

ACTIVITIES RESOURCE GUIDE:

LAVA HOT SPRINGS AREA

DAY and EVENING ACTIVITIES

FISHING and ICE FISHING ON CHESTERFIELD RESERVOIR: Bank fishing. Typically thick enough to ice-fish in the winter. Plenty of places to park and access the reservoir. Used for irrigation and is drawn down over the summer. Stocked for fishing. Large Lake trout can be taken. Boat ramps and docks along west side, some porta-potties. Camping along both sides. Can accommodate RVs and tents. Non-fee area. Can be windy, so find a protected area for tents. In later summer or winter, west of dam on the beach gives some protection under the hill.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Located some 22 miles from Lava. Take US 30 to Blazer Hwy (Old US 30), go 11.4 miles to Kelly Toponce Rd. Follow that road for 9.7 miles to Basin Rd. That will take you to the reservoir.

FISHING ON HAWKINS RESERVOIR: See "Hawkins Reservoir" listing in Places for Overnight Camping directory for details. ALSO: fishing on **Deep Creek** Reservoir and **Devil's Creek** Reservoir in the Malad area.

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC TOWNSHIP: Restored pioneer homes and businesses. Guided Tours by appointment.

SHOOTING— .22 RIFLES, MUZZLELOADERS, SHOTGUNS: Shooting activities involving Boy Scouts require two NRA Certified Instructors, with one of the two certified as a Range Safety Officer (RSO). Two local shooting ranges available—

2) **Downey Shooting Range.** Outside of Downey in an old gravel pit off the Old Malad Hwy. DIRECTIONS: Drive to Downey on Hwy 91, turn right at the road that Y's off between the County Maintenance Complex and the Gas Station and C Store. Drop down into the valley, cross over Marsh Creek, then climb out of the valley. Turn left immediately upon coming up out of the valley to access the range. There is a sign marking the turn. There is also a covered pavilion for meeting and instruction, lunch, etc. Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun ranges within the complex. No fee, although there is a donation box to help with up-keep costs. No bathroom facilities. Trash cans on site. Concrete shooting benches, some walkways. Graveled. Plenty of parking.

3) **Soda Springs Shooting Complex.** Southeast of Soda Springs; drive through town, turn to the right at the range sign off of the highway after crossing the railroad overpass. Operated by the Soda Springs Shooting Club. Contact: Kal Kirby 540-0074.

LAVA'S DEMPSEY RIDGE GOLF COURSE: South town at the junction of Merrick Road and Dempsey Creek Road.

BEAR LAKE STATE PARK—NORTH BEACH: \$5 Fee per Vehicle. Bathroom facilities available. Boat ramps, trash service. On most years, nice sandy beach, very shallow slope out into the deeper water. Take shade. DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 30 to St. Charles, turn left as you enter town (Bear Cave Drive-in on corner). About a hour-and-a-half drive from Lava.

MINATONKA CAVE: Located up St. Charles Canyon. National Forest Service Cave. Nine-room cave full of stalactites, stalagmites and banded travertine. Guided Tours. \$7 per adult. Limited parking, bathroom facilities and running water. Limited to no cell service. Cave is about a half-mile long, and has lots of stairs.

BLOOMINGTON LAKE: Located up Bloomington Canyon (access canyon road from town of Bloomington, on Hwy 89, Bear Lake Valley area), this is a beautiful high-elevation (8,200 feet), 10-acre glacial lake with a good population of trout. Access via dirt road (can be rough, use high-clearance vehicle) to parking lot (restroom facilities at lot, tables). Last quarter mile is a hike-in to the lake.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Various Nordic Skiing Trails in the area—Portneuf Range Nordic Trails; Soda Springs—Kelly Park Nordic Trails; Soda Springs—Bailey Creek Nordic Trail; Pocatello—East Mink Creek Nordic Center; Pocatello—Mink Creek Nordic Ski Area; Portneuf Range Hut System (a series of yurts managed by the ISU Wilderness Rental Center Office).

MAPS AND INFO: Visit this webpage—www.seidaho.org/nordic_ski_maps.htm—for printable maps of the trails in these areas.

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FAMOUS PRESTON NIGHT RODEO: Held the first weekend of August, Thursday thru Saturday. Fee: \$8 to \$12, depending on night. (One of several rodeo events held in the region. Lava Hot Springs hosts a “Bulls Only” Rodeo in August of each year. Also rodeos a the South Bannock County Fair in Downey, at Idaho State University, Bancroft, Grace, etc.) INFO: www.prestonrodeo.com; 852-0898

MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS: Typically held in early summer at Marsh Creek near McCammon and late summer at Bear Lake.

MUSEUM OF CLEAN: 75,000 square feet. Not just a museum about cleaning...but rather an eclectic collection of clean-related themes. Humorous and educational. Many hands-on activities. Allow one to three hours. Fee: \$5 (ages 12+)

CONTACT: museumofclean.com; 236-6906

IDAHO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Home to collections in Anthropology, Earth Sciences, and Life Sciences. Hosts various classes and public programs. Located on the ISU campus (next to the student union building) Fee: \$5 (Ages 12+)

CONTACT: <http://imnh.isu.edu>; 282-3168

POCATELLO ZOO: Featuring animals native to the Intermountain West. Located in Ross Park (2900 S. 2nd Ave.) 23 Acres. Admission fee of \$5.75 (12 and up). Typically not open past six p.m. Check website for hours, as they vary during the season.

CONTACT: zoo.pocatello.us; 234-6264

YELLOWSTONE BEAR WORLD (WILDLIFE ADVENTURE PARK): A drive-through wildlife park located at 6010 South 4300 West—5 miles South of Rexburg on US Hwy 20. Wildlife includes Rocky Mountain Elk, Bison, White-tail Deer, Mule Deer, Rocky Mountain Goats, Moose, American Black Bear, Grizzly Bear and Gray Wolves. Fee: \$16 (ages 11+). Closed during the winter.

CONTACT: www.yellowstonebearworld.com; 359-9688

PEBBLE CREEK SKI AREA: Skiing and snowboarding on 54 runs on 1100 skiable acres. 3 triple-chair lifts. Equipment rentals and lessons available. Cafeteria located in the Lodge. Located at 3340 E. Green Canyon Rd., above Inkom.

CONTACT: pebblecreekskiarea.com; 775-4452

ARCHERY RANGE—CARIBOU FIELD ARCHERS: Top-end archery range near Soda Springs. INFO: www.cariboufieldarchers.com

CONTACT: Curt Bullock (club member) for information and use guidelines and expertise.

FLOATING THE PORTNEUF RIVER: Ride tubes through town; longer float trips can be done with pre-arranged permission (and pick-up) to take out at the Ranch Inn Campground or Nolan Johnson’s place.

LAVA ZIP LINE ADVENTURE: Zipline operates under most weather conditions, year round. Reservations required. Fee is \$40 per person for multiple rides down two ziplines. Transportation provided from Lava. Offer several thousand feet of riding through the canyon on steel cables. Guides will help with fitting the harness and attaching trolley to the line for each zip. Minimum weight for zip tour is 60 pounds and max 285 pounds. All participants must sign a waiver of liability. Take water. Zip tour will last approximately 2 and 1/2 hours.

INFORMATION: www.lavazipline.com. 589-1734 for reservations.

ROLLER BLADE: Pocatello’s **Deleta Skating** facility offers indoor skating, either in general skates or facility can be rented for private skates. Skates rented. Instruction available. Tables available for meals, refreshments. Located at 520 Yellowstone Ave. in Pocatello.

INFORMATION: 223-0431.