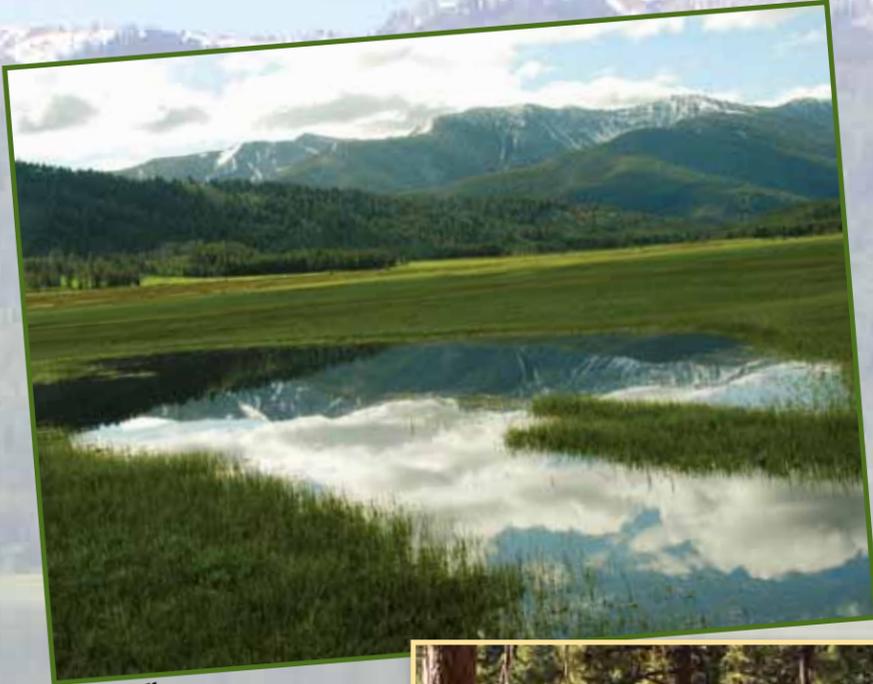


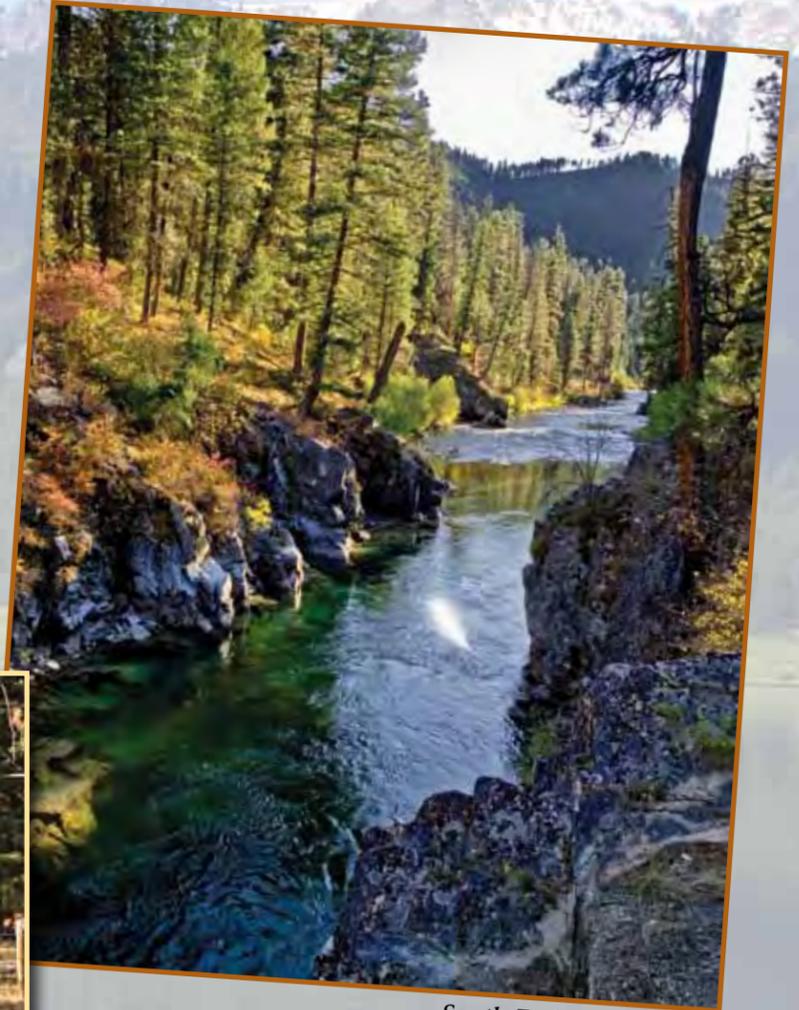
Boise National Forest VISITOR GUIDE



Backyard Mountain Escapes



Bear Valley



South Fork Payette River



Warm Springs Cabin Rental

The Boise National Forest is a land of steep mountains, fast rivers, and dense forests, making it a recreation destination any season of the year.

From biking and hiking through lush green mountains and rolling arid landscapes, to skiing and snowboarding, the Boise National Forest is the recreational backyard for Idaho's capital city of Boise and surrounding communities of Cascade, Idaho City, Emmett, Lowman, and Mountain Home.

Fast Forest Facts

Acres: 2.6 million

Elevations: 2,600' to 9,800'

Major Rivers: Boise and Payette Rivers; South and Middle Fork drainages of the Salmon River

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This year-round escape from the city is a haven for residents and visitors seeking water-based activities, hunting, scenic driving, and motorized and non-motorized trail opportunities.

Come see for yourself!

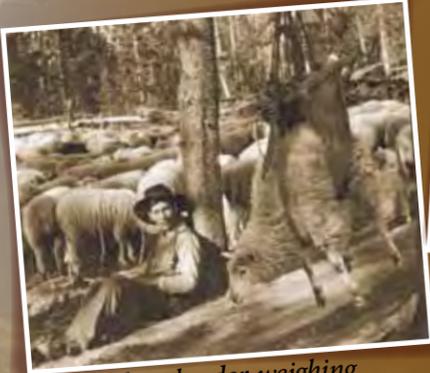


This Visitor Guide will help you make the most of your Boise National Forest experience. You may also visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/boise.

Get to Know Us

History

Miners, ranchers, settlers, and loggers—these are just some of the colorful characters who bring the past alive on the Boise National Forest. Today, there are a multitude of reminders of this heritage: historic mining camps, homesteads, wagon roads, log railroads, lookouts, and more.



Basque sheepherder weighing lambs in Deadwood Basin, 1913



Horse logging near Cascade, 1930



Takuarikas, a Shoshone Indian who lived with her family in central Idaho

Native Americans were the first inhabitants of Idaho. Archaeological evidence documents the presence of Indian peoples as early as 12,000 years ago. Today, members of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and Nez Perce Tribe continue to practice their cultural traditions on the Boise National Forest.

Shortly after Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery explored Idaho, British and American fur trappers moved into the area. In 1818, a party of Hudson's Bay Company trappers named the Payette River in honor of their comrade Francois Payette.



Chinese miner at Rocky Bar, circa 1890

In 1862, gold was discovered in Boise Basin. Thousands of miners converged on the area where they built towns like Idaho City, Centerville, Placerville, and Pioneerville. Two years later, Atlanta and Rocky Bar were established when gold was discovered on Boise River tributaries. Like other mining camps in the west,

Idaho's camps were remarkable for their cultural and ethnic diversity. Chinese immigrants alone comprised 30% of Idaho's population by 1870.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt established the Boise National Forest to protect timber and watershed resources in southwestern Idaho. The Forest Service added ranger stations, lookouts, campgrounds, and roads to the landscape.



Lowman Ranger Station, circa 1910

Special Places

Payette River System

Known for kayaking and rafting, the Payette River is about one hour north of Boise. It includes the South Fork and Main Payette River—rapids range from Class 1 to Class 4. (If desired, rafting outfitters are available to help guide your adventure.) With sandy beaches and boat launch sites such as Banks Beach, Beehive Bend, and Confluence, one can find easy access along the cool river on a hot summer day.

Nominal fees for parking and boat launching are returned to the site in the form of improvements such as boat launch facilities, restrooms, paved parking, and recreation infrastructure.



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Shafer Butte

Want a quick trip to the mountains? Take the forest highway from Boise towards Bogus Basin Ski Resort, and within 16 miles you'll transition from a hot, dry, desert environment to a cool, forested landscape. In the winter, downhill and cross-country ski facilities are available. In the spring, summer, and fall numerous hiking trails—such as the Shafer Butte Trail, portions of the Ridge-to-Rivers Trail system, and even a newly created mountain bike trail system—await your exploration.



Western tanager and arnica



High Elevation Meadows

Nothing is more delightful to experience than a lush flower-filled meadow deep within the forest. About a day's drive from Boise, Bear Valley is the perfect spot! Enjoy a leisurely day watching birds, discovering wildflowers, or even canoeing on Elk Creek which winds through the meadow. Other attractive meadow areas include Stolle Meadows near Cascade, and High Valley north of Emmett.

The vast resources of the Boise National Forest belong to all Americans. These resources must rely on the stewardship of all of us if they are to be sustained for future generations.

Scenic Byways

Forest Lookouts

On top of the world! Come visit some of the Boise National Forest's fire lookouts and get a spectacular 360-degree view from a remote mountaintop. The lookouts are usually accessible from July through September. Lookout personnel are available from approximately 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but may be busy with a fire during the day. Please realize they need to continually scan the horizon for smoke so have limited time to talk. Lookouts include:



Silver Creek

- ♣ *Deadwood - available for overnight rental*
- ♣ *Silver Creek - amazing vistas into vast roadless country*
- ♣ *Whitehawk - beautiful overlook of Bear Valley Meadows*
- ♣ *Trinity - a steep hike, but the view is worth it*



Trinity Mountain Recreation Area

The highest drivable point in Idaho is located in the "Trinities," a beautiful

high elevation area on the Mountain Home Ranger District (*4-wheel drive recommended*). At the end of the drive, you can make a short but steep hike to the Trinity Mountain Lookout at 9,700 feet. Numerous lakes dot the area (some with campgrounds) and rustic cabins are perfect settings for a mid-summer visit. Summer comes late here and the slow snow melt often means the area is not accessible until early July. Wildflowers abound shortly thereafter, so bring your camera!

Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness

The Boise National Forest serves as a jumping off spot into the Wilderness from various trailheads. A dirt road winds to the famous Dagger Falls boat launching site for entry into the Middle Fork Salmon River deep inside the Wilderness. East of Cascade, more trailheads are positioned to lead hikers into both the Wilderness and Middle Fork Salmon River.



Wilderness packstock trip
(Cavan Fitzsimmons)

Payette River National Scenic Byway

Length: 80 mi./128 km.
Time to Allow: 2 hours

This riverside drive takes you along the wet and wild Payette River, passing through Smiths Ferry and Cascade before reaching the popular resort town of McCall and the shimmering Payette Lake. You might want to combine your drive with a heart-pounding whitewater ride on the river!



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Numerous pull-offs along Highway 55 invite you to soak in the sounds of the rushing water. In the calmer sections, you can find a sandy beach for a picnic.

Wildlife Canyon State Scenic Byway

Length: 35 mi./56 km.
Time to Allow: 1 hour

This byway (located on the Banks-to-Lowman Road in the South Fork Payette River Canyon north of Boise) is an especially good drive for viewing deer and elk in the

winter. Rafting and fishing access are just two of the other highlights of this drive.

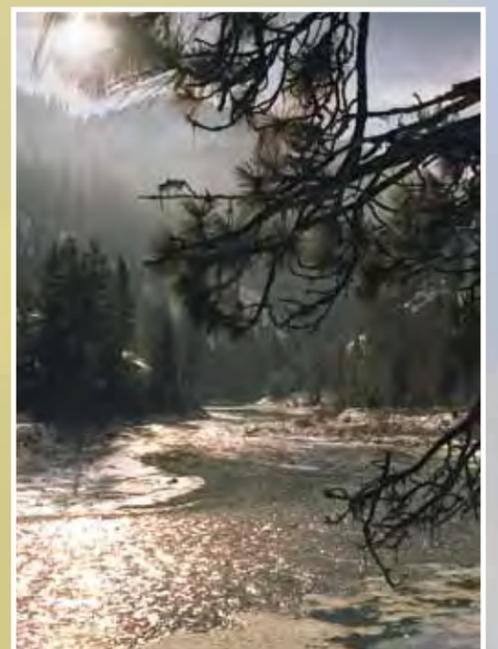


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Ponderosa Pine State Scenic Byway

Length: 130 mi./208 km.
Time to Allow: 2-3 hours

The Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway (along Highway 21 from Boise to Lowman and beyond) has a variety of river scenery through forested landscapes. Fall and spring are awash in color here. This is a journey through the heart of the Stanley Basin, winding down along the South Fork of the Payette River, through Lowman, past Idaho City—a mining town which was once Idaho's largest city—and on to Boise, Idaho's capital.



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Activities



Trails

In addition to the trails shown below, you might also want to try the North Fork Boise River Trail, or Peace Creek Trail which enters one of the largest roadless areas in the forest. Or, try the trails in the Trinity Mountain area—filled with wildflowers in the early summer. For trails close to Boise, check out the Ridge-to-Rivers multiple-use trail system at www.cityofboise.org/RidgeToRivers. There are also a variety of other motorized and non-motorized trails on the national forest.

Name	Miles (one-way)	Trailhead Location	Highlights
Sagehen Reservoir Trail	4.3	Travel north from Ola 10 miles on Road 618. Turn right at the junction of Road 626. Go east for 6 miles; turn left at the junction of Road 614. Go 1.2 miles to the dam and the trailhead.	This trail circles the scenic Sagehen Reservoir and there are several spots where the creek is nearby, making for enjoyable rest spots. The trail travels through forested areas, meadows, and a high alpine lake environment. There are fishing and picnicking opportunities, and campgrounds are nearby. <i>Open to non-motorized travel only.</i>
Station Creek Trail	2.1	Go east from Garden Valley about 2 miles on the Banks-Lowman Highway. The trailhead is across from the Garden Valley Ranger Station parking lot.	This trail is only a few minutes off of the Banks-Lowman Highway and offers outstanding views of the South Fork Payette River. Deer and elk are often spotted on their winter range in early spring. <i>Open to non-motorized travel only.</i>
Blue Lake Trail	1.36	From Cascade, take Cabarton Road to Road 446 (Snowbank Mt. Road, open June 1 to Nov. 15). Travel up the gravel road 7 miles to the trailhead.	This short but steep trail to Blue Lake offers panoramic views of Long Valley and Lake Cascade. The cirque basin shows off wildflowers, and there is great fishing at the lake. <i>Open to non-motorized travel only.</i>
Caton Lake Trail and Rainbow Lake Trail	6.9 (Caton) 1 (Rainbow)	Take the Warm Lake Highway from Cascade about 33 miles. Turn left on Road 413 toward Yellow Pine, and follow this road for about 9 miles. Turn left on Ditch Creek Road 410. Take Ditch Creek Road for 8 miles; the trailhead is at the end of the road.	This trail accesses two lakes—both are great for fishing and wildlife viewing. For a shorter option take the Rainbow Lake Trail 1 mile from the trailhead. Both trails are also great for mountain biking and horseback riding. <i>Open to non-motorized travel only.</i>
Jenny Lake Trail	4.5	From Idaho City, take Highway 21 for 18 miles to Crooked River-Little Owl Road 384. Follow 384 for 6 miles to Road 348. Continue on 348 and turn left on Road 372. Go 200 yards to the trailhead.	Jenny Lake is a lovely cirque basin lake and home to some wily trout. The first 3 miles of the trail pass through Douglas-fir stands before giving way to lodgepole pine and subalpine fir in the upper elevations. This is an easy-to-moderate trail and suitable for mountain bikes. <i>Open to non-motorized travel only.</i>
Warm Springs Trail	14 or 30	The southern trailhead is located on Road 025RC about two miles off Highway 21 near Bonneville Campground. The northern trailhead is within the Bull Trout Recreation Area near the campground.	A multi-use single track for intermediate to advanced mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and motorcyclists, this trail provides spectacular views of Warm Springs Creek and canyon. You can make a 30-mile loop using the Link and Kirkham Ridge trails as connectors.
Hoodoo Trail	5.2	From Idaho City, take Highway 21 north for 2 miles. Turn east on Road 327 and travel to the Granite Creek parking area.	This is a motorcycle trail suitable for beginners. For more adventurous riders, the Hoodoo Trail accesses over 100 miles of motorized trails in the Rabbit Creek Trail System.

Fishing

If you are itching to try that fishing rod and new lure, be sure to get a state fishing license and talk to the locals about the best tackle for your preferred waters. The numerous high mountain lakes are often loaded with brook or cutthroat trout that may be attracted by a flashing bladed lure. Boaters can enjoy Deadwood, Warm Lake, Arrowrock Reservoir, and Anderson Ranch (good for kokanee). Bank anglers can visit the South Fork Salmon River for a limited salmon season.

Restrictions apply to bull trout—they are a threatened fish and must be released immediately.

Hunting

Both big game and bird hunting are popular on the Boise National Forest. Lengthy seasons with a variety of species result in hunting opportunities from late summer through early winter.



For more fishing & hunting information

Visit the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at:
www.fishandgame.idaho.gov



Bull trout (Marta DiBiaggi)



Male bull trout

West slope cutthroat trout

Fish art © Joe Tomerilli

Motorized Recreation

Commonly sought but rarely found is a dedicated trail system for 2- and 4-wheeled motorized recreation. The Danskin Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Trail System—about an hour from Boise—is just such a place. With 60,000 acres and more than 150 miles of motorcycle and ATV trails in a mountainous, high desert setting, there are trails for all skill levels. It is generally open from April through November.

There are over 1,200 miles of other open trails within the national forest that you can find using a free *Motor Vehicle Use Map* (required for motorized users).



WATCH OUT!

When traveling on National Forest System roads, you may encounter other drivers of all ages with varying experience levels and types of motorized vehicles. **Please take extra care!**

Water Fun

Seeking a favorite swimming, boating or fishing spot? With 9,600 miles of rivers and streams, and 15,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs, there is ample opportunity for either drive-up or hike-in experiences. Deadwood Reservoir, Anderson Ranch Reservoir, and Warm Lake are popular sites for motorized boating. Sagehen Reservoir is a popular non-motorized site. The three forks of the Boise River provide many types of water fun, as do the forks of the Payette River. Beginner to expert rafting and kayaking sites abound on all the rivers and guided trips are available on the Payette River. Sandy beaches are ready for you to explore and fishing opportunities abound. Elsewhere, small glacier-carved lakes dot the forest, ready for a discovery.



Outfitters and Guides

If you have limited experience or equipment, hiring an outfitter may be the best approach to help you with your outdoor adventure. Be sure that your outfitter has a permit to operate on the national forest by contacting the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association at (208) 342-1438 or www.ioga.org.

Nordic & Backcountry Skiing

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation supports several nordic trails an hour from Boise near Idaho City, known as the *Idaho Park 'N Ski Areas*. Some are relatively challenging and require advanced skiing skills, while other areas are suitable for intermediate to expert skiers. Snowshoers are also welcome. Trails include Whoop Um Up, Gold Fork and Banner Ridge. A Park 'N Ski pass is required to park at the plowed trailhead. Five Mongolian-style yurts can be rented for overnight camping (visit www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov). There are also Forest Service cabins available (visit www.recreation.gov).



Rocky Ridge yurt

Snowmobiling

Popular snowmobiling areas on the Boise National Forest include trails near Pine, Lowman, Idaho City, Smiths Ferry, and Cascade. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), along with local county services, groom many miles of trails.

- 60 miles from Boise on Highway 55, trails leave from Smiths Ferry. There are also trails in the Cascade area, 18 miles further north.
- The Wellington Snow Park near Smiths Ferry offers miles of groomed trails to Sagehen Reservoir and the forest backcountry.
- The Anderson Creek parking area on the west side of Cascade Reservoir is a popular starting point to the West Mountain area and a warming hut near Four Corners.
- On the south end of the forest there are more than 380 miles of groomed trails near the Anderson Ranch Reservoir. A quaint warming hut is nestled in the Trinity Mountains area.

For more information, visit the Cascade Chamber (www.cascadechamber.com), any Forest District Office, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, or www.sledtherockies.com.

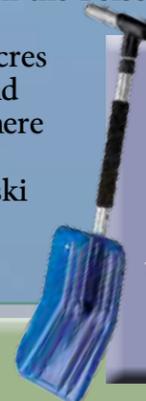


Alpine Skiing

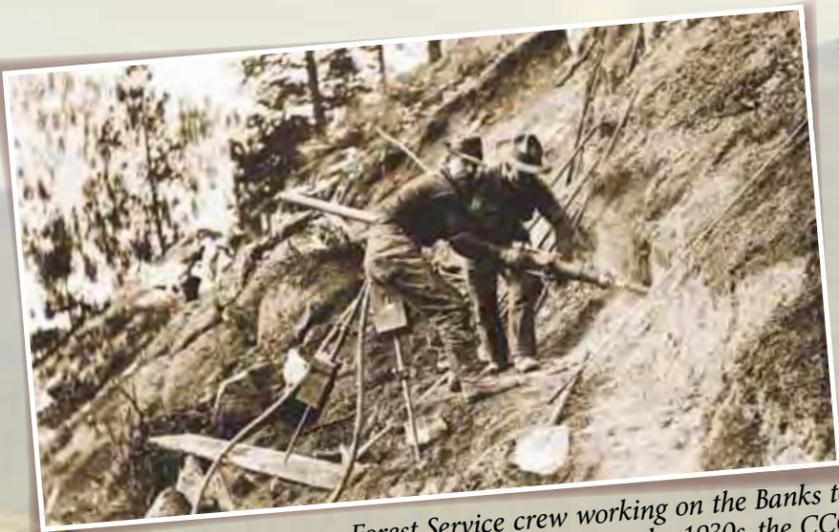
Just 16 miles north of Boise, the Bogus Basin Ski Area operates under permit from the Boise National Forest. There are 7 lifts, 45 groomed runs, and 2,000 acres of night skiing and snowboarding. There are also miles of groomed nordic ski trails at the ski area.

Check the Snow Before You Go

The Payette Avalanche Center provides avalanche advisories and mountain weather information for the Payette and portions of the Boise National Forests. Visit them at www.payetteavalanche.org/



Boise National Forest



Forest Service crew working on the Banks to Lowman Highway in 1913. In the 1930s, the CCC "modernized" the road; it was paved in 1989.



Northern blazing star



Bull Trout Lake, circa 1920

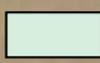
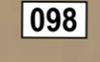
Before venturing on to the Boise National Forest, please pick up a **Forest Visitor Map** to help with your planned activities.

For motorized travel:

Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are free at all Forest Service offices, and may be downloaded from www.fs.usda.gov/boise.

For hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding:

Topographic maps are recommended. Visit the US Geological Survey for online purchases: www.usgs.com/

	Forest Supervisor's Office		Boise National Forest
	District Ranger Office		Wilderness Areas
	Campground		Roads
	Picnic Area		Scenic Byway
	Boat Ramp		Interstate Highway
	Launch Area		U.S. Highway
	Ski Area		State Highway
	Rental Cabin		National Forest System Road

Scale: 0 3 6 9 12 15 Miles

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Preserving our Heritage

The Boise National Forest is working to preserve the rich cultural legacy of this part of Idaho. *Help us to protect this legacy— explore and enjoy, but please leave these irreplaceable artifacts for future generations.*

Landmark Ranger Station is undergoing extensive restoration for public use and enjoyment, with the support of the Idaho Heritage Trust and National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Deadwood and Scott Mountain Lookouts are receiving preservation and maintenance care after 80 years of service.



Through a partnership with the Idaho City Historical Foundation, the Boise National Forest is restoring the 1865 Pon Yam House to its original character as a Chinese merchant's shop.



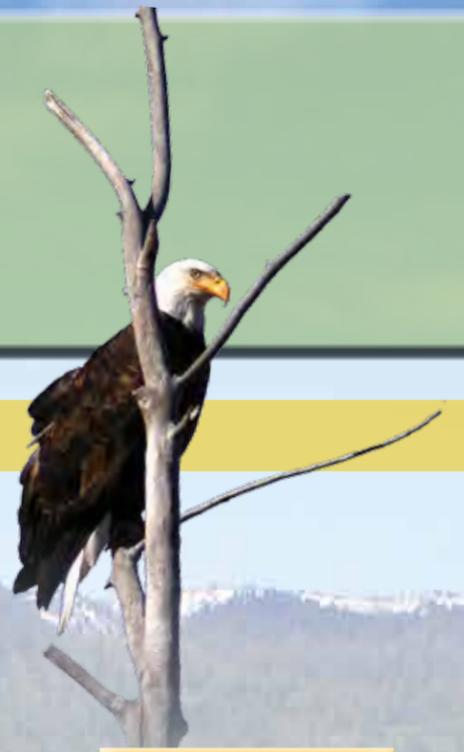
Extensive restoration work was completed at Warm Springs Guard Station in 2010. It was originally built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a Great Depression era program aimed at putting the country's young men back to work.



Map not for navigation. Some roads are seasonally closed—check with local Forest Service offices before your travel.

Fireweed

Campgrounds



Name	# of Units (single/double)	Season	Amenities	Reservable
Amanita	10	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Garbage Collection] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	Yes
Antelope	20	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Garbage Collection] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	Yes
Antelope Annex	8	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Bad Bear	5	June-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail]	No
Badger Creek	2/2	April-Oct.	[Restroom] [Fishing] [River]	No
Bald Mountain	4	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Horse Trail]	No
Barney's	8	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Fishing] [Hiking Trail]	Yes
Bear Valley	10	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Big Eddy	4	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Big Roaring River Lake	11/1	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Fishing]	No
Big Trinity Lake	17	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Black Rock	11	June-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Boiling Springs	9	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Bonneville	22/1	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Buck Mountain	4	June-Oct.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Bull Trout Lake	38	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [Horse Trail]	Yes
Canyon	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Cartwright Ridge	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Castle Creek	2	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Cold Springs	5	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Cottonwood	3	April-Oct.	[Restroom]	No
Cozy Cove	16	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Fishing] [Hiking Trail]	Yes
Curlew Creek	9	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Deadwood	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Dog Creek	11/2	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	Yes
Eastside	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Edna Creek	9	June-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Elks Flat	15/8	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Evans Creek	10	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	No
Fir Creek	8	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
French Creek	21	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Golden Gate	9	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Fishing] [River]	No
Graham Bridge	3	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Fishing] [River]	No
Grayback Gulch	15/3	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	Yes
Hardscrabble	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Helende	15	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing]	Yes
Hollywood	6	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Hot Springs	8	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Howers	10	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Ice Hole	10	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Fishing] [River]	No
Ice Springs	1/2	May-Oct.	[Restroom] [Fishing]	No
Johnson Creek	3	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	No
Kirkham	16	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River] [Nature Trail]	Yes
Little Roaring River Lake	4	July-Sept.	[Restroom] [Fishing]	No
Mountain View	14	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes
Neinmeyer	8	June-Oct.	[Restroom] [Fishing] [River]	No
Park Creek	26	May-Sept.	[Restroom] [Drinking Water] [Hiking Trail] [Fishing] [River]	Yes

- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Garbage Collection
- Hiking Trail
- Fishing
- River
- Canoeing
- Rafting
- Boat Ramp
- Picnic Shelter
- Horse Trail
- Bicycle Trail
- Nature Trail

Big Trinity Lake campground



Bull Trout Lake campground



Fees range from \$10-\$30 depending on amenities, and are subject to change. Reservations for campgrounds can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. All reservable campgrounds (except for group campgrounds) also have sites available on a "first-come, first-served" basis.





Lake Cascade

Campgrounds	# of Units (single/double)	Season	Amenities	Reservable
Peace Valley	5	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Pen Basin	6	June-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table]	No
Penny Springs	4	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Picnic Point	8	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Pine	7	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse]	No
Pine Flats	26	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Power Plant	24	June-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse]	No
Queen's River	4	June-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Rainbow Point	12	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Rattlesnake	11	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Riverside Campground (Idaho City)	11	June-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Riverside Campground (Lowman)	8	July-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Sagehen Creek	15	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse]	Yes
Sagehen Dam	6	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Shafer Butte	7	June-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire]	Yes
Shoreline	31/8	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse, bicycle, wheelchair]	Yes
Silver Creek	45/10	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
South Fork Salmon River	11	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Spillway	3	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table]	No
Summit Lake	3	July-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Swinging Bridge	11	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Tailwaters	3	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Ten Mile	16	June-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Tie Creek	8	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Trail Creek	11	May-Sept.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Trout Creek	8	June-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Troutdale	5	April-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Warm Lake	12	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Whoop-em-up Equestrian	6	June-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse]	No
Willow Creek (Idaho City)	4	June-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Willow Creek (Mountain Home)	9	April-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No
Yellow Pine	14	May-Oct.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	No



Shafer Butte Campground



Group Campgrounds

Name	# of Sites/ Capacity	Season	Fee	Amenities	Reservable
Antelope	1 (30)	May-Sept.	Fees range from \$50-\$200 per night depending on amenities.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Cabin Creek	1(80)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Bull Trout Lake	2 (50 each)	July-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse]	Yes
Eastside	1 (50)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Elks Flat	2 (100 each)	May-Oct.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Grayback Gulch	2 (150/100)	May-Oct.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Hayfork	1 (50)	May-Sept.	Contact the local Forest Service offices for specific opening and closing dates.	[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire]	Yes
Hot Springs	3 (2 with 200 each/1 with 50)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Lodgepole Springs	1 (100)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Park Creek	2 (100 each)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Rattlesnake	1 (100)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash]	Yes
Shoreline	1 (50)	May-Sept.		[Icons: tent, picnic table, fire, water, trash, horse, bicycle, wheelchair]	Yes



Elks Flat Group Campground

Rental Cabins

For overnight adventures in a remote setting, try a restored Forest Service cabin. They are often primitive, but some have indoor plumbing, stoves, refrigerators, and beds. Users need to bring their own bedding and clean the facility when leaving.

Cabin Name	Location	Capacity	Season	Activities	Facilities
Atlanta	67 miles east of Idaho City	4	May-Oct.	🔥🌊🛵	Propane cook stove; wood heat stove; indoor toilet and shower; drinking water; electricity
Barber Flat	26 miles east of Idaho City	6	May-Oct.	🔥🌊🛵	Propane cook stove and refrigerator; wood heat stove; indoor toilet and bathtub; drinking water; no electricity
Beaver Creek	21 miles northeast of Idaho City	6	Year-round	🔥🛵	Propane cook stove and refrigerator; wood heat stove; indoor toilet (available only in summer); drinking water; no electricity
Boiling Springs	25 miles north of Crouch	6	May-Feb.	🔥🚶	Propane/wood stove; propane refrigerator; outdoor toilet; no drinking water or firewood
Deadwood Lookout	15 miles east of Garden Valley	4	July-Oct.	🚽	Wood cook/heat stove; outdoor toilet; no drinking water or firewood
Deer Park	39 miles east of Idaho City	4	May-Oct.	🔥🌊🛵	Propane cook stove; wood heat stove; propane refrigerator; outdoor toilet; outdoor hand pump drinking water; no electricity
Dutch Creek Cabin	46 miles east of Idaho City	4	May-Oct.	🔥🍷🌊🛵	Propane stove and refrigerator; indoor toilet and shower; drinking water; no electricity
Dutch Creek Guard Station	46 miles east of Idaho City	8	May-Oct.	🔥🍷🌊🛵🐎	Propane/wood stove; propane refrigerator; outdoor toilet; drinking water; no electricity
Elk Creek # 1	35 miles northeast of Lowman	10	Nov.-April	🚶🚽	Fireplace insert; wood cook/heat stove; outdoor toilet; no drinking water; no vehicle access (must cross-country ski or snowmobile); firewood is provided, but must be split
Elk Creek # 2	35 miles northeast of Lowman	10	Nov.-April	🚶🚽	Wood cook/heat stove; outdoor toilet; no drinking water; no vehicle access (must cross-country ski or snowmobile); firewood is provided, but must be split
Graham	40 miles east of Idaho City	6	July-Sept.	🔥🌊🛵	Wood cooking/heating stove; outdoor toilet; drinking water; no electricity or propane; limited vehicle access; near an airstrip
Johnson Creek	30 miles east of Cascade, then 20 miles north toward Yellowpine (Road 413)	4	June-Oct.	🚶🌊🚽	Electric heat, cook stove, refrigerator and full kitchen; indoor toilet and shower; drinking water; NO outdoor fires allowed
Stolle Meadows	25 miles east of Cascade	5	May 15-April 1	🚶🚽🌊🚽	Wood heat; propane cook stove; outdoor toilet; drinking water; access by cross-country ski or snowmobile in winter; NO outdoor fires allowed
Third Fork	18 miles north of Ola on Road 618	4	April-Oct.	🔥	Propane/wood stove; propane refrigerator; indoor toilet; no drinking water
Trinity Guard Station	80 miles northeast of Mountain Home	6	July-Sept.	🔥🚶🛵🍷	Wood heat/cooking stove; outdoor toilet; hand pump drinking water; no electricity
Warm Springs	18 miles east of Lowman	6	Year-round	🚶🐎🚶🛵🍷	Wood heat stove (camp stove recommended for cooking); outdoor toilet; emergency telephone; firewood provided but must be split; drinking water available only in the summer

- 🔥 Outdoor fire ring
- 🍷 Fishing
- 🛵 ATV trail
- 🚶 Cross-country skiing
- 🚽 Wildlife viewing
- 🚶 Hiking trail
- 🌊 River access
- 🛵 Motorcycle trail
- 🚽 Snowmobiling
- 🐎 Horse facilities

Rental fees range from \$35-50/day depending on amenities, and are subject to change. For reservations, use the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777, or www.recreation.gov.



Atlanta



Barber Flat



Stolle Meadows

Know Before You Go

tread lightly!
LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION



Unpaved and primitive roads present special challenges even in good weather. Before you take off, think about another challenge—your responsibility to “Tread Lightly.” Here’s how:



- T** ravel only where motorized vehicles are permitted.
- R** espect the rights of others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.
- E** ducate yourself by getting maps and information; ask owners’ permission to cross private property.
- A** void streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock.
- D** rive responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wild lands.

Be Bear Aware!

Seeing a black bear is a memorable experience. If you want that experience to be positive rather than negative, follow these tips:

- ☞ Store food and garbage in closed vehicles and out of sight, and never put food scraps in the campfire.
- ☞ Don’t keep food, shampoo—or anything that smells—in tents or sleeping areas.
- ☞ Do not sleep in the clothes you cook in.
- ☞ When camping in the backcountry, hang food and garbage from a tree limb at least 10 feet from the ground and 5 feet from the tree trunk. The tree should be at least 100 yards from your sleeping area.
- ☞ Stay on trails for your safety and to protect the habitat.
- ☞ Taking pets on hiking trails may attract bears and other predators. If you take your pet, keep it on a short leash.

If bears become accustomed to human food, they may become aggressive towards humans or cause property damage. To protect people, these bears may have to be destroyed. For more information, visit www.BeBearAware.org



Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds can rapidly displace native plant species that provide food for wildlife and livestock. Here’s how you can help reduce their spread:

- ☞ Remove seeds from livestock by brushing manes and tails thoroughly and cleaning hooves.
- ☞ When using pack animals, carry only feed that is certified weed-free. Within 96 hours before entering backcountry areas, feed them only weed-free food.
- ☞ Wash your vehicle, including the undercarriage, to remove any weed seed before driving to the forest.
- ☞ Learn to recognize common noxious weed species.



Spotted knapweed
(© John Cardina)



Dalmatian toadflax
(© Bob Nowierski)

Aquatic Nuisance Species



Zebra and quagga mussels attach to boats, bait buckets, and other gear, then spread in waters where they can destroy fish habitat, and clog public water pipes. You can help stop these aquatic hitchhikers by following these steps:

1. Clean mud, plants, animals, or other debris from your boat and equipment.
2. Drain the ballast tanks, bilge, livewells and motor. Dry (7 days summer; 18 days spring/fall; and 30 days winter) or freeze (3 days).

Dispersed Camping

Many people enjoy the solitude of camping away from developed campgrounds. Follow these guidelines to ensure that these areas can be enjoyed by our future generations.

- ☞ Choose sites that are already established.
- ☞ Camp at least 100 feet away from water sources.
- ☞ Use existing fire rings or camp stoves (but check current fire restrictions before you go).
- ☞ Dispose of human waste properly (away from water and in a 6” or deeper hole).
- ☞ Do not carve into trees—this can eventually kill them.



Warm Lake

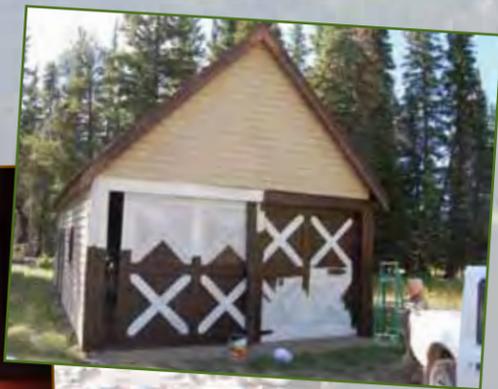
Boaters are required to purchase an *Idaho Invasive Species Fund* (IISF) sticker prior to launching their vessel. Funds generated by sticker sales support a statewide initiative to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Idaho. There is an exemption for inflatable, non-motorized boats that are less than ten feet in length. The IISF stickers are available at Idaho State Parks and Regional Service Centers, any Idaho State Park, online, or by mail.

Boise National Forest

Your Fees at Work

Recreation fees make a positive difference in our ability to serve our visitors because these dollars can be reinvested into services and infrastructure on the Boise National Forest. Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- ☛ Use of cabin rental fees to improve bathrooms, repair facilities, paint structures, and complete other necessary maintenance
- ☛ Maintenance of developed recreation sites: repaired picnic tables; maintained bulletin boards and signs; maintained or repaired toilets; removed and replaced fire rings; pumped toilets; removed hazard trees; and paid for trash services
- ☛ Funding for seasonal rangers and campground hosts to increase visitor safety, protect resources, answer questions, and clean restrooms
- ☛ This Visitor Guide



Painting and window cleaning at the Trinity Guard Station rental cabin

Volunteering on the Boise National Forest

The Forest Service Volunteer Program on the Boise National Forest is very active. The jobs are exciting and diverse, scenery is exceptional, and co-workers are friendly. For more information, contact any Forest Service office or visit www.volunteer.gov.

South Fork Boise River

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Boise, ID 83709
(208) 373-4007

Cascade Ranger District
Highway 55
P.O. Box 696
Cascade, ID 83611
(208) 382-7400

Lowman Ranger District
Highway 21
HC-77, Box 3020
Lowman, ID 83637
(208) 259-3361

Emmett Ranger District
1805 Highway 16, #5
Emmett, ID 83617
(208) 365-7000
Garden Valley Office
(208) 462-3241

Mountain Home Ranger District
2180 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-7961

Idaho City Ranger District
Highway 21, Milepost 38.5
P.O. Box 129
Idaho City, ID 83631
(208) 392-6681

Visit the Boise National Forest at:
www.fs.usda.gov/boise

Other contacts:
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation
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Boise, ID 83716
(208) 334-4199
www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
600 S. Walnut
Boise, ID 83712
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www.fishandgame.idaho.gov

Bureau of Land Management
Idaho State Office
1387 South Vinnell Way
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America The Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Interagency Pass Program



Many federal lands and activities can be enjoyed for free. However, for those who recreate on multiple federal lands that require a fee, the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass Program is the most convenient way to pay.

NOTE: Passes are honored nationwide at all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Fish & Wildlife Service sites charging entrance or standard amenity fees. These fees are not charged to persons 15 and under. Passes do not cover expanded amenity fees such as cabin or yurt rentals; and may not be accepted at sites operated by concessionaires.

Annual Pass - \$80.00

Not accepted for camping discounts.

Senior Pass - \$10.00

Available to US citizens 62 years and older. Must be purchased in person, with proof of age such as a driver's license.

Access Pass - Free

Available to US citizens that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities. Must be obtained in person with written proof of disability.

Passes are available at most Forest Service offices and when purchased locally, allow 95% of the funds to stay on the Boise National Forest. For more information, visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html>



Visitor Guides for other national forests in the Intermountain Region may be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r4/rec_publications.

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