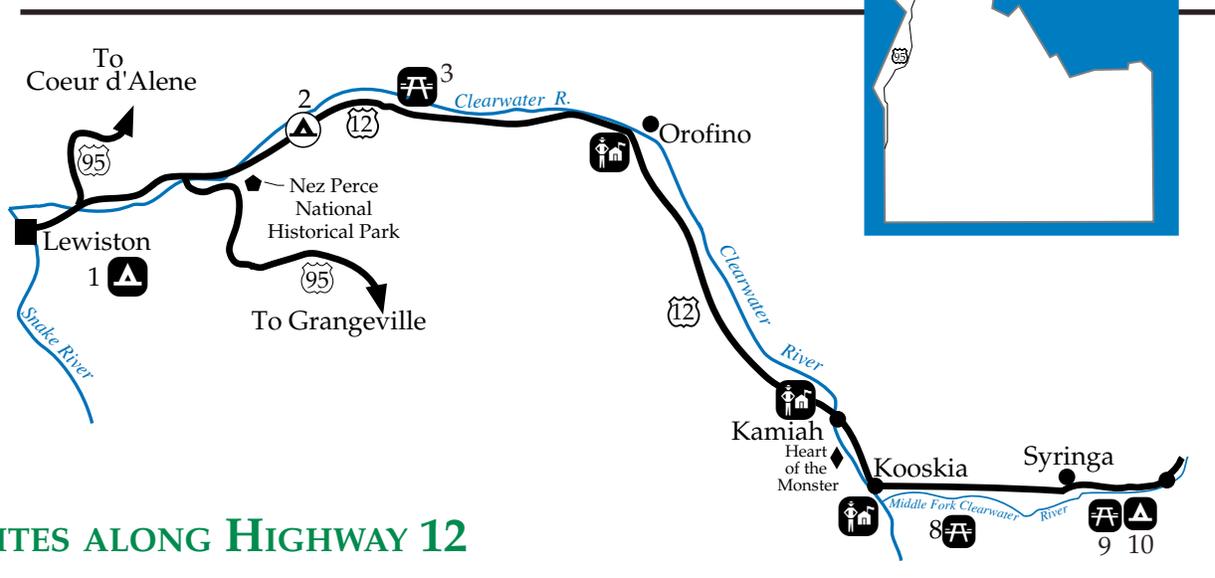


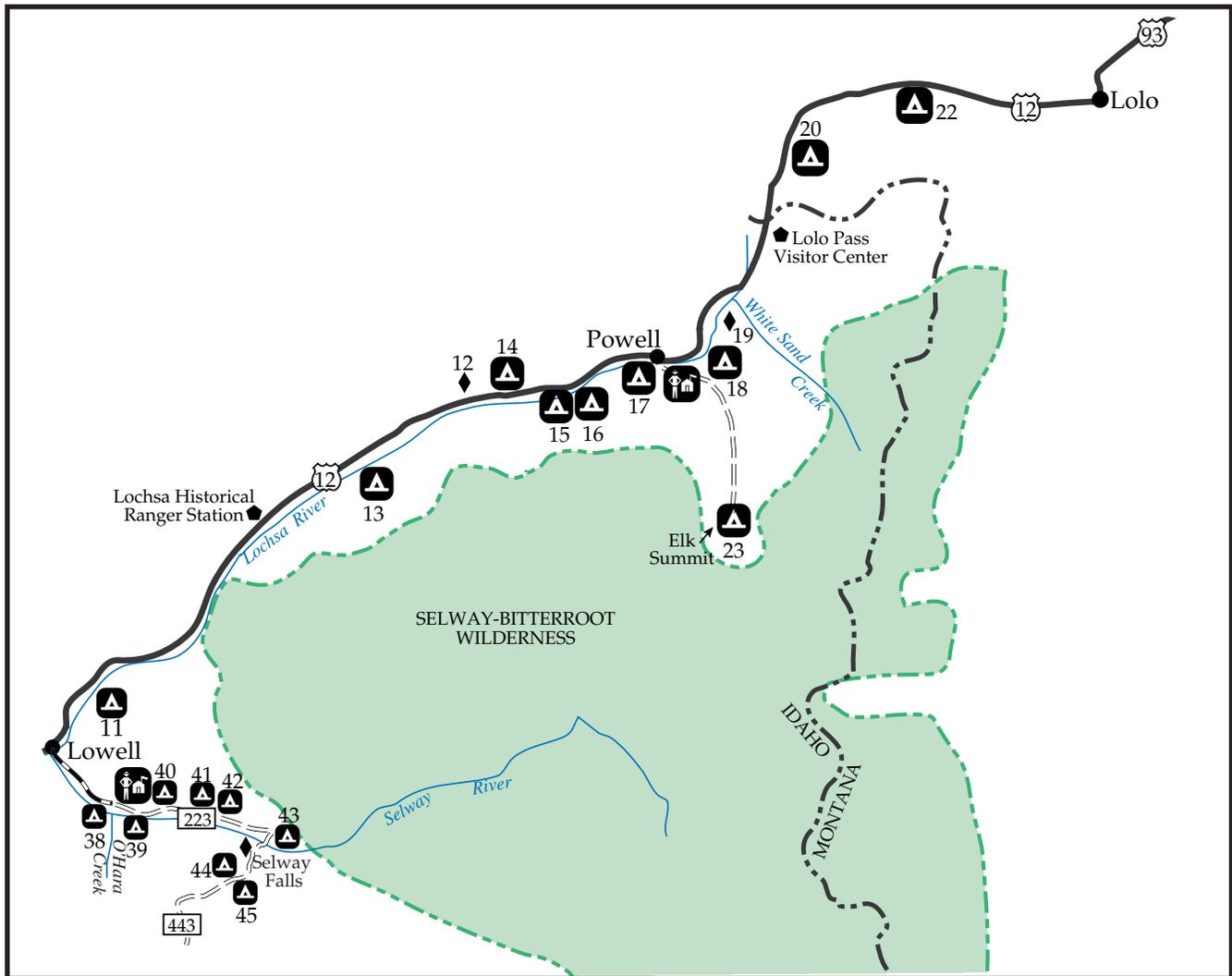
# HIGHWAY 12/SELWAY RIVER CORRIDOR



## SITES ALONG HIGHWAY 12

Map #	Campground or Site #	Owner	# of Units	Picnic	Toilet	Water	RV/Tr	Hookup	Fee	Accessible
1	Hells Gate State Park	State	93	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2	Myrtle Beach	Idaho F&G	16		•		•			
3	Lenore Rest Area	State	0	•	•	•				•
8	Tukaytespe	USFS	0	•	•					•
9	Three Devils Picnic Area	USFS	0	•	•	•				•
10	Wild Goose Campground	USFS	7	•	•	•	•		•	•
11	Apgar Creek Campground	USFS	7	•	•	•	•		•	•
12	Colgate Licks	USFS	0		•					•
13	Wilderness Gateway Campground	USFS	91	•	•	•	•		•	•
14	Jerry Johnson Campground	USFS	21	•	•	•	•		•	•
15	Wendover Campground	USFS	27	•	•	•	•		•	•
16	Whitehouse Campground	USFS	13	•	•	•	•		•	•
17	Powell Campground (23 electric hookup units)	USFS	39	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
18	White Sand Campground	USFS	6	•	•	•	•		•	•
19	DeVoto Grove Picnic Area	USFS	0	•	•					•
20	Lee Creek Campground	USFS	22	•	•	•	•		•	
22	Lewis & Clark Campground	USFS	17	•	•	•	•		•	
23	Elk Summit Campground	USFS	15	•	•		•			•

# SELWAY RIVER / HIGHWAY 12 CORRIDOR



## SITES ALONG THE SELWAY RIVER

Map #	Campground or Site #	Owner	# of Units	Picnic	Toilet	Water	RV/Tr	Holap	Fee	Accessible
38	Johnson Bar Campground	USFS	7	•	•	•	•			•
39	O'Hara Bar Campground	USFS	34	•	•	•	•		•	•
40	Rackliff Campground	USFS	6	•	•				•	
41	Boyd Creek Campground	USFS	5	•	•		•		•	
42	Glover Campground	USFS	7	•	•				•	
43	Race Creek Campground	USFS	3	•	•					•
44	Selway Falls Campground	USFS	7	•	•				•	•
45	Slims Camp	USFS	2	•			•			•

# SELWAY RIVER

## WHAT'S IT LIKE?

The Selway River corridor begins in Lowell where the Selway and Lochsa rivers join. Idaho County Road and Forest Road 223 follows the wild and scenic Selway River through rugged country known for its extraordinary scenery, exceptional water quality and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. A stop at historic Fenn Ranger Station, which is on the National Historic Register, is an easy five-mile drive from Lowell. The east end of the Selway River corridor provides access to three trailheads entering the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

## WHAT'S THE ROAD LIKE?

Forest Road 223, also called the Selway River Road, is paved to O'Hara Creek Bridge. From there, the road narrows and has a gravel or dirt surface. During the summer months especially, the road is heavily traveled. Washboard conditions are often present on gravel or dirt roads in the Selway River corridor.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

A 42-mile sightseeing drive from Lowell to Selway Falls and back offers the traveler an opportunity to appreciate the pristine beauty of the Selway River as well as picturesque Selway Falls. There are several sand bars with undeveloped beaches for picnicking and swimming. For the camper, the Selway corridor offers 13 campgrounds with restrooms. O'Hara and Johnson Bar campgrounds have available drinking water. Potable water for all other campgrounds in the corridor stop at the Fenn Ranger Station. Several campgrounds are located near hiking and horse trails which wind through spectacular backcountry and into the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Backcountry rentals include Lookout Butte Lookout and Meadow Creek Cabin. These are available by reservation only. For the angler, the Selway River is home to trout species including rainbow, cutthroat, bull and eastern brook. Fishing is catch-and-release only above Selway Falls.



*Bald Eagle - Our National Bird.*

However, Fenn Pond, located across from Fenn Ranger Station, has an accessible trail and boardwalk and is stocked with catchable fish.

Whitewater enthusiasts can experience a thrilling 20-mile float from Selway Falls to Lowell during spring runoff May through June. July through August, the water level drops and provides a slower floating opportunity.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

- What are Selway Falls like?

*The falls are most spectacular during the spring melt from April through June.*

- What trails are there to hike or ride?

*There are two National Recreation Trails in the Selway River corridor—the East Boyd-Glover-Roundtop trail, open to motorized vehicles and the Meadow Creek trail, open the first three miles to motorized vehicles.*

- How do I obtain a river reservation permit to raft or kayak the upper Selway?

*A brochure is available (see below) that will tell you how to get a permit from the West Fork Ranger District on the Bitterroot National Forest.*

## BROCHURES?

- ✓ Floating Four Western Rivers (Free)
- ✓ Selway River Corridor (Free)
- ✓ O'Hara Creek (Free)
- ✓ Nez Perce Forest Visitor Map (\$)
- ✓ Recreational Cabin & Lookout Directory (Free)

# HIGHWAY 12 CORRIDOR

## WHAT'S IT LIKE?

The Highway 12 corridor winds along two wild and scenic rivers. Beginning at Kooskia, the highway follows the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River past the small town of Syringa to Lowell, a slightly larger community situated where the Selway and Lochsa Rivers meet. Most of the property along the Middle Fork is privately owned. There is little development along the Lochsa River east of Lowell, and most of the land along the river is national forest. No paved roads leave the river corridor east of Lowell. The highway continues its route alongside the Lochsa River to Powell Ranger Station. A few miles east of the ranger station is Lolo Pass, atop the Bitterroot Divide between Idaho and Montana. Scenery is beautiful through the Highway 12 corridor, ranging from dense forests to shrubfields created by wildfires in the early 1900s. Canyon walls are steep, and rock outcroppings are impressive.

## WHAT'S THE ROAD LIKE?

US Highway 12 is a paved two-lane highway. It is a winding road, with limited opportunities to pass and speed limits 50 miles per hour or less. There are a few turnouts to allow faster traffic to pass. These, too, are limited. Access to the Highway 12 corridor is from Lewiston, Kooskia or Missoula.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

For the traveler passing through, there are a few good spots to stop, stretch, take a walk, picnic and perhaps take in a little history: Lochsa Historical Ranger Station, Colgate Licks Trail, DeVoto Memorial Cedar Grove, Powell Ranger Station and Lolo Pass Visitor Center. There are several other turnouts and whitewater access points, campgrounds and plenty of hiking opportunities, from 1/2-mile hikes to routes requiring several days. Several access routes lead to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, including a few pack bridges for those traveling with stock. It's always possible to view wildlife: deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, bear...and more! Springtime is especially prime viewing time on the open, brushy hillsides. Of course, there's fishing. Regulations published by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game spell out the particulars (the Lochsa

River from Boulder Creek upstream is catch-and-release). For the whitewater thrill-seeker, the Lochsa River and some of its tributaries offer floating and kayaking opportunities generally from April to June. No permit is required. A few guides licensed with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association are ready to help the amateur enjoy the excitement whitewater offers.



Rocky Mountain Elk

## ANY QUESTIONS?

- Where can I get gas, food, lodging?

*Visitor services can be found at the towns of Syringa and Lowell, and at Lochsa Lodge near Powell Ranger Station. There are no services between Lowell and Powell (64 miles).*

- What about stock?

*Special stock-handling facilities are provided at Wilderness Gateway Campground. Tethering stock in other developed campgrounds is not allowed. There are some dispersed camping sites along the river corridor with room enough for stock users.*

## BROCHURES?

- ✓ Lochsa Historical Ranger Station (Free)
- ✓ Welcome to Lolo Pass (Free)
- ✓ Welcome to Elk Summit: Moose Country (Free)
- ✓ Clearwater National Forest Visitor Map (\$)
- ✓ Northwest Byway Cassette Tape (\$7.00 + tax, rental fee)
- ✓ Camping Reservations for Wilderness Gateway Campground (Free)
- ✓ Clearwater Forest Trail Descriptions (Free)