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 Kellogg ▪ Hayden ▪ Hope ▪ Wallace ▪ Harrison ▪ St. Maries  
 Priest Lake ▪ Priest River ▪ Bonners Ferry ▪ Worley-Plummer and  
 Surrounding Communities

*North Idaho and the Inland Northwest are the aboriginal homelands to a number of Indian tribes. The names of many cities and landmarks are derived from these tribal languages. While not all local names are tribal, visitors and newcomers can refer to this list of challenging-to-pronounce names to sound like you've been here for years!*

Coeur d'Alene - core da LANE  
 Kootenai - KOOT in ee  
 Moscow - MOSS co  
 Moyie - moy A  
 Nez Perce - nez pierce  
 Pend Oreille - PAWN da RAY  
 Q'emiln - ka MEE lin  
 Shoshone - sho SHONE  
 Seltice - sell TEECE  
 St. Maries - Saint Marys  
 Spokane - SPO can

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- 8 OLD MISSION STATE PARK
- 9 SCHWEITZER
- 10 SELKIRK LOOP
- 11 SILVER MOUNTAIN
- 12 SILVERWOOD THEME PARK
- 13 MCEUEN PARK SPLASH PAD

MILEAGE FROM COEUR D'ALENE TO			
Banff, Alb.	318	Reno	785
Billings	522	Salt Lake City	687
Boise	386	San Francisco	897
Bonnors Ferry	78	Sandpoint	46
Butte	286	Seattle	312
Calgary, Alb.	411	Spokane	32
Cranbrook, B.C.	153	Sun Valley	481
Lewiston	116	Tri-Cities	174
Missoula	167	Vancouver, B.C.	467
Nelson, B.C.	183	Wenatchee	202
Portland	377	Yellowstone	438

SEASONS CHANGE	Monthly average daytime temperatures and precipitation		
January	34°		3.58
February	41°		2.50
March	48°		2.28
April	59°		1.68
May	69°		2.02
June	76°		1.93
July	86°		.70
August	85°		.99
September	75°		1.25
October	61°		2.10
November	44°		3.10
December	37°		3.81



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Old Mission of the Sacred Heart



Coeur d'Alene City Dock 1910



## Communities Rich in History

### INDIANS GAIN NEW NAMES AND RELIGION

For thousands of years nations of tribal people lived in family bands along the lakes and rivers of northern Idaho. The **Kootenai Indians** lived to the north, near what is now the U.S./Canadian border. The **Nimipu** lived further south around the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The **Schee-Chu-Ums** occupied much of the land between the Kootenai and Nimipu. In the early 1800s French speaking fur traders gave French names to some of the Tribes. The Schee-Chu-Ums was given the name **Coeur d'Alene**, which was an attempt to describe their sharp trading practices. They were said to have hearts (Coeur) as sharp as the point of an awl (Alene). The Nimipu became **Nez Perce** 'pierced nose' and a small tribe living near the Kootenai became known as the **Pend Oreille** 'ear pendent'.

During the fur trade era, tribal people were introduced to many western goods and ideas, including Christianity. The idea of men wearing black robes delivering a great prayer from a book was so appealing that a neighboring Tribe in western Montana sent a delegation to St. Louis several times looking for a priest. **Father Jean DeSmet** responded by establishing Saint Mary's Mission in 1841. When news about the mission reached the Coeur d'Alene Tribe they were convinced that an old tribal legend about men wearing black robes bringing them a great

spiritual truth was true.

In 1842 Father DeSmet came to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and established the **Mission of The Sacred Heart**. A small log structure was built on the St. Joe River, but due to flooding was moved to a high knoll overlooking the Coeur d'Alene River where a large church was completed in 1853. Designed in a Greco-Roman style by Father Anthony Ravalli, the new church was built from local timbers, including six large Doric columns at the entrance of the building. Cutting, dressing and carving the timbers were done by the Jesuit priests and members of the tribe using simple hand tools.

The Mission of The Sacred Heart, **Idaho's oldest standing building**, became a state park in 1975. The Visitor Center at the Old Mission State Park is the permanent home of Sacred Encounters, an exhibition telling the story of the "Blackrobes" and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

### IDAHO'S FIRST ROAD

As the Mission of the Sacred Heart was being completed in 1853, General Isaac Stevens, the first governor of Washington Territory, came through the Northwest with a survey party in search of a northern route for a transcontinental railroad. He assigned **Lt. John Mullan** with a crew of about 150 men to construct a 624 mile wagon road from Ft. Benton on the Missouri River to Ft. Walla Walla on the Columbia. On July 4, 1861 the men celebrated Independence

### Top Ten Historic Sites in North Idaho

1. **Mission of the Sacred Heart**, Idaho's oldest standing building - Cataldo
2. **The gold mining town of Murray**
3. **The city of Historic Wallace**
4. **Old Kootenai County Jail** - Rathdrum
5. **Marble Creek Interpretative Site** - East of St. Maries
6. **Remains of Fort Sherman** - Coeur d'Alene on N.I. College Campus
7. **Hanna Flat Cedar Grove** - Priest Lake
8. **The Vinther-Nelson Cabin/Museum** - at Priest Lake's Eight Mile Island
9. **Treaty Rock inscription and petroglyphs** - Post Falls
10. **4th of July Mullan Trail Center** - 4th of July Pass

Day on the crest of a mountain, known today as the **Fourth of July Pass**, a short distance from the Mission. Mullan's road was completed in 1862 just as the Civil War got under way.

### A MILITARY PRESENCE

After the Civil War there was growing friction between settlers and native cultures in the west. In 1877, just one year after the defeat of General Custer at the Battle of Little Bighorn, **General William Sherman** toured the west and recommended to Congress that a new military fort be constructed on the northern shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The building of **Fort Coeur d'Alene**, which started in the spring of 1878,

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was also the beginning of a small pioneer village that later became the city of Coeur d'Alene. In 1887, the name of the fort was changed to Fort Sherman in honor of its founder. The fort was active until 1898 when most of the troops were sent to fight in the Spanish American War. Three of the original fort buildings are still in use on what is now the campus of North Idaho College.

## RUSH FOR GOLD AND SILVER

While Fort Coeur d'Alene was under construction a veteran prospector named **Andrew Prichard** discovered gold on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. He and his partners tried to keep the discovery a secret but in the spring of 1883 the word got out. Gold in the Coeur d'Alenes! Thousands of prospectors rushed to the gold fields, including Wyatt Earp and his brothers. The towns of Murray, Prichard and Eagle City sprang up overnight.

In 1884 some of the prospectors began to turn their attention to the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene. What they found was not gold, but **silver**. The first silver mines, such as the Tiger and Poorman, were located along Canyon Creek, a tributary of the South Fork. The activity around these mines gave birth to the towns of Burk, Gem and Mace. By 1886 more than a dozen silver mines were in operation along the hills and creeks of the South Fork. The town of **Mullan** came into existence after the discovery of the Hunter Mine. The township of **Kellogg** was established in 1892 and named after Noah Kellogg (his jackass is credited with finding the first Galena ore in 1884) founder of The Bunker Hill Mine, known by residents as "Uncle Bunker." W.R. Wallace, a cousin of Lew Wallace, the author of Ben Hur, built a cabin and a store near the mouth of Canyon Creek and began to make plans for a town. His town of **Wallace** became the hub of one of the richest mining districts in the world.

## TIMBER BOOM

Following a report made by a **U.S. Geological Survey** in 1898 about the abundant timber resources in the Pacific Northwest, several eastern lumber companies moved into North Idaho and began building their empires. These companies purchased vast amounts of timber lands, built mills, railroads, logging camps, company stores, and even town sites. With the logging boom in full swing by 1910 thousands of people swarmed into northern Idaho as to a gold rush. **Coeur d'Alene** grew from a small pioneer town of about 500 to a modern city with a population of more than 7,000. Water front towns such as Sandpoint, Harrison, St. Maries, Post Falls, Priest River, Bonners Ferry and Spirit Lake became bustling timber towns.

**Frederick Post** came upon a falls in the Spokane

River in 1871 and visualized the ideal location for a sawmill. He negotiated a treaty with Chief Andrew Seltice of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and started the area's first commercial sawmill in 1880. The settlement of **Post Falls** grew up around the mill. The dam is now operated by Avista Utilities and is the site of Falls Park, with observation decks open to the public. The Coeur d'Alenes and much of northern Idaho had immense stands of white pine and met all the conditions for logging, including transcontinental railroads to take the lumber to market. Many of the towns in northern Idaho began as logging centers.

Originally named **Westwood**, in 1881 **Rathdrum** was renamed after a town in Ireland in order to obtain its own post office. It was county seat of Kootenai County until 1908. It was the end of the Northern Pacific Railroad route to the Coeur d'Alene Mining district. From here, miners took a stage to Coeur d'Alene and a steamboat to Cataldo. In 1886, a branch line to Hauser re-routed traffic. Several of Rathdrum's historic buildings reflect its prosperous days as the county seat.

**Bonners Ferry** was named for Edwin Bonner. He was the builder of the first ferry boat on the Kootenai River that was used for transportation needs of gold prospectors of Wild Horse Creek in British Columbia. The Kootenai River, which flows through Bonners Ferry is a fickle patriot. Originating in Canada, it flows South across the U.S. border then returns North back into Canada eventually emptying into Kootenay Lake.

At one time a rough-and-tumble logging town, **Harrison** still sports remnants of its colorful past. Historic buildings, like the community's two churches, weathered saloons and even the city's cemetery, all stand as testament to the hardy souls who built this one-time boom town. In the early 1900s, Harrison was a main port for the big passenger steamers that navigated Lake Coeur d'Alene.

**St. Maries** developed as a steam-boat stop and major distribution center for raw logs, at the confluence of the St. Maries and St. Joe rivers. It was named by Father Pierre DeSmet, who built

the original mission on the St. Joe just north of town. Flooding forced the priest to move the mission to Cataldo, where it stands today as the oldest original building in the state.

## TRAINS AND STEAMBOATS

The discovery of gold and silver coincided with the completion of the **Northern Pacific Railroad**, the second transcontinental rail line in the U.S. By 1887 a railroad/steamboat transportation system was constructed to connect the new silver mining district to the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. By 1910, most of the towns in northern Idaho were served by at least one of the four major railroads that ran through the area. Beginning in 1905, an **electric railroad** ran from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene, which made connections to steamboat excursions on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Spanning 400 feet across Sand Creek in downtown Sandpoint, the **Cedar Street Bridge Public Market** is the only marketplace on a bridge in the United States. Built in 1906 as an auto and pedestrian bridge, it originally carried traffic from downtown to the train depot on the east bank of Sand Creek. As train travel declined in the following decades the bridge became less integral to transportation needs and fell into disrepair. In the early 1980s Scott Glickenhau, a local entrepreneur and world traveler, saw an opportunity to create a unique public gathering place. His idea, inspired by the Ponte Vecchio in Italy, was to create a marketplace-on-a-bridge



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### NORTH IDAHO WATERS

Prior to 1846, Native Americans inhabited the shores of **Hayden Lake**. Legend has it that in 1878 a pioneer named Matt Heyden and another early homesteader, John Hager got into a poker game to see who would name the lake. Heyden won, although time altered the spelling to Hayden Lake. The Hayden Lake Country Club was once a recreational stop on the areas electric railroad known as **The Bozanta Tavern**, one of the finest resorts in the Northwest. It is also the site of the first 18-hole golf course in Idaho.

The village of **Bayview** was the terminus for lake steamers bringing lumber and lime from other points on the lake. After the start of World War II, Farragut Naval Training Center was built just west of Bayview. The second largest training center in the country, it processed 293,381 sailors in one 15-month period. After the war the center was decommissioned and given to the state of Idaho for a state park.

**Priest Lake** is named from the legend of a priest, ministering to early settlers, who disappeared one winter and was presumed drowned in the cold, clear waters. The lake is also famed for being the site of several early silent movies produced by Nell Shipman in the 1920s.

The city of **Sandpoint** is named for the extensive sandy beach area that extends into Lake Pend Oreille near downtown. **Lake Pend Oreille** (pronounced Pond-O-ray) is said to have been named by French fur trappers who thought the lake was shaped like a large ear. The lake is over 43 miles long, six miles wide and its depth is more than 1,200 feet. Early trapper, David Thompson who worked for The Hudson Bay Company, charted maps for much of North Idaho. In 1809 he built a trading post east of Sandpoint near **Hope**, called the Kullyspel (Kalispel) House which is Idaho's first structure built by a non-native.



### NEW MUSEUM

In 2019, the museum was able to move and save the historic J.C. White House, relocating this historic home to 8th & Young, where it will serve as the centerpiece for our new museum. MNI's plans are to expand the space underground for an exhibit hall, which will provide us with approximately 12,000 square feet and allow the museum to serve the community year-round. You can donate to the Building Fund at [www.museumni.org](http://www.museumni.org) and help us reach this goal.

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#### Old Kootenai County Jail Museum

802 2nd St, Rathdrum, [www.rathdrumhistory.com](http://www.rathdrumhistory.com) 687-9333

#### Post Falls Historical Society Museum

101 E 4th Ave, Post Falls, [postfallshistoricalsociety.webs.com](http://postfallshistoricalsociety.webs.com) 773-4681

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**Corbin Park Disc Golf Course, Post Falls** - The course is part of a beautiful park along the **Spokane River** (Riverbend Dr. to Corbin Rd.) Diverse shots, elevation changes, a few water hazards, big rocks and lots of trees. Wildlife, picnic tables, softball field, volleyball and horseshoe pits are nearby.

Holes: 15 DISCatcher | Tee Type: Concrete | Course Length: 3828

**Bluegrass Park - Kiwanis Disc Golf Course, Coeur d'Alene** - Laid out in an 11-acre circular park with a picnic shelter and playground in the **Coeur d'Alene Place** subdivision (Ramsey Rd. and Dalton Ave.) Rolling hills and lots of trees.

Holes: 9 Baskets | Tee Type: Natural | Course Length: 2062

**Baldfoot Disc Golf Course** - Some concrete tee boxes have been poured, others are still dirt until final location is determined. Wooded terrain with a lot of minor elevation changes. Creek in play on some holes.

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**Cherry Hill - Kiwanis Disc Golf Course, Coeur d'Alene** - 15-acre course with elevation changes, lots of foliage and trees. Natural obstacles.

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**Vandal Disc Golf Course, Sandpoint** - Open field and wooded shots at the University of Idaho's Agricultural campus.

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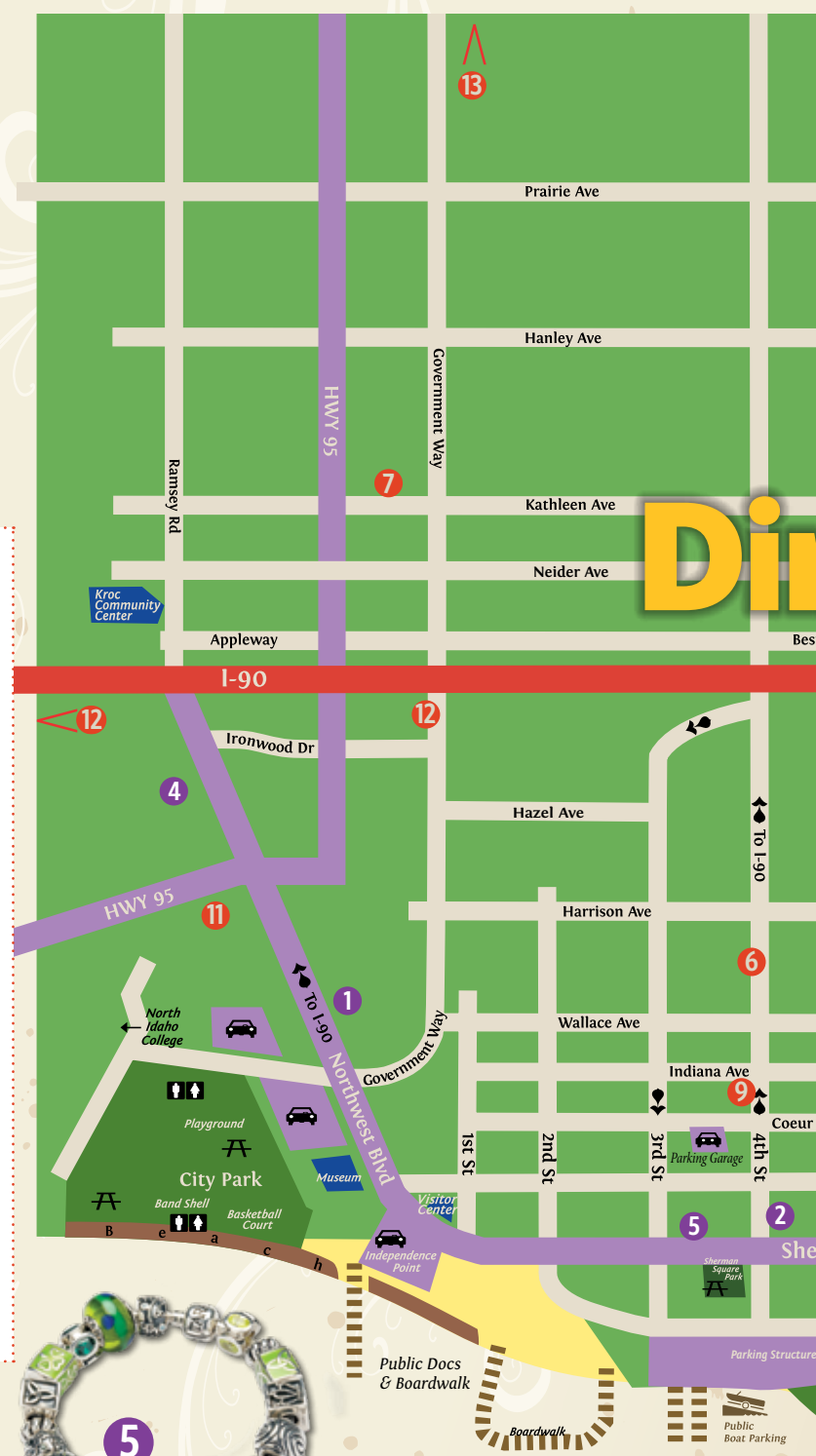
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Holes: 9 Baskets | Tee Type: Natural



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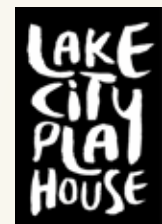
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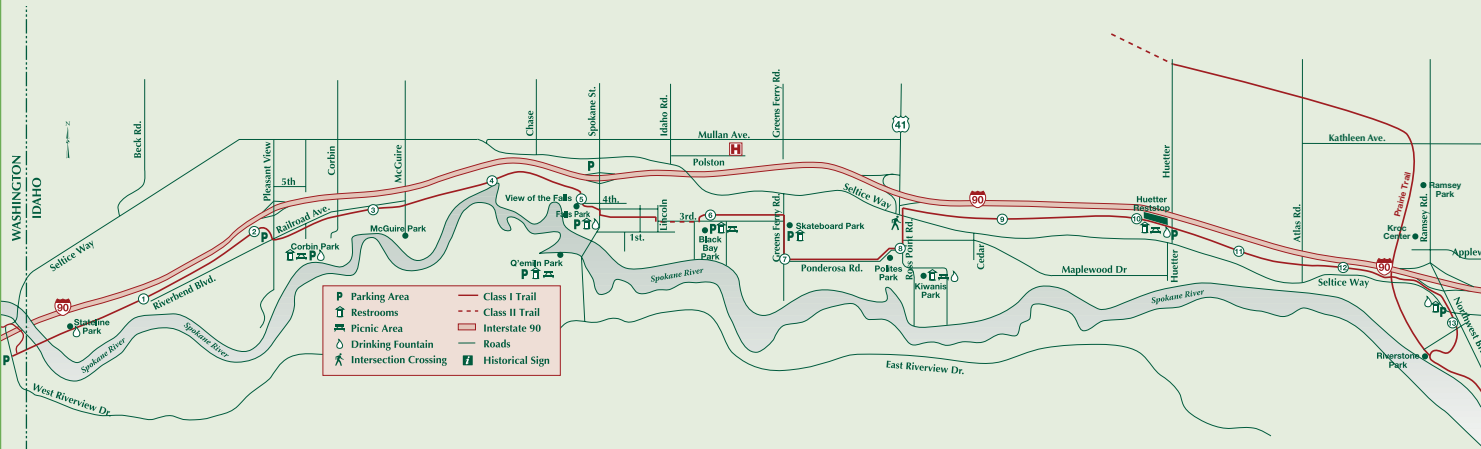
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**Follow that Moose!**

"**Mudgy & Millie**" is a children's book written by local author Susan Nipp. **The Mudgy Moose Trail** begins at the base of Tubbs Hill and ends at Independence Point, where Mudgy discovers that Millie was hiding close by all along.

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**Settlers Grove of Ancient Cedars** is an Idaho National Forest hiking and biking trail just north of historic Murray in the **Silver Valley**. The grove contains century-old trees, some with trunks up to 10 feet in diameter.

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**Idaho Panhandle National Forests** are a camper's paradise with over sixty public campgrounds and picnic areas. 877-444-6777 or [fs.fed.us/outernet/ipnf](http://fs.fed.us/outernet/ipnf). Local favorites: **Farragut State Park**, four miles east of U.S. Highway 95 at Athol, **Heyburn State Park**, on State Highway 5 between Plummer and St. Maries, **Round Lake State Park**, 10 miles south of Sandpoint, **Priest Lake State Park**, near the Selkirk Mountain range.

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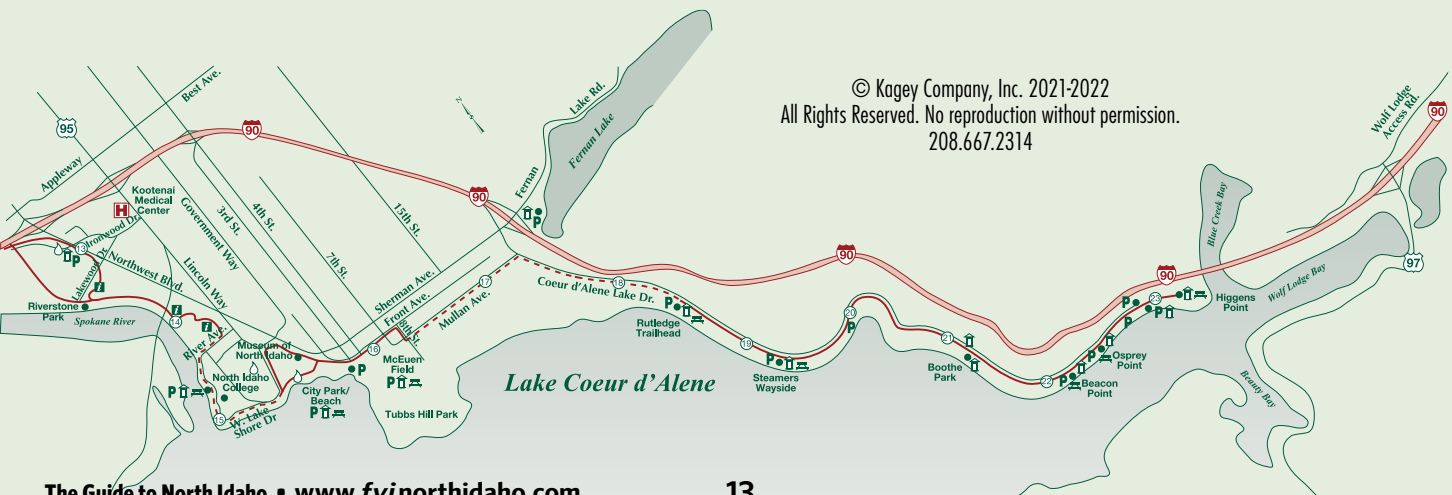
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### Skate Parks

Skateboarding your thing? GO: **Coeur d'Alene Skatepark (CDASK8PRK)** near downtown C d'A, **Millinneum Skatepark** in Post Falls, or **Rathdrum Skatepark**. **2nd Nature indoor Skatepark** and **Traver's Park Skatepark** near Sandpoint. In Bonners Ferry, riders can ride at the fairgrounds.

### Camp Out

Nestled among nature in one of North Idaho's many campgrounds. Some area favorites include; **Bell Bay Campground** located on Lake Coeur d'Alene featuring a large picnic area and

30 campsites, most among pine trees. (Take East Point road from Highway 97). **Big Hank Campground** has 30 campsites. Fish, canoe and inner tube in the nearby Coeur d'Alene River. (Located on River Road 208, 19 miles north of Prichard.)

**Beaver Creek Campground** is located on Priest Lake and has a portage. The campground has 40 campsites, swimming and a trail head. (Highway 57 - east at Nordman, 12 miles down paved road.) **Reeder Bay** is also located on Priest Lake 39 miles north of Priest River. This **Forest Service** campground has 24 campsites, handicap

facilities and a place to swim. (Highway 57 - turn east on to Nordman.)

**Sam Owen Campground** (Lake Pend Oreille) has 80 camp units, fishing, swimming and boating. The campground has sheltered picnic areas and includes a boat ramp. (15 miles east of Sandpoint on Highway 200. Turn South West down a county road and travel 2 miles.) **Huckleberry Campground** has 30 individual campsites and 3 group campsites. It has electricity, toilets, water and a trailer dump site. (Located on St. Joe River Road 29 miles east of St. Maries.) The 4,000-acre **Farragut State Park** has 246 total campsites

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For information on United States Forest Service campgrounds call 1-877-444-6777, Bureau of Land Management campgrounds call 769-5000 or to reserve a campsite, [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com).

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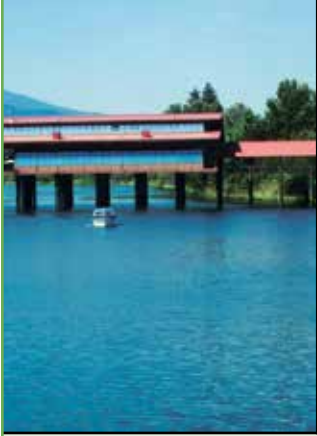
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North Idaho is one of the best kept secrets for **rock climbs** in the Northwest, offering top quality adventure close to home for all skill levels. **Q'emiln Park** in Post Falls is the best 5.10 and below cragging area in the Inland Northwest. From I-90 Exit 5, Spokane Street, south across the Spokane River bridge to the park entrance. From parking to climbing is just .25 miles round trip, making Q'emiln the most easy to access in the region.

On the east side of Priest Lake is **Chimney Rock**. From Coolin, travel 7.4 miles on Cavanaugh Bay Road to Forest Road 24. At the Hunt Creek bridge the road intersects with the E. Lakeshore Road. Stay on Road 24 for 4 miles until the fork

in the road. Go left onto Forest Road 2. Travel 1.6 miles to Forest Road 25 then 4.1 miles to trailhead parking.

**Castle Rock** in Kingston is off I-90 Exit 43, go north to the Beehive cutoff. Go over the Coeur d'Alene River and turn right (north). The crag is at mile 11.5 on west side. The trail is on the south side of the small stream.

## Shoot A Picture

The perfect souvenir of your North Idaho vacation are photographs of the great outdoors and abundant wildlife. The 2,774 acre **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge** is located in **Boundary County**, surrounded by **Deep Creek** and the **Kootenai River** to the east and the **Selkirk Mountains** on the west. Its purpose is to provide

resting and feeding habitat for migrating water fowl. The viewing route is approximately four miles and accessible by car, biking or hiking. Open to visitors daily, office hours are 8am to 4:30pm 267-3888

Just minutes from downtown Coeur d'Alene, the 88-acre **Cougar Bay Preserve** is a virtual wildlife nursery on the shores of **Lake Coeur d'Alene**. Cougar Bay attracts migrating and nesting waterfowl, numerous shorebirds, songbirds, moose, beaver, otter and deer. It offers 5+ miles of **interpretive hiking trails**, canoeing and kayaking, and wildlife and bird watching. Information kiosk and restroom available. 676-8176



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In downtown Coeur d'Alene, check out The **Moose Lounge** on the corner of 4th & Sherman features live music (and dancing) on the weekends and fun theme nights during the week, such as the popular Wednesday Trivia.

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

### Ride in the Moonlight

Every month all year round a group of folks get together as a community and ride bicycles around town, highlighting local business, under the full moon.

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### Rent Wheels

There are ample locations to rent wheels in town, including TourCDA, Coeur d'Alene Bike Company, Coeur d'Alene Adventures, Trek Bicycle Store, Electric Adventures, Vertical Earth, and more!



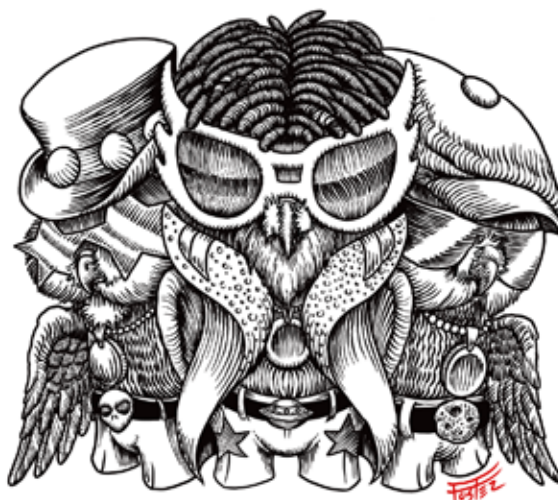
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Kootenai River



## Bike or Hike

Our Faves: **North Idaho Centennial Trail**, **Tubbs Hill**, **Mineral Ridge Trail**, **Q'emiln Trail** in Post Falls, and the **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes** - a rail-to-trail conversion which has 72 miles of paved path [www.friendsofcdatrails.org](http://www.friendsofcdatrails.org). The **Pulaski Trail** is a two-mile interpretive trail that tells the story of 1910 Ranger Edward Pulaski. **Canfield Mountain Trail System** features more than 32 miles of paths and dirt roads, The **Route of the Hiawatha** route is best known for the long, dark St. Paul or "Taft Tunnel." **Coeur d'Alene River Trail #20 for backpacking** with outstanding 200-300 foot rock formations including Steamboat Rocks and Cathedral Rocks. **Farragut State Park** features two bike trails - The Shoreline Trail and the Northside Loop. **Priest Lake Lakeshore Trail**

#294 is a popular and highly used trail in the area. **Strong Creek Mountain Bike Trail** is one of the must-see rides in the area. **Spirit Lake-Larch Mountain** is a 7.1 mile loop trail that takes you high enough for panoramic views of historic Spirit Lake.

## Go Off-Road!

North Idaho has some of the best off-road **ATV** and **motorbike** riding opportunities in the country. There are nearly **4,000 miles** of trails/roads to ride in the Idaho Panhandle. Info: **Back Country ATV** [backcountryatv.org](http://backcountryatv.org), **North Idaho ATV Club** [northidahoatv.org](http://northidahoatv.org), **High Mountain ATV Club** [highmountainatv.org](http://highmountainatv.org) and **Gem State ATV Association of Idaho** [gemstateatv.org](http://gemstateatv.org).

## Fabulous Fish Stories

Waters from this region have yielded one-third of the state's record fish, and Idaho is the only inland western state with **ocean-run salmon**.

**Lake Coeur d'Alene** is known for its large kokanee and chinook salmon. Large and small mouth bass, northern pike, rainbow trout, and mackinaw are also plentiful. **Rainbow and lake trout**, small and large mouth bass, and lake whitefish are plentiful on Lake Pend Oreille. Shoshone County has world class blue ribbon fishing streams such as the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene, St. Joe and Clear Water Rivers. There are approximately 50 alpine lakes-many with cutthroat, rainbow and brook trout.



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## Hunter's Paradise

With the most square miles of wilderness (21,621,000 acres of forested land) in the lower 48 states, Idaho offers the best and most varied hunting in the west. In North Idaho, 2.7 million acres are National Forest land. The state is two-thirds public land and a new Fish and Game program called **Access Yes!** is opening up more private land every year.

The state's **big game** population includes elk, moose, woodland caribou, mule and white-tailed deer, mountain lion, black and grizzly bear, and bighorn sheep. Grouse, quail, chukar and pheasant are a few of the upland **game birds** available, while Canada geese and ducks are the most common **waterfowl**.

The **Coeur d'Alene Mountains** are considered to be among the best for trophy bull elk because of the good cover and terrain.

**Bonner County** (Sandpoint) offers excellent waterfowl hunting. Duck populations include both puddle ducks and divers, and quality goose hunting is abundant.

The **Kootenai Wildlife Refuge** in **Boundary County** allows hunting of geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, blue, spruce, ruffed grouse, deer, elk, moose, black bear and mountain lion.

In the **Silver Valley**, hunting possibilities are

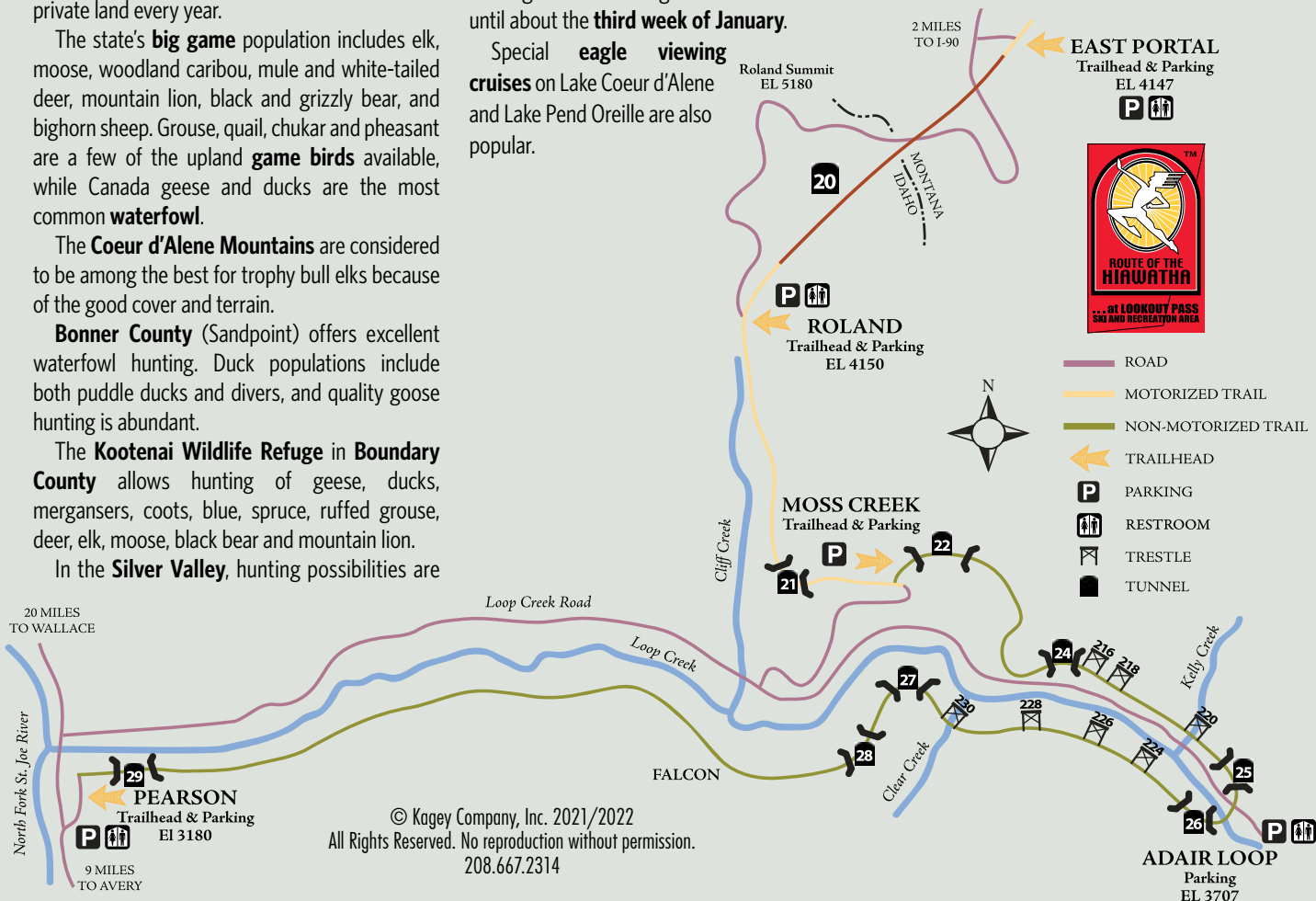
endless. Many elk, deer, bear and upland game birds are taken during bow, rifle and muzzle loader seasons.

**Priest Lake** is home to numerous species of coveted game animals. Whitetail and mule deer share the forests with an increasing herd of elk, moose and a large population of black bear.

## Watch Eagles Soar

Bald eagles arrive in November for their **annual migration**. Popular places to view them at **Higgins Point** and **Wolf Lodge Bay** on Lake Coeur d'Alene as well as numerous locations on **Lake Pend Oreille**. Highway 200 between **Sandpoint** and **Hope** is another viewing venue. The eagles remain in the area until about the **third week of January**.

Special **eagle viewing cruises** on Lake Coeur d'Alene and Lake Pend Oreille are also popular.



# On the Water

## Get WET

McEuen Park and Bluegrass Park both have splash pads free for public use Memorial Weekend - Labor Day. [www.cdavid.org/parks](http://www.cdavid.org/parks). For a little more water park action, visit **Silver Rapids Indoor Water Park** at Silver Mountain ([www.silvermt.com](http://www.silvermt.com) or 800-204-6428), Silverwood Theme Park's **Boulder Beach Water Park**. (683-3400 or [www.silverwoodthemepark.com](http://www.silverwoodthemepark.com)), or **Raptor Reef** indoor water park at Triple Play in Hayden, ID. (762-7529 or [www.3play.com](http://www.3play.com)).

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The average temperature of Lake Coeur d'Alene is 67° at the end of June and rises to 72° in August.

## Water Holes

North Idaho is abundant with **swimming beaches and water holes**: Independence Point Park at Coeur d'Alene's **City Beach**, Hayden Lake's **Honeysuckle Beach**, Q'emiln **Riverside Park** in Post Falls, **Beaver Bay**



**Beach** at Farragut State Park, and **City Beach** in Sandpoint. On the east side of **Priest Lake**, both Indian Creek and Lionhead have day use areas, or enjoy a dip in one of **Heyburn State Park's** three lakes.

## Cruise or Live Aboard

Take a **summer cruise** on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Lake Pend Oreille, Spokane River or St. Joe River. Daily, dinner, brunch and charter cruises are available. **Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruises** 765-4000, **Lake Pend Oreille Cruises** 255-LAKE.

## Water Rentals

The Boardwalk Marina, 415-5600, **Sandpoint Boat & RV Rentals** in Ponderay, 263-1535. **Paddle boats** are available to rent

by the hour at **Independence Point** in Coeur d'Alene or the city beach in **Sandpoint** plus numerous water sports rentals.

If vacationing on the waterfront is more your speed, **Coeur d'Alene Property Management** has four season **getaway rentals** featuring houses and cabins on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Hayden Lake, Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes. 765-0777 or [www.cdaprop.net](http://www.cdaprop.net).

The **Our Gem Coeur d'Alene Lake Collaborative** is a team of committed and passionate professionals working to preserve lake health and protect water quality by promoting community awareness of local water resources through education, outreach and stewardship. [www.uidaho.edu/cda/outreach/cwrc/our-gem](http://www.uidaho.edu/cda/outreach/cwrc/our-gem)

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## Float the Rivers

Float down the upper **Coeur d'Alene River** in a raft or canoe, or the **North Fork** of the Coeur d'Alene River is a family adventure for even the most **inexperienced or novice** floaters.

## Fall for the Rock

Visit: **Post Falls Dam**, **Albeni Falls** (all-ban-e) located near **Priest River** (437-3133 or [www.corpslakes.us](http://www.corpslakes.us)). **Moyie River Bridge**, one of the highest in Idaho, **Myrtle Creek Falls**, **Copper Creek Falls**.

## Dive for Steamboats

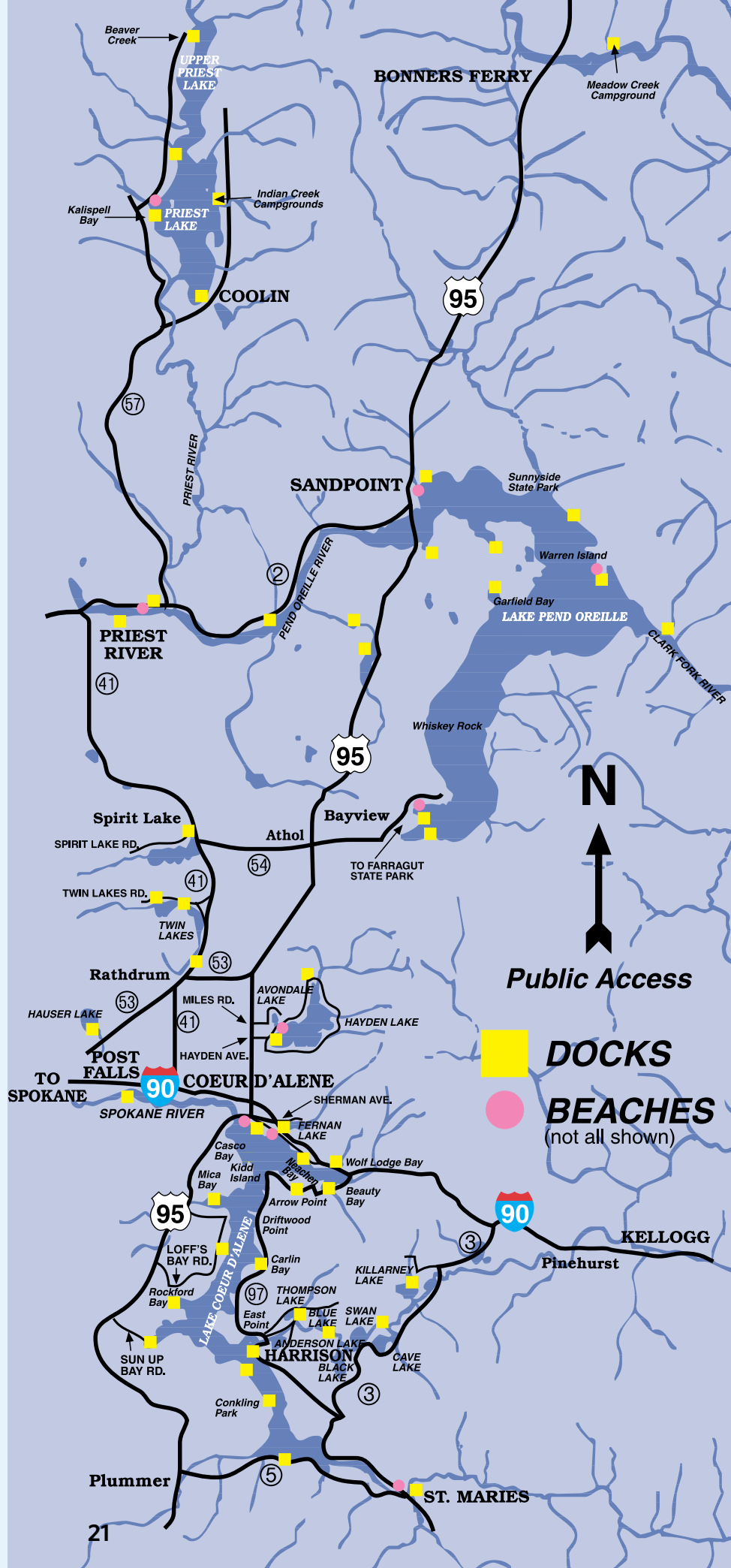
Join local divers in exploring the wreckage of the early-day steamers that rest beneath the waters of **Lake Coeur d'Alene**. Guided tours take you to the site of the **Georgie Oaks**, a stern wheeler with a 100-ton capacity that carried passengers and freight until 1917, or **The Idaho**, one of the largest steamers on the lake with twin side wheels and a capacity of 1,000 passengers. Divers West 664-0751 and Tom's Diving 664-0852 are full service dive shops in Coeur d'Alene.

## On the Pend Oreille

The **Pend Oreille River** is a fickle patriot. It begins at the west of Lake Pend Oreille near Sandpoint in Bonner County. Receiving the Priest River from the north it then flows into southern Pend Oreille County in northeastern Washington at Newport. In Washington the Pend Oreille River turns north, flowing along the eastern side of the **Selkirk Mountains**. It flows roughly parallel to the Idaho border for nearly 50 miles, through the Colville National Forest and Metaline Falls. The river crosses the international border into southeastern **British Columbia**, looping west for about 15 miles and joining the Columbia from the east, approximately two miles north of the Canadian border.

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The Pend Oreille River is the only mountain river in the United States that flows North and South and crosses the U.S. border more than once.



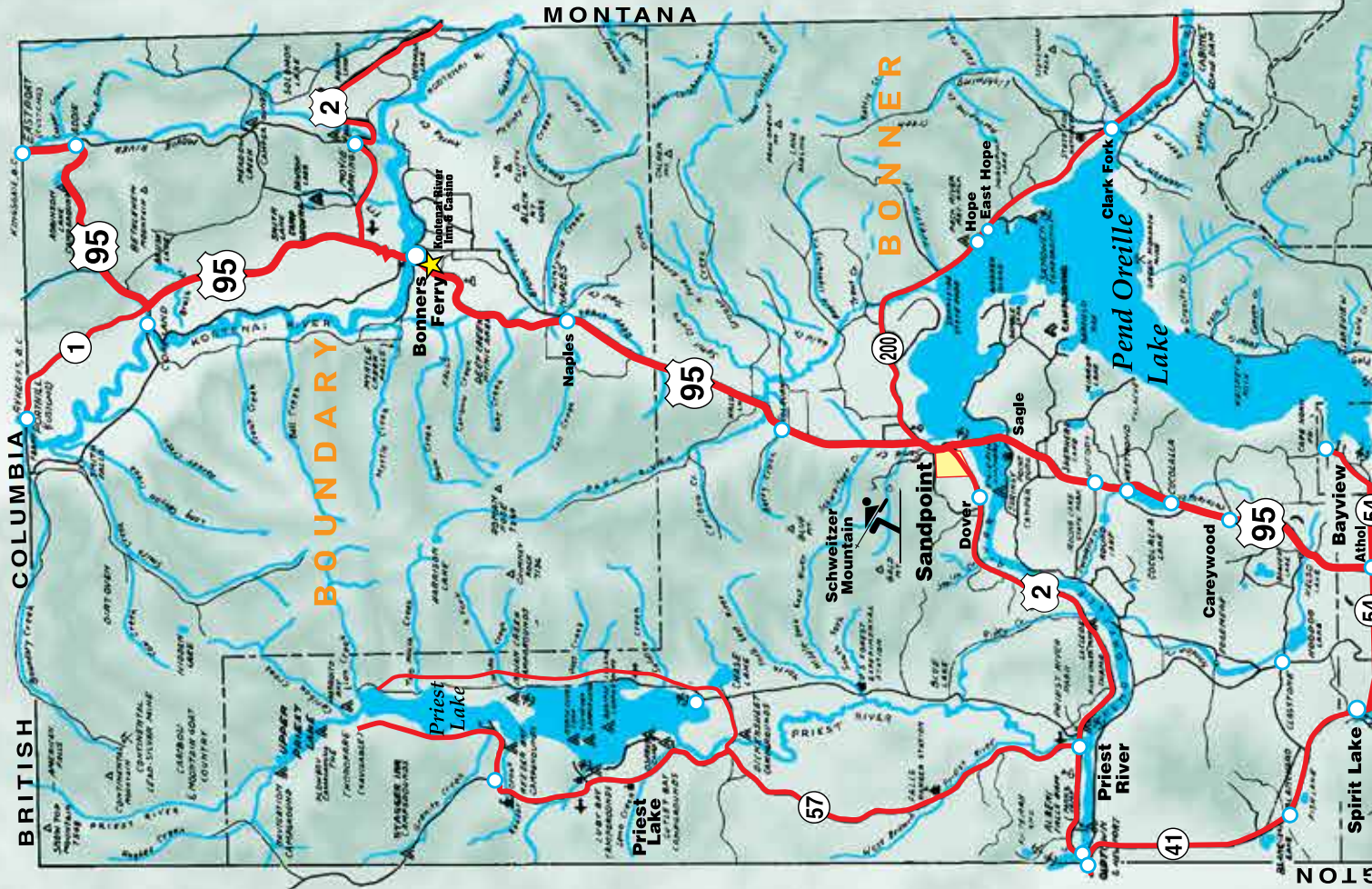
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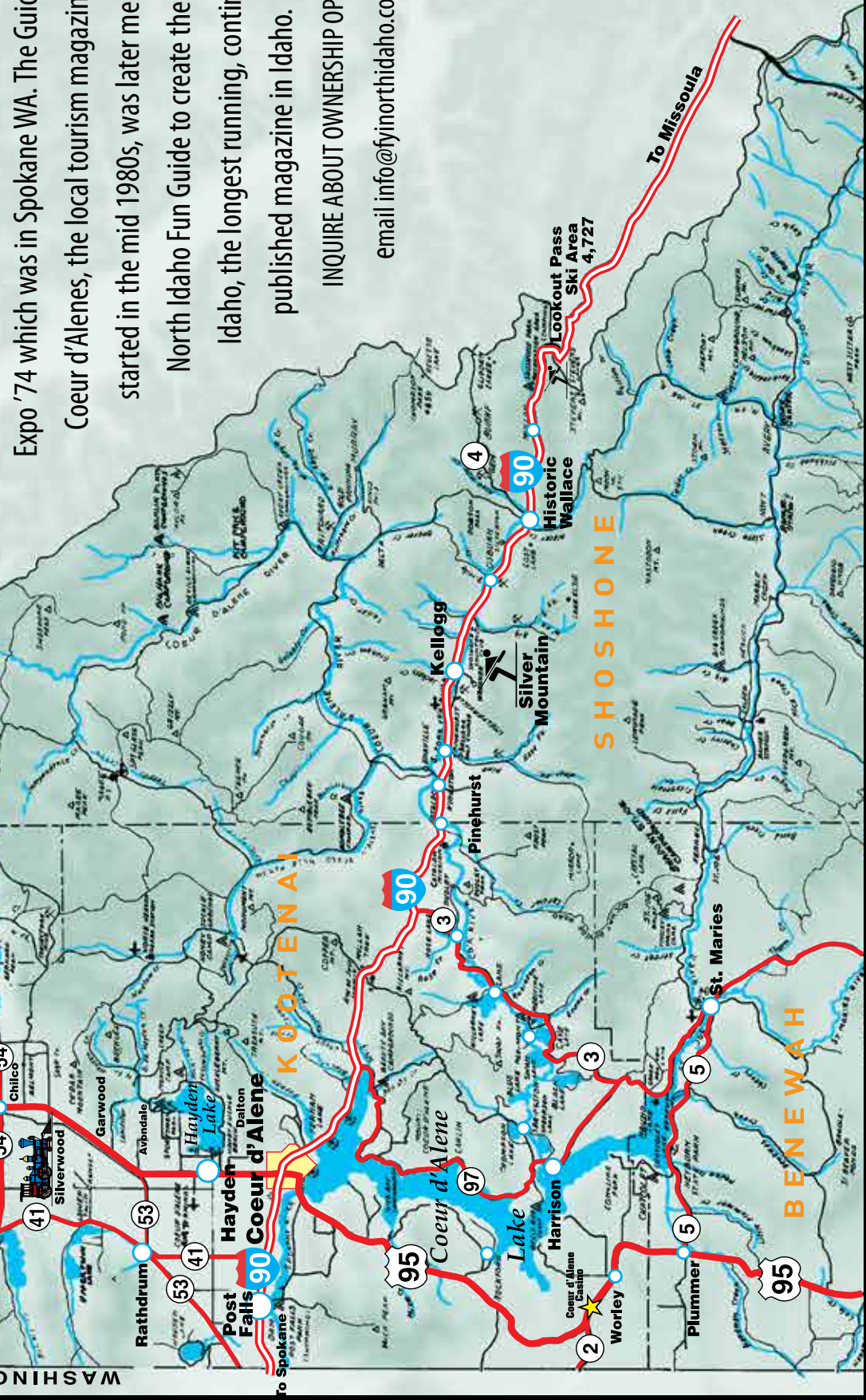


## 30 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

The Guide to North Idaho and companion website, [fynorthidaho.com](http://fynorthidaho.com), have been providing comprehensive travel, community, and relocation information for 30 years.

At that time the North Idaho Fun Guide, which was started as a North Idaho tourist brochure for visitors to the Worlds Fair,





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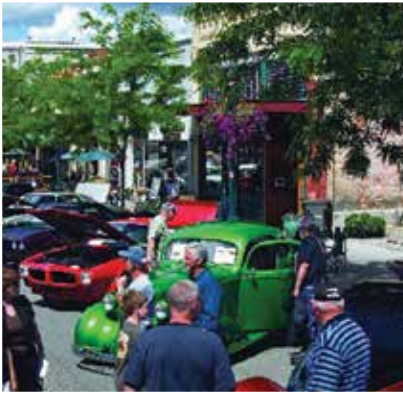
Spek Tater shares his travels through creative, entertaining and action packed posts, photos and videos on Facebook, YouTube, and his website, [fynorthidaho.com](http://fynorthidaho.com). He's got his eyes peeled for fun, so keep your eyes on him!

Expo '74 which was in Spokane WA. The Guide to the Coeur d'Alenes, the local tourism magazine which started in the mid 1980s, was later merged with The North Idaho Fun Guide to create the Guide to North Idaho, the longest running, continuously published magazine in Idaho.

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# Annual Events ...

The Guide to North Idaho, the longest running magazine in Idaho is proud to support these iconic North Idaho Events and activities that are mainstays of the community. Together we've made and shared decades of memories.



Car d'Alene



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Ironman Coeur d'Alene



Dog d'Alene



Art on the Green / Street Fair



Spirit Lake Lawnmower Races



Coeur d'Fondo



Doxie Dash



TimberFest - Bonner County



*Proud to be part of our community*



*We are here to support our community and local businesses*



*Hard to say, easy to save*



# We'll see you soon ...



Matt's Place Foundation - Pub Crawl



Family Day in the Park



The Festival at Sandpoint



United Way Spring Dash



Run for #271



Bayview Days



Pride in the Park



4th of July - CDA



Post Falls Days



*Caring for the Community*



*Supporting North Idaho*



*Nonprofit & Community Connections  
and Resources*



## Ski or Board

North Idaho gives winter sport enthusiasts every opportunity to experience Idaho's winter beauty at developed ski resorts and a network of groomed trails. Downhill **skiers** and **boarders** can challenge Idaho's legendary powder at **Silver Mountain Resort** (home of the world's longest single stage gondola) in **Kellogg**.

Silver Mountain also has a tubing hill and indoor water park that are popular with the whole family. **Schweitzer Mountain Resort**, one of the premier winter resorts in the Northwest overlooking the town of Sandpoint and **Lake Pend Oreille**, is famous for its massive bowls and breathtaking views. **Lookout Pass Ski Area** (the best learning hill in the Northwest and a phenomenal value for beginners) is on the **Montana-Idaho** border near Wallace. Its 'sack lunch' style and hometown hospitality make this the local area family favorite.

**Cross country skiing** is a great way to enjoy the beautiful outdoors at a leisurely pace. A wide variety of terrain awaits, including a well-maintained trail system at **Farragut State Park**. A catalog of Nordic trails is available

from the Idaho State Department of Parks & Recreation. Call 769-1511 or [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org). The **Centennial Trail**, which runs from the east end of Lake Coeur d'Alene to Spokane, through Post Falls is a favorite for local enthusiasts. Over 8 miles of trails are ready for exploration at Schweitzer Mountain Resort who also hosts two fun Nordic races annually - the **Cougar Gulch 10K/5K** and the **Great Scott 10k/5k**. Each winter the Priest Lake Golf Course becomes **The Nordic Sports Center at Priest Lake** offering some of the finest groomed trails in the area.

The **Idaho State Parks Passport** is \$10/year for Idaho residents at the time of vehicle registration. Nonresidents may purchase a pass for \$40. The pass allows admittance to all 30 Idaho State Parks for a year as well as savings on camping. Passports may be purchased at any County DMV Office in Idaho or online through the Idaho Department of Transportation. [www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv)

The **Park N' Ski Pass** is \$25 annually or \$7.50 for a 3-day permit and allows you to park and ski at 17 Park N' Ski sites across the state. Annual permits are also good at Park N' Ski areas in Oregon due to a reciprocity agreement. Passes can be purchased at regional offices of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as most cross country ski shops statewide.

## Winter Fun

### Snowmobile

The **Silver Valley** has thousands of miles of snowmobile trails in **Kellogg & Wallace** [www.silvervalleychamber.com](http://www.silvervalleychamber.com). **Boundary County** has over 100 miles of marked and groomed trails. Two major areas include **Roman Nose** in the Selkirk Mountains and **Canuck Basin** in the Purcell Mountains.

Contact the Bonners Ferry Ranger District for maps and information. 267-5561

More trails can be found at Schweitzer Mountain in **Sandpoint** [www.schweitzer.com](http://www.schweitzer.com), & **Priest Lake** 443-3191 or [www.priestlake.org](http://www.priestlake.org).

### Sled the Hills

The local **sledding hills** of yesteryear are still part of the fabric of North Idaho small town life. Some are maintained by local parks departments, some are just part of the neighborhood. Here are some local favorites:

**Coeur d'Alene - Cherry Hill Park, The Coeur d'Alene Public Golf Course, Post Falls - Black Bay Park, Silver Mountain's Snow Tubing Park, and Kellogg City Park.** In the Sandpoint area, visit **Schweitzer Mountain**, **Great Northern Park** and **Hickory Street Park** for younger children.

### Snow Shoe

**Centennial Trail, Silver Beach** and **Tubbs Hill** in Coeur d'Alene are ideal for snow shoeing. In Post Falls, **Falls Park** has family friendly trails and scenic overlook platforms to best view the wide open gates of the dam at the **Spokane River Falls**.

### Ice Skating

Smaller lakes, such as **Fernan**, **Twin Lakes** and **Spirit Lake** are likely to freeze solid enough for skating. In Bonners Ferry, try **Mirror Lake** or **Dawson Lake**. In Sandpoint, **Sand Creek**, just below the Cedar Street Bridge, is popular with the locals. Ice skate all year at **Frontier Ice Arena** on Seltice in Coeur d'Alene. [www.frontiericearena.org](http://www.frontiericearena.org)



Schweitzer Mountain



Journey to the North Pole Cruise  
-Tim Eberly



Idaho Panhandle National Forest



Winter Fun

## Winter Holidays & Carnivals

Schweitzer **Lights Up the Night** during the Winter Carnival - The mountain is the scene of a continuous party with the annual Torchlight Parade and fireworks display. After the parade, head over to the **City Beach** for the annual bonfire at the Beach House. **Winter Bites**, (formerly known as "the Taste of Sandpoint") brings some of Sandpoint's finest restaurants all under one roof at the **Cedar Street Bridge** to showcase their finest taste treats while art, music and drama tantalize your senses. Other events include favorites such as the very hot **Cirque de Sandpoint**, the **K9 Keg Pull**, and the **Chocolate Extravaganza**, as well as additional ski & board events at Schweitzer Mountain.

## Holidays In North Idaho

Beginning on **Thanksgiving weekend**, the Coeur d'Alene Resort **lights up the lake** with over a million sparkling lights. Throughout the holiday season you can experience America's largest floating holiday light show on the **boardwalk** at the resort. **Cruise** boats take you on Lake Coeur d'Alene to view animated light displays and holiday scenes along the shoreline including a journey to the **North Pole** to visit Santa himself. Other events include breakfast with Santa, Sunday brunches with Dickens Carolers and Mrs. Claus, Santa Cruises for the young and old, and a downtown Christmas **lighting ceremony**, **fireworks** shows and lighted **parade**. [www.cdadowntown.com](http://www.cdadowntown.com)

The Friday after Thanksgiving Day begins Kootenai Health's fabulous **Festival of Trees** with four days of events for all ages.



In 2007, Good Morning America broadcast live from the Coeur d'Alene Resort during the holidays showcasing the lighting displays and festival.

The Senior Social, Kids Day, Festival Fashion Show and the sell-out **Festival of Trees Gala** all revolve around dozens of spectacularly decorated Christmas trees. Held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, the Festival of Trees is a fund raiser for the **Kootenai Health Foundation**. 666-TREE

The first Saturday in December visitors to **St. Maries** can enjoy games for children, pictures with **Santa**, hay rides and a lighted **Christmas Parade** on Main Street with a **Holiday Craft Bazaar** at the Eagles Lodge. 245-3563 or [www.stmarieschamber.org](http://www.stmarieschamber.org)

**Priest River** youngsters enjoy the annual Children's **Christmas Party** on Main Street. Complete with entertainment, carolers and a visit from Santa, this chamber of commerce sponsored event is guaranteed fun for all! 448-2721

What **Winterfest** would be complete without Santa in the Park and a Christmas Tree Lighting? **Harrison City Park** is filled with holiday spirit the first Sunday of December as revelers celebrate the season. The crowning of **Little Miss and Master Snowflake** highlights the **Wallace** Yuletide Celebration held the first Saturday of December. A Christmas **Cookie bake-off**, carolers, photos with Santa and a Winter Walk through brightly lit neighborhoods rounds out this festive day. 753-7151.

## Mush Mush

For over forty years the **US Pacific Coast Championship Sled Dog Race** has been held in February at the US Forest Service Airport in Priest Lake. Each year 75 to 100 teams from around the country and as far away as Alaska and Canada gather on the west side of the lake for the competition. The event features both mid distance and sprint classes. [www.iesda.org](http://www.iesda.org)

## Coming winter 2021/22!

Coeur d'Alene on Ice will open in McEuen Park in downtown Cd'A. In partnership with the City of Cd'A the commercially operated ice rink will be open early November to January 2022. It will offer an LED lighted ice rink, skate rentals, a concession area and warming stations in the outdoor setting just South of Avista Pavilion. Rink hours and pricing TBD.



WINTER WEATHER

Annual average precipitation in Coeur d'Alene is 25.9" with average snowfall measuring 52.2". Winter 2007/2008 set records with 172.9" of snow, beating the record set in 1915/1916 by more than 4 feet! Winter 2008/2009 came close with 145.6"

The first real snow of the season often falls on or near Thanksgiving Day.

January's average low temperature in Coeur d'Alene is 23 degrees above zero.





**Current Event Status Updates:**



This represents traditional dates that these events occurred. Also see our "Annual Events" page for pictures.

**June**

- 11 • Family Day in the Park (Last day of school annually)
- 16-20 • Gyro Days & Lead Creek Derby, Wallace
- 18-19 • Car d'Lane, cdadowntown.com
- 17 • Big Back Inn on Maine, mower street drags, Spirit Lake
- 24 • Annual Hills Open Golf Tourney, Priest Lake

**July**

- 3 • Kiddie Parade, cdadowntown.com
  - Statehood Day Parade, Wallace
- 4 • 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, cdadowntown.com
  - Kootenai River Days, Bonners Ferry
  - Silver Valley Independence Day Celebration, Kellogg
- 5-8 • Idaho State Draft Horse International Show and competition, Bonner County Fairgrounds
- 8 • Hayden Triathlon
- 9-10 • Post Falls Day
- 9-10 • Annual Wallace Blues Festival (canceled - local hosted music)
- 17-18 • Annual Schweitzer Mountain trail run, music festival and winefest
- 23-25 • Old Time Picnic, 63rd. Harrison
- 23-24 • Hayden Days



- 24-25 • Silver Hoops 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Kellogg
  - 30-31 • TimberDay/LawnMower Races, Priest River
  - 29-8/8 • FESTIVAL at SANDPOINT (see ad on next page)
  - 30-8/1 • Downtown Cd'A StreetFair, Art on the Green
- August**
- 4 • Post Falls Annual Community Picnic, Q'emiln Park
  - 7 • Coeur d'Alene Triathlon
  - 7 • Ales for the Trail Microbrews Festival
  - 7 • Long Bridge Swim, Sandpoint
  - 8 • Schweitzer Huckleberry Festival and Color Fun Run
    - Post Falls Sprint Triathlon
  - TBD • Accordion Jubilee, Wallace
  - 15 • Coeur d'Alene Crossing Open Water Swim
  - 15 • Feast of the Assumption, Mission of the Sacred Heart, Cataldo
  - TBD • Boundary County Fair, Bonners Ferry
  - 17-18 • Huckleberry Festival, Wallace & 5K Walk/Run
  - 20 • Spokane to Sandpoint Overnight Running Relay, spokanetosandpoint.com
  - 20-29 • North Idaho State Fair

**September**

- 1-3 • Priest Lake Dry Rot Boat Show, Parade & Party
- 1-3 • Annual Fall Fest, Schweitzer Mountain
- 1-3 • Under the Freeway Flea Market, Wallace
- 3-6 • Paul Bunyan Days, St. Maries
- 11 • Chafe150 Gran Fondo bike ride, Sandpoint
- TBD • Annual Kootenai River bike Ride, Bonners Ferry
- 17-18 • Oktoberfest, cdadowntown.com
- 18 • Coeur d'Fondo
- 18-19 • Bike MS, Silver Mountain
- TBD • Komen Race for the Cure

**October**

- 16 • Hayden Lake Marathon, Hayden Lake
- 16 • FallFest and ApplePalooza, Coeur d'Alene
- TBD • Trail of Terror Half Marathon, Athol

**November**

- 26 • Lighting Ceremony, cdadowntown.com
- 26-28 • Festival of Trees, Coeur d'Alene

**December**

- 5-13 • Yuletide Lighting Festival, Wallace

**January**

- 1 • Polar Bear Plunge, Sanders Beach Coeur d'Alene & Honeysuckle Beach, Hayden
- 1 • Hangover Handicap Fun Run, Cd'A
- TBA • WinterFest, National Wife Carrying Contest, Lookout Pass

**February**

- TBA • Sandpoint Winter Carnival
  - WinterFest Celebration, Priest Lake

**Spring**

- Silver Mountain Spring Carnival
- Home and Garden Show, Cd'A
- Memorial Weekend Race the Joe, Jet Boat Races, St. Maries
- Lost in the 50's classic cars, Sandpoint
- Dog d'Lane, dog parade/event, Cd'A
- Wine Extravaganza, Downtown Cd'A
- Coeur d'Alene Marathon, Cd'A
- Depot Days and Car Show, Wallace
- Wine, Stein and Dine, Post Falls
- Coeur d'Alene Blues Festival

**Farmer's Markets**

- Coeur d'Alene Downtown Farmer's Market, Wednesdays 4-7pm, May - Oct, 5th St & Sherman Ave, www.cdadowntown.com
- Kootenai County Farmer's Market, Saturdays 9am-1:30pm, May - Oct, Hwy 95 & Prairie Ave, www.kootenaicountyfarmersmarket.com
- Rathdrum Farmer's Market, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9am - 3pm, May - Aug, City Park on Hwy 53
- Sandpoint Farmer's Market, Wednesdays 3-5:30 pm, Saturdays 9am-1pm, May - Oct, Farmin Park, www.sandpointfarmersmarket.com
- Bonners Ferry Farmer's Market, Saturdays 8am-1pm, Apr - Oct, City Parking Lot, www.bonnersferryfarmersmarket.org





Tree Lighting & Fireworks



ArtWalk



Art on the Green

## Theater & Music

Throughout North Idaho there are many occasions to watch a great play or listen to rousing music. From the Lake City Playhouse in Coeur d'Alene to the Pearl Theater in Bonners Ferry or the Sixth Street Melodrama in Wallace the communities of the panhandle provide many cultural opportunities. Visit [fyinorthidaho.com](http://fyinorthidaho.com) for a complete and updated calendar of North Idaho events.

### Arts Venues

- Cd'A Casino, Worley. 800-523-2464 or [cdacasino.com](http://cdacasino.com)
- Cd'A Symphony Orchestra, Schuler Auditorium on the North Idaho College Campus. 765-3833 or 800-325-SEAT or [cdasympphony.org](http://cdasympphony.org)
- Cd'A Summer Theatre, Coeur d'Alene Kroc Community Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Road. 800-4-CDA-TIX or [cdasummertheatre.org](http://cdasummertheatre.org)
- Festival at Sandpoint, Memorial Field alongside Lake Pend Oreille. 265-4554 or [festivalatsandpoint.com](http://festivalatsandpoint.com)
- Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Avenue in Coeur d'Alene, 667-7529 or [lakecityplayhouse.org](http://lakecityplayhouse.org)
- Opera Coeur d'Alene. Various locations. 664-2827 or [operacda.org](http://operacda.org)
- Panida Theatre, 300 N. 1st Avenue in Sandpoint. 263-9191 or [panida.org](http://panida.org)
- Pearl Theater, 7160 Ash St. in Bonners Ferry. 610-2846 or [thepearltheater.org](http://thepearltheater.org)
- Schweitzer Mountain, Sandpoint, 263-9555 or [schweitzer.com](http://schweitzer.com)
- Sixth Street Melodrama, 212 Sixth Street, Wallace. 877-SIXTHST or [sixthstreetmelodrama.com](http://sixthstreetmelodrama.com)

## FREE Summer Concerts

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| <p><b>Sherman Square Park, Coeur d'Alene</b><br/>Tuesdays, 6-8:30pm, July -August</p> <p><b>Spirit Lake Summer Concert Series</b><br/>Saturdays, 5-7pm, June-August</p> <p><b>Riverstone Park Concert Series</b><br/>Thursdays, 6-8:00 pm, July-August</p> <p><b>Rathdrum City Park</b><br/>Fridays, 6-8:30 pm, July-August</p> | <p><b>Harrison City Park</b><br/>Saturdays, 2-5pm, May-Sept</p> <p><b>Sandpoint Summer Sounds at Park Place</b><br/>Saturdays, 4-6 pm, May-August</p> <p><b>Coeur d'Alene City Park</b><br/>Sundays, 1-4 pm, July-August</p> <p><b>Hayden City Park</b><br/>Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm, June-August</p> |
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## ArtWalks and Art Tours

- **ArtWalk Downtown Sandpoint - June - September** Exhibits by local and regional artists in 42 locations. Outdoor sculptures also on display. [www.artinsandpoint.org](http://www.artinsandpoint.org)
- **ArtWalk Downtown Coeur d'Alene - Second Friday** of each month from **April - December**, 5-8pm. Galleries host opening receptions with opportunity to meet the artists. Music, wine tasting and see newly arrived art. [www.cdadowntown.com](http://www.cdadowntown.com)
- **Artists Studio Tour of North Idaho - August**, 10am-4pm. See incredible scenery and art demonstrations while visiting actual Artist Studios in the greater Sandpoint area. Download a tour map at [www.arttourdrive.org](http://www.arttourdrive.org).
- **CDA Artist Studio Tour - June 9, 10**, 10am-4pm. Visit local artists at work in & around the Cd'A area. [artsandculturecda.org](http://artsandculturecda.org)

**FESTIVAL AT SANDPOINT 2021**  
**JULY 29 - AUG 8**

**St. Paul & the Broken Bones JUL 29**  
**Jake Owen JUL 30**  
**Shakey Graves JUL 31**  
**Keb' Mo' & Band AUG 1**  
**Gladys Knight AUG 5**  
**Young the Giant AUG 6**  
**REO Speedwagon AUG 7**  
**Family Matinee AUG 8**  
**Grand Finale**  
*feat. Spokane Symphony and Whitney Kaufman*

Visit [festivalatsandpoint.com](http://festivalatsandpoint.com) to buy tickets and view the rest of the lineup!



Riverstone Park Free Concert Series



# Drive the Byways

There's no better way to experience the wonders of North Idaho than from the open road, by car or seated on two wheels. Locals and visitors alike share the road to take in the great outdoors and scenic attractions along the way. Some favorite day trips are **color coded by headline** to the map:

## Cruise 'round Lake Coeur d'Alene

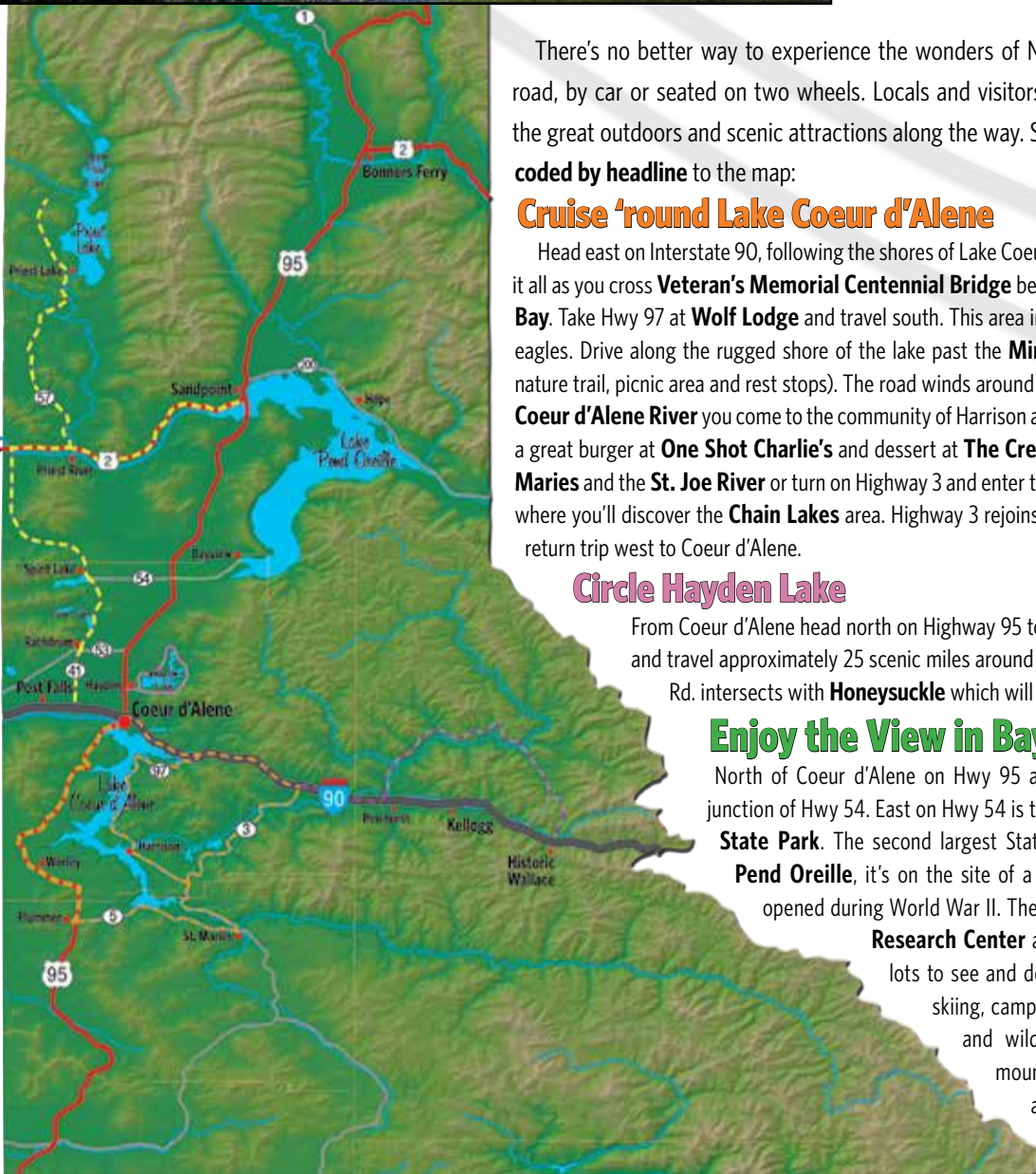
Head east on Interstate 90, following the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The highway rises above it all as you cross **Veteran's Memorial Centennial Bridge** before dropping down to **Blue Creek Bay**. Take Hwy 97 at **Wolf Lodge** and travel south. This area in winter is famous for viewing bald eagles. Drive along the rugged shore of the lake past the **Mineral Ridge Scenic Area** (with a nature trail, picnic area and rest stops). The road winds around several bays and after crossing the **Coeur d'Alene River** you come to the community of Harrison and the junction of Highway 3. Grab a great burger at **One Shot Charlie's** and dessert at **The Creamery** before continuing on to **St. Maries** and the **St. Joe River** or turn on Highway 3 and enter the valley of the Coeur d'Alene River where you'll discover the **Chain Lakes** area. Highway 3 rejoins Interstate 90 at Rose Lake for the return trip west to Coeur d'Alene.

## Circle Hayden Lake

From Coeur d'Alene head north on Highway 95 to **Lancaster Road**, turn eastbound and travel approximately 25 scenic miles around **Hayden Lake**. Lower Hayden Lake Rd. intersects with **Honeysuckle** which will take you back to Highway 95.

## Enjoy the View in Bayview

North of Coeur d'Alene on Hwy 95 at the small town of **Athol** is the junction of Hwy 54. East on Hwy 54 is the town of **Bayview** and **Farragut State Park**. The second largest State Park in Idaho, located on **Lake Pend Oreille**, it's on the site of a former U.S. Naval Training Center opened during World War II. The Navy still operates an **Acoustical Research Center** at Bayview. This beautiful area has lots to see and do... mountain biking, cross country skiing, camping, picnicking, swimming, boating and wildlife watching, including majestic mountain goats on the steep cliffs above Lake Pend Oreille.





Settler's Grove Giant Cedars



Coeur d'Alene

## See the Silver Valley

Start your day early and from Coeur d'Alene head east on I-90 around **Lake Coeur d'Alene** and over **4th of July Pass**. Just past the **Cataldo Mission** take Kingston Exit 43 and travel north. Follow the **Coeur d'Alene River** road for **26 scenic miles** to **Murray** and experience yesteryear at the **Sprag Pole Museum** and Inn. Museum admission is free. Continue east back to I-90 and **Historic Wallace** where every downtown building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a **Sierra Silver Mine tour** and see the famous **Oasis Bordello**. On I-90 westbound, side trip to **Kellogg** for a gondola ride to the top of **Silver Mountain**.

See the sunset over Lake Coeur d'Alene as you return from this full day drive.

## Northern Sights... Pend Oreille River/Priest Lake

From **Sandpoint** head west on Highway 2 following the scenic route along the **Pend Oreille River**. At **Priest River** you can turn north on Highway 57 (use same route for return trip) and visit **Priest Lake**, a popular summer resort area known as one of the most pristine lakes in the world. With miles of **snowmobile** and **cross country ski trails**, it is also a worthwhile winter trip.

Optional route - at Priest River you can proceed west to **Oldtown**, Idaho. Just west of Priest River is **Albeni Falls** hydroelectric dam and visitors center. Continue west, turn south at Oldtown onto Hwy 41. The two lane road proceeds through forested areas and the communities of **Blanchard** and **Spirit Lake**. Beautiful **golf courses** in Blanchard (Stoneridge) and Twin Lakes (south of Spirit Lake) have on-premise restaurants. Just south of Spirit Lake, the junction of Hwy 54 allows you to return to north to Sandpoint or south to Coeur d'Alene via Hwy 95. Or continue south on Hwy 41 and go through historic **Rathdrum** and on to I-90.

## Scenic Route to Coeur d'Alene Casino

East on I-90 over **4th of July Pass** to Exit 34. The **White Pine Scenic Byway** goes south through **Rose Lake** to **St. Maries**. Then west on state Route 5 through **Heyburn State Park** (some nice rest areas for wading or fishing) on **Lake Chatcolet**. Continue on to **Plummer** and stop at Bobbi's Bar, located in a 100+ year old building and the site of the town's unofficial logging memorabilia museum. Head north on Hwy 95 to The **Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort**. 24-hour gaming, restaurants and major events. About **120 miles**.

## International Selkirk Loop

Named the "**West's Best New Scenic Drive**" by Sunset Magazine the **International Selkirk Loop** is a 280-mile scenic drive traversing through North Idaho, Eastern Washington and Southern British Columbia.

Starting in **Sandpoint**, the route goes through dozens of charming rural towns. You'll travel through **glacial valleys**, along 100-mile long lakes surrounded by 7,000 foot peaks. The region is home for endangered species such as the woodland **caribou** and **grizzly bear** as well as the **white sturgeon** in the Kootenai River. Deer, elk and moose are prevalent.

Activities along the route include **golf**, skiing, fishing, and Wildlife Refuges. There are hiking trails throughout the **Panhandle National Forest** and **Colville National Forest** as well as hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Other attractions along this route are the **worlds longest free ferry ride** (45 min), a **brewery tour**, a **gold mine tour**, **hot springs**, a mining **ghost town**, a historical **Russian village** tour, award winning **museums**, a **house made of glass** embalming bottles tour, nationally recognized small arts communities with world class shopping and rails to trail cycling paths.

For longer stays there are five **Super Side Trip Loops** that depart from the main route varying in length from 50 miles to 110 miles. All roadways are two-lane paved with pull-outs and periodic passing lanes. (888)823-2626 or [www.selkirkloop.org](http://www.selkirkloop.org).



## Experience the Tradition Today

Embark on one of our cultural tours to learn about the language, stories and traditions of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe all while being surrounded by the stunning beauty and serenity of our premier resort.

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## North Idaho Residential Real Estate Prices

Reflects merged data from Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors and regional information. As with many regions since the pandemic, home prices have changed substantially. Contact your local Realtor for current market status.

	2020	Est 2021
Coeur d'Alene/Dalton	\$451,000	\$557,000
Post Falls	\$361,000	\$405,000
Hayden	\$451,000	\$637,500
Rathdrum/Twin Lakes	\$347,000	\$409,000
Silver Valley	\$152,000	\$155,267
Bonner/Boundary Cty	\$463,000	\$524,000

## Population

	2019/2020	Est 2021
Coeur d'Alene	51,303	54,822
Post Falls	34,962	39,450
Hayden/Hayden Lake	15,167	16,100
Rathdrum	8,704	10,072
Sandpoint	8,703	9391
Kootenai County Metro	161,505	174,600
Idaho	1,787,065	1,873,681

## Median Household Income

Coeur d'Alene	\$48,893
Kootenai County	\$54,547
United States	\$57,652



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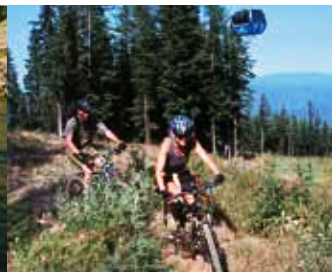


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# Quality of Life

From Stateline to Mullan, the Canadian border to St. Maries, the five **counties of North Idaho** are a kaleidoscope of natural and man-made wonders. North Idaho has much to offer, from the finest in health care, outdoor recreation and quality of life to excellent job and school opportunities.

## Growth

Growth is a **fact of life** in Idaho's panhandle as more people discover the place they love to vacation just may be an even better place to call home. Idaho is the second fastest growing state in the U.S. at 17.8% from 2010 to 2020 per Census data. Idaho's population increased 273,629 from the 2010 Census to a new total of 1,787,065, ranking 38th in the nation in overall population.

North Idaho communities have repeatedly

ranked in the top 10 fastest growing areas in the country.

**Kootenai County** has experienced exceptionally strong growth. From 2010 to 2020 the county grew by 31.7% ranking 6th of counties in Idaho. Kootenai County's spectacular scenery, outdoor recreational opportunities, proximity to urban amenities and high quality of life continue to draw new residents. Strong population growth shapes many aspects of the county's economy.

Some growing pains are eased by a **short commute**. Census bureau figures estimate nearly 3,000 Kootenai County residents work in Spokane County, Washington and 2,150 Spokane residents work in Kootenai County, illustrating another regional economic factor... it isn't a challenge to live in North Idaho and work in Washington, or vice versa. Coeur d'Alene was

**ranked 5th best place to live by U.S. News and World Report.** Money Magazine named it one of the top ten best places to retire young, citing Coeur d'Alene's flourishing **golf culture**, featuring the world famous floating green. Due to successful economic development strategies, several companies have relocated their corporate headquarters to the area, such as Buck Knives, Sysco and Oxyfresh. **Post Falls** is the site of world famous outdoor retailer, Cabela's. Recent Covid Pandemic shifts in in-migration has created a dramatic uptick in housing prices and availability and a slow down of incoming higher wage jobs in Kootenai County as well as throughout the Panhandle. A recent increased focus on housing for local workers has been a priority for community leaders.

## Dog Parks



When Fido needs a break, there are a number of dog parks and exercise areas in North Idaho. Below is a list of a few of them.

### Central Bark

Coeur d'Alene, Atlas Rd & Nez Perce Dr.  
Fenced, Off Leash, water

### Cherry Hill Park

Coeur d'Alene, 15th St at I90 and E. Hazel Ave.  
Fenced, Off Leash, water

### McEuen Park

Coeur d'Alene, Downtown near Tubbs Hill  
Off Leash, Fenced, water

### Pend Oreille Dog Park

Ponderay  
Fenced, Off Leash

### Dog Beach

Sandpoint  
Not Fenced, Off Leash, swim water

### Balto Dog Park

Dover  
Not Fenced, Off Leash

### Dog Island

Laclede  
Not Fenced, Off Leash

### Gateway Dog Park

Stateline at Spokane Bridge  
Fenced, Off Leash

### Atlas Park Water Dog Park

Atlas Waterfront Park  
Fenced, Off Leash, Swimming for large & small dogs



Work & Play

**Benewah County** and its most populated (2,402) city, St. Maries, experienced strong growth from 2004-2008. The rural lifestyle and great hunting and fishing opportunities drew many people to move there. From 2000 to 2010 the county population grew 1.2% though the recession caused a population decline from 2008-2010 & has remained static. Benewah County's economy remains heavily dependent on forest products.

**Boundary County's** scenery, recreational opportunities, quality of life and expanding job market drew many new residents from 2010 to 2017, when the county's population grew 8%. About 90% of the county is forested, so most of the population lives in the Kootenai River Valley, where Bonners Ferry has a population of 2,848. Timber and agriculture are the county's mainstays. Anheuser-Busch grows hops at Elk Mountain Farms, and several ornamental tree nurseries and Christmas tree farms flourish.

**Shoshone County**, after devastating mine and smelter closures in the 1980s saw the population fall. Increasingly, some Silver Valley towns have become bedroom communities of the Coeur d'Alene area. From 2000-2010, the population declined 7%, but slowed the decrease from 2010-2017 to -2%. With the expansion of Silver Mountain Resort in Shoshone County's largest city, Kellogg (2,120), increasing tourism and its short commute to Coeur D'Alene, housing availability has diminished rapidly in 2020/21. The three richest silver mines in the United States are in Shoshone County.

### Working Well

Civic and business leaders work hard to ensure North Idaho residents will have good-paying jobs to support their families. Area **industry recruitment** organizations such as The Coeur d'Alene Area Economic Development Corporation (cdaedc.org), the Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation (silvervalleyedc.com), and TimberPlus

(timberplus.org) have been responsible for the relocation of a wide range of companies, as well as supporting the growth of local industry.

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In 1992 the last red light on Hwy 95 between Seattle and Boston, located in Wallace, was taken out when the overpass was completed. The wise leadership at the time had the entire town placed on the national historic registry which relocated the freeway project around and over it.

With a citizen legislature; business has the opportunity for input in the legislative process. The Coeur d'Alene **Chamber of Commerce** and other local chambers have a commitment to advocate for the business community in matters of local and state regulations. During the legislative session weekly townhall meetings are held to keep citizens and business informed. It's because of such efforts that Idaho has a positive reputation with commerce and industry, for being "business friendly."

### Taxes

The state of Idaho collects a state income tax and a **sales tax of 6%**. The Idaho sales and use tax has been in effect since 1965. Sales tax applies to the sale, rental, lease of tangible personal property and some services. **Food is taxed** but prescription drugs are not. Hotel, motel and campground accommodations are

taxed at a higher rate, 7 to 11%. Corporate state tax is 8 percent of net taxable income. Motor vehicle taxes are levied on cars and trucks on a sliding scale, depending on vehicle year. Commercial vehicles are charged by gross weight up to 16,000 pounds.

### Fitness Culture

North Idaho has developed a culture of fitness that's keeping with the variety of **sports and recreation opportunities** available through all seasons. Hiking, cycling, climbing, swimming, skiing and golf are all conducive to a healthy lifestyle. Multiple annual athletic events, including the annual **Ironman Coeur d'Alene Triathlon**, multiple triathlons, **Hoopfest**, and more are inspiring the average North Idahoan to embrace active outdoor fitness goals.

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## Free Ride

The transit systems in Benewah and Kootenai County are a cooperative agreement between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Kootenai County and Kootenai Health in conjunction with local jurisdictions; working together to provide transportation services to Benewah and Kootenai County residents.

**Citylink** operates four routes, 16 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays. The interconnecting network comprises over 150 stops, spread across 200 miles of road, and transports an average of 50,000 passengers per month.

Most Citylink buses are equipped with seating for 33 people and bicycle racks. To accommodate the needs of North Idaho patrons, all buses are fitted with wheelchair lifts. [idahocitylink.com](http://idahocitylink.com)

## Health & Wellness

Expert medical care is one reason the North Idaho area is a premier relocation destination. In Coeur d'Alene, **Kootenai Health** is part of the **Mayo Clinic Network**, and as of 2016, Kootenai Clinic had 180 providers across 22 specialties.

The 24-bed **Northwest Specialty Hospital** in Post Falls offers orthopedic, ENT, general and plastic surgeons, GYN, gastric, neurology and pain management specialists. An attached medical center features specialists in physical therapy and an expanded **Premier Urgent Care** for general medical treatment and minor emergency care.

The collaboration between **The Coeur d'Alene Tribe** and the **City of Plummer** is believed to be the first joint venture in the United States between a tribe and city municipality for the purpose of providing health care for all residents. Opening its doors in June 1990, the

original medical clinic gave way to the eventual **Marimn Health Campus**. October 2012, Phase 4 added 50,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, expanded medical facility, equipped with the latest technology to enhance the continued provision of medical, dental, pharmacy, lab, x-ray and counseling services. In addition, the medical center provides community health and wellness services, to tribal members and rural residents in all surrounding communities. More: [marimnhealth.org](http://marimnhealth.org)

**Bonner General Hospital** in Sandpoint serves most of Bonner and Boundary counties along with **Boundary Community Hospital** in Bonners Ferry. Sandpoint also has an urgent care center downtown. The Silver Valley is well provided for by the **Shoshone Medical Center** in Kellogg as well as the SMC Health and Wellness Center. The **Benewah Community Hospital** is in St. Maries.

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# Accenting Education

## Higher Education

Those in North Idaho believe that quality of life begins with quality of education. **North Idaho College**, the **University of Idaho**, **Lewis-Clark State College**, **Boise State University**, and **Idaho State University** all have centers in Kootenai County. **North Idaho Higher Education (NIHE)**, located on the Spokane River in Coeur d'Alene is a one-stop location for access to all of the higher education opportunities in North Idaho. northidahohighereducation.org.

## 5 Schools, One Location

Founded in 1933, **North Idaho College's** main campus is on 44 wooded acres along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane River. NIC offers more than 150 degrees and certificates in a wide spectrum of academic transfer and professional-technical programs. Approximately 6,700 students are enrolled in credit classes and nearly 6,000 participate annually in non-credit

courses. NIC's five-county service area spans more than 7,000 square miles. The college serves this vast region through outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Kellogg, and Ponderay, as well as through an extensive array of Internet and interactive video conferencing courses.

North Idaho College's **Workforce Training and Community Education Center**, located in Post Falls, provides a broad range of credit-free business, professional, special interest and personal enrichment programs. **Online** classes are available.

The **University of Idaho - Coeur d'Alene Instructional Center** offers certificate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs. With its cooperative relationships with Idaho and eastern Washington institutions, students can finish various degrees without leaving the Coeur d'Alene area. uidaho.edu/cda

**Idaho State University** offers a Masters in Nursing degree that seamlessly integrates with nursing programs offered by North Idaho College and Lewis-Clark State College. ISU's College of Pharmacy offers clinical rotations in Coeur d'Alene for students in its doctorate of pharmacy program. isu.edu

**Lewis-Clark State College - Coeur d'Alene** has offered bachelor degree opportunities to North Idaho residents since 1982. LCSC-Cd'A offers 16 bachelor degree completion programs to residents of North Idaho and surrounding communities in partnership with North Idaho College. **Night, weekend and online courses** offer flexibility for those who want to continue their education while working full time. lcsc.edu/cda

**Boise State University's** School of Social Work, offers the only Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Accredited Masters in Social Work in North Idaho

## STEM Opportunities

In June 2015, NIC broke ground on their \$15 million, 110,000-square-foot **Career and Technical Education Facility** on Lancaster Road in Rathdrum, ID. nic.edu.

Next door, the **Kootenai Technical Education Campus (KTEC)**, serves Juniors & Seniors in the Coeur d'Alene, Lakeland, and Post Falls School districts for multiple STEM & Trade careers. ktctraining.org



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## The perfect place to tie the knot

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