

## Places to Visit, in Idaho

Idaho is a beautiful state with many natural, and geologic formations. From high deserts to scenic valleys; mountain ranges and foothills, forests, rivers and lakes, it has much to offer anyone who cares to explore its many wonders...come visit us!

- **Priest Lake** is about 75 miles north of Coeur d'Alene on Highway 57, within 15 miles of the Canadian border at its northern-most tip. Situated in rugged, natural beauty, it is considered to be "Idaho's Crown Jewel." And as one of the three largest lakes in the Idaho panhandle, it is a natural wonderland – unspoiled, uncrowded and unhurried; with a population of 500 that swells to 2500 in summer.
- **Sandpoint** is some 50 miles north of Coeur d'Alene on Highway 95 and is situated among three mountain ranges (Selkirk, Cabinet and Bitterroot) on Lake Pend Oreille, pronounced (pond a ray). With a population of some 8000 people it is holding its own in a remote, scenic area, with plenty of outdoor activities.
- **Spirit Lake** is a small resort town that once was a destination point for vacationers traveling by railroad. It was also a lumber and sawmill town. Today its population is some 2000 residents.
- **Farragut State Park** is situated on the southern tip of Lake Pend Oreille, about 30 miles northeast of Coeur d'Alene. During World War II it was the famous naval training station which conducted research on submarines.
- **Post Falls**, a small resort town is on I-90 between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene.
- **Kellogg** is about 36 miles southeast of Coeur d'Alene on I-90. It is an old mining community, located scenically in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is named after Noah Kellogg, an early miner who discovered rich deposits of silver in the area. Since the closing of the mines in the 1980s, it has become a tourist destination with its gondola, arial transportation system and the development of Silver Mountain Ski Resort.
- **Wallace** is another mining town of the Bunker Hill District (named after the Bunker Hill Battle of the Civil War). It is still operating as a mining community and has the great distinction of the whole town being a Historic Preservation site. It includes a mining museum.
- **The Palouse Area** is an absolutely gorgeous agricultural area in Northwest Idaho, including parts of Oregon and Washington states. With it's rolling hills and majestic beauty it is an ever changing picturesque landscape. The hills were created over many years by sediment from windblown-like sand dunes. Special agricultural equipment had to be devised to till its soil. It's a wonder to see and experience.
- **Hell's Canyon** is another geological delight, along the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon. Its canyons are in fact deeper than the Grand Canyon's! The views are breath-taking.
- **Moscow** is home to the University of Idaho, 85 miles; about 2 hours south of Coeur d'Alene on Highway 95. At one time it was the capital city of Idaho.

- **McCall** is a historic resort town with fantastic skiing (Brundage Mountain) in the winter, along with numerous bicycle trails which border Lake Ponderosa and Lake Ponderosa State Park. It is in the middle of the state, some 280 miles south of Coeur d'Alene.
- **Hailey** is located in south, central Idaho and is part of the Sun Valley Tourist area on Highway 75, off U.S. 20 and north of I-84. It sits in the Wood River Valley, at the edge of the Sawtooth Mountains and Challis National Forest. It is famous for its 'Trailing of the Sheep Festival' in October.
- **Ketchum** is perhaps best known for its celebrity population. Clint Eastwood partially filmed his movie, "Pale Rider" there in 1985. And, Ernest Hemingway spent a good deal of time there, enjoying outdoor activities. It was in his home, in Ketchum where he died in 1961; and where he is buried.
- **Sun Valley** is world renowned for its skiing. Celebrities congregate from all over the world to spend time here, in Idaho.
- **Weiser River Trail** is a former railroad bed that has been turned into a bicycle path. It begins in Weiser and continues 84 miles to Rubicon, near New Meadows; outside McCall. Northern Idaho also has its Railroad bicycle path known as the Hiawatha Route from Wallace to the Idaho/ Montana state line, some 15 miles.
- **Craters of the Moon** is a National Monument area in Central Idaho, off US Route 20, west of Yellowstone. It encompasses volcanic remains of three lava fields. Its terrain is similar to the moon's and US astronauts have trained here to prepare for their adventures in space.
- **Shoshone Falls** is a water falls on the Snake River in southern Idaho. It is referred to as the 'Niagara of the West' and is in fact, higher than Niagara Falls at 212 feet. Situated in the desert, it is quite remarkable.
- **Silver City** is an old, historic mining town in the Southwest corner of Idaho. Today, it is a ghost town, just a shadow of what it was in its heyday.
- **Boise means**, "City of Trees" and was a stop, along the way of the Oregon Trail. In fact the trail runs through town and wagon wheel depressions can be seen in numerous places. Today it is the capital of Idaho and a river runs through it.
- **West Yellowstone** is located in Idaho and is the lesser known, more remote area of Yellowstone National Park. It is truly an outdoorsman's paradise in a pristine environment.