Rental Cabins
Idaho City Ranger District
2010 - 2011

Barber Flat Guard Station

Deer Park Guard Station

Dutch Creek Guard Station
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Forest Service Acronyms

FS = Forest Service
NF = National Forest
RD = Ranger District
RS = Ranger Station
DR = District Ranger
Historic Information:
GRAHAM GUARD STATION

The town of Graham was established in 1886 by its principle promoter and namesake, Matthew Graham. He was an experienced miner who had worked in Atlanta. Graham convinced British investors in London to fund the development of several “mines” in the area. By 1888, a booming community of over 350 people resided in the area, but in late 1889 following unprofitable returns from the mines, the entire operation was disassembled and the land and improvements sold at auction.

In 1912, the Forest Service appropriated two abandoned buildings at Graham for housing, including the old jail. In the 1930s the Civilian Conservation Corps built new structures on the site, including a barn and garage. These have since been removed.

ATLANTA CABIN

The Atlanta Cabin is located about 1/4 mile from the Middle Fork of the Boise River in the historic town of Atlanta, Idaho, and approximately 61.5 road miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. Atlanta has several historic buildings to visit. The Middle Fork River provides excellent trout fishing in the summer. Also, there is a hot springs about one mile from the cabin.

This cabin will accommodate up to four people and is equipped with a modern plumbing system and electricity. The kitchen has a sink with hot water, and a propane stove and refrigerator. The indoor bathroom includes a flushing toilet, a sink, and shower. There is a bunk bed, a fold-out bed inside the couch, and one single bed. Please bring your own bedding. When needed the cabin can be heated with propane wall heaters or a small wood burning stove.

From Idaho City, Idaho, take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road #384. Turn right and stay on Road #384 for 13.5 miles to the North Fork Boise River Road #327. Turn left and stay on Road #327 for 13 miles to Middle Fork Boise River Road #268. Turn left on Road #268 and drive approximately 17 miles upriver to Atlanta.

When entering Atlanta, take the first left onto Road #205 and drive 1/4 mile to the Atlanta Rental Cabin within the historic Ranger Station compound, it is the first cabin on the left and signed as the “Rental Cabin”.

Original Graham GS, built with lumber from town site saloon.

Graham Jail in 1936.
**ATLANTA CABIN**

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NOTE: For safety reasons, the wood stove cannot currently be used.

The roads are generally in good condition, with some rough washboard areas. They can be traveled, weather permitting, by two wheel passenger cars or trucks.

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Due to high-elevation snow, vehicle access to the Graham Guard Station is generally limited from mid-July to early October. The road is extremely rocky and rutted and has very steep sections; you will also have to ford the river. Only high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended.

Plan a minimum of three hours for the trip from Idaho City to the cabin. You can also fly into the Graham area. An airstrip is located directly across from the cabin and is generally free of snow from late May until early October. Remember, however, to use only appropriate landing precautions for this backcountry airstrip.

Livestock is permitted at the Graham Guard Station. Due to the rough road conditions, we do not recommend pulling a horse trailer beyond the Silver Creek Summit. (You can either ride horses the last ten miles of Road #312 or ride the six-mile Horse Heaven Trail from Road #327 (just beyond Deer Park.)

This cabin is also an ideal getaway for the ATV or 4-wheel drive enthusiast, for whom getting there is half the fun.

If you choose to visit the Graham Guard Station, ensure you are adequately prepared and experienced for the extreme back country conditions you may encounter.

Before your trip, contact the Idaho City Ranger District office so Forest Service personnel will be aware of your plans and be available to assist in any emergency.
Graham Guard Station is about as far away from it all as you can get by road. Several trails are located within two miles of the cabin and offer superb horse riding opportunities. The trails are in varying stages of maintenance, but tend to be in good condition for at least two miles. Fishing is good in the North Fork Boise River and Johnson Creek.

Graham Cabin is a two-room cabin with no indoor bathroom facilities or electricity. The outhouse sits behind the cabin. There are two sets of bunk beds and a table in the front room, and a bunk bed and table in the kitchen. The kitchen also has a wood stove for cooking and heating, and a sink with running, but non-potable water. Because of the limited access and the possibility of an early freeze, non-potable water is available only from July 15 to September 1. Bring your own drinking water or a good water filter. The provisions in the cabin are for emergency situations; do not use them unless absolutely necessary.

Graham Guard Station is located on the North Fork of the Boise River, adjacent to the Sawtooth Wilderness, about 53 miles northeast of Idaho City, Idaho. From Idaho City, take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road #384. Turn left and stay on Road #384 for four miles to Pikes Fork Road #312. Turn right and stay on Road #312 for 26 miles. There are only two major road intersections on Road #312; keep bearing right and follow the directional signs.

President Theodore Roosevelt created the Sawtooth Forest Reserve in 1905, the same year Congress established the U.S. Forest Service. In 1908, Roosevelt partitioned the reserve into smaller, more manageable national forests. The Boise National Forest was established from the west half of the reserve.

Emil Grandjean was the first supervisor of the reserve and later, the Boise National Forest. William McCoy, a miner, was the first ranger appointed to the Atlanta Ranger District. In 1908, Charles Gray replaced McCoy as the district ranger. Gray was in charge of the Boise NF’s work on the Middle Fork Boise River Road. The agency contributed $4,000 to help complete the road to Atlanta. Gray was Atlanta’s ranger until 1917.

In 1909, the General Land Office approved the withdrawal of land on Montezuma Creek for the development of Montezuma Ranger Station. In 1926, the FS changed the compound’s name to Atlanta Ranger Station. Gray and the other rangers who followed spent most of their time administering grazing and mining permits, and local timber sales to the mines. Trail construction and fire patrol were also important duties.

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps rebuilt most of the Forest Service administrative sites on the Boise NF, including Atlanta RS. The CCC was a New Deal program established to help combat the Great Depression. Contrary to popular belief, Idaho suffered more than most western states during this time. In the CCCs nine-year existence, Idaho had more CCC camps than any other state in California. That camps housed young men that worked for $30 a month, $25 of which was sent home to their families. Today, you can experience their important legacy to the national forest in one of the numerous rental cabins on the Idaho City Ranger District.

The Middle Fork Boise River “Road” in 1907.
The North Fork of the Boise River flows behind the Barber Flat Creek Cabin, providing visitors with many swimming and fishing holes a short distance from the Flat.

The Hungarian/Sunset Trail is located about 200 yards across the road north of the cabin. The Beaver Creek/Grand Mountain Trail is across the river or one mile down the road at the trailhead.

The Short Creek Trail is at the confluence of Rabbit Creek and the North Fork Boise River; you can see osprey nests along this trail. The Barber Flat site also has osprey nests and provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

The Barber Flat Cabin has plumbing, but no electricity. The kitchen is equipped with a propane stove and refrigerator, (table and chairs ) and a sink with hot water. The bathroom has a sink, bathtub, and flush toilet. There is one bunk bed in the bedroom and two bunk beds in the living room (six single beds total). Please bring your own bedding. A wood stove is provided for heating and firewood may be gathered in the surrounding forest. A campfire ring is located outside the cabin.

In 1930, the need for an administrative site between Atlanta and Troutdale Guard Station (at the confluence of the North Fork Boise and Middle Fork Boise Rivers) led the Forest Service to establish Dutch Creek Guard Station. The site was on what was once Frank W. Miller’s placer mine. The structures on the south side of the road date to the 1930s. The buildings on the north side of the road date to the 1960s when Dutch Creek was enlarged as a work station.
DUTCH CREEK GUARD STATION

Daily Rate: $45
Open May to September

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All Terrain Vehicle
Beds & Foam Pads
Biking
Bird Watching
Broom & Dust Pan
Cabin Rental
Dishes & Tableware
Drinking Water
Firewood
Fishing
Hunting
Mattress
Mountain Biking
Parking
Photography
Pots & Pans
Restroom
Stove
Stream
Wildlife Viewing
Wood Stove

Turn left and stay on Road #327 for 13 miles to Middle Fork Boise River Road #268. Turn right onto Road #268 and drive one mile to Dutch Creek, the cabins are on the left.

Road #268 is generally in good, yet somewhat rough, condition. It can be traveled in good weather by two-wheel passenger cars or trucks.

An alternative route to Dutch Creek Guard Station is to drive up the Middle Fork Boise River Road #268 from High Bridge on Highway 21 for 52 miles. This road is usually best in spring/early summer, after which road conditions get dusty and rough during the summer.

BARBER FLAT CREEK CABIN

Daily Rate: $40
Open May to September

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All Terrain Vehicle
Beds & Foam Pads
Biking
Bird Watching
Broom & Dust Pan
Cabin Rental
Dishes & Tableware
Drinking Water
Firewood
Fishing
Hiking
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Mountain Biking
Parking
Photography
Pots & Pans
Restroom
Stove
Stream
Wood Stove
Wildlife Viewing

The cabin is along the North Fork of the Boise River, approximately 24.5 miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. From Idaho City, take Highway 21 for 2.5 miles to Granite Creek Road #327 to Barber Flat Cabin. These roads are graded, but may be in somewhat rough condition. They can be traveled in good weather with two-wheel drive passenger cars or trucks.

Please drive carefully as this road is heavily traveled.
In 1902, a new industry appeared on southern Idaho’s horizon. The Barber Lumber Company, a Wisconsin operation, and the Payette Lumber & Manufacturing Company, chartered in Minnesota, entered the Boise and Payette River drainages. The companies organized independently of one another, but both had strong ties to Frederick Weyerhaeuser’s logging empire on the Chippewa River in Wisconsin. Commercial export logging was unknown in southern Idaho prior to Barber Lumber Company’s arrival. What mills existed served the needs of the mining industry and local communities. In 1913, Barber Lumber merged with Payette Lumber & Manufacturing to form the Boise-Payette Lumber Company.

In 1906, the Sawtooth Reserve offered the first timber sale on the North Fork Boise River in the vicinity of Barber Flat. Connors & Wright purchased 22 million board feet and subcontracted with Barber Lumber Company to complete the sale. Barber Lumber set up field headquarters on Barber Flat. Company officials hoped to run logs down Crooked River and the North Fork Boise River to its mill in Boise. The idea was abandoned after the logs “broomed” on the way down, ruining their value as lumber.

To help administer the sale and other uses in the area such as grazing, the Forest Service established the North Fork Administrative Site about one-half mile north of the present guard station. In 1923, the site was moved to Barber Flat as a more suitable location. There, an old cabin dating to Barber Lumber Company’s use of the area was converted for use as a guard station. In 1927, Ranger Leo Fest built a new cabin.

In 1935, the Civilian Conservation Corps replaced that structure with the current cabin and outbuildings. Today, the site appears much as it did in the 1930s.

The Dutch Creek Guard Station is broken up into two separate cabins, the main cabin and the office cabin. Neither cabin has running water or electricity. There is a propane heater and a wood stove in the main cabin; but no heat source in the smaller cabin. Please come properly prepared for cold weather conditions in the winter. The outhouse is located near the cabins.

Both the main cabin and the smaller cabin accommodate only four people each. Each cabin has one bunk bed and one futon. A campfire ring is located outside the cabin. You can gather firewood from the area.

At this site, the Middle Fork of the Boise River is literally in your backyard. The River provides great fishing opportunities. For hiking, Trail #047 takes you to the scenic Hot Creek and Lake areas. An added bonus is a hot springs located on the Middle Fork Boise River off Road #268 about three miles west of the Dutch Creek Guard Station site.

This cabin is approximately 46 miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. From Idaho City take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road #384. Turn right and stay on Road #384 for 13.5 miles to North Fork Boise River Road #327.
Rates, Dates, Services & Amenities:
DUTCH CREEK CABIN

Daily Rate: $40
Open May to September

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Drinking Water
Firewood
Fishing
Flush Toilet
Hiking
Hunting
Mattress
Mountain Biking
Parking
Photography
Pots & Pans
Restroom
Sheltered Dining Area
Showers
Stove
Stream
Table & Chairs
Wildlife Viewing

An alternative drive to Dutch Creek Cabin is to drive up Middle Fork Boise River Road #268 at High Bridge on Highway 21 and follow this road for 52 miles to the cabin. This road is usually best in spring/early summer, after which road conditions get dusty and rough.

An added bonus is a hot springs located on the Middle Fork Boise River off Road #268 about three miles west of the cabin.

BEAVER CREEK CABIN

Good fishing is found in the Crooked River as well as in the beaver ponds located out the front door of the Beaver Creek Cabin. The mile-long Beaver Creek Trail leads you directly to the Crooked River where there are several small swimming holes.

The Beaver Creek Cabin has no electricity. A shower and flush toilet are available in the cabin only in the summer. Since the pipes could burst from cold winter temperatures, running water is available only from May 20 to October 1.

The kitchen is equipped with a table, chairs, and a sink. Firewood and kitchen items, such as pots, pans, and utensils, are provided in the winter. There is a double bed in one bedroom, a bunk bed in a second bedroom, and a futon in the living room. Please bring your own bedding. Propane canisters are not provided for lanterns, either winter or summer. A wood stove is available for heat and firewood can be gathered from the surrounding area.
Rates, Dates, Services & Amenities:
BEAVER CREEK CABIN

Daily Rate: $45
Open Year Round

Accessible Hiking Trails
All Terrain Vehicle
Beds & Foam Pads
Biking
Bird Watching
Broom & Dust Pan
Cabin Rental
Cross-Country Skiing
Dishes & Tableware
Drinking Water
Firewood
Fireplace
Fishing
Flush Toilet
Hiking
Hunting
Mattress
Mountain Biking
Parking
Photography
Pots & Pans
Restroom
Sheltered Dining Area
Shower
Snowshoeing
Stove
Table & Chairs
Wildlife Viewing

Sunmer Access: The cabin is located a 1/2 mile off State Highway 21 and 20 miles northeast of Idaho City, Idaho. During the summer, turn right on Forest Road #362 and drive directly to the cabin.

Winter Access: During the winter months, miles of cross-country ski trails are accessible to and from Beaver Creek Cabin; you may obtain maps of these trails at the Idaho City District Office.

DUTCH CREEK CABIN

At Dutch Creek Cabin, the Middle Fork of the Boise River is literally in your back yard. The River offers visitors excellent fishing opportunities. For hiking, Trail #047 takes you to the scenic Hot Creek and Lake areas.

This cabin is small and will accommodate only four people. It is equipped with plumbing, but no electricity and is heated with propane. The kitchen has a sink with hot water and a propane stove and refrigerator. The indoor bathroom includes a flush toilet, sink, and shower. There is a double bed and one set of bunk beds. A campfire ring is located outside the cabin. You can gather firewood from around the site.

This cabin is approximately 46 miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. From Idaho City take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road #384. Turn right and stay on Road #384 for 13.5 miles to North Fork Boise River Road #327. Turn left and stay on Road #327 for 13 miles to Middle Fork Boise River Road #268. Turn right on Road #268 and drive one mile to Dutch Creek; it is the single cabin on the left. Road #268 is generally in good, but is in somewhat rough, condition. It can be traveled in good weather by two-wheel passenger cars or trucks.
Deer Park Ranger Guard Station was established in 1913. Ranger Elmer Ross built a cabin in 1917. He was responsible for so many of the early Forest Service facilities on the Boise NF, including those at Beaver Creek Work Station. Three years later, it was described as a “a well-constructed, one-room cabin with dirt floor and shake roof” that cost $250 to build. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps replaced the cabin with new buildings.

In 1908, the Forest Service established Hurdy Flat Ranger Station in the vicinity of Edna Creek Campground. In 1912, that site was abandoned in favor of the present location of Beaver Creek Work Station. The new site was known as the Beaverlaw Administrative site until the 1920s.

In 1927 a log cabin replaced the earlier board-and-batten structure. Then, in the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built several new buildings using standards plan architecture of that era.
The North Fork Boise River Trail starts right behind Deer Park Cabin and leads you upstream. About a mile upriver, the trail passes through some of the roughest, most scenic canyon walls in Idaho. The trail then dips down to the River’s edge past a rock bluff. About July 1, after the heavy spring runoff, the North Fork Boise River provides great fishing to anyone willing to venture there.

Deer Park Cabin does not have indoor plumbing or electricity. The kitchen has a propane stove and refrigerator, a dry sink (remember no indoor water), and a table and chairs. The outhouse is located near the cabin and a water pump (with potable water) is in a building to the right of the cabin. A futon and two sets of bunk beds are in the living room. A wood stove is provided for heating and firewood can be gathered from the surrounding area. An established campfire ring is located in the parking area out front of the cabin.

The cabin is located about 37 miles Northeast of Idaho City, Idaho. From Idaho City, take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road #384. Turn right and stay on Road #384 for 13.5 miles to North Fork Boise River Road #327. Turn left on Road #327 and drive upstream for five miles to Hunter Creek Road #348. Go straight on Road #348 for one mile where you will see a meadow in front and a lower standard road veering off to the right. About 300 yards on this road is Deer Park Cabin. The unpaved roads are graded and are generally in good, yet rough, condition. They can be traveled in good weather by two-wheel drive passenger cars or trucks.

Rates, Dates, Services & Amenities:

**DEER PARK CABIN**

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This cabin will accommodate only six people. No groups larger than six people are allowed at the cabin or within the cabin yard area. No tents, motor homes or trailers are allowed at this site.