

Additional Boise National Forest Scenic Byways

Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway

Length: 33 miles

Route: The byway travels along the Banks-Lowman road, with access at Banks along Highway 55 or Lowman along Highway 21. Either point of access brings the traveler back to a route leading to Boise. This byway joins the two other scenic byways on the Forest, forming a glorious one-day drive from Boise. It can be accessed either by the Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway on Highway 21 or by the Payette River Scenic Byway on Highway 55.

Description: Herds of elk numbering near 100 are not an unusual sight along this journey, especially in the winter. Mule deer, whitetail deer, wild turkeys, eagles and bears are also common. Some campgrounds along the byway have natural hot springs for weary travelers to enjoy, and for the more active, there are several trails for hiking and biking. This is a two-lane roadway with no passing lanes, but there are several turnouts for scenic viewing. The paved roadway is maintained year around, but often has a snow floor during winter months. Also along this route, the visitor is treated to views of the South Fork of the Payette River where kayakers tackling Class IV conditions can often be spotted.

Landmark to Banner Creek

Length: approximately 75 miles

Route: Forest Road 579 (aka Landmark-Stanley Road) through Bear Valley, ending either at Cape Horn Summit, or go the entire 75 mile trip to Banner Creek on Highway 21.

Description: This narrow two-lane, graded dirt road offers expansive views of Bear Valley and the surrounding forests, access to Deadwood Reservoir as well as opportunities to see spawning wild salmon in mid-to-late summer. A few campgrounds dot the route, and you will pass the Elk Creek Forest Service Fire Station along the way. There are *no services* along this route.

Yellow Pine Loop

Length: 70 miles

Route: From Yellow Pine, take the graveled Forest Road 413 (aka Johnson Creek Road) about 25 miles south to Landmark, then west on the paved Forest Road 579 towards Warm Lake to its junction with Forest Road 474. Go north on the paved narrow one lane South Fork Salmon River Road for about 15 miles until the road hits the Payette National Forest boundary where the same road changes to 674. Continue north to the junction with Forest Road 48 and then head east on a two lane graveled road until you return to Yellow Pine. This loop can also begin at Warm Lake.

Description: This full-day loop joins several picturesque bodies of water into one beautiful journey; the South Fork Salmon River, Johnson Creek, Warm Lake and the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River. In Landmark, sightseers should stop for a bit to visit the renovated historic Landmark Ranger Station. There are minimal services along the route, except in Yellow Pine. Groceries are available in summer at Warm Lake, but no service stations.

Cascade to Warm Lake

Length: 18 miles

Route: Forest Highway 22 (aka Warm Lake Highway), a paved two-lane road.

Description: This short trip offers travelers delightful views of Long Valley and West Mountain and a quick access to Warm Lake. Eagle-eyed visitors might also see a Huckleberry patch or two!