



Silverwood Theme Park



Brooks Seaplane



WHAT TO SEE AND DO

Attractions

Play Play Play

Get Above it All

Get a bird's-eye view of North Idaho on a high-flying tour. **Brooks Seaplane Service** at the city dock on Lake Coeur d'Alene has sightseeing and charter flights over North Idaho waterways 664-2842. Departing from the Coeur d'Alene airport, **Serendipity Hospitality** offers North Idaho mountain, lake and ski area scenic flights. www.idahoserendipity.com or 935-6330. For the more adventuresome, parasailing on Lake Coeur d'Alene provides a unique view.

Ride the Gondola

Take your vacation (or visitors) to new heights aboard the **Silver Mountain Gondola**. Stretching 3.1 miles and rising 3,400 vertical feet, the gondola transports passengers in 16 minutes from the **base village** in Kellogg to the **Mountain Haus**. During the summer, riders can enjoy mountaintop dining, hiking, mountain bike riding and outdoor concerts. Skiing, snowboarding, tubing and fun weekly events

highlight the winter months. 1-800-204-6428 or www.silvermt.com

Go Underground

A **retired miner** is your guide as you walk through the main drift of a **real underground silver mine**. Your guide will share his own mining stories and will demonstrate the operation of real mining machinery while you experience and learn about historical and modern methods of hard-rock silver mining.

Your tour begins aboard a **classic 18 passenger trolley**. On the short trip to and from the mine you will be treated to a narrative of the colorful **125 year history** of Historic Wallace, "The Silver Capital of the World." Bring your camera and a light sweater, the temperature in the mine stays at about 50° all year. 752-5151 or www.silverminetour.org

Crystal Gold Mine in Kellogg is the only **authentic gold mine** in the Northwest, dating back to the 1880s. Lost for nearly 100 years, it was rediscovered and rejuvenated in 1996. Feel

like a prospector with seasonal **panning for gold!** Bring your camera and a sweater, the mine temperature stays at 48° all year. Easy walking and no climbing makes this guided tour fun for the whole family. The mine is open all year and offers free RV parking. Take Exit 54 off I-90 by the **Sunshine Miner's Memorial** and travel two miles west on Silver Valley Road. 783-4653 or www.goldmine-idaho.com

Be Amused!

Silverwood Theme Park is a town unto itself with over **65 rides and attractions** including theater shows, live entertainment, a country carnival, midway arcade, thrill-seeking amusement rides and a spectacular water park. Be sure to ride the narrow gauge **steam train** and two of the largest wooden roller coasters in the west. Tempt fate on the hair raising, 55 mph **TimberTerror**. Then, if you dare, climb aboard **Tremors**. Plummet 103 feet into the first of four underground tunnels, then burst through the floor and roof of the gift shop. Don't miss **Panic**

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Silver Mountain



Triple Play - Raptor Reef

Plunge... an adrenaline rush is guaranteed as you speed towards the ground at 47 mph. The newest, tallest and fastest roller coaster, **Aftershock**, opened in July 2008. Located 15 minutes north of Coeur d'Alene on US Highway 95. 683-3400 or www.silverwoodthemepark.com.

Triple Play Family Fun Park is open for year 'round adventure. Featuring bowling, **miniature golf**, go-carts, **bumper boats**, laser tag, a climbing wall, arcade, indoor water park and more, you're sure to find something that everyone in the family will enjoy. Just a few minutes north of Coeur d'Alene on US Highway 95 at Orchard in Hayden. 762-7529, www.3play.com

Get WET

Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg recently opened the **Silver Rapids Indoor Water Park**. The park includes **Gold Rush** and **Prospector Plunge** tube slides, **North Fork** lazy river and **Moose Sluice** family raft slide. For the younger set, **Cub Cove** and **Pollywog Pond** are just right. Don't miss the ultimate in aquatic attractions - a

FlowRider Surf Wave!



The **FlowRider** provides a perfect wave that can be body boarded or surfed. Over 60,000 gallons of water per minute moves you at 35 mph. Time to wind down? Enjoy **Trestles Surfside Grill and Hot Tubs** which overlooks the water park. www.silvermt.com.

Cool off at Silverwood's **Boulder Beach Water Park**. Float the 1,000 ft. long **Elkhorn Creek**. Enjoy **Avalance Mountain Family Raft Ride**, **Boulder Beach Bay** (two wave pools) or **Rumble Falls** with 4 exciting slides. Not for the faint of heart is **Velocity Peak**, a high-speed 62 ft., pitch dark, verticle drop water slide! For little ones, there's **Poliwog Park** and **Toddler Springs** Kid's area. **Cabana Island** is the perfect headquarters for a day of fun in the sun. 683-3400.

Raptor Reef indoor water park is part of the **Triple Play** and **Holiday Inn** complex on US Hwy 95 in Hayden with year 'round family water fun. Featuring three **water slides**, a **wave pool**, children's **lagoon** and hot tubs, the youngest and oldest members of the family will find just what they're looking for when they want to get wet. 762-7529, www.3play.com

Wild Waters, located on Government Way in Coeur d'Alene, offers a variety of refreshing activities including water slides, heated pools, a game arcade and picnic area.

Fairly Good Fun

The **Kootenai County Fairgrounds** (corner of Government & Kathleen in Coeur d'Alene) plays host to many events all year including the **North Idaho Fair & Rodeo** held the last week of August. Complete with an Open Horse Show, animal and home arts exhibits, entertainment, demolition derby, PRCA Rodeo and a carnival, the fair is fun for the entire family. Not to be missed are North Idaho Fair favorites - **Idaho Beer Balls!** www.northidahofair.com

Also held mid to late August are the **Bonner County Fair** (located off Hwy 95 north of Sandpoint) www.co.bonner.id.us/fairgrounds, **Benewah County Fair** in St. Maries www.benewahcountyfair.com and the **Boundary**

County Fair in Bonners Ferry (located south of the Kootenai River off Hwy 95) www.boundarycountyid.org/fair

Walk the Boardwalk

The **Boardwalk at The Coeur d'Alene Resort** rims the hotel's 372-slip marina and at 12 feet wide and 3,300 feet long, it is recognized as the **world's longest floating boardwalk**. It was constructed in 1986 using 1,600 float logs (each 32 feet long), 28,000 pounds of spikes, 16,000 lag screws and 8,000 pounds of bolts to complete. The boardwalk and marina are anchored by 150 tons of concrete and a series of strategically placed pilings. The boardwalk is the ideal place to view the **4th of July fireworks** or the **Fantasy in Lights** Thanksgiving weekend kickoff to the holiday season. Rest your feet on a boardwalk bench or view watercraft of all sizes which are moored at the marina. Open daily to the public.

Dig it! Garnets or Fossils

Idaho and India are the only two places on earth where **star garnets** - the Idaho **state gem** - are found. In Idaho, the garnet digging area is located on **Emerald Creek**, south of **St. Maries** on State Highway 3 to Road 447. **Digging requires a permit**, available at the digging site. Permits are \$10 for adults and \$5 for 14 and under and may be purchased from Memorial Day through Labor Day. While most gems are small crystals, garnets weighing seven ounces and more have been found in the Emerald Creek area. 245-2531.

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Downtown Coeur d'Alene



Triple Play

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Find fossils at **Clarkia Miocene Lake** at the **Fossil Bowl** dig site. Clarkia has some of the best preserved and oldest leaf, insect and fish fossils. Over **125 specimens** can be found including Bald cypress, Chinese Pine, fir, and Dawn redwood among many others types of leaves. The Fossil Bowl is open to the public for digging from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily in summer months. Fee is \$10 per person, under 5 is free. Bring butter knives and pulaski to dig with and newspaper to preserve your fossil. Tools on loan at site for no charge. 245-3608

Pan for Gold

A few miles up the road from Wallace you'll discover **Murray**, North Idaho's **living ghost town**. A.J. Prichard first discovered gold in Murray in 1881 with more than 10,000 prospectors seeking their

fortunes on the Coeur d'Alene River by 1885. While in Murray, enjoy lunch in the shadow of **Molly b'Damn** at the **Sprag Pole Inn & Museum**, look over the famous **Bedroom Goldmine Bar** and try your hand at gold panning (with gold guaranteed every time). Do not pan local streams without permission. 682-3901

Located between Prichard and Murray is **Eagle City Park** (25 miles from I-90 via the Coeur d'Alene River Road - Exit 43), site of the first gold rush to the Coeur d'Alenes. For a small fee, modern prospectors can search for gold on the 35 acre park located in the **Coeur d'Alene National Forest**.

Taste the Local Brew

Relax in one of North Idaho's award winning pubs and watch brewing history in the making. **Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company** at 2nd &

Lakeside Ave. in downtown Coeur d'Alene offers beer brewed on site and facility tours. **Laughing Dog Brewery** in Sandpoint features a tap room, daily tours and a gift shop. In keeping with the town's colorful past, visitors to the **Wallace Brewing Company** can enjoy Red Light Lager and Dirty Blond Ale in the Whorehouse Tasting Room.

For the barley-hop connoisseur, don't miss the annual **MicroBrews Festival** in August at Silver Mountain in Kellogg (www.silvermt.com), the micro-brew tasting event at **Festival at Sandpoint** (www.festivalatsandpoint.com) or **Wine, Stein and Dine** at the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls. For the largest selection of area micro-brews on tap, stop by **Capone's Pub and Grill** located on 4th in midtown Coeur d'Alene and on Ross Point Road in Post Falls. www.caponespub.com

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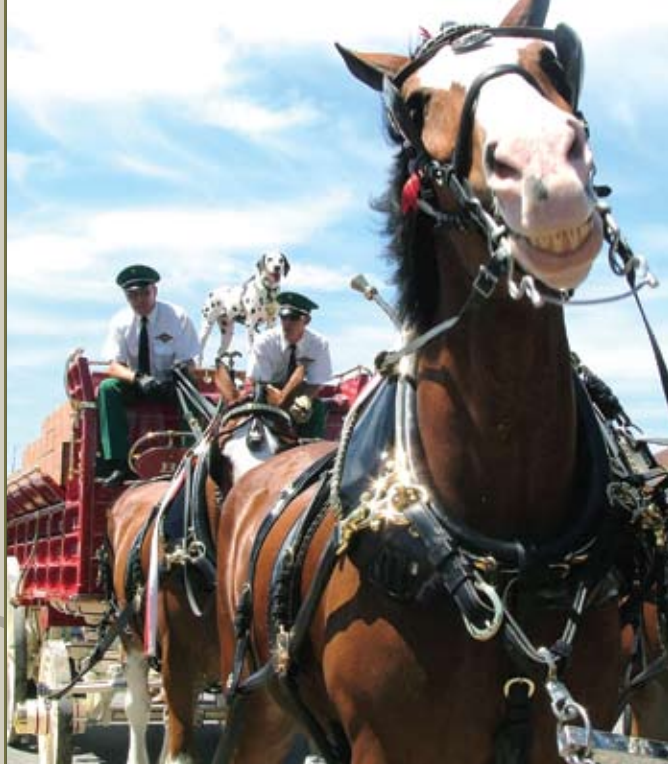
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There are many popular North Idaho **wine tasting** events but if you aren't here to catch one, **Pend d'Oreille Winery** (265-8545) in Sandpoint offers daily tastings of their award winning wines, live music Fridays and Saturdays, and a gift shop (www.powine.com.) **Coeur d'Alene Cellars** (on Schreiber off Kathleen Ave.) is open for tastings at the winery and at Barrell Room #6 (Sherman Ave, downtown Coeur d'Alene). Based in Post Falls, **TimberRock Winery's** varietals can be sampled at Studio 107 on 4th St. in Coeur d'Alene.

The Wine Cellar (313 Sherman Ave, downtown Coeur d'Alene) and **Daanen's Deli** (corner of Prairie and Government in Hayden, 772-7371) offer a variety of tastings year round.

Pick Huckleberries

The mountains of the Coeur d'Alenes are known for their abundance of **huckleberries**, a round, purple berry native to North Idaho. Sunlight enhances production, so the best berry picking is usually found along abandoned logging roads,

in areas where timber has been harvested or where forest fires have occurred.

When venturing into the forest, **remember bears like berries**, too. High in carbohydrates, they are one of the primary food sources for grizzly and black bear.

If you encounter or see a bear, it is

best to retreat and not to infringe on the bear's berry territory. The huckleberry is an erect shrub ranging from one to five feet tall. By mid-June, berries on south facing lower slopes are ripe. Good picking is as late as October on north slopes. Abundant huckleberry picking spots are available throughout North Idaho. Best picking is between **late July and early August**. Visit idahoparks.org or contact Priest Lake Ranger District, 443-2512 www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/priestlake

Horse Rides, Hay Rides & Sleigh Rides

There's no better way to catch the true flavor of the West than from the back of a horse. A **variety of rides** are offered throughout North Idaho. They range from gentle mountain trails for beginners to authentic trail boss guided evening rides complete with western suppers. Located on 960 acres, **Western Pleasure Guest Ranch** (15 minutes from Sandpoint) has cabin rentals along with year round equine adventures including winter sleigh rides and summer trail rides. 263-9066 or www.westernpleasureranch.com. **Rider Ranch** (10 minutes from Coeur d'Alene) offers a day of life on a working ranch, riding and a family barn night with an open fire BBQ. 667-3373. **Stillwater Ranch** in Sagle has everything you need for your wild west horseback experience. 263-0077. **Red Horse Mountain Guest Ranch** near Harrison offers the experience of a classic Rocky Mountain dude ranch. (888)689-9680 or redhorsemountain.com

Kick Up Your Heels

For the young and hip, and the not-so-young-but-still-hip looking to break loose on the dance floor, North Idaho has a place for everyone.

The perennially popular **Iron Horse**, between 4th and 5th on Sherman Ave. in downtown Coeur d'Alene, has the dual draw of live music or a DJ with sidewalk tables for socializing and people watching

in the summer. 667-7314. For the just-legal drinking age crowd, **Mik-n-Mac's** on 4th delivers a cut loose atmosphere and high-energy social scene.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort's upscale **Shore Lounge** rivals the Iron Horse as a landmark for locals, with all ages enjoying the always current live band or DJ. Sunday **karaoke night** is entertaining for spectators and participants. 765-4000

The country crowd flocks to **Big Al's**, in Steline. One of the few places where dancing on the tables is not only allowed but encouraged, it's a great place for groups of revelers to two-step and chicken dance. 777-8312. The historic **Slab Inn** in Post Falls also caters to the country music fan, with live music every weekend and free dance lessons before bands take the stage. 773-5440. With the largest beer garden in the Inland Northwest, **Curley's** on Highway 53 at Hauser Lake, cranks up live classic rock bands on Fridays and Saturdays. 773-5816

The Crossroads is a country western dance club in Post Falls located on Hwy 41. It is smoke and alcohol free. Open dancing Friday nights 9 to midnight.

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