

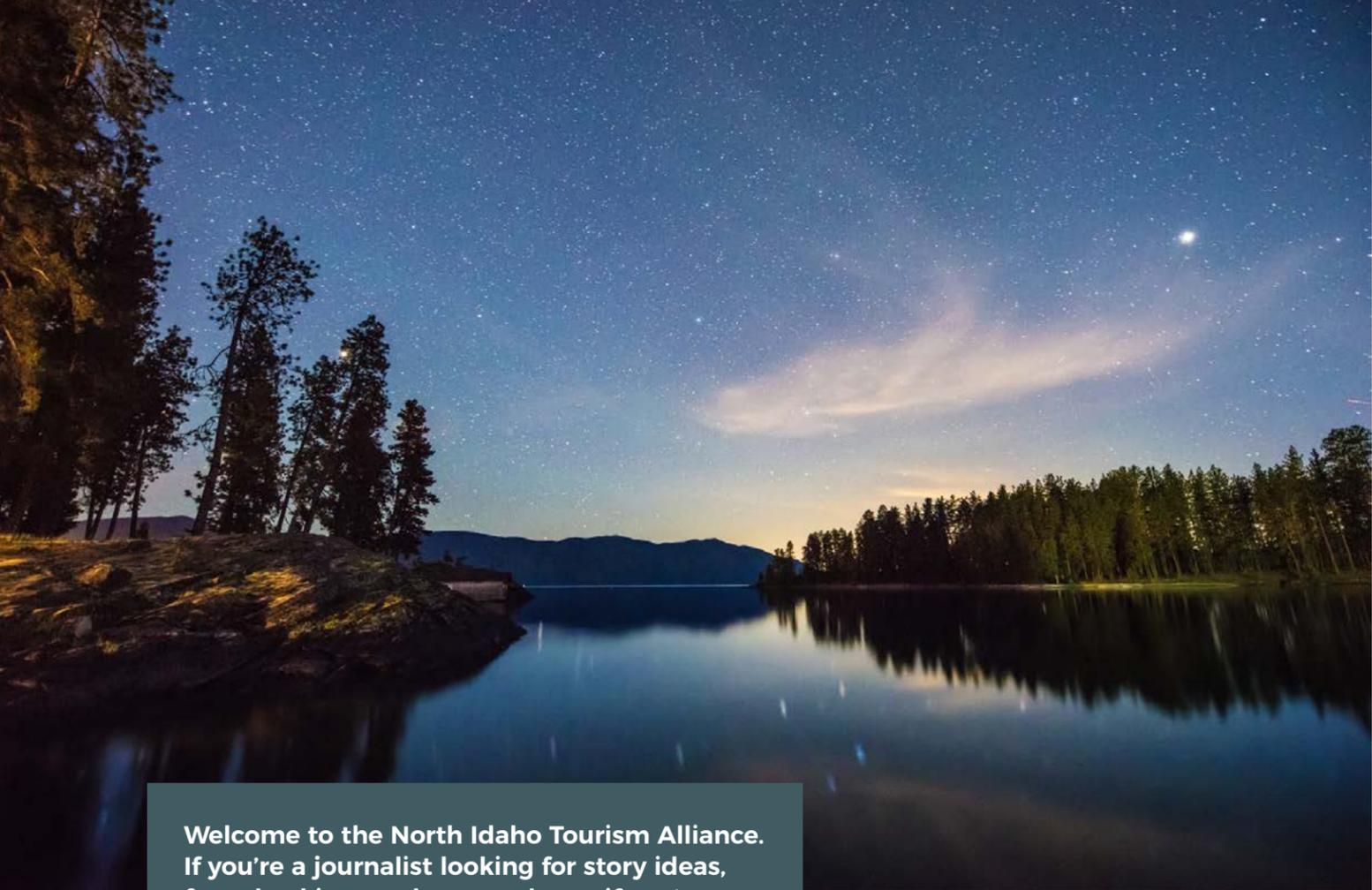


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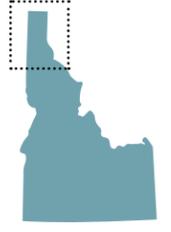




# GETTING HERE:

*By plane, train or automobile...  
we're easy to get to!*

BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
CANADA



Welcome to the North Idaho Tourism Alliance. If you're a journalist looking for story ideas, fact-checking or photography, or if you're interested in coming to see North Idaho yourself, you've come to the right place.

As a travel destination, northern Idaho remains blessedly unknown. It seems journalists and travel writers are often learning about the pleasures of this place, for the first time!

The North Idaho Tourism Alliance, most often known as NITA, is devoted to getting the word out about the incredible visitor experiences possible in the five counties of northern Idaho. As a collaboration between the visitor bureaus and chambers of commerce of northern Idaho's principal communities, NITA seeks to publicize and market North Idaho as a travel and convention destination, with a primary focus of promoting overnight visitation in the region.

NITA membership consists of 13 organizations including chambers representing the communities of Bonners Ferry, Coeur d'Alene, Harrison, Hayden, Post Falls, Priest Lake, Priest River, Sandpoint, Silver Valley, Spirit Lake, St. Maries, and Wallace. In addition, regional non-profit members include the International Selkirk Loop.

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## BY CAR

Major routes to North Idaho are Interstate 90 for east-west travelers, and U.S. Highway 95 for north-south travel. Additionally, U.S. Highway 2 provides a very scenic east-west route in, particularly for travelers from Glacier National Park. From Canada, Canadian drivers cross in at Kingsgate/Eastport on Highway 95 or Porthill/Rykerts on Highway 21 onto Idaho Highway 1.

## BY PLANE

**Spokane International Airport** 35 miles east is the major hub for commercial air travel, with service by Alaska, Frontier, Southwest, United, Delta and other major carriers. Most major rental car companies operate from this airport. For private or charter aircraft, many communities have excellent airport facilities, including **Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint** and **Bonners Ferry**.

## BY TRAIN

Amtrak's Empire Builder route arrives and departs daily at Sandpoint's historic railroad depot - the only Amtrak stop in the state of Idaho. For those arriving by train, a number of car rental services are available in Sandpoint. For more information, call Amtrak toll-free at 1-800-872-7245, or go to the **Amtrak website**. To connect to Sandpoint rental companies, see the directory at **SandpointOnline.com**.

## FROM or TO CANADA

If you are planning to travel out of or into North Idaho from Canada, passports are now required. There are two ports of entry, at Porthill and Eastport. For up to date information to help your border crossing, go to the **International Selkirk Loop** for information.

# FACT & FIGURES

## HISTORY

- The **Coeur d'Alene Tribe** and the **Kootenai Tribe** are two of five federally recognized tribes in the state of Idaho.
- The **Old Mission State Park** in Cataldo is the oldest standing building in the state.
- **Farragut State Park**, located on Lake Pend Oreille, was home to the world's second-largest naval training facility during World War II. The station's **brig building** still stands today and houses a museum.
- All of the buildings in downtown **Wallace** are listed on the **National Register of Historical Places**.
- The gold stampede came through in the 1880's, and **Harrison** was incorporated in 1899/; it grew to be the largest city in Kootenai County in its heyday.
- **Kellogg** is named after a prospector named Noah Kellogg.
- **St. Maries** has long been a transportation hub for the St. Joe River Valley dating back to 1880 when steamboats provided the principal means of getting to and from the town.

## ACTIVITIES

### TOP VISITOR ACTIVITIES:

- *Sightseeing*
- *Shopping*
- *Hiking/backpacking*
- *Camping*

### TOP SPECIAL INTEREST

- *Historic places*
- *Cultural activities*
- *Brewery & winery tours/tasting*

## CLIMATE

### AVERAGE WEATHER



#### Warm Season: Jun-Sept

Avg High: 75°+ F  
Avg Low: ~ 56° F



#### Cold Season: Nov-Feb

Avg High: ~44° F  
Avg Low: ~24° F

**Annual Snowfall:** 42-58 inches

**Annual Rainfall:** 21-37 inches

## GEOGRAPHY & WILDLIFE

- It is estimated there are over **1000 miles of recreation trails**
- **State Parks:** Home to Heyburn State Park, Farragut State Park, Priest Lake State Park, Round Lake State Park, Coeur d'Alene Parkway State Park, and Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park.
- **Wildlife refuges and preserves:** Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge and Cougar Bay Preserve
- **Wildlife:** Deer, elk, moose, otters, beavers, waterfowl, songbirds, bears, swans, osprey, bald eagles (in late fall/early winter, bald eagles gather in large numbers to feed on kokanee spawning in North Idaho's waters)



# FUN FACTS

- North Idaho is home to seven of Idaho's **31 scenic byways**, including the **International Selkirk Loop**—the only National Scenic Byway that crosses an international border.
- **North America's longest gondola ride** is at **Silver Mountain Resort** in Kellogg, Idaho
- Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho's **largest and deepest lake**, is the fifth deepest and the 38th largest in the U.S.
- North Idaho is home to more than **30 breweries and wineries**.
- The name for the **Spirit Lake** community was derived from a Native American legend that explains the Salish name tesemini ("Lake of the Spirits")





# NORTH IDAHO BY THE SEASONS

## YEARLY CLIMATE AVERAGES

<b>16.7 INCHES</b> <i>Average Yearly Rainfall</i>	<b>48.8 INCHES</b> <i>Average Yearly Snow</i>
<b>29</b> <i>Average Days with Temperature Over 90° F</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Average Days with Temperature Under 32° F</i>



### SPRING (MARCH-MAY)

**70° F AVG HIGH**  
**34° F AVG LOW**

- POPULAR ACTIVITIES:**
- Golfing
  - Hiking/biking
  - Ziplining
  - Skiing/snowboarding
  - Fishing

### SUMMER (JUNE-AUGUST)

**86° F AVG HIGH**  
**56° F AVG LOW**

- POPULAR ACTIVITIES:**
- Amusement and water parks
  - Ziplining
  - Hiking/biking
  - Camping
  - Boating/kayaking
  - Lake cruises
  - Wildlife viewing
  - Fishing

### FALL (SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER)

**50° F AVG HIGH**  
**35° F AVG LOW**

- POPULAR ACTIVITIES:**
- Wildlife viewing
  - Fall foliage
  - Breweries/beer tasting
  - Roadtrip along scenic byways
  - Fishing and hunting
  - Museums and history

### WINTER (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY)

**35° F AVG HIGH**  
**23° F AVG LOW**

- POPULAR ACTIVITIES:**
- Beer tasting
  - Skiing/snowboarding
  - Snowmobiling
  - Museums and History
  - Snowshoeing

# NORTH IDAHO WATERFALLS

## MYRTLE FALLS | near Bonners Ferry

### OVERVIEW

The trail leads you through some gentle switchbacks to a bench with a view of the falls cascading over a rocky gorge. *Note: There is a guard rail protecting a steep drop-off, so use caution when visiting with little ones.*

HEIGHT	100 FT
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Easy, 0.9-mile out-and-back
ACCESSIBILITY	Year-round but can be icy in winter (traction cleats recommended)

## GRANITE FALLS | Nordman

### OVERVIEW

The trailhead lies in the Roosevelt Grove of Ancient Cedars, a scenic area with gigantic cedar trees—some more than a thousand years old. The lower falls can be viewed from a rocky outcrop while the upper falls can be seen from a wooden walkway built into the canyon wall.

HEIGHT	Lower 50-75 feet; Upper 15-20 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Easy, 1-mile loop trail with a short spur to lower falls
ACCESSIBILITY	Year-round, but accessible only by snowmobile in winter

## SMITH FALLS | near Copeland

### OVERVIEW

A high volume of water plummets 60 feet along Smith Creek. The falls and the viewpoint are situated on private property. Please obey the posted restrictions.

HEIGHT	60 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Accessible by vehicle
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## GROUSE CREEK FALLS | Colburn (near Sandpoint)

### OVERVIEW

The short, rocky trail takes you through serene forest surroundings and medium-sized rocks to a fork, where you must choose between climbing a steep, large boulder to an overlook or wading through the water and around the boulder to see the waterfalls. Water shoes are recommended if opting to wade through the water.

HEIGHT	15-20 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Moderate-challenging (depending on route), half-mile trail
ACCESSIBILITY	Year-round (use caution in spring when flows are heavy)

## CHAR FALLS | near Sandpoint

### OVERVIEW

The hike begins on the logging road until you reach a small campsite leading to a small trail. The first stop is an upper viewing section of Lightning Creek with several small cascades that flow to Char Falls. Scattered benches make this an idyllic spot for enjoying a snack. The view of Char Falls is easily accessible from the top. For a different perspective, adventurous hikers can bushwhack down a steep route to the creek.

HEIGHT	50-75 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Easy, 1.2-mile out-and-back trail
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## TORRELLE FALLS | near Priest River

### OVERVIEW

A modest stream cascading only 15 feet, Torrelle is simply lovely. The Falls Inn spans the west branch Priest River where you can enjoy great food.

HEIGHT	10-15 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Accessible by vehicle
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## COPPER FALLS | north of Bonners Ferry (near the Canadian border)

### OVERVIEW

A wooded trail takes you to two viewing options: a lower view from the forest or an upper view from an observation deck. Copper Falls is in grizzly bear territory, so carrying bear spray is recommended. *Note: For a full day of waterfall viewing, add Copper Falls onto Snow Creek and Myrtle Falls.*

HEIGHT	225 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	Easy, 1.4-mile loop trail
ACCESSIBILITY	Year-round (most powerful in spring; in winter, the falls freeze and become a popular spot for ice climbers)



## FERN AND SHADOW FALLS | near Murray

### OVERVIEW

Visit two falls in one trip. Small-but-mighty Fern Falls offers a lovely view on your way to Shadow Falls (just a half-mile further up a switchback trail). Hike to the creek for a closer view or, if the weather is warm, use the split-log footbridge to walk into the falls *Note: the water is cold year-round.*

HEIGHT	 Fern (12 feet); Shadow (24 feet)
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Easy, 1.2-mile out-and-back trail
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October



## MOYIE FALLS | Moyie Springs

### OVERVIEW

Moyie Falls is one of Idaho's great scenic attractions. When water isn't diverted for hydroelectric power by the City of Bonners Ferry, Moyie River absolutely thunders through a small gorge in tiered form. During the summer months, visit on the weekends. On weekdays, the main 60 to 100 foot drop at the upper falls will likely be dry, with only the lower 20-40 foot cascades flowing.

HEIGHT	 Upper 60-100 feet); lower (20-40 feet)
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Accessible by vehicle
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## UPPER PRIEST FALLS | near Nordman

### OVERVIEW

This waterfall, also known as American Falls, to distinguish it from the Canadian Falls, located farther upstream in British Columbia, flows with gorgeous and bright blue-green water. The trail takes you through ancient rainforest-like giant-cedar and hemlock forest.

HEIGHT	 100-125 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Trek to the falls is easy (moderately uphill) 2.3 miles
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## SNOW CREEK FALLS | near Bonners Ferry

### OVERVIEW

Hike through an old-growth forest with towering western red cedar and ponderosa pine, where a fork will lead you to two different viewing platforms. *Note: Snow Creek Falls and Myrtle Falls are a quick drive from each other and can easily be viewed within the same day.*

HEIGHT	 Upper (30 feet); lower (15-20 feet with multiple levels)
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Easy-moderate, 1.7-mile out-and-back
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October (best time to visit is during spring runoff)



## FALLS PARK | PARK OVERLOOK TRAIL | POST FALLS

### OVERVIEW

The path winds through a city park and along a steep canyon into which the Spokane River Tumbles.

HEIGHT	 61 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Easy, 0.3-mile paved loop
ACCESSIBILITY	Year-round (spring offers the strongest flow and wildflower viewing)

## STEVENS LAKES FALLS | near Mullan

### OVERVIEW

Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 3 h 21 min to complete. This is a very popular area for camping, fishing, and hiking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

HEIGHT	 80-100 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Challenging, 5-mile out-and-back trail with a 0.3-mile ascent to a cliffside vista
ACCESSIBILITY	June-October

## HUNT CREEK FALLS | near Priest Lake

### OVERVIEW

Before heading to Lionhead, hike to this hidden gem along Priest Lake's E. Shore Drive north of Coolin. It is located in a secluded ravine and surrounded by large moss-covered granite boulders.

HEIGHT	 25-35 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Easy, 0.1-mile trail
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October

## FALLS CREEK FALLS | near St. Maries

### OVERVIEW

Unsuspecting travelers are likely to miss this tiered horsetail type waterfall which flows into the St. Joe River. It is located on private property surrounded by St. Joe Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

HEIGHT	 20-30 feet
DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY	 Accessible by vehicle
ACCESSIBILITY	April-October



# WILDLIFE & BIRDING

Bring your binoculars and get ready to spot an impressive variety of birds and other wildlife at one, or all, of the following areas in North Idaho.

Just minutes from downtown Coeur d'Alene, along its namesake lake, the 88-acre **Cougar Bay Preserve** attracts 34 rare animal species, including 27 species of birds. Glimpse moose, deer, beaver, otter, migrating and nesting waterfowl and numerous shorebirds.

Other parts of **Lake Coeur d'Alene** offer vantage points to see the migrating population of bald eagles (sometimes 200+ birds) that visit the area each winter (November through February) to feed on spawning kokanee salmon in Wolf Lodge Bay. Higgins Point and Mineral Ridge boat ramps and Beauty Bay are great viewing spots. You can also find swans, geese, ducks and ospreys in the area during spring and summer.

Just before the small town of Harrison, on the north side of the Coeur d'Alene River, look for Thompson Lake Road. The gravel road will lead you to a great wildlife-viewing area where you can view and photograph osprey, eagles, and white swans as well as various mammals and fish.

Flowing from the Bitterroot Mountains into the southern part of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the **St Joe River's** 140 miles are a habitat for North Idaho's various wildlife. Everything from moose, elk, deer and bear to waterfowl and multiple species of fish inhabit the stretch of water

In early spring, a duet of osprey migrate from Central and South America to **Sandpoint's Memorial Field**, where they upstage local sporting events with their unavoidable presence until they head back south in the fall. Spectators and birders alike can often see the birds flying above or

transporting a meal of fish to their nest. If your visit doesn't align with their residency, you can view the birds from home **via a live webcam** installed above one of the nests.

Near Bonners Ferry and the Idaho-Canada border, **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge** is home to 220 species of birds, 45 species of mammals and 22 species of fish. The refuge offers a 4.5-mile auto tour and four hiking trails from which you can glimpse bear, moose, elk, deer, otters, bald eagles and tens of thousands of migratory waterfowl—including mallards, northern pintail and teal.



# UNIQUE LODGING

While northern Idaho is full of natural wonders, exciting experiences and incredible dining, you don't have to let the adventure stop just because it's time to head indoors and rest for the evening. When planning your trip, consider these unique accommodations for a one-of-a-kind stay.

## UNUSUAL & NOTEWORTHY

Enjoy childhood nostalgia with a stay in this **rustic-cabin-meets-whimsical-loft treehouse**. The three-story charmer sits along Lake Pend Oreille, offering stunning views with access to a private dock. In nearby Sandpoint, you'll find restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

All aboard for a historic stay in a **beautifully restored train carriage**, which once transported passengers, freight and mail on the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway from 1909 to 1955. Car 306 sits in Deary and contains a bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette and a sitting room set among acres and acres of forest and wheat fields.

Known as the oldest hostelry in the region, **The Historic Northern Hotel** was originally built for employees of the Great Northern Railroad. The lodge now serves as a unique hotel experience on the splendid shores of Priest Lake in Coolin, offering amazing mountain views. Recent upgrades include a 3,000-square-foot deck, new room amenities and complimentary watercraft mooring.



Take in the lovely views of the St. Joe River from the living room of a **tiny luxury home**. These riverfront abodes are modern and cozy and come with everything you need for a comfortable stay—including an outdoor living area, gas grill and a full patio set.

For a great outdoor experience that's a step above tent camping, put **North Haven Campground** on your list. Visitors can choose from log cabins with full kitchens, living and dining areas or RV sites with full and partial hookups, water and electricity. New in 2023, the campground will offer 25-foot Conestoga Wagons for an Old West glamping experience.



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Plan a stay at Idaho's oldest operating saloon, **The White Horse Saloon and Hotel** in Spirit Lake. Although the original wood floors and bar in the saloon will make you feel like you're stepping back in time to pioneer days, the eight recently renovated rooms will ensure your stay is comfortably modern. There's even an on-site restaurant and two patio areas.



### **B&BS**

Just a short stroll from downtown Bonners Ferry, you'll find the charming **Northside School Bed & Breakfast**. Enjoy fresh-baked cookies at check-in and taking in spectacular mountain, river and valley views from the deck or year-round hot tub before retiring to well-appointed rooms each in a different school subject theme and each with their own private bathroom.

Once a boarding house for local lumber mill workers, the **Osprey Inn Bed and Breakfast** now serves as a comfortable stay for visitors of Harrison. Guests can choose from five different rooms, ranging in both size and elegant decor.

### **GUEST RANCHES**

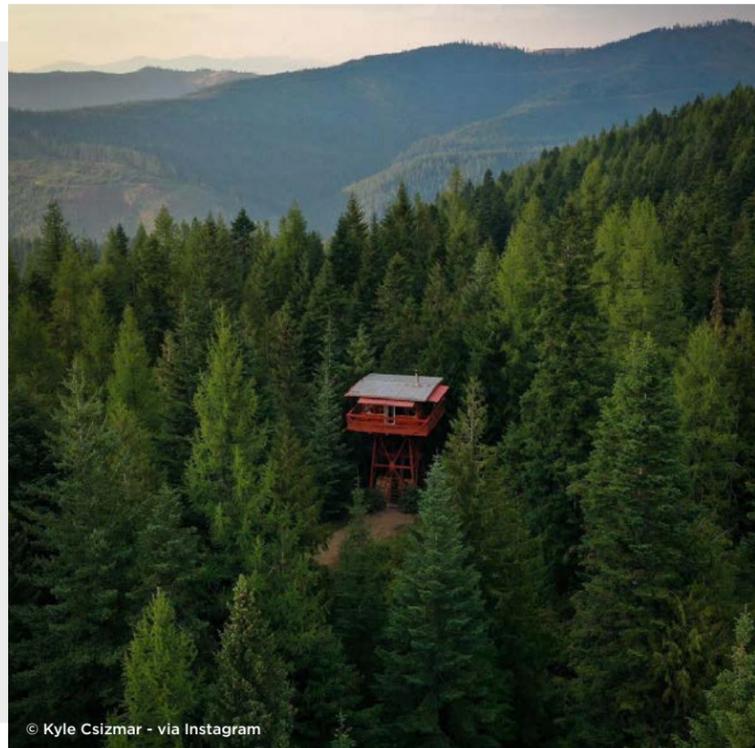
For a true western experience, filled with horseback riding, gourmet country dining, evening entertainment and more, saddle up for an all-inclusive stay at **Western Pleasure Guest Ranch** near Sandpoint or **Red Horse Mountain Ranch** near Harrison. Accommodations include lodge suites or log cabins along with three hearty meals a day and all the outdoor activities you can handle.



### **FIRE LOOKOUTS**

Looking to get off the grid, where the night sky isn't disturbed by city lights? Then overnighting in a fire lookout might be the perfect plan. Ranging from spartan to luxurious amenities, these former fire lookout towers feature views so amazing you won't want to leave:

- **Crystal Peak Lookout** (near Fernwood)
- **Surveyors Lookout** (near Avery)
- **Arid Peak Lookout** (near Avery)
- **Lunch Peak Lookout** (near Sandpoint)
- **Bald Mountain Lookout** (near Harvard)
- **Little Guard Lookout** (near Kingston)
- **Deer Ridge Lookout** (near Moyie Springs)
- **Shorty Peak Lookout** (near Porthill)



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# UNEXPECTED BEACHES

Landlocked Idaho may not be the first destination that comes to mind when you're planning a summer beach getaway. But north Idaho is home to some sunny and sandy spots offering endless outdoor recreation opportunities on and off the water. Take your next beach vacation at one of these unexpected beaches.

Known for its clear water, **Priest Lake** offers 72 miles of shoreline with beach access available at surrounding resorts and campgrounds. Visitors can enjoy boating, kayaking, paddleboarding or exploring the lake's seven islands. Off the water, several trails surround the lake, providing opportunities for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.

At 43 miles long with 111 miles of shoreline, **Lake Pend Oreille** is Idaho's largest and deepest lake. Soak in the sun at **City Beach** in downtown Sandpoint, where you can relax and swim along six acres of sandy beach. Recreation areas offer tennis and volleyball or launch a boat for fun on the water. Sandpoint is a base camp for outdoor recreation, so hit the local trail systems for hiking and biking.



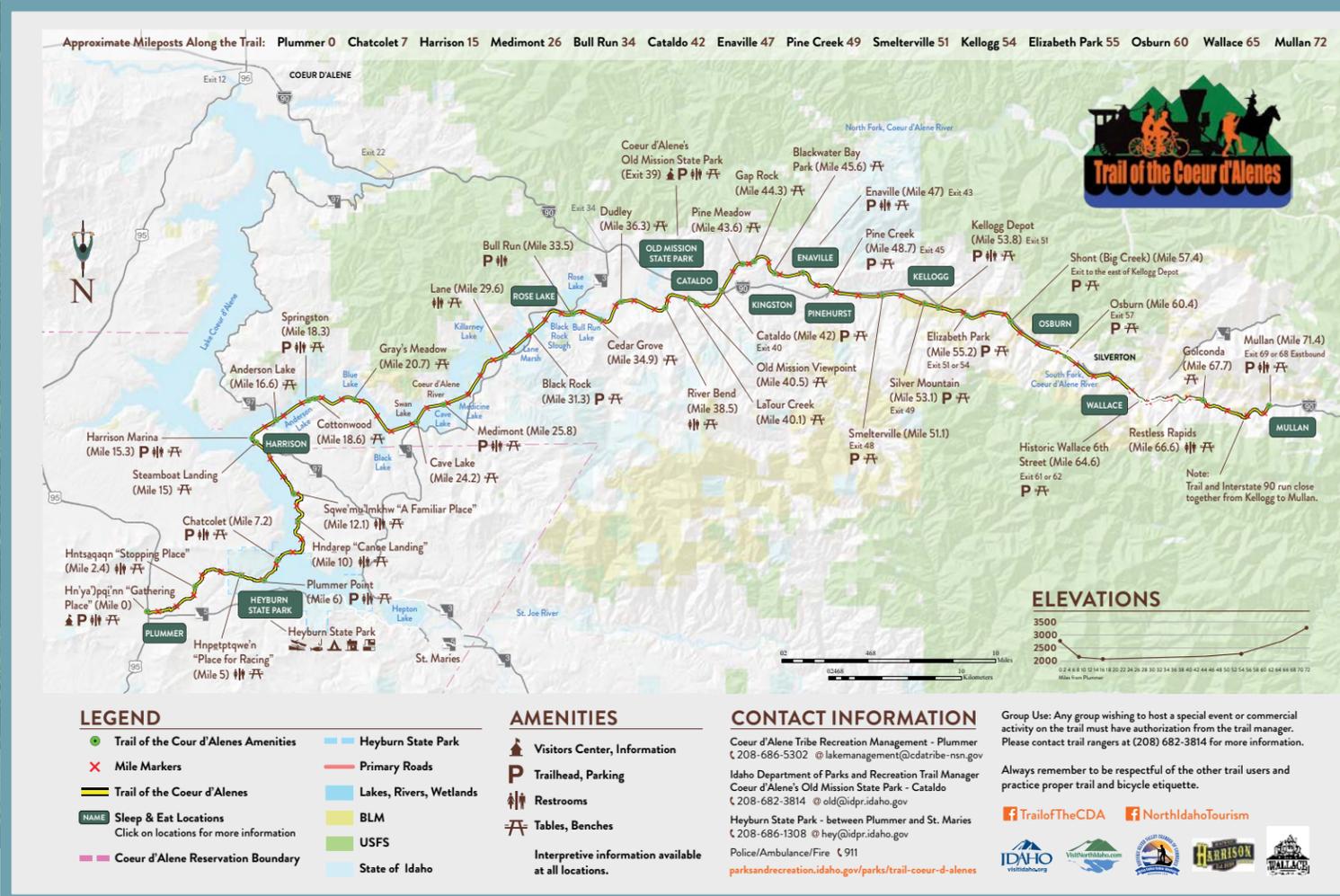
**Beaver Bay Beach** is located in **Farragut State Park** at the southern tip of Lake Pend Oreille. A narrow spit carves out this cove providing swimmers with a shallower, warmer swimming hole. Beaver Bay is surrounded by easily accessible campgrounds and trails that wind throughout the park.

Other destinations in North Idaho with notable beaches include Spirit Lake, Honey Suckle Beach in Hayden and Q'emiln Park in Post Falls.



# NORTH IDAHO TRAILS

All trails are open year-round unless otherwise noted. Always check the weather and trail conditions before you set out.



### MARBLE CREEK TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Near St. Maries

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** 11 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate to difficult

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking, camping, fishing, huckleberry picking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** May- October

### MINERAL RIDGE NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Near Coeur d'Alene

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Three-mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderately Difficult

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking, biking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Year-round (view bald eagles in the area, November-February)

### TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES

**LOCATION:** Begins in Mullan and ends in Plummer

**SURFACE:** Asphalt

**DISTANCE:** 72 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate

**ACTIVITIES:** Walking, biking - class I and II e-bikes allowed

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Year-round (best time to visit is March-October)

### EMPIRE TRAILS

**LOCATION:** Spirit Lake

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** This is a trail system of 56 trails, ranging from easy, half-mile loops to eight-mile, singletrack loops.

**DIFFICULTY:** Trails range from easy to difficult.

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking and biking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Year-round; day pass is required for hiking and biking

### NORTH IDAHO CENTENNIAL TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Begins at Higgens Point State Park and ends at the Idaho-Washington border

**SURFACE:** Asphalt

**DISTANCE:** 24 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate

**ACTIVITIES:** Walking, running, biking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** February-November

### TUBBS HILL PARK AND NATURE TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Coeur d'Alene

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Two-mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** May- October

### PEND D'OREILLE BAY TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Sandpoint

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Three miles out and back

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate

**ACTIVITIES:** Walking, running, biking; cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Year-round

### MCKINNICK TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Sandpoint

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** 7 miles round-trip

**DIFFICULTY:** Difficult (2,000-foot vertical rise)

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** April-November

### BLOSSOM LAKES TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Murray (near the Idaho-Montana border)

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Six miles, out and back

**DIFFICULTY:** Great for all skill levels

**ACTIVITIES:** Backpacking, camping, and hiking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** June-October

### NAVIGATION TRAIL TO UPPER PRIEST LAKE

**LOCATION:** Priest Lake

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** About 8 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking, mountain biking, fishing

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Mid June-September (the road to Beaver Creek is not plowed during the winter)

### MOUNT ROTHHAAN & CHIMNEY ROCK

**LOCATION:** Near Priest Lake and Priest River

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Five miles round-trip (takes at least four hours)

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate to difficult

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** June-October

*\*\*A high-clearance, all-wheel-drive vehicle is recommended to access the trailhead.*

### HIKE TO MYRTLE PEAK

**LOCATION:** Near Bonners Ferry

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** Three miles to peak; six miles round-trip

**DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, camping

**ACCESSIBILITY:** July-September

### KAKTA PEAK TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Near Bonners Ferry

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** About ten miles out and back

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate to difficult

**ACTIVITIES:** Backpacking, camping, and hiking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** July-October

### WEST FORK TRAIL

**LOCATION:** Near Bonners Ferry

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**DISTANCE:** About 9.5 miles from beginning of the trail to West Fork Lake

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate to difficult (final mile to the peak is strenuous)

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking, backpacking

**ACCESSIBILITY:** June - October



### HEYBURN STATE PARK

**LOCATION:** Plummer

**SIZE:** 8,076 acres

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

223 campsites, seven group camps, 10 camping cabins

#### NOTES:

- The oldest state park in the Pacific Northwest
- No camping during winter. Trails are open throughout the year for hiking and snowshoeing, but trails are not plowed or groomed.

#### ACTIVITIES:

- Biking (located along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes)
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Historical sites
- Horseback riding
- Junior Ranger
- Loaner fishing rods
- Paddlesports
- Playgrounds
- RV-ing
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Volunteering

#### AMENITIES

- Amphitheater
- Boat ramp/launch
- Charcoal grills
- Dump station
- Electricity
- Equestrian campsites
- Fire rings
- Firewood for sale
- Flush toilets
- Full-service park store with gasoline
- Picnic areas and shelter
- Indoor restrooms/showers
- Kayak/SUP rental
- Marina
- Swimming
- Vault toilets
- Water



## FARRAGUT STATE PARK

### LOCATION:

Athol

### SIZE:

4,000 acres

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

223 campsites, seven group camps, 10 camping cabins

### ACTIVITIES:

- Biking
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Camping
- Cross-country skiing
- Disc golf
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Historical sites
- Horseback riding
- Junior Ranger
- Joaner fishing rods
- Paddlesports
- RV-ing
- Sailing
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming

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- Firewood for sale
- Flush toilets
- Picnic areas/shelter
- Indoor restrooms/showers
- Swimming
- Vault toilets
- Water

## ROUND LAKE STATE PARK

### LOCATION:

Sagle

### SIZE:

142 acres

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

16 serviced campsites, 35 standard and two ADA campsites

### NOTES:

- The park is separated into three units along the east side of the lake.

### ACTIVITIES:

- Biking
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Camping
- Cross-country skiing
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Junior Ranger
- Loaner fishing rods
- Paddlesports
- RV-ing
- Sailing
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming

### AMENITIES

- Amphitheater
- Boat ramp/launch
- Boat rental (non-motorized)
- Charcoal grills
- Dump station
- Electricity
- Fire rings
- Firewood for sale
- Flush toilets
- Indoor restrooms/showers
- Water (Memorial Day-Labor Day, weather pending)

## COEUR D'ALENE PARKWAY STATE PARK

### LOCATION:

Near Coeur d'Alene

### SIZE:

Parkway is 5.7 miles long

### ACTIVITIES:

- Biking
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddlesports
- Sailing

### AMENITIES

- Paved pathway (ADA trail)
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Indoor restrooms
- Boat ramp/launch

## PRIEST LAKE STATE PARK

### LOCATION:

Priest Lake

### SIZE:

755 acres

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

151 campsites, six cabins, one group camp

### NOTES:

- The park is separated into three units along the east side of the lake.

### ACTIVITIES:

- Biking
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Camping
- Cross-country skiing
- Disc golf
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Historical sites
- Horseshoe pits
- Junior Ranger
- Loaner fishing rods
- Paddlesports
- RV-ing
- Sailing
- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming
- Volleyball areas

### AMENITIES

- Amphitheater
- Boat ramp/launch
- Charcoal grills
- Dump station
- Electricity
- Fire rings
- Firewood for sale
- Flush toilets
- Full-service park store with gasoline
- Picnic areas
- Showers
- Kayak/canoe rental
- Swimming
- Vault toilets
- Water

## OLD MISSION STATE PARK

### LOCATION:

Cataldo

### SIZE:

18 acres

### NOTES:

- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

### ACTIVITIES:

- Birdwatching
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Historical sites
- Junior Ranger
- Loaner fishing rods
- Volunteering

### AMENITIES

- Visitor center
- Boat ramp/launch
- Flush toilets
- Indoor restrooms
- Life jacket loaner station
- Picnic areas
- Vault toilets
- Water fountains



# SCENIC BYWAYS & ROADTRIPS

One of the best ways to experience the splendor of north Idaho is by taking a road trip along one or more of the seven scenic byways that stretch the Panhandle region.

Beginning in Cataldo, the **White Pine Scenic Byway** passes through the lush forests of Idaho's timber country and the numerous lakes and marshlands of the lower Coeur d'Alene River to the town of St. Maries. Stop and tour the **Hughes House Museum** or take advantage of the many outdoor activities before crossing two picturesque rivers—the St. Maries and St. Joe—and continuing on to the rolling hills of the Palouse.

Beginning at the town of St. Maries, the **St. Joe River Scenic Byway** travels east under the shadows of towering cottonwoods adorning the shoreline. Among these trees, you'll spot bald eagles and osprey, which use the trees as nesting sites and perches. If you're lucky, you'll see them swoop into the river to retrieve their meal. Traveling along the river's edge, you'll encounter picturesque mountain landscapes that are captured on the watery canvas. Keep your eye out for elk, deer, moose and bear, and stop and fish for rainbow, cutthroat and other species of trout. Tour the logging display at Marble Creek Interpretive Center. Then stop and feed the trout and visit the Avery Depot—a historic former railroad station on The Milwaukee Road.

Travel by lakes and mountains and through gentle hills and dense forest along the **Lake Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway**. The route travels south along the eastern shoreline of Lake Coeur d'Alene—a popular summer destination and home to the largest population of nesting osprey in the western U.S. Stop as well as majestic bald eagles, moose, deer, elk, bear and numerous other species of birds. Stop and stretch your legs on the Mineral Ridge Trail, which offers panoramic views of the lake and learning stations describing the area's plant and animal life.



The **Panhandle Historic Rivers Passage Scenic Byway** begins at the Idaho-Washington border and follows the northern shore of the Pend Oreille River through Oldtown, Priest River and ends in Sandpoint. Drive along miles of soothing river scenery reflecting the pastoral beauty of the surrounding forests and farms. Enjoy spotting seasonal wildlife, birds of prey and waterfowl or stop and explore the history of northern Idaho in three different museums along the byway. The Pend Oreille River provides opportunities to swim or boat along spacious, gently flowing waters. In winter, enjoy alpine and Nordic skiing or tubing at **Schweitzer**.

The **Pend Oreille Scenic Byway** offers travelers some of Idaho's most spectacular water views. The route meanders eastward across farmlands, through river deltas, and along the rocky northern shores of Lake Pend Oreille to the Idaho-Montana border. Pullouts along the byway allow visitors to stop and enjoy breathtaking vistas of mountainous horizons framing miles of open water. The region's distinctive four seasons offer outstanding opportunities for swimming, fishing, boating, golfing, hiking, hunting, birding, alpine skiing and snowmobiling. Visitors can find a variety of camping and accommodations along the way— from mountain campsites and shoreline campgrounds to RV parks and lakefront lodging.

The **International Selkirk Loop Scenic Drive** is North America's only multinational scenic loop. This 280-mile route follows rivers and lakeshores and travels through the Selkirk Mountains into British Columbia—areas once used for transportation by native tribes, explorers and early settlers. Today, the route offers access to myriad opportunities for year-round recreation, splendid beauty and exploring charming small towns.

The **Wild Horse Trail Scenic Byway** is part of the International Selkirk Loop and starts on the northwestern shores of Lake Pend Oreille in Sandpoint. The route travels north along the eastern side of the Selkirk Mountains, following the Kootenai Tribe's historic path to fishing grounds at Lake Pend Oreille. Just south of Bonners Ferry, a stunning wide glacial valley comes into view, revealing fertile lands supporting a wide variety of agriculture throughout the Kootenai Valley.





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