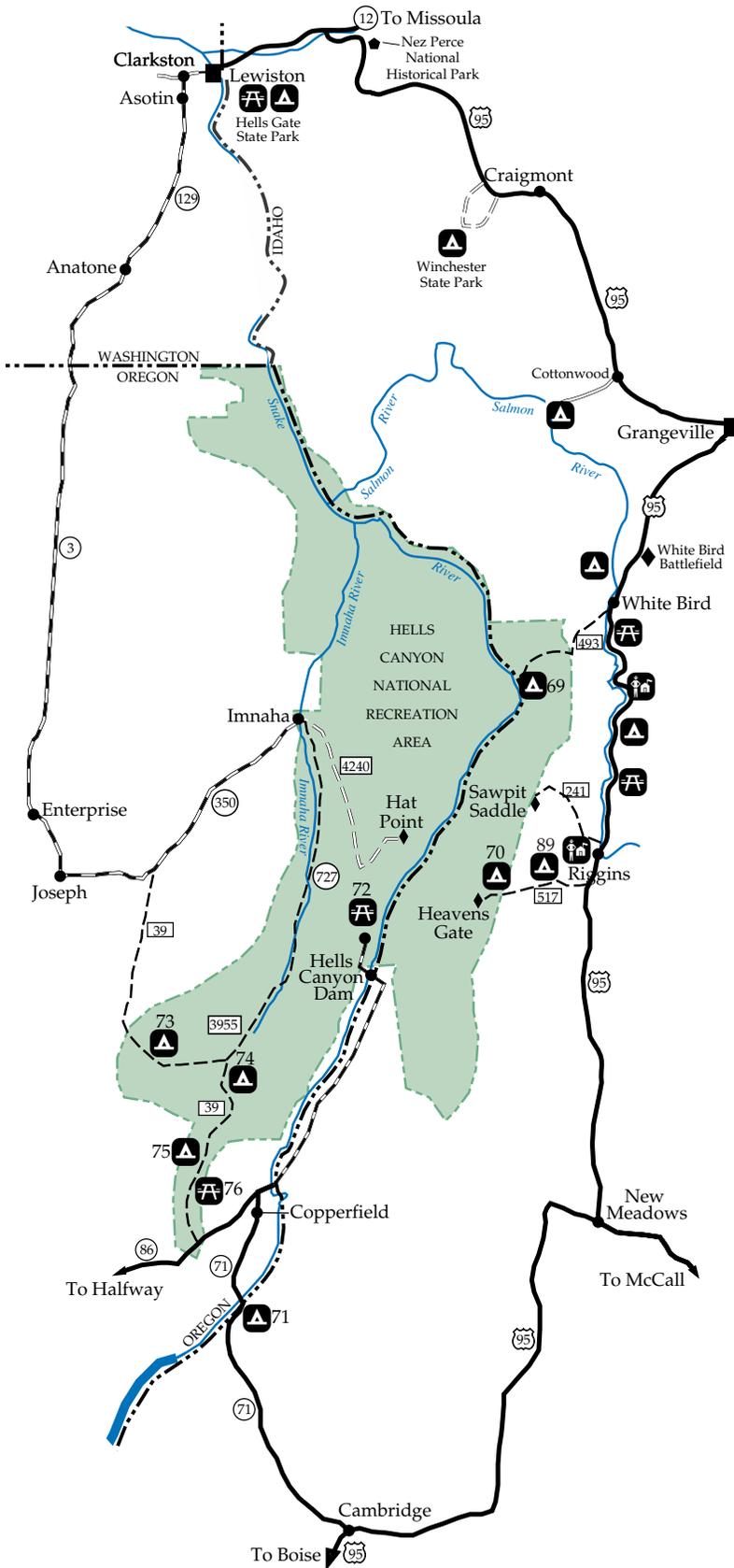
Company road to Hells Canyon Creek. This paved two-lane road twists through ranch land to Oxbow Dam, where it follows the Snake River to Hells Canyon Dam. At Hells Canyon Dam the road crosses to the Oregon side of the canyon and ends 1.5 miles at the Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site.

Access to the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the Seven Devils Mountains is from Forest Road 517 near Riggins. The last seven miles was improved so that passenger cars are able to access the area. The steep and winding single-lane gravel road is not recommended for RVs or vehicles towing camping trailers.

Since weather and road conditions change quickly, it is strongly recommended that travelers call the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area office in Riggins before beginning any adventure in Hells Canyon.

Map #	Campground or Site #	Owner	# of Units	Picnic	Toilet	Water	RV/Tr	Hookup	Fee	Accessible
69	Pittsburg Landing Campground	USFS	28	•	•	•	•		•	•
70	Seven Devils Campground	USFS	7		•					•
71	Woodhead Park	Idaho Power	120	•	•	•	•		•	
72	Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site	USFS	0	•	•		•		•	•
73	Lick Creek Campground	USFS	12	•	•		•		•	
74	Ollocot Campground	USFS	12	•	•	•	•		•	
75	Lake Fork Campground	USFS	10	•	•	•	•		•	
76	North Pine Rest Stop	USFS	0	•	•	•				
89	Papoose Campground	USFS	2	•	•					

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WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

The drive to Pittsburg Landing is an adventure with a range of recreational opportunities as an added bonus. A stop-and-stretch turnout at Pittsburg Saddle provides an excellent photo opportunity and a last chance to evaluate the road conditions before descending into Pittsburg Landing. The broad vista gives a first glimpse of Hells Canyon. At Pittsburg Landing, there is a boat launch area as well as facilities for campers, hikers and stock users. For a high elevation wilderness experience on the Idaho side, a trip to Heavens Gate offers the sightseer a 360-degree panorama, which includes the Salmon River country, the Seven Devils Mountains and Hells Canyon. Seven Devils Campground and hiking trails in the Hells Canyon Wilderness are nearby. Trails are usually free of snow in early July.

On the Oregon side of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, there are a multitude of sightseeing, picnicking, camping and hiking opportunities. The Visitor Center in Enterprise provides information about travel in the Oregon portion of the Hells Canyon Wilderness. For a whitewater experience, outfitted trips originate in Clarkston, Washington, at Pittsburg Landing, and at Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site. Licensed outfitters are ready to help the amateur plan an adventure on the Snake River. Reservations with outfitters must be made in advance. Permits are required year-round for private river trips.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Where is the best view of Hells Canyon? *In addition to the panoramic view at Heavens Gate, there is a fine view of Hells Canyon from Saw Pit Saddle. From Riggins, travel to this grassy parklike viewpoint is on Forest Road 241 and then onto Road 2060A. Saw Pit Saddle is accessible to vehicles with high clearance. It is not recommended for RVs or vehicles towing camping trailers.*