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Coeur d'Alene

How do I pronounce Coeur d'Alene?

Coeur d'Alene is pronounced core-da-lane.

Where does the name Coeur d'Alene come from?

Early French-speaking fur traders named Coeur d'Alene Lake. According to legend, the traders believed the local Indians to be sharp traders and called the lake Coeur d'Alene since their hearts were as sharp as an awl. In 1878 Fort Sherman was established and the city began to grow. Coeur d'Alene was incorporated in 1887 and continued to flourish. It's a town with a rich background in lake steamers, fur trading, logging and mining.

How do I get there?

Coeur d'Alene is easy to reach, located off Interstate 90 only 40 miles away from the Spokane International Airport. The Coeur d'Alene Airport provides charter and private air service, with the capacity to land 34-seat passenger planes. There are vans, taxis, rental cars and shuttles available from both airports.

Missoula, Montana is 180 miles to the east, and Seattle, Washington, is 330 miles to the west. The Canadian border is 90 miles to the north.

Elevation

Coeur d'Alene is 2,152 feet above sea level.

The Weather

Average High Temperatures: 86 F in July, 61 F in October, 34 F in January, 59 F in April

Average Annual rainfall: 26 inches

Average Annual snowfall: 30 to 80 inches

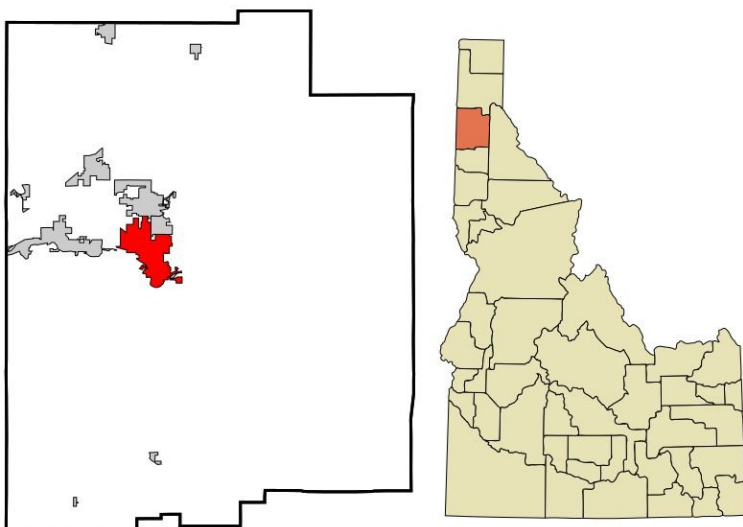
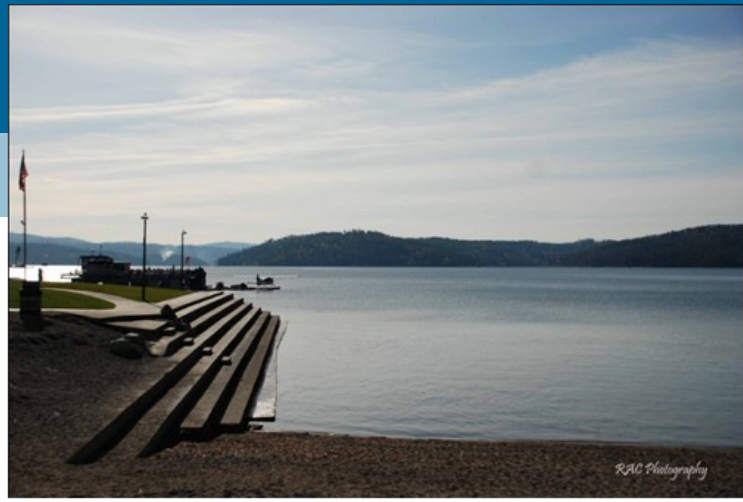
Population

City of Coeur d'Alene – 44,137 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

Sister City

Cranbrook, B.C.

For more information about the Coeur d'Alene area visit www.cdachamber.com



Coeur d'Alene Must See & Do!

- ***The Coeur d'Alene Resort***
- ***The Floating Boardwalk***
- ***Cruise the Lake***
- ***Walk Downtown***
- ***Watch The Ironman Triathlon***
- ***The Lake City Playhouse***
- ***Fish the Lakes***
- ***Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley***
- ***Car d'Alene—Classic Car Show***

Post Falls



Post Falls is located four miles east of the Washington-Idaho border along Interstate 90 and nearby Coeur d'Alene. It is in close proximity to numerous lakes, rivers and mountains, which makes it an inviting place to visit. Post Falls is located on the Spokane River and on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad, eight miles south of Rathdrum and twenty-five miles east of Spokane.

It is in the center of quite an extensive agricultural, stock and fruit region, which every year becomes more productive. The falls in the river were formerly known as Little Falls, and Upper Falls; but the name was changed to Post Falls in honor of Frederick Post, the builder of the mill and founder of the town. It is said of Mr. Post: "Frederick Post does not need to be introduced to the people of northern Idaho by words. He has earned the encomium lavished by President Roosevelt on a leading citizen of the United States, 'He is a man who has done things.' Perhaps no man in this part of the inland empire has a better right to the leading place in the realm of real benefactor of the country than Frederick Post."

Population

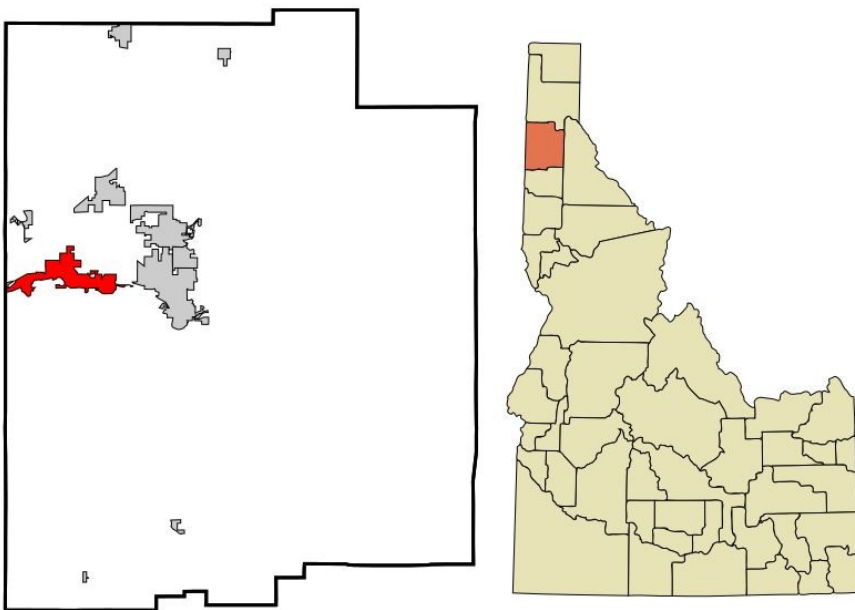
City of Post Falls – 25,574 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

Zip Codes

83854, 83877

For more information about the Post Falls area visit

www.postfallschamber.com



Post Falls Must See & Do!

- ***Cabela's***
- ***The Falls Park***
- ***The Highlands Golf Course***
- ***Competitive Edge Racing School***
- ***Buck Knives Factory Tour***

Hayden

Welcome to the City of Hayden, a scenic Northern Idaho community of 13,294 residents, nestled among the timbered and sloping shores of Hayden Lake.

Once known as "Hayden Village", the City was officially incorporated on June 27, 1955, and began its rich history as an area steeped in Indian folklore, cattle ranching, lumber and farming. Families from as far away as Spokane traveled frequently along the electric Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Railway to recreate in the Hayden Lake area and enjoy its simple, natural beauty.



Today, this growing community still offers a quality of life that allows its citizens to enjoy some of the best outdoor recreation in Idaho coupled with all of the amenities of a larger city. Residents and visitors alike can stroll along the sandy shores of Honeysuckle Beach, a city-owned and operated park, or enjoy an afternoon of shopping in the City's downtown business district where Hayden's locally owned shops and stores give you a sense of the "old Hayden Village". The result is nothing less than the best of both worlds.

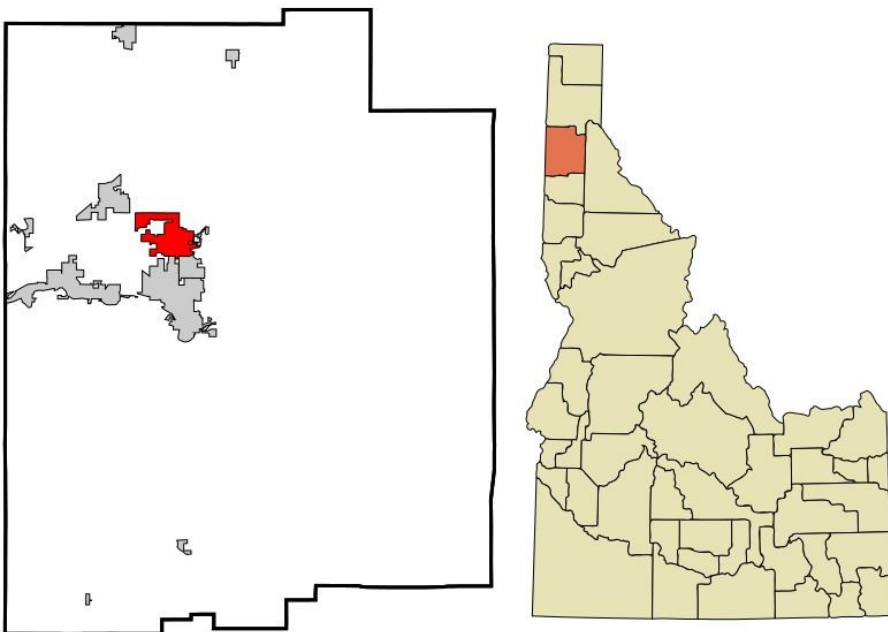
To experience this quality of life first-hand, we encourage you to go beyond a visit to our City of Hayden website. Come and explore our community; we know with pride that you too will soon call Hayden home.

Population

City of Hayden – 13,294 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

Zip Codes

83835



Hayden Must See & Do!

- ***Fish & Boat the Lake***
- ***Shop at Hayden Creek Plaza***
- ***Stay at a Bed & Breakfast***
- ***Watch the 4th of July Fireworks***
- ***Golf Avondale or Hayden Lake Golf Courses***
- ***Play at Triple Play Family Fun Center***
- ***Stay & Play on the Water Slides at Holiday Inn Express***

For more information about the Hayden area visit www.haydenchamber.org

Rathdrum



Just 20 minutes north of Post Falls off Highway 41, Rathdrum offers small-town living at its best. Originally named Westwood, it was the county seat at the turn of the last century, with the railroad depot the heart of the community. Idaho's oldest brick church, the St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission, is located here. Neighbors includes Twin Lakes which is a popular recreation area for boating and camping and golfing.

The Lakeland School District is rated one of the top schools in Idaho and is a favorite among this fast growing community.

This area including may lakes, prairie and Rathdrum aquifer, was created 10,000 years ago by the Missoula Lake Flood. Settled in 1861, Rathdrum is one of the oldest towns in North Idaho. In the late 1860's, a pony express relay station was established and the city became the County seat for Kootenai county and the community thrived for a time as agriculture, timber and mining industries flourished in the area. In 1908, electors voted to move the County seat to Coeur d'Alene.

Population

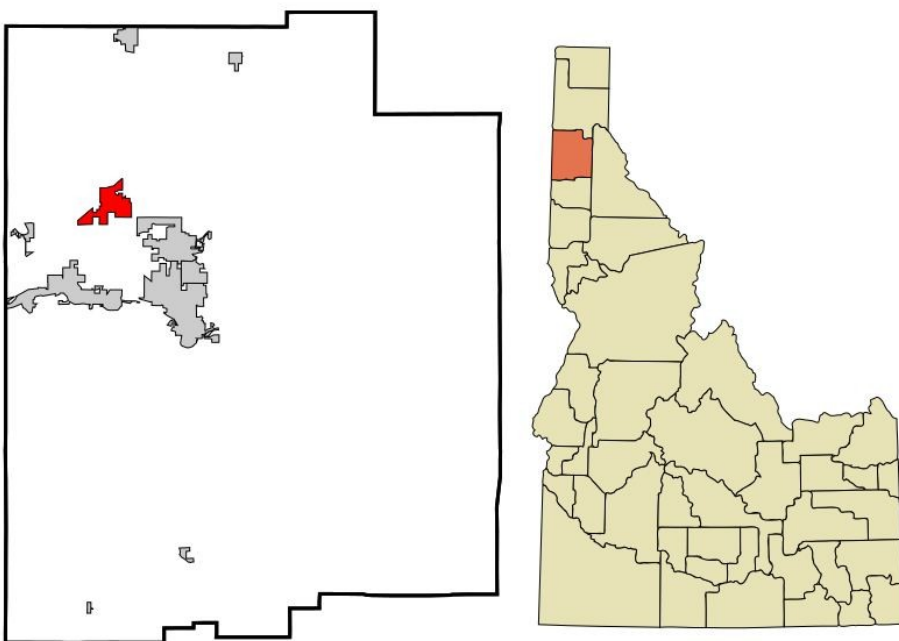
City of Rathdrum – 6,826 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau)

Zip Codes

83858

For more information about the Rathdrum area visit:

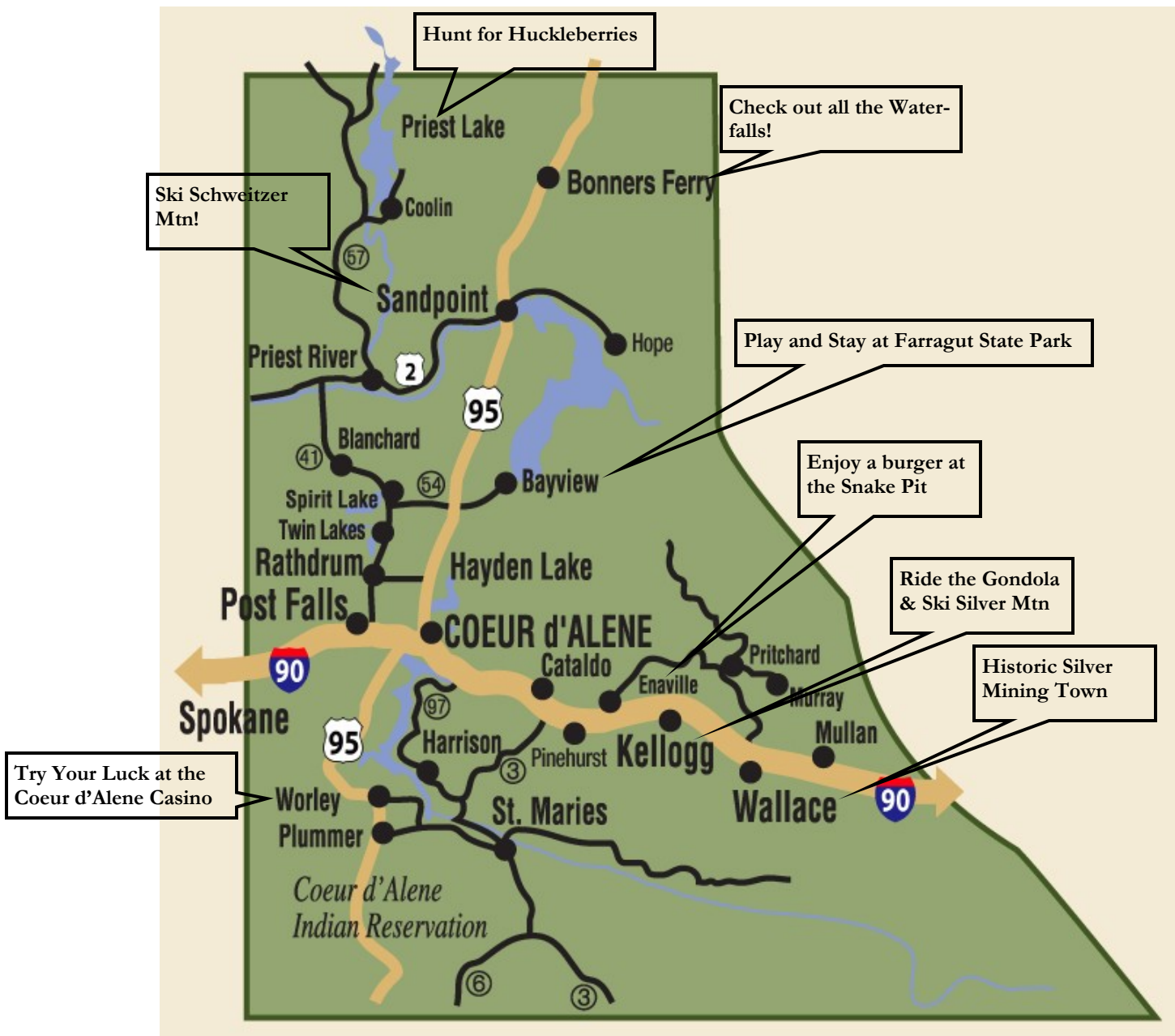
www.rathdrumchamberofcommerce.com



Rathdrum Must See & Do!

- ***Enjoy Rathdrum Days***
- ***Go to the Local Farmer's Market***
- ***Golf at Twin Lakes Golf Course***
- ***Boat on the Lakes***
- ***Hike Rathdrum Mountain***
- ***Go to the Park***
- ***Go see The Salsa Chic***
- ***Go have a thrill at Silverwood***

Local Areas



• Do & See Around North Idaho

• Arts & Culture

• Performing Arts

- **Ain't It Good Productions**
Talent Agency / Children's Theatre
208-667-0132
www.aintitgoodproductions.com
- **Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort Hotel**
800-523-2464
www.cdacasino.com



- **Coeur d'Alene Symphony Orchestra**
Schuler Auditorium on the North Idaho College Campus
765-3833 or 800-325-SEAT
www.cdasympphony.org
- **Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre**
Schuler Auditorium on the North Idaho College Campus
769-7780 or 800-4-CDA-TIX
www.cdsummertheatre.org
- **Coeur d'Alene Youth Orchestra**
(208)765-2623



- **Festival at Sandpoint concert series**
Memorial Field alongside Lake Pend Oreille
(208)265-4554
www.festivalatsandpoint.com
- **Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center**
405 William St, Post Falls (at the Old Church)
(208)457-8950
www.jacklincenter.org
- **Lake City Playhouse**
1320 E. Garden Avenue in Coeur d'Alene
(208)667-1323
www.lakecityplayhouse.org
- **Northwest Sacred Music Chorale**
First Presbyterian Church, 521 E. Lakeside Avenue, Coeur d'Alene
(208)772-3491

www.nwsmc.org

- **Opera Coeur d'Alene**
(208)664-2827
www.operaplus.org
- **Panida Theatre**
300 N. 1st Avenue in Sandpoint
(208)263-9191
www.panida.org
- **Silver Mountain Resort**
Kellogg
877-230-2193
www.silvermt.com
- **Sixth Street Melodrama**
212 Sixth Street, downtown Wallace
(208)752-8871 or 877-SIXTHST
www.sixthstreetmelodrama.com
- **The Songbird**
315 N. 4th Street, Coeur d'Alene
(208)664-3672

- **Visual Arts**



- **ArtWalk** - Downtown Coeur d'Alene - 2nd Friday each month April thru December. Downtown art galleries host opening receptions with the opportunity to meet the artists, listen to live music and see newly arrived works of art - all within strolling distance. 5:00-8:00 p.m. Free. www.artsincda.com (208)292-1629
- **MusicWalk** - Downtown Coeur d'Alene - 4th Friday each month January thru March and June thru August. Music and fine dining. 5:00 p.m. to Close. Stroll through downtown businesses turned concert venues and sample the wonderful variety of music that North Idaho has to offer. www.artsincda.org (208)292-1629
- **Artwalk** - Sandpoint - Exhibition of art by local and regional artists in down-

town Sandpoint. Outdoor sculpture will also be on display in various locations.
www.ArtinSandpoint.org (208)263-6139

- Artists' Studio Tour of North Idaho - Visit the studios of 40 Greater Sandpoint area artists. The free self-guided driving tour is held in July.
www.arttourdrive.org (208)265-4380

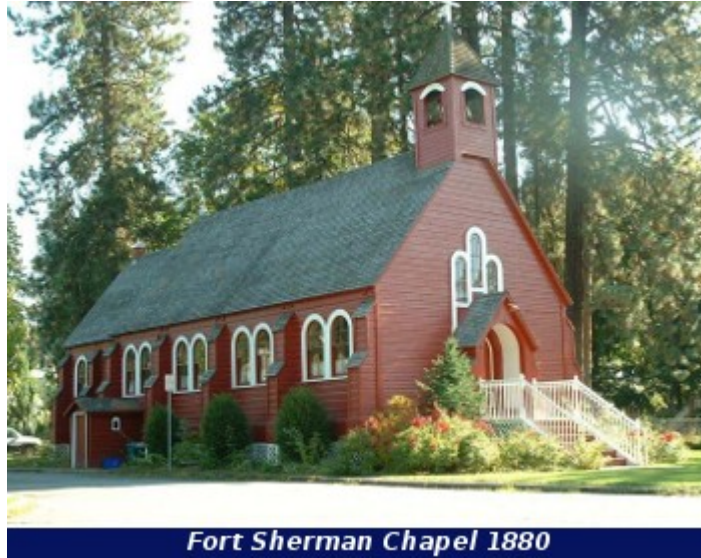
- **Attractions**

- **Amusement/ Water Parks**



- [Silverwood](#)
 - [Triple Play](#)
 - [Silver Mountain](#)
 - **Brew & Wine**
 - [Capone's Pub and Grill](#)
 - [Pend d'Oreille Winery](#)
 - **Museums**
 - Kootenai County
 - **Brig Museum at Farragut State Park**
Honoring the sailors going through Farragut Naval Training Station
13550 E Hwy 54, Athol
(208) 683-2425
 - **Crane Historical Society Museum**
First house built in Harrison.

201 Coeur d'Alene Ave, Harrison
(208) 689-3111



- **Fort Sherman Museum**
North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene
(208) 664-3448
- **Museum of North Idaho**
115 Northwest Blvd, Coeur d'Alene
(208) 664-3448
- **Post Falls Historical Society Museum**
109 E 4th Ave, Post Falls
(208) 773-4681
- **Benewah County**
 - **Hughes House Museum**
538 Main Ave, St Maries
(208) 245-3563
- **Bonner & Boundary Counties**
 - **Bird Aviation Museum & Invention Center**
Sagle (Free but by appointment only)
(208) 255-4321
 - **Bonner County Historical Society Museum**
611 S Ella Ave, Sandpoint
(208) 263-2344
 - **Boundary County Museum**
7229 Main St, Bonners Ferry
(208) 267-7720
 - **Keyser House Timber Education Center and Museum**
301 Montgomery St, Priest River
(208) 448-2721
 - **Priest Lake Museum**
38 W Lakeshore Dr, Priest River
(208) 443-3191
- **Silver Valley**



- **Crystal Gold Mine**
51931 Silver Valley Rd, Kellogg
(208) 783-4653
- **Mullan Museum**
229 Earl Street, Mullan
(208) 744-1100
- **Oasis Bordello Museum**
605 Cedar Street, Wallace
(208) 753-0801



- **Old Mission State Park**
One mile E of Cataldo off I-90
(208) 682-3814
- **Northern Pacific Railroad Depot Museum**
219 6th Street, Wallace
(208) 752-0111
- **The Portal Museum**

McKinley Ave, Kellogg
(208) 659-2722

- **Shoshone County Mining & Smelting Museum**
820 McKinley Ave, Kellogg
(208) 786-4141
- **Sierra Silver Mine Tour**
420 5th Street, Wallace
(208) 752-5151
- **Silver Capital Arts Mining & Mineral Museum**
610 Bank St, Wallace
(208) 556-7081
- **Spragpole Museum**
6353 Prichard Creek Rd, Murray
(208) 682-3901
- **Wallace Corner Gifts & Museum**
525 Cedar Street, Wallace
(208) 753-6141
- **Wallace District Mining Museum**
509 Bank Street, Wallace
(208) 556-1592
- **Wardner Memorabilia Museum**
525 Main, Wardner
(208) 786-2641

- **Tours & Sights**



- Brooks Seaplane
- Silver Mountain Gondola
- Floating Boardwalk
- Sierra Silver Mine
- Crystal Gold Mine

- **Wildlife Preserves/ Viewing**
 - North Idaho Wildlife Preserves



- **Ancient Cedars**
 - 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. Plan to spend the entire day on this outing. Take I-90 east from Coeur d'Alene to Kingston Exit 43 (29 miles). Drive the scenic Coeur d'Alene River Road another 25 miles northeast to Eagle. A gravel road takes you 5 miles to the grove. An easy walk on hard packed trails, the trail head features a large parking area. A few miles east of Eagle is the Sprag Pole Inn and Museum in Murray where you can have a great meal while you share stories of the day.
- **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge**
 - 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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 267-3888
- **Cougar Bay**
 - 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. Informa-

tion kiosk and restroom available. 676-8176

- **View Wildlife**



- **Watch Eagles Soar**

- Bald eagles enjoy Lake Coeur d'Alene as much as we do, arriving in November in their annual migration. A popular place at the east end of the lake is Higgins Point, a paved trail with a viewing area about 1/4 mile from the parking lot. Information kiosks and a view of the eagles from your car also makes this a fun outing for all ages. Wolf Lodge Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene as well as other numerous locations on Lake Pend Oreille draw the regal visitors. Highway 200 between Sandpoint and Hope is another viewing venue. Waters are rich with salmon that have spawned and died, offering the eagles abundant winter food. The eagles remain in the area until about the third week of January.
 - It takes less than ten minutes to get from Coeur d'Alene to the eagles winter habitat. From I-90 and Hwy 95, go east on I-90 to exit 15-Sherman Avenue, then continue on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive to Higgins Point.
 - Special eagle viewing cruises on Lake Coeur d'Alene and Lake Pend Oreille are popular. While the winter months provide views of a large number of eagles, year 'round these symbols of America can be seen in their natural North Idaho habitat.

- **Events**

- **Annual Events**



- **Ironman Coeur d'Alene**

- A 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run all run in succession highlight this annual event in Coeur d'Alene. Athletes begin their day at 7:00 a.m. with a swim on Lake Coeur d'Alene and have until midnight to complete what is considered one of the toughest endurance events in the world of sports. Held annually in **June**. 208-664-3194 or 1-877-782-9232 or www.ironmancda.com



- **Car d'Alene Classic Car Show**

- In mid-**June**, the Car d'Alene Classic Car show is a "kick-off" to summer. Enjoy the Friday night "cruise" on Sherman and Lakeside with the

whole family. Area restaurants and vendors have concessions available along the route. Grab a seat along the sidewalk and enjoy the show!



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- **4th of July Festival**
 - Check out one of the areas many fabulous fireworks displays. Coeur d'Alene makes a day of it, with an afternoon parade, concerts in the park, and other activities. The grand finale is a spectacular fireworks display over the lake, viewable from most of downtown. Come early to get the best seat in the house on the Resort lawns, or at the city park. Most North Idaho communities host celebrations and fireworks.



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- **Wooden Boat Festival**
 - Come see a grand assortment of Wooden boats along the boardwalk near the Coeur d'Alene Resort the **3rd weekend of August**. Food & local brews are available along the boardwalk and on the Resort lawns - make a day of it! Craft & Woody show accompanies.



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- **Art on the Green, Taste of the Coeur d'Alenes & Downtown Coeur d'Alene Street Fair**
 - If you're here the **first weekend of August**, don't miss Coeur d'Alene's three-day celebration of the Arts on the North Idaho College campus - complete with hundreds of booths, children's hands-on art projects, famous ears of corn, and "clothes line" art collections by local artists. At the same time, 'Taste of the Coeur d'Alenes' in the lakeside city park offers food vendors and crafts, along with a seven-block 'Downtown Street Fair' in Coeur d'Alene, making for a full weekend of shopping and sightseeing.



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- **Holiday Light Show**
 - Beginning **Thanksgiving weekend**, the Coeur d'Alene Resort turns up the bright lights with it's Holiday Light show. Throughout the holiday season you can experience America's largest floating holiday light show and laser extravaganza. Cruise boats take you on Lake Coeur d'Alene to view the animated light displays and holiday scenes along the Coeur d'Alene Resort shoreline, and then a special visit to Santa's workshop.

- **Bayview Dayz**

- This wildly popular small town event is held the **first weekend of July** and features: a 3-day arts and crafts fair, street parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday, lighted boat parade & fireworks Saturday night and MORE. 683-2926 or www.bayviewidaho.org



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- **River City Rod Run**

- The **second weekend of July**, join 20,000 of your friends and neighbors at the Hot Rod Cafe's annual River City Rod Run. Over 16 classes of cars... from antique to muscle car and custom pick-ups. Two days of fun! Call the Hot Rod Cafe at 208-777-1712 for more information. www.hotrodcafe.com



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- **Julyamsh Pow Wow**
 - The Coeur d'Alene Tribe hosts the largest outdoor pow wow in the Northwest. Complete with Indian Horse Parade, art auction and all of the pageantry of Native American Dance. Held in **late July** at Greyhound Park Events Center. Visit www.cdacasino.com or call 1-800-523-2464 for more information.
- **Lost in the 50s**
 - Car show, dance and festival. 263-9321 or 265-5678
- **Antique and Classic Boat Festival**
 - Come see a huge assortment of antique and classic boats the **second weekend of July**. Food & craft vendors. 265-2449
- **The Festival at Sandpoint**
 - Sandpoint is well known for its commitment to the arts. Each summer, the Festival at Sandpoint features the Spokane Symphony Orchestra along with other international talents. Held at rivers edge this grass field covered with picnic blankets of wine and cheese create storybook memories that will last a lifetime. (208)265-4554. **Held in early August**.
- **Borders 3 Jamboree Car Show**
 - Downtown Bonners Ferry on the first Saturday in June, Borders 3 (Idaho, Montana and Canada) is hosted by the Rod Benders Car Club. Family fun, food and lawnmower races help make it a fun day.
- **Boundary County Fair**
 - The Fair is in the latter part of August at the Fairground.



- **Sled Dog Races**
 - In early **February**, Priest Lake plays host to the U.S. Pacific Coast Championship Sled Dog Races at the USFS Airstrip. Bundle up, grab your thermos of hot chocolate and come out to enjoy the fun! 443-3191
- **Huckleberry Festival**
 - Huckleberries, a round, purple berry native to North Idaho are celebrated during this annual event sponsored by the Priest Lake Senior Center **mid-August**. 443-3191



- **ATV Jamboree**
 - Family fun is in store for you during this six day event in **mid-July**. Enjoy beautiful scenery during hosted trail rides including an overnight campout. Participate in an ATV Rodeo, parade, and other exciting events. The festival ends with an Awards Ceremony and Steak-Fry dinner. All activities are designed to include all ages and abilities for your family's enjoyment. The High Mountain ATV Club, whose motto is "Ride with Family, Ride with Pride", hosts the event. 208-556-4308. www.highmountainatv.org.
- **Rathdrum Days**
 - In the **middle of July** the town of Rathdrum celebrates its heritage with three days of activities including music, craft & food vendors at the park and more. 687-2866
- **Paul Bunyan Days**
 - **Labor Day Weekend** in St. Maries comes alive with the annual celebration Paul Bunyan Days. Food & Craft vendors, music, logging competitions and more highlight this family friendly send-off to summer
- **Motor Sports**
 - North Idaho has some of the best off-road ATV and motorbike riding opportunities in the country, with over 95% of those located on National Forest or public land. There are nearly 4,000 miles of trails/roads to ride in the Idaho Panhandle, where the number of registered ATVs is approximately 13,000. The US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho State Parks and Recreation provide travel plan maps that identify open and closed roads and trails, closure dates, and other details to assist in planning a ride.



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- There are different ATV requirements depending upon where you chose to ride:
 - Unpaved Federal or State public lands: Idaho State ORV (off road vehicle) sticker, proof of insurance and valid driver's license. All riders under 18 must wear a helmet. Paved roads: Idaho State ORV (off road vehicle) sticker, proof of insurance, valid driver's license, Dept. of Motor Vehicles registration, license plate, horn, brake light, and a mirror. All riders under 18 must wear a helmet.
- During fire season, May 10 - Oct. 20: All motorcycles and ATV's must have a Forest Service approved spark arrestor, carry a serviceable shovel and one-gallon bucket (your helmet will suffice).
 - There are private companies such as Inland Paper (Rathdrum/Twin Lakes/Hauser area), and Potlatch Corp (Potlatch area) that allow you to purchase private permits to ride on their land. The permits cost \$12 and up depending on how many people and how many vehicles you bring. Permits can be obtained in the City of Potlatch, Rathdrum HICO, Hauser Lake Smoke Shop, Coeur d'Alene Sportsman's Warehouse, and White's Outdoor in Spokane.
 - There are several local family oriented ATV groups that emphasize safety, trail maintenance, and have partnerships with governmental agencies.
 - Back Country ATV (www.backcountryatv.org)
 - North Idaho ATV Club (www.northidahoatv.org)
 - High Mountain ATV Club (www.highmountainatv.org)
 - Gem State ATV Association of Idaho (www.gemstateatv.org)
 - In the Coeur d'Alene area, ATVs and Quads are available for rent through Adventure Sport Rentals. Choose guided or unguided tours where you can rent an ATV for half a day or several days at a time.
 - North Idaho also has a race track, State Line Speedway in Post Falls, with seasonal car racing. 208-773-5019
 - Maybe you want to drive a race car. Competitive Edge Racing School can put you in the seat at the Speedway. 208-777-7080.
 - If you own or love classic cars and hot rods, check out our Car Show Event

Calendar. Or maybe you are looking for a club to join.

- Asphalt Angels - P.O. Box 1450, Priest River, 83856, Chris, 208.290.3274
Injectors Car Club - 111 VanHorn Ave, Sandpoint, 83864, Gary, 208.263.9780
North Idaho Classics - Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls, Larry, 208-771-1600
Rod Benders - Denise Crichton, Bonners Ferry, 208.267.7697
Silver Valley Kar Klub - Wendell Kuntz 208.753.3721 Osburn
St. Joe Valley Classics - Pres. Ron Cook, Fernwood 208.245.4420
St. Joe Valley Car Club - Box 562, St. Maries, 83861, Conie, 208.245.2800

- **Recreation**

- **Biking/Hiking Maps/Trails**

- **The North Idaho Centennial Trail** is a multi use recreational trail, which meanders for 24 miles from the state line at the Idaho/ Washington border to beautiful Higgins Point, six miles east of Coeur d'Alene. This scenic trail runs along the Spokane River to Post Falls where it runs through neighborhoods and eventually to wooded areas leading to Coeur d'Alene. At the west end of Coeur d'Alene the trail again meets the Spokane River and follows it to the pristine Lake Coeur d'Alene, The trail then follows the lake shoreline to Higgins Point, an Idaho State Park, which draws throngs of spectators in the late fall and early winter to view the annual visit of Bald Eagles as they migrate south. This scenic trail composed primarily of Class I separated and paved trail with some small segments of Class II trail. The trail has numerous rest areas, scenic views and historical interpretative signs to add to the enjoyment of one of the most beautiful trail systems in the country. the North Idaho Centennial Trail offers accessibility to walkers, runners, bicyclists, handicapped and people of all ages. There are no economic barriers to the public, but there is one stipulation: ENJOY IT! North Idaho Centennial Trail Map pdf
 - **Tubbs Hill** features outstanding viewpoints, woodland habitats and historical focal points. The self-guided walk follows a two-mile loop, beginning and ending at the south end of the parking lot between McEuen Park and the Coeur d'Alene Resort.
 - **Mineral Ridge Trail** is a 3.3-mile path that is an outdoor classroom in the forest. There are 22 stations numbered along the trail identifying features found naturally at Mineral Ridge. The trail climbs 735 feet to an elevation of 2,875 feet for a spectacular view of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the surrounding mountains. The trail begins at Beauty Bay and is accessed off Highway 97.



- **Q'emiln Trail** in Post Falls is home to marmots, osprey and other wildlife. The set of 14 trails starts at South City Park and winds through four miles of the Spokane River gorge. A map at the trail head marks the route
- **The Route of the Hiawatha** has been called one of the most scenic stretches of railroad in the country, and now, the historic converted Milwaukee Road rail bed is one of the most spectacular biking and hiking trails in the world. Visitors can witness rushing mountain streams, deer, elk, moose and an endless vista of the towering Bitterroot Mountains. The 15 mile trail winds through 10 tunnels and over 7 trestles in the rugged bitterroot mountains on the Idaho/ Montana border. The route is best known for the long, dark St. Paul or "Taft Tunnel" that burrows for 1.7 miles under the state line. The best part is - it's all downhill at a mild 2% grade and provides a shuttle service back to the top. Helmets and lights are required, as are trail tickets, and both rentals of equipment (including bikes) and tickets are available at the Lookout Pass Ski area lodge. Call 208-744-1301 or visit www.ridethehiawatha.com. [Route of the Hiawatha Map pdf](#)



- **The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes** is a rail to trail conversion which began as a path originally used by the Coeur d'Alene Indians that evolved into a mining transportation rail line operating from 1887 until 1992. It has 72 miles of paved path that stretches from Mullan to Plummer. The trail crosses 40 bridges and goes through 13 towns. [Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Map pdf](#) and [checklist of birds on the trail pdf](#)
- **The Pulaski Trail** is a two-mile interpretive trail that tells the story of 1910 Ranger Edward Pulaski. The trail begins one mile south of Wallace and culminates at the abandoned mine where Pulaski saved his crew.
- **Spirit Lake - Larch Mountain**, a 7.1 mile loop trail that takes you high enough for panoramic views of historic Spirit Lake, both the town and the lake. North on Hwy 41 from Rathdrum. Access the trail from the public boat launch/city beach area.
- **Bernard Peak Loop Mountain Bike Route** is located north of Coeur d'Alene and is an 18.5 mile loop on gravel road with single and double track with views of the southern end of Lake Pend Oreille.
- **Mt. Coeur d'Alene Mountain Bike Loop** with it's outstanding views of the lake and the Coeur

d'Alene area is an 8.1 mile loop on a gravel road. Contact the Forest Service (208-769-3000) for a brochure.

- **Canfield Mountain Bike Trail 1562**, near Coeur d'Alene, has more than 32 trail miles in the system. It was designed for motorized trail bikes and mountain bikes and is open for all uses except for ATV's. The trail is set up so the entire system can be accessed from an old logging road, FS Road #1562. The trails are a mix of logging roads and single-track, they range from a 0-35% grade. Trails can be smooth, maintained logging roads or steep with loose rocks, roots, drop-offs and other obstacles. [Canfield Mountain Map - Forest Service](#)
- **South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Bike Trails** is east of Coeur d'Alene near Cataldo. Trails range from easy to difficult and take hikers through alpine lakes or former railroad tunnels.
- **Beason Meadows Bike Trail #228**, near Potlatch, passes through a variety of plant life as it climbs from the stream bottom. The first mile is marked as part of a national recreation trail system near the Giant White Pine Campground. The trail ends at Bald Mountain Lookout.
- **Strong Creek Mountain Bike Trail**, for mountain bikers, this ridge-top single track trail is one of the must-see rides in the area. Contact the Forest Service (208-263-5111) for a brochure.
- **Sandpoint Dufort Road Loop Bike Path and Trail** takes you along the Pend Oreille River and can be accessed south of Sandpoint. The roads on this route are well traveled and heavy mixed traffic will be encountered. A small stretch of Lakeshore Drive has a gravel surface. The sloughs along the river provide excellent opportunities to view water fowl. Contact the Forest Service (208-263-5111) for a brochure.
- **Green Bay-Mineral Point Mountain Trail** is a 7-mile loop of trail and road that follows the shoreline of beautiful Lake Pend Oreille, 12 miles southeast of Sandpoint.
- **Jeru Creek Road Mountain Bike Road** if combined with Pack River Road, is a 16.8 mile ride north of Sandpoint for intermediate and advanced levels. Once on the ridge, there are great views of the Selkirk Crest and the Pack River valley. Contact the Forest Service (208-263-5111) for a brochure.
- **Johnson Cabin-Granite Creek Mountain Bike Trail** near Lake Pend Oreille, east of Sandpoint, is a 16 mile round trip ride on the east side of Lake Pend Oreille for both intermediate and advanced levels. Contact the Forest Service (208-263-5111) for a brochure.
- **Schweitzer Mountain Resort** has a vast trail system for hiking or biking. Elevation gain of the mountain trails is 2,400 feet. Bikers wanting a less strenuous ride can take the Great Escape quad chairlift to the top of Schweitzer Peak and enjoy a leisurely ride down the mountain. Equipment rentals are available on site. Helmets are required on all Schweitzer trails. Call 208-263-9555 or visit www.schweitzer.com.
- **Silver Mountain Resort Mountain Biking Trails** has a gondola that takes you to the top of the mountain, where you can ride 30+ miles of various track types and terrain. The Silver Mountain Nature Trail is a 2.8 mile loop, accessed at the base of the mountain at the gondola village. While there are trails suited for a variety of levels, intermediate to advanced level skills are recommended. 208-783-1111, 610 Bunker Ave, Kellogg. www.silvermt.com.
- **Silver Mountain-Big Creek Banzai Biking Trail** near Silver Mountain Ski Resort is 14.8 miles long, one way, with a variety of track types. Trail is often shared with horseback riders and hikers.
- **Farragut State Park Mountain Bike Trails**, two bike trails in Farragut State Park. The Shoreline Trail, located along the shore of Lake Pend Oreille about 3.5 miles in length, one way, on wide single track and a paved pathway. The Northside Loop is 4.7 miles of single track passing through grasslands and timber. The park located at 13550 E. Hwy. 54 Athol, 208-683-2425.
- **Priest Lake Lakeshore Trail #294** is a popular and highly used trail in the area. It is a fairly simple hike and is crossed by five streams while paralleling Priest Lake. Beautiful views of the lake can be seen from the path. This trail passes through timber and hillsides of brush. There are numerous campsites along the trail offering beaches and isolation.
- **Upper Priest Lake Navigation Trail** is an excellent mountain bike trail near Priest Lake. It is approximately 9.4 miles on single track in an old growth forest next to Priest Lake. Riders, hikers and joggers share the path. A few scattered campsites lay along the trail with campgrounds located at the north and

south end of the lake. Contact the Forest Service (208-443-2512) for a brochure.

- **Emerald Creek Star Garnet** dig near Clarkia is another fun outdoor activity with the chance to bring home some of the finest grade star garnets in the world. Operated by the Forest Service, a 1-day dig pass (includes equipment) is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12. Take home what you find, 5 pound limit per day. Open Thursdays-Mondays, May-September.

- **Fishing**



- Northern Idaho is an angler's paradise. Waters from this region have yielded one-third of the state's record fish. The world record rainbow trout (37 pounds) was caught in Lake Pend Oreille. The state record northern pike (38 lb 9 oz) and chinook salmon (42 pounds) come from Lake Coeur d'Alene while a lake trout exceeding 57 pounds was caught in Priest Lake. Idaho is the only inland western state with ocean-run salmon (state record 54 lbs) and steelhead (record 30 lbs 2 oz.)
- Lake and river elevations in the Panhandle range from 2,100 at Priest River to 8,643 at Needle Peak. The rugged mountains of Idaho contain more than 1,500 high mountain lakes with good trout fishing. Most of Idaho fishing waters are located in the public domain and are open to the public with free access.
- **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. Many bass tournaments are held each year on the lake. Northern pike are generally the first species to become active in the spring. **Fernan, Twin, Spirit and Hayden lakes** all provide northern pike fishing. Due to historic low numbers, cutthroat trout are now catch-and-release in the **Spokane River** drainage (Spokane River above Post Falls Dam, Coeur d'Alene Lake and all tributary streams.)
- Rainbow and lake trout; small and large mouth bass, and lake whitefish are plentiful on **Lake Pend Oreille**. Kokanee once provided half the entire sport fishery in the lake with over 1 million harvested yearly. They also provide forage to grow world class rainbow and bull trout but there are no longer enough kokanee to feed them. Harvesting bull trout or kokanee is now illegal. Through March 2010, lake trout of any size and rainbow trout more than 13" long from Lake Pend Oreille are eligible for a \$15 cash reward. www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/fish/misc/pendoreille_cash.cfm
- **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.
- In the Panhandle Region there are a limited number of large rivers that remain open year round, including the **Kootenai River, Pend Oreille River, Priest River, Clark Fork River** above the railroad bridge at Clark Fork, and the slack water portions of the **St. Joe and St. Maries rivers**. The more traditional "trout fishing" type rivers that most anglers think about are managed with the general stream and river season of Memorial Day Saturday through November 30.
- For anglers wanting additional information on lake trout and rainbow fishing techniques, two DVDs are available; "Reliable Methods of Catching Lake Trout on Lake Pend Oreille" and "Catch a Kam with Captain Ken". Loaner copies are available at area libraries and at the Idaho Fish and Game Regional office in Coeur d'Alene.
- Large outdoor sporting goods retailers as well as charter fishing companies and guided outfitters can help you plan your trip. See ioga.idaho.gov for a list of all licensed Idaho outfitters and guides.

- **Golf**



- **The Highlands** in Post Falls sits atop a hill overlooking the city. This popular public course recently added a new fairway and green.
- **Avondale Golf Club** is an exceptionally scenic course just steps away from Hayden Lake's Gold Coast.
- **Twin Lakes Village Golf Course** is adjacent to the intimate Twin Lakes just north of Rathdrum. On a clear day, the elevated tee box at the third hole offers a view nearly to Montana.
- South of Coeur d'Alene on US 95 is a beautiful addition to North Idaho's expanding golf culture. Adjacent to the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort and owned by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, **Circling Raven** has become a premier mountain golf experience.
- The crown jewel of Northwest golf is nestled in the southeast corner of Coeur d'Alene on Lake Coeur d'Alene's north shore. The Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course with it's famous floating green, has played host to PGA touring pros and was selected by Golf Digest as America's most beautiful resort golf course.
- **Avondale on Hayden Golf Club**
Hayden Lake
(208)772-5963
North of I-90 on US 95, turn right on Miles Ave.
Holes: 18 | Par: 72 | Yards: 6573



- **Circling Raven Golf Club**
Worley
(800)523-2464
South of I-90 on US 95 20 miles to Coeur d'Alene Casino

Coeur d'Alene
(208) 676-0891
South of I-90 on US 95 to Rockford Bay
Holes: 18 | Par: 72 | Yards: 7130

- **Coeur d'Alene Public Golf Course**

Coeur d'Alene
(208)765-0218
North of I-90 on Ramsey Rd., west on Golf Course to Fairway Drive
Holes: 18 | Par: 72 | Yards: 6295



- **Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course**

Coeur d'Alene
(208)765-4000
East on Sherman Ave. to 23rd, turn right
Holes: 18 | Par: 71 | Yards: 6735

- **Hayden Lake Country Club**

Hayden Lake
(208)773-0555
North of I-90 on US 95, right on Hayden Ave.
Holes: 18 | Par: 70 | Yards: 6300

- **Prairie Falls Golf Course**

Post Falls
(208)457-0210
North of I-90 on Spokane St.
Holes: 18 | Par: 70 | Yards: 6200

- **Priest Lake Golf Course**

Priest Lake
(208)443-2525
Hwy. 57 N at Priest River to Priest Lake
Holes: 18 | Par: 72 | Yards: 6005

- **The Ranch Golf Course**

Priest River
(208)448-1731
Hwy. 2 West of Priest River
Holes: 9 | Par: 33 | Yards: 2510



- **Sandpoint Elks Golf Course**

Sandpoint
 (208)263-4321
 Hwy. 2 East of Sandpoint
 Holes: 9 | Par: 36 | Yards: 2857

- **Shoshone Golf Course**

Kellogg
 (208)784-0161
 I-90 Past Kellogg to Big Creek Exit
 Holes: 9 | Par: 36 | Yards: 3131



- **Stoneridge Golf Course**

Blanchard
 (208)437-4653
 North of I-90 on Hwy. 41 at Blanchard
 Holes: 18 | Par: 71 | Yards: 5225/6684

- **St. Maries Golf Course**

St. Maries
 (208)245-3842
 Hwy. 3 South of St. Maries
 Holes: 9 | Par: 35 | Yards: 2729

- **Twin Lakes Village Golf Club**

Twin Lakes
 (208)687-1311
 North of I-90 on Hwy. 41 to Twin Lakes

Holes: 18 | Par: 71 | Yards: 6277

- **Horse and Sleigh Rides**



- - Located on 1,100 acres, **Western Pleasure Guest Ranch** (15 minutes from Sandpoint) is a working ranch with a 10,000sf lodge and cabin rentals. Guest enjoy year round equine adventures including winter sleigh rides and summer trail rides. They can even help move cattle to new pastures! (208)263-9066 or www.westernpleasureranch.com.
 - **Rider Ranch** (20 minutes east of 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

- **Huckleberries**



- 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 parksandrecreation.idaho.gov or contact the Priest Lake Ranger District, (208)443-2512 www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/priestlake
- If you're not inclined to compete with the bears and birds for Idaho's official state fruit, there are multiple other ways to enjoy huckleberries:
 - **The Beachouse Ribs & Crab Shack** on Lake Coeur d'Alene is the home of the original Huckleberry Ribs. The tangy sauce is so addictive, plan to go back again and again.



- **Baskin Robbins** in Coeur d'Alene features dozens of toppings including fresh huckleberries.
- **Paul Bunyan Burgers** has been a local favorite since 1952. What do the locals love about Paul Bunyan in the summertime? Huckleberry milkshakes!
- **The Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company** on 2nd and Lakeside in Coeur d'Alene has been brewing delicious Huckleberry Ale for nearly 20 years.
- **Sargent's** on Government Way in Hayden not only serves up the best steaks in town, but also the best huckleberry pie!
- Huckleberry topped salads and cheesecake are a must try at **315 Martinis, Tapas and Dinner at the Greenbriar Inn**. The proprietors also produce Wildbeary Huckleberry products which are available through their website: www.gbrfoods.com
- Huckleberries are the star each August when the **Huckleberry / Heritage Festival** takes place in Wallace the 3rd weekend. Besides a bake-off and Huckleberry pancake breakfast, vendors have huckleberry goods along with other

arts and crafts. There's also live music, a fun run, downtown bicycle race and a bicycle hill climb to the top of Dobson Pass.

- **Hunting**



- 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that 13 million Americans hunt annually, including 197,000 Idahoans. The majority of those hunters are after big game, such as deer or elk. That makes October an important month for most Idaho hunters, when North Idaho's deer, elk and moose seasons open. Bear season runs late summer through October and again in spring. Panhandle area mountain lions may be taken mid September through mid February.
- Record numbers of moose are making their home in Kootenai County. The growing moose population has been welcomed by hunters especially since the typical bull moose shot in Idaho has antlers spanning 36 inches. Idaho issued a record 1,146 moose hunting permits in 2007. 15,000 to 20,000 of the animals are believed to live in Idaho, with the highest populations found near the Canada border. Fewer than 1,000 moose inhabited the state 50 years ago.
- In 2008, gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains were removed from the federal endangered species list. Wolves will be managed as a big game species under the Idaho Wolf Population Management Plan. About 13 years ago, 66 gray wolves were reintroduced to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. Today those wolves number more than 1,500. More than 700 of them are in Idaho.
- The Coeur d'Alene Mountains are considered to be among the best for trophy

bull elk because of the good cover and terrain.



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- 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. Other species of interest include mountain lions, an abundant supply of grouse, turkeys and waterfowl. This vast area has one of the most abundant whitetail deer herds in Idaho. Mule deer abide in the more remote upper elevation regions, which makes for some challenging attempts to reach their homeland. Roaming the high mountain ridges, logging sites and regenerated forest fire areas will usually reward the hunter with sightings of small herds including some very respectable bucks.
- The Bear Facts



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- Black bear and grizzly bear are found in the Idaho panhandle. Grizzly

are found only in a few places furthest north in the Bonners Ferry wilderness but black bear are found throughout the northern part of the state. When hunting in grizzly country, carrying pepper spray is recommended. The mere presence of a bear doesn't always pose a risk. Stay calm. The vast majority of bears will leave an area when they become aware of human presence.

-Idaho Department of Fish and Game

- Department of Fish and Game
 - Coeur d'Alene Regional Headquarters (208)769-1414
 - Bonners Ferry (208)267-7629
 - Clark Fork (208)266-1501
 - Kellogg (208)682-4674
 - Moyie Springs (208)267-7629
 - Naples (208)267-4085
 - Priest River (208)448-2302
 - Rathdrum (208)265-8320
 - Sagle (208)265-8320
 - Sandpoint (208)265-8835
 - St. Maries (208)245-8100
 - Wallace (208)556-1513

- **Hunting and fishing license information**
 - **Idaho Panhandle National Forest**
 - www.fs.fed.us/ipnf
 - Supervisors Office
 - 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene
(208)765-7223
North of I-90, between Hwy 95 and Ramsey Rd off Kathleen Ave
 - Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District - Fernan Office
 - 2502 E. Sherman Ave, Coeur d'Alene
(208)769-3000
East of I-90 at exit 15
 - Priest Lake Ranger District
 - 32203 Hwy. 57, Priest River
(208)443-2512
On St. Hwy. 57, mile post 32, 3 miles south of Nordman
 - Bonners Ferry Ranger District
 - 6286 Main St., Bonners Ferry
(208)267-5561
1 mile south of Bonners Ferry on Hwy 95

- Sandpoint Ranger District
 - 1500 Hwy 2, #110, Sandpoint
(208)263-5111
West edge of Sandpoint on Hwy 2
- Silver Valley Office
 - 173 Commerce Dr, Smeltonville
(208)783-2100
South of I-90 at exit 48
- St. Joe Ranger District
 - St. Maries Office
222 S 7th St, #1
(208)245-2531
Federal Building in downtown St. Maries
 - Avery Office
(208)245-4517
6 miles west of Avery on Forest Hw. 50 (St Joe River Rd)
 - Clarkia Office
54495 Hwy 3
(208)245-1134
1 mile south of Clarkia on Hwy 3
- **Parks**
 - Farragut State Park, located on Lake Pend Oreille, was the second largest naval training station in the world during World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt chose Lake Pend Oreille because it is 1,225 feet deep and therefore suitable for submarine testing. In addition to natural wonders, the park features a natural amphitheater with room for 60,000 people, a model airplane flying field, 2 disc golf courses, multiple hiking/biking trails, campgrounds and a museum. Farragut State Park is four miles east of U.S. Highway 95 at Athol. For information, call 683-2425.



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- Heyburn State Park became the first state park in the Pacific Northwest in 1908. More than 5,500 acres of land and 2,300 acres of water are home to wild-life of all types. Heron and Osprey are especially common. The park includes three lakes; Chatcolet, Benewah, and Hidden Lakes, with the St. Joe River meandering along the eastern boundary of the park. The park is on State Highway 5 between Plummer and St. Maries. Call 686-1308.
- Round Lake State Park, 10 miles south of Sandpoint on Hwy 95, has easy access, two miles from the highway to fishing, swimming and hiking areas. Call 263-3489.



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- Priest Lake State Park with crystal clear mountain waters is near the Selkirk Mountain range. 155 campsites provide full service to primitive tent areas. Some are open all year. Call 443-2200.
- If a skate board is your choice for transportation, skate board parks are open to the public at Northwest Blvd. and Mullan Ave. (near Memorial Field) in Coeur d'Alene, at 3rd Ave. and Mullan in Post Falls and near the Bonner Mall in Sandpoint. Rathdrum's skateboard park is right on Main Street. Some areas have city ordinances (no sidewalk boarding) as posted.
 - **Idaho Panhandle National Forests**

- **Idaho State Parks & Recreation**
 - **Idaho State Tourism**
 - **Idaho Bureau of Land Management**
 - **Coeur d'Alene City Parks**
 - **Post Falls City Parks**
 - **Hayden City Parks**
 - **Rathdrum City Parks**
 - **Spirit Lake Parks & Recreation**
 - **Bonniers Ferry Ranger Station**
(208)267-5567
 - **Fernan Ranger Station**
(208)769-3000
 - **Priest Lake Ranger Station**
(208)443-2512
 - **Sandpoint Ranger Station**
(208)263-5111
 - **St. Joe Ranger District**
Main Office (208)245-2531
Avery Office (208)245-4517
St. Maries Office (208)245-2531
 - **Wallace Ranger Station**
(208)752-1221
 - **Emerald Creek Garnet Area**
- **Rock/ Mountain Climbing**
 - 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. Parking pay station is open seasonally or park on street and walk in. Q'emiln Park Trail System signage is just inside the park. North Idaho College Outdoor Pursuits Club and the Kootenai Klimbers received the Western US Access Fund Adopt-A-Crag of the Year Award for their work in maintaining the walls for the sport climber.
 - 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. Climbs are a two hour hike in from parking area. There are 35+ routes, 5.3 to 5.11+. 400-450 vertical depending on side.
 - 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.
 - The recently opened Coeur d'Alene Kroc Community Center offers a rock climbing pinnacle which provides a variety of climbing routes for people of all

skill sets. Day passes are available. www.cdakroc.com

- **Summer Camps**

- Coeur d'Alene Area

- **Camp Four Echoes**, Worley, Idaho, located on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Girls (grades 2-12) are welcome to attend camps run by the Girl Scouts Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Council with activities including windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, sports, cooking, photography, sailing, hiking and more from June 21-Aug. 15. Cost: \$152- \$500. Scholarships available. gsewni.org or 800-827-9478 ext. 227
 - **Camp Lutherhaven**, 3258 W. Lutherhaven Rd., Coeur d'Alene. This residential Bible camp offers youth (ages 4-18) a summer camp experience with amenities like a high-ropes adventure course, climbing tower, waterfront blob and more from June 20-Aug. 13. Cost: \$100-\$339. Day camps and financial assistance available. Transportation and scholarships. lutherhaven.com or 208-667- 3459 ext. 13
 - **Shoshone Base Camp**, North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. A resident Bible camp operated by Lutherhaven for children (ages 8-18). Amenities include river tubing, zip line, rock climbing and more. July 25 -29 and Aug. 8-13. Cost: \$199-\$369. lutherhaven.com or 208-667-3459 ext. 13
 - **Ross Point Camp**, Post Falls, Idaho. Youth (grades K-12) and families play softball, swim, boulder, kayak and more. My first camp: July 9-10. Cost: \$26. Middler camp (grades 2-4): July 4-7. Cost: \$163. Junior camp (grades 4-6): July 4-9. Cost: \$237. Junior High Camp (grades 6-9): June 20-25. Cost: \$237. Senior high camp (grades 9-12): June 27-July 2. Cost: \$237. rosspoint.org or 208-773-1655
 - **Camp Cross**, McDonald Point, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Youth (grades 2-12) can make friends with their cabin mates through all sorts of outdoor activities. Adult and family camps provide time to relax and do everything from carnivals to Dutch oven cooking. Camps run all summer from May 21-Oct. 2. Cost: \$120-\$260. campcross.org or 208-624-3191
 - **Camp Mivoden**, 17415 E. Hayden Lake Rd., This Seventh-Day Adventist camp offers residential activities at its outdoor resort from June 20-Aug. 22. A Spanish camp (youth 13-17) will be from June 27-July 4. Teen wakeboard camp (ages 13-16) will be offered from June 20-July 18 in four sessions. Family camp will be from July 18-Aug. 22 in three sessions. Cost: \$225-\$615. mivoden.com or 208-772-3484 or 208-838-2761



- - **Camp Sweyolakan**, Lake Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Camp Fire USA runs this camp on the north end of Lake Coeur d’Alene and offers a variety of day and residential camps that are open to youth (grades 1-12) from June 28-Aug. 20. Activities include kayaking, outdoor cooking, sailing, horseback riding, backpacking, hiking, arts and crafts, rock climbing and more. Cost: \$430- \$745. Financial assistance available. CampFire-INC.org or 747-6191 ext.10
 - **Twin Lakes Friends Camp**, 8068 W. Radmer Rd., Rathdrum, Idaho. This Christian-themed residential camp for kids (grades 1-12) will be held weekly June 28-Aug. 7. It’s designed to bring kids to Jesus Christ and develop Christian leaders. Boys camp will be from June 28-July 3. Day camp will be from July 5-9. Junior high camp will be from July 19-24. Girls camp will be from July 26-31. Senior high camp will be from Aug. 2-7. Cost: \$105-\$155. Scholarships available. twinlakesfriend-scamp.org or 208-687-1026
 - **Legacy Kids Camp**, Real Life Ministries, held at Silver Lake Camp in Medical Lake, WA. August 23-27, Ages: 3rd – 6th Grade. Cost: \$179 per child, call Jake 777-7325 ext. 153 to register or online at www.reallifeministries.com.
- **Sandpoint Area**
 - **Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp**, 209 N. Cocolalla Loop Rd., Cocolalla, Idaho. This residential camp (ages 7-18 and family), which offers swimming, canoeing, paddle boats and more, will run from July 15-Aug. 15. Call: 208-263-3912



- - **Youth Horsemanship Camp**, Western Pleasure Guest Ranch, 1413

Upper Gold Creek, Sandpoint, Idaho. Kids will get hands-on experiences with horses. Available for kids ages 10-16. June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 4-8, July 11-15, July 18-22, Aug. 1-5, Aug. 8-12. Cost: starting at \$680. Scholarships are available. westernpleasureranch.com or 208-263-9066

- **Twin Eagles Summer Camps**, Sandpoint, Idaho. Day camps for kids (ages 6-13) that focus on nature and sensory awareness, fire by friction, natural shelters, animal tracking, natural mysteries, sustainable living skills and wild edible and medicinal plants will be offered in Sandpoint from June 21-25, June 28-July 2 and July 5-9. Cost: starting at \$195. A camp will be offered in the Spokane area from July 12-16. Cost: starting at \$195. An overnight camp for families will be from July 24-25. Cost: \$95, per person. An overnight camp for youth (ages 10- 13) will be offered July 25-July 30. Cost: starting at \$475. twineagles.org or 208-265-3685
- **Schweitzer Summer Camp**, Schweitzer Resort, Sandpoint, Idaho. Youth (ages 6-11) hike, do crafts, swim and more at Adventure Camp from July 6-Aug. 20. Cost: \$160 per week; \$150, sea-son pass holders. schweitzer.com or 877-ITS-IN-ID ext. 2152
- **Day and Week Camps**
 - **Boys and Girls Club**, 457-9089, June 21 – August 20, Ages: 6-18, Breakfast Program 7:00-9:00 (additional \$5 per day per child), Regular Program 9:00 – 5:00 (lunch and snacks in-cluded). Church of the Nazarene in Post Falls, 308 W. 12th Ave, Fee: \$20 per child.
 - **Cd'A Church of the Nazarene** – 4000 N. 4th St., CdA. June 14-August 20, 9am-3pm. Ages: 8-14. \$90/week; \$70/week for additional children from the same family or \$18/day per camper. Ex-tended hours are available from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. for \$2.00/hr. Register in the office or online at www.cdanaz.org or 208-667-3543
 - **Camp Invention**, Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene. A nonprofit science enrichment camp will be held for children ages 1-6 from June 21-25 and June 28-July 2. Cost: \$210. campinvention.org or 800-968-4332.
 - **Camp Ka-Mee-Lin** City of Post Falls Recreation Department day camps at Ponderosa Elemen-tary, June 14 - August 27, ages 5-11 at Kiwanis Park. 208-773-0539
 - **Camp Kroc** Kroc Community Center, Coeur d'Alene, 208-763-0618. Eight different one week programs in both Discovery Camps and Specialty Skills Breakout Camps, ages 6-12, June 21 - Aug 20, 208-763-0618 or kroccda.org
 - **School PLUS** Day camp/childcare, CdA School District 271, 208-769-0700, at selected elemen-tary schools for ages K-6th grade
 - **Treasure Hunt on Pirates' Island**, North Idaho Discovery Association, Hayden, Idaho. Youth (grades K-3) are invited to walk the plank from June 30-July 2. Cost: \$60. Call: (208) 640-9412



- **United Methodist Church Day Camp**, Twinlow Camp, Rathdrum, Idaho. Youth (grades K-6) may attend day camp from June 13-Sept. 3. Games, waterskiing, crafts, swimming, canoeing and more are included. Cost: \$80-\$155 per week. twinlowcamp.org or 208-687-1146
 - **Outbackers, Camp Sweyolakan**, Mica Bay, Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Campers (grades 1-6) can participate in swimming, canoeing, kayaking, Aqua Jump, outdoor cooking, hiking, archery and more. Transportation provided. Monday-Friday from June 28-Aug. 20. Cost: \$205. Camp-FireINC.org or 208-747-6191 or (800) 386-2324
- **Special Interest Camps**

- **Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission**, Harding Family Center, 411 N. 15th., Coeur d’Alene. Classes include Drawing and Painting, Guitar, Arts and Crafts, Rhythm and Music, Kitchen Kids, Stage Improv, Batik, Cultural Arts, Pirate School, Mixed Media, Book Arts, Mosaics and more, held on Tuesdays- Thursdays from June 22-July 15 for ages 5-15. Cost: \$30 per class. Call: (208) 676-9132
 - **Coeur d’Alene Summer Theatre**, NIC Schuler Performing Arts Center, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d’Alene. Youth will work with professional actors that are here to perform during the 2010 summer season. Camp will be from June 12-19 and Aug. 7-14 for ages 6-16 from 9 am-3 pm. Cost: \$150. Call: 208-769-7780.
 - **Christian Youth Theater** (North Idaho), Eight weeks of week-long camps from June 28-Aug 20. Junior Campers (ages 7-13) can choose between “Camp Rock” or “Survivor” themes. Campers meet Mon-Thurs from 9 am-3 pm and Fri from 9 am-4 pm. Each camp includes theater arts workshops, theater and outdoor games, team competitions, a camp T-shirt and a performance on Friday, with parts for everyone. Bitty Campers (ages 5-6) come half-days from 9-noon, M-Th and Friday all day. The Bittys perform with the Junior Campers on Fridays. Camps are offered at three locations — one in Sandpoint and two in Coeur d’Alene. Cost is \$150-\$175 if registered by June 11; \$90 for Bitty camp. cynorthidaho.com or 208-765-8600
 - **Sandpoint Arts Alliance**, Sandpoint Center for the Arts, 518 Oak St. Drop in or session camps, Art Adventure (ages 6-12), Love Our Lake Art Camp (6-8), Animal Lovers Camp (8-12), Mural Painting Camp (12-18) and Beaded Jewelry Camp (11-18). 208-265-ARTS
 - **Kid’s Cooking Classes**, Bonner County Extension Office. July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 11-12:30, open to children 8-14 and an adult companion. Call the Extension Office at 208-263-8511 to enroll or e-mail Linda Wylie, Extension Nutrition Program, at lwylie@uidaho.edu. Families must be Food Stamp eligible to participate.
- **Education Camps**
 - **Planet X-Deep Space Terraformers**, North Idaho Discovery Association, Hayden, Idaho. Design and build a Lego robot from July 12-16. Cost: \$175. Call: (208) 640-9412
 - **Team Trophy Tour**, North Idaho Discovery Association, Hayden, Idaho. Make an autonomous robot from July 5-9. Cost: \$175. Call: (208) 640-9412
 - **Tetrix Robot Challenge**, North Idaho Discovery Association, Hayden, Idaho. Build them and then fight them in this camp for youth (grades 6-12) from July 19-23. Cost: \$175. Call: (208) 640-9412
 - **Young Advocates for Human Rights**, 414 Mullan Ave., Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. This camp offers the opportunity for area middle-school students (grades 6-8) to examine human rights issues via inten-

sive, one-week advocacy training. Registration open to all for Level One camp on Aug. 2-6 and 9-13. Level Two camp (must be Level One graduate) on Aug. 16-20. Cost: \$50 per child per week. hrei.org or 208-292-2359

- **Sports Camps**

- **Breakaway Sports Camp**, First Assembly of God Church – 2200 N. 7th St., CdA 667-5481, baseball and soccer skills camp. June 15-17, 9-12:00. Ages: 6-12. Registration deadline is June 7th and can be done in the office or online at www.cdaassembly.com; \$25 per person-everyone receives a T-shirt and photo.
- **Rathdrum Parks and Recreation**, Stub Myer Park, between 8320 W. Fourth St. and Montana St., Rathdrum, Idaho. Youth (ages 5-7) can participate in a tee ball program that teaches baseball fundamentals. Games will run from June 14-Aug.2. Cost: \$16-\$22. Rathdrum.org or 208-687-2399
- **NIC Boys Basketball Camp**, NIC, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. Experienced players looking for specific and overall skills enhancement from June 14-17 from 9 am-5 pm. Cost: \$175. Call: (208) 769-5975
- **NIC Girls Basketball Camp**, NIC, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. From June 7-11, grades 3-6 will practice from 3:30-5:30 pm and grades 7-9 will practice from 6:30-8:30 pm. Cost: \$80. Call: (208) 769-5975
- **NIC Women's Soccer Camp**, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. Girls (grades 9-12) will participate on Aug. 2-5 from 5-7:30 pm. Cost: \$75. Call: (208) 769-5952



- **North Idaho Soccer Camps**, Coeur d'Alene Soccer Complex, 6651 N. Courcelles Pkwy. Youth (ages 5-12) can take part in camp working on individual moves and technical skills on June 14-17, July 12-15, and August 2-5. Elite soccer camp (ages 10-17) is also offered on July 12-15. Cost: \$70 -\$105. Email: nidsoccercamps@gmail.com. Call: (208) 929-2503.

- **NIC Volleyball Position Camp**, NIC, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. This camp is for setters, outside hitters, liberos, and middle blockers from August 7-8 from 4-6 pm and 6-8 pm, Cost: 475
Call: (208) 769-5975.
 - **NIC Wrestling Camp**, NIC, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. Boys and girls (K-8) are invited to participate in this gender-separated camp on July 5-8. Cost: \$275.
 - **NIC Softball Pitchers' Heat Camp**, NIC, 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d'Alene. Practice your pitching skills on July 27-30 from 8am-2pm. Cost: \$200. Call: (208) 769-5975.
 - **Sandpoint Recreation**, Sandpoint. Jr. Golf for ages 5-9, Tuesdays starting June 22. Golf Medalist for ages 10-17, Tuesdays starting June 22. Boys basketball, grades 4-8, Jun 15-18. 208-263-3613
 - **Skyhawk Sports Camps** City of Hayden Recreation. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, flag football for ages 7-12 and Mini-Hawk camp for age 4-7. 208-209-1080
- **Special Needs Camps**
 - **Camp All Stars** Specialized Needs Recreation day camps for developmental disabilities and/or physical, mental and emotional challenges, 1323 E Sherman, CdA. June 14 - August 20, 208-755-6781
 - **Camp Connect** Panhandle Autism Society day camps to promote social skills development and play skills, Mon-Thur, 1-4pm, 1323 E Sherman, CdA, ages 5-12 June 28 - July 22, ages 13-18 August 2 - 26, 208-704-3698
 - **Camp Independence** TESH day camps for children with special needs, a variety of activities, ages 4-21, mid-June through mid-August, TESH Inc., 3327 Industrial Loop, CdA, 208-765-5105

- **Water Sports**

- **Water Holes**



- North Idaho is abundant with swimming beaches and water holes. **Independence Point Park** at Coeur d'Alene's City Beach has life guards, a water fountain and a nice sandy strip of beach between the docks and the Coeur d'Alene Resort that's perfect for wading and splashing without the larger crowds on

the park side beach.

- Hayden Lake's **Honeysuckle Beach** is open 11am - 6pm and has lifeguards on duty during summer months. From US 95 (between Hayden Ave. and Prairie Ave.) take Honeysuckle east-bound right to the lake.
- **Q'emiln Riverside Park** in Post Falls features a beautiful beach with lifeguards, just 4 blocks from the Spokane Street Exit off of I-90.



- Beaver Bay Beach at **Farragut State Park** is a horseshoe shaped sandy beach that is one of the few places on Lake Pend Oreille where the water warms enough in the summer for a swim. From US 95, head east on Hwy 54 to the park. Entrance fee is \$4 per vehicle.
 - **City Beach** in Sandpoint is surrounded on three sides by Sand Creek and Lake Pend Oreille. Take Bridge St. from downtown.
 - On the east side of Priest Lake, both **Indian Creek and Lion-head** have excellent day use areas on large sandy beaches with designated swimming areas.
 - Approximately 40 miles south of Coeur d'Alene is **Heyburn State Park** which offers many opportunities to enjoy a dip in one of its three lakes.
- **Cruise or Live Aboard**
 - Experience the true beauty of the lakes and rivers of North Idaho by taking a summer cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Lake Pend Oreille, Spokane River and St. Joe River. Daily, dinner, brunch and charter cruises are available. Cruises depart from various locations several times each day during the summer season, May - October. Winter eagle watching and holiday cruises are also available. For schedules call: **Lake Coeur d'Alene**

Cruises 765-4000, **Westcoast River Queen** 773-1611, **Lake Pend Oreille Cruises** 255-LAKE, Heyburn State Park cruises 686-4030 or **River Cove Dinner Cruises**, www.therivercove.com.



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- If you want to cruise the lakes captaining your own watercraft, **Vacation Sports Rentals** in Coeur d'Alene offers jet ski, pontoon and ski boats with full or half day rentals. They'll even deliver to the lake! 665-0686 or www.vacationsportsrentals.com. The **Boardwalk Marina** rents Cobalt and ten person pontoon boats for private cruises around the lake. Call 415-5600 or www.hagadonemarine.com. Ten person pontoon boat rentals are available at **Red Lion Templin's Hotel** in Post Falls 773-1611. **Hi Water Adventures** in Harrison on Lake Coeur d'Alene offers power boat, canoe and kayak rentals. 689-3693 or www.harrisonboatrentals.com.
- For a quick trip, paddle boats are available to rent by the hour at Independence Point in Coeur d'Alene or the city beach in Sandpoint.
- Live-aboard houseboats can be rented from BC&M Houseboat Vacations or Pend Oreille Houseboats on Lake Pend Oreille. **The Serendipity**, a 92 foot, 4 bed, 2 bath world-class custom houseboat yacht is located on Lake Coeur d'Alene. It's available for year-round charter cruises, private parties and events. 651-6319 or www.idahoserendipity.com
- 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.idahovacations.com.
- **Ride White Water**



- North Idaho is a whitewater and paddler's Mecca. Whether you're looking for wild rapids, a family whitewater trip, gentle floats or lake paddling you'll find it all. Both the Moyie and St. Joe rivers offer raft-bashing fun in spectacular forested canyons. Near the Idaho/Montana border, the **Alberton Gorge** of the Clark Fork is a summer favorite with warm water and intermediate rapids. **ROW Adventures** offers guided whitewater rafting, multi-sport and fishing trips for all ages. 765-0841 or www.ROWadventurecenter.com. Guided trips of one to six days are available, including adventures on the Salmon, Snake and Lochsa rivers.
- **Hell's Canyon**, near Lewiston, Idaho, is North America's deepest canyon. In the basin, the Snake River runs for 70 miles. You can walk along the river, take boat tours, experience world-class white water rafting, fish or jet boat. **Riverquest Excursions** features fishing and sightseeing tours departing from Hell's Canyon State Park. www.riverquestexcursions.com or 800-589-1129.
- The **Spokane River** from the Post Falls dam to Stateline has quick and short white water rapids for the truly adventurous.



- Kayaking off **North Idaho College Beach** has become a favorite past time of students and locals. [N.I.C.'s Outdoor Pursuits](http://www.nic.edu/outdoor) rents kayaks, canoes and whitewater rafting equipment and also offers classes and group trips, 769-3290. Hi Water Adventures out of Harrison offers guided, flat water kayak tours of most North Idaho lakes and the Coeur d'Alene River. 689-3693.

- **Float the Rivers**

- Canoe, kayak and inner tube enthusiasts will find varying currents and conditions on North Idaho rivers, depending on the time of year and which section of the river they choose. Float down the upper **Coeur d'Alene River** in a raft or canoe. The trip takes you past beautiful scenery, rock formations and wildlife. The river is 55 miles long between Senator Creek and Cataldo. For information on water levels call 752-1221.
- Floating the **North Fork** of the Coeur d'Alene River is a family adventure for even the most inexperienced or novice floaters. Put in your raft or inner tube and enjoy a meandering pace traveling about one mile of river in an hour. Take the Kingston exit off of I-90 and head up to Bumble Bee Bridge or to Albert's Landing campground. This favorite summer activity is best between June and late July as in August the water levels lower considerably making for a bit bumpier and slower float. Glass containers are prohibited on the river. End the day with Rocky Mountain oysters at the famous Enaville Resort, known also as the historic Snake Pit.
- Take a long, 6-hour trip on the rapid **Lower Priest River**. The course offers a challenge for the experienced inner-tuber, kayaker or rafter. Put in point is about three miles north of the town of Priest River off Highway 57. This is a tough course and is recommended for strong swimmers. Always wear a life-vest!
- **Pack River** is a scenic and meandering ride past beautiful scenery and wildlife. Inner-tubes, canoes, rafts and kayaks are all good for this river. There are several entrance points off Highway 95 and Highway 200.

- **Fall for the Rock**



- Built on the Spokane River in 1906 by The Washington Water Power Company (now Avista Utilities) the **Post Falls Dam** initially supplied power to six mining companies in Wallace via a

100-mile, 60,000 volt transmission line. The dam also controls the water flow of Lake Coeur d'Alene and can raise or lower the lake level by 12 feet. The dam is accessible from Exit 5 or 6 off Interstate 90, then south on Spokane Street.

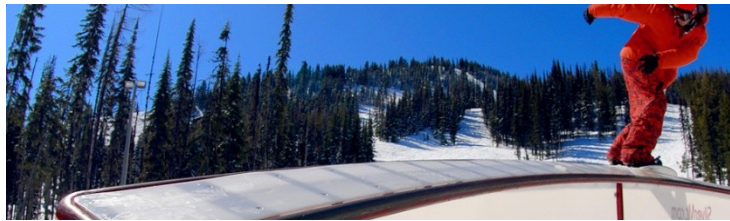
- **Albeni Falls** (all-ban-e) located near Priest River, produces 200 kilowatt hours of energy annually. Construction on it began in 1951 and completed in 1955. A short hike on a paved trail and a vista on Hwy 2 allow for viewing. For information on a power-house tour and visitor center hours of operation call 437-3133.
 - North of Sandpoint on Hwy 2, the **Moyie River Bridge**, one of the highest in Idaho, spans a 450' canyon. Stop at the overlook for a bird's eye view of the Bonners Ferry Dam and power generating plant as well as the Moyie River Canyon and Falls.
 - Take in the view at **Myrtle Creek Falls** just northwest of the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge visitor center in Bonners Ferry. A short, but steep, ADA compliant trail takes you to an observation point halfway up. Falling water has eroded brown quartzites creating a spectacular view.
 - A 15-minute hike from Forest Service maintained Copper Creek Campground is **Copper Creek Falls**. Just south of the Canadian border, the 150' falls is fed by the Moyie River. 267-5561
- **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.
 - **Dive the 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 can take you to the site of the Georgie Oaks, a sternwheeler with a 100-ton capacity that carried passengers and freight on the lake until 1917, or the Idaho, one of the largest steamers on the lake with twin side wheels and a capacity of 1,000 passengers. Adventurous divers may use a number of clear, high mountain lakes.
 - **Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruises**
 - **Lake Pend Oreille Cruises**

- [River Quest Excursions](#)
- [River Cove Bed & Breakfast](#)
- [ROW Adventures](#)
- [Serendipity Houseboat & Events Center](#)
- [Vacation Sports Rentals](#)
- [North Idaho College Outdoor Pursuits Program](#)
- [Albeni Falls Dam](#)
- [Kootenai County Boat Launch Fees](#)

- **Winter Sports**

- **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 added a tubing hill in 2006 and indoor water park in 2008 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 home-town 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.

- **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 [State Parks Annual Passport](#) is \$25 (plus tax) and is good for day use at all of Idaho's state parks. Cross country skiing at Priest Lake, Round Lake, Farragut and Winchester Lake state parks is offered at no additional charge. Passes are available at any state park or locally at 2750 Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.
- The [Park N' Ski Pass](#) is \$25 (plus tax) and allows you to park and ski at 11 back country sites across the state. Passes can be purchased at regional offices of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as most cross country ski shops statewide.
- [North Idaho College's Outdoor Pursuits](#) program offers ski, snowboard, snowshoe and mountaineering equipment for rent.

- **Snowmobile**



- North Idaho has the snow and terrain to create a snowmobiler's paradise. Snowmobiling is one of the area's fastest growing sports. SnoWest Magazine recognized The Silver Valley's thousands of miles of snowmobile trails as "one of the best full service snowmobiling hot spots in the world."
- **Boundary County** has ample snowmobiling opportunities. There are many well-groomed trails higher than 7,000 feet. The two major areas include Roman Nose in the Selkirk Mountains and Canuck Basin in the Purcell Mountains. www.bonnerrferrychamber.com. Visitors to Schweitzer Mountain Resort in Sandpoint can enjoy guided snowmobile tours through the back country. www.schweitzer.com.
- **Kellogg** has thousands of miles of groomed trails with a vast choice of lodging and tourist services. **Adventure Sport Rentals** offers snowmobile delivery to and resort packages at Silver Mountain. 714-4660 or www.adventuresportrentals.com.
- **Wallace** encourages driving snowmobiles inside the city limits and has a number of annual snowmobile events. 753-7151 or www.wallaceidahochamber.com.



- Seventy-five miles north of Coeur d'Alene at **Priest Lake** find an additional 400 miles of groomed trails. Trails are mostly on forest service roads ranging in elevation from 2,500 to 6,500 feet. Ample snowfall and marked and patrolled trails along one of the world's most pristine lakes make this a winter wonderland. 443-3191 or www.priestlake.org.
- A history of timber and mining in the Coeur d'Alene area has left an extensive network of trails through the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. www.idahowinter.org.
- Snowmobiling regulations and trail maps are available from U.S. Forest Service offices throughout the region. Machine and equipment rentals are available locally. With the eminent success of snow-

mobiling projects throughout North Idaho, here's a recommendation: Make plans for your visit before the rest of the world gets here!

- **Snow Shoe**

- Strapping on a pair of snow shoes and making first tracks in fresh snow on a sunny winter day is as good as it gets for North Idaho outdoor recreation.



- If you're a novice or enjoying an outing with younger family members, the **Centennial Trail** is ideal. Park at the trail head on Northwest Blvd. at I-90 Exit 11 in Coeur d'Alene and hike a flat trail along the Spokane River, through Coeur d'Alene City Park along the lake. Another popular route begins at Silver Beach on Lake Coeur d'Alene Road, I-90 Exit 15 at Sherman Avenue, with parking, year 'round rest room facilities and a stunning view with no changes in elevation.
- Coeur d'Alene's **Tubbs Hill** is a short loop trail (3.2 miles) accessible from downtown that winds through a 120-acre natural park jutting out from the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Start your hike at the south end of 3rd Street by the Coeur d'Alene Resort.
- **Falls Park** in Post Falls is right in town. Exit 5 off of I-90, south a block to 4th Avenue and west two blocks. The park has family friendly trails and scenic overlook platforms to best view the wide open gates of the dam at the Spokane River Falls.
- For more advanced snowshoers, the following offer a backcountry hike. The winter wonderland scenery of North Idaho makes it worth your while. Don't forget to bring a camera!
- **Gold Hill**-2 miles south of Sandpoint on US 95. turn east on Bottle Bay Road, 4.8 miles to the trailhead located on the right.
Length-3.7 miles one-way
Difficulty-moderate
Highest elevation-3400 feet
Elevation gain/loss-1200 feet
Panoramic views
- **Trail to Chimney Rock**-a popular climbing destination. Getting to the trailhead in winter may require a 4-wheel drive vehicle. From Sandpoint-north on US 95, 13 miles to Pack River Road, turn west onto Road 231, 16 miles to West Branch Road 2653. Turn left and then a half mile to trailhead at bridge.
Length- 5 miles one way
Difficulty-last 2.5 miles are most difficult
Highest elevation- 6720 feet
Elevation gain/loss 1820 feet
The first 2.5 miles are along an old road, the last 2.5 miles are somewhat steep.
- **Moose Lake**-from Sandpoint head east on Hwy 200 then 12 miles to Trestle Creek Road, turn left onto

Road 275 then 16 miles to Lighting Creek Road 419, turn left and then 1.5 miles to Moose Creek Road 1022, turn right and 2 miles to the trailhead. This is also a trailhead for Blacktail Lake Trail 24 and Lake Estelle Trail 36.

Length- 1.6 miles one way

Difficulty-moderate

Highest elevation-6160 feet

Gain/loss-1240 feet

- Depending upon snow conditions, accessibility may be limited to the backcountry areas. There are no restrictions to snowmobiles for both Moose Lake and Chimney Rock.

- **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. For a fun family day in the snow, here are some local favorites:



- Coeur d'Alene - Cherry Hill Park is located at 15th Street and I-90. Generations of children have enjoyed this popular sledding hill which is now part of the park. For all ages, paved parking lot adjacent. The Coeur d'Alene Public Golf Course off Ramsey Road has easily accessible hills perfect for families with little ones.
- Post Falls - Black Bay Park, just north of the main parking lot off of E. Third Ave., has good sledding hills in the winter months.



- Kellogg - Locals and visitors enjoy sledding and tubing at Silver Mountain's Snow Tubing Park (ticket price includes gondola ride and tube rental) and at Kellogg City Park, across from the football field.
- Sandpoint - Schweitzer Mountain is a great place to sled or tube. Great Northern Park is a new 7-acre park which is slated to have a sledding hill shaped by the time the snow flies. For the younger children, Hickory Street Park has a small hill.
- Priest River - Right in town is a sledding park off of Highways 2 and 57.
- Clark Fork - Locals bundle up for sledding at the ball park on the north side of the pond.

- **Ice Skating**

- Gliding across frozen lakes and ponds on ice skates is postcard perfect in North Idaho, when temperatures are cold enough for long enough to freeze the water to safe depths.
- Smaller lakes, such as Fernan at the east end of Sherman Avenue in Coeur d'Alene are the best bet most years. Lakefront homeowners often create a groomed skating area near the public docks. Twin Lakes and Spirit Lake are also likely to freeze solid enough for skating.
- In Bonners Ferry, Mirror Lake is similarly swept for skaters, weather permitting, as is Dawson Lake. In Sandpoint, Sand Creek, just below the Cedar Street Bridge, is popular with the locals and near the city beach, a skating area is often cleared for the public.
- The KYRO (Kootenai Youth Recreation Organization) Ice Arena in Coeur d'Alene is the only indoor recreational ice-skating rink in North Idaho. They offer lessons; adult and youth hockey leagues and lessons; and competitive and recreational figure skating. The facility is also available for group and business functions. After damage to the building from heavy snow in 2008, the arena is being rebuilt with a larger rink and additional services. Target opening date is early winter 2010. 3519 W. Seltice Way. www.kyro.org

- **Put Another Log on the Fire**



- In North Idaho, the wood stove is still a staple of keeping warm. Wood burning fireplaces are standard features in the most modest homes and magnificent mansions. Locals know that Tamarack and red fir produce the most heat when burned. Entrepreneurs with a pick-up truck and a chain saw sell firewood by the cord or truckload. Firewood is commonly measured in cords, with a standard cord being tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet wide and 4 feet high by 8 feet long. A personal use firewood permit from the Idaho Panhandle National Forest costs \$20 for cutting up to four cords and \$5 for each additional cord. A permit is good for gathering firewood from the time of purchase through March 31 of the following year. So put another log on the fire as winter arrives in beautiful North Idaho.

- **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 Coeur d'Alene Resort 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, a downtown Christmas lighting ceremony, fireworks shows and lighted parade. www.cdadowntown.com
- The Friday following Thanksgiving Day begins Kootenai Medical Center's fabulous **Festival of Trees**

with four days of events for all ages. 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 KMC Foundation... and the spirit of Christmas is evident throughout the event. (208)666-TREE

- The quaint downtown of **Sandpoint** is a winter wonderland. Horse-drawn carriages full of holiday shoppers create a Currier and Ives painting come to life. Enjoy a holiday production at the Panida Theater, dine in a cozy restaurant or stroll hand-in-hand down the city sidewalks while snowflakes dance on your nose and eyelashes. Bundle up and enjoy Christmas as it was in yesteryear. www.downtownsandpoint.com.
- 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. (208)245-3563 or 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! (208)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. (208) 689-3669.
- 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 the Winter Walk through brightly lit neighborhoods rounds out this festive day. (208)753-7151.

- **Winter Carnivals**

- Every January in the height of winter, Sandpoint cooks up a sure antidote to cabin fever. It's the **Sandpoint Winter Carnival**, a long week of pure fun celebrating the best of the snowy season... indoors and out. First launched 'way back in 1974, it's how to have fun in winter! A slate of events take place all around town. Schweitzer Lights Up the Night during the Winter Carnival. The mountain is the scene of a continuous party with the annual Torchlight Parade, a fireworks display and a bonfire. After the parade, head over to the City Beach for the annual bonfire at the Beach House. 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. www.sandpoint.org/wintercarnival
- **Silver Mountain** is a great place to celebrate the new year with their spectacular New Years Eve festivities and Torchlight Parade. Ring in 2010 from the top of the mountain and enjoy the fireworks and fun. www.silvermt.com
- Many businesses throughout the area offer special promotions during the season, making North Idaho a truly memorable family holiday experience.

- **The Perfect Christmas Tree**



- When you live in North Idaho the perfect Christmas tree can be found in your own “backyard” - the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. A permit is required for each tree cut and removed from National Forest Lands. Permits are \$5 and a family may purchase up to three tags. Permits are available from Bureau of Land Management or Idaho Panhandle National Forest offices or by mail.

- **Mush Mush**

- For over thirty-five years the US Pacific Coast Championship Sled Dog Race has been held at 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. 509-447-5744 or www.InlandEmpireSledDogAssociation.itgo.com
 - **Adventure Sport Rentals**
(208)714-4660
(509)241-0232
 - **Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation**
 - **Silver Mountain Resort**
 - **Schweitzer Mountain**

 - **Two Wheeler Dealer**
(208)772-8179
 - **North Idaho College Outdoor Pursuits Program**

- **Shopping**

- Download a shopping map that includes Coeur d'Alene and Hayden.
 - **Northern Idaho Antique Shops**
 - **North Idaho Grocery Stores & Sundry Shops**
 - **Business Directory**
 - **North Idaho Farmer's Markets**
 - **Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association**
 - **Sandpoint Downtown Association**

