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TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES



A TRULY UNIQUE TRAIL

The "Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes" is one of the most spectacular and popular trails in the western United States. Here, you will find 73 miles of newly laid asphalt that's perfect for road bikers and in-line skaters.

The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes nearly spans the Panhandle of Idaho as it runs along rivers, beside lakes and through Idaho's historic Silver Valley.



The uniqueness of the trail isn't simply the beautiful scenery and attractions along its route, but it's an innovative solution to the environmental problems caused by the early miners in the Valley.

Silver was discovered in the Valley around 1884 and construction of the rail line to support the growing mining and timber industries was started in 1888. Much of the trail today follows this original rail line, giving it a gentle grade. When the rail line was built, mine waste rock and tailings containing heavy metals were used for the original rail bed. In addition, the bed was contaminated with accidental ore concentrate spillage.



Now, the trail itself is part of the environmental cleanup in a partnership between the Union Pacific Railroad, the U.S. Government, the State of Idaho and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The thick layer of asphalt on the trail and the gravel barriers along the trail serve to isolate the contaminants and allow the area to be used once again. Although not all of the trail is susceptible to recontamination, it's best to use caution and follow trail rules.

The section between Plummer and Harrison has been thoroughly cleaned and is not susceptible to recontamination. Because the section between Harrison and Mullan is vulnerable to flooding, contaminants

may be in the soil around the trail. Please stay on the trail and in designated picnic areas.



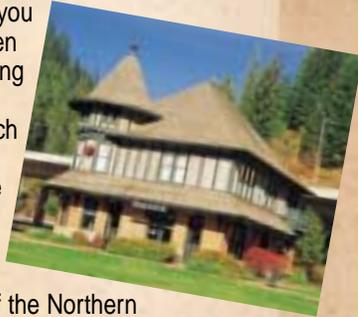
PROTECT YOURSELF BY FOLLOWING THE RULES

- Stay on the trail.
- Wash hands and face before eating.
- Eat at designated waysides and trailheads.
- Remove dirt from clothes, toys, pets, shoes, and equipment before leaving the area.
- Don't let children play near shorelines or off the trail.
- Carry water for drinking and washing.

ATTRACTIONS

Northern Pacific Depot Railroad Museum

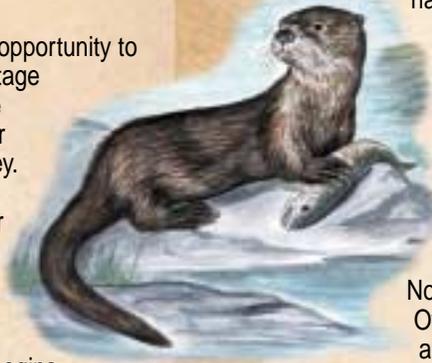
This railroad museum is located in an historic depot listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum transports you back to the time when railroads were the king of transportation. Exhibits tell of the rich history of railroading in the Coeur d'Alene Mining District and of the depot itself. You can see a rare 13-foot glass map of the Northern Pacific Railroad.



Sierra Silver Mine Tour

This unique tour offers a rare opportunity to personally experience the heritage

of the Silver Valley. The tour



begins by boarding a sixteen-passenger trolley. On the short trip to and from the mine portal, a narrated tour of Wallace is provided. Hard hats are issued at the entrance and an experienced guide takes you through the main tunnel of the mine.



forested land invites you to explore its more than 22 miles of backcountry trails. Three lakes and the St. Joe River make up the 2300 acres of clean, clear water that beckons to water lovers. Heyburn has three campgrounds, one adjacent to the trail. Heyburn's cruise boat, the "Idaho", offers relaxing brunch and dinner cruises and an occasional cruise to Harrison.

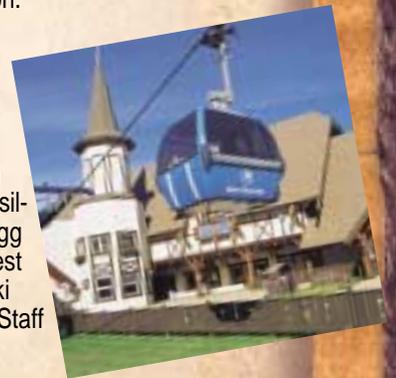
Crane House in Harrison

Harrison has a colorful historical heritage and the Crane Historical Society perpetuates it in the Crane House Museum. It contains historical infor-



Kellogg

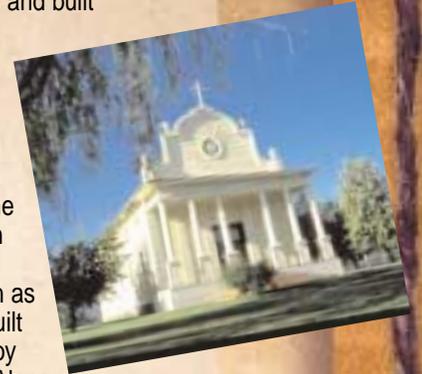
At the heart of the Silver Valley, a rich mining area east of Coeur d'Alene is Kellogg, named for the man who discovered the largest silver strike in the area. Kellogg is home to the world's longest gondola, Silver Mountain Ski Resort, Crystal Gold Mine, Staff House Museum and more.



mation and artifacts from the late 1890s and early 1900s. The old jail, a structure constructed entirely of 2 x 4's and built around 1920, has been moved to the Crane House site.

Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park

The state park features the oldest standing building in Idaho, the Mission of the Sacred Heart. Also known as Cataldo Mission, it was built between 1848 and 1853 by members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Catholic missionaries. The building has walls one-foot thick and was built entirely without nails. The park also has a restored parish house next door to the Mission and an historic cemetery.



WHAT TO EXPECT

You don't have to be fit to enjoy this trail with its gentle grade and smooth surface. The trail has 20 developed trailheads and 17 scenic waysides that have picnic tables and benches. Dispersed along the trail are 36 unique bridges and trestles that cross mountain



creeks, whitewater rivers and tranquil lakes. The east end of the trail passes through a narrow mountain valley once heavily mined for silver. The valley is dotted with numerous small historic mining communities each offering their own unique features.

The middle section of the trail follows the tranquil Coeur d'Alene River, passing fifteen small lakes and marshes loaded with waterfowl. The west end of the trail lies along the shoreline of scenic Coeur d'Alene Lake for six miles. It crosses a 3100-foot bridge/trestle to Heyburn State Park, the Northwest's oldest state park. The trail then follows the remote forested Plummer Creek canyon for six miles, ending in the community of Plummer.



TRAIL MANAGEMENT

The trail is divided into two sections based on management. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe manages the portion of the trail within their reservation boundary (14.5 miles between Plummer and Harrison). The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation manages the rest of the trail from Harrison to Mullan. Through a joint powers agreement, numerous cities and counties have agreed to assist the trail managers with law enforcement and maintenance.

FLORA & FAUNA

Wildlife is abundant along the trail. The best time to see wildlife is in the evening along the more remote sections between Enaville and Harrison. In this chain of lakes section you will find a large population of waterfowl and other water-based animals. Moose, osprey, eagles, herons, otters, and beavers are a few of the many animals you may see. The ecosystem ranges from narrow mountain valleys to low marshland. Expect to see white pine and douglas fir in the upper reaches of the trail and willows, cottonwood and ponderosa pine in the lower section. In the fall the wooded hillsides and trees surrounding the chain of lakes are ablaze with color. With the abundance of water, numerous plants are present such as water lilies, cattails and wild rice.

HUNTING & FISHING

Hunters may use the trail for access to other hunting property.

Discharge of firearms or hunting from or across the trail corridor is prohibited. Fishing is allowed along the entire corridor, but not

recommended due to shoreline contamination. Fishing is also discouraged on leased or private land. Fishing from bridges is encouraged but use caution when back casting.





FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

In the next few years we will better understand how people use the trail and what they expect from it. With community support, we anticipate

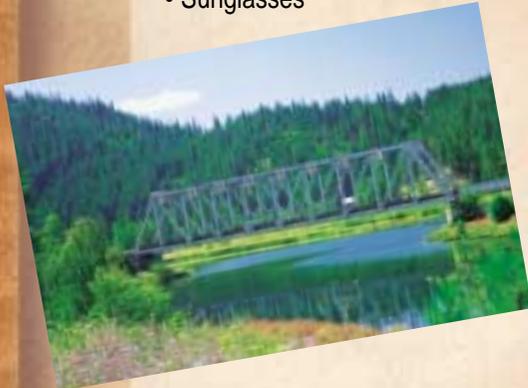
HOW I CAN HELP

The trail's potential cannot be reached without the help of the citizens who live and work there. Volunteers can adopt a section of the trail to help the manager keep a watchful eye on it and to assist in picking up litter. In addition, you can help to enhance the trail by making a tax-deductible donation to the non-profit group, the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands at 208-344-7141.

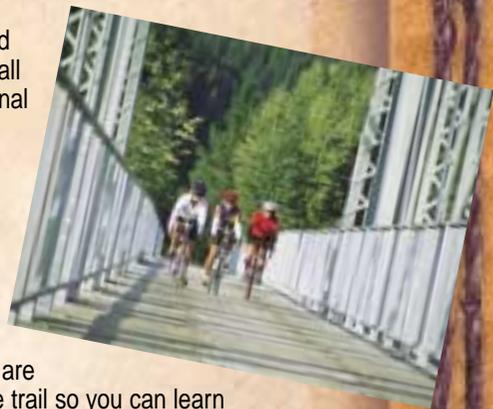
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USEFUL EQUIPMENT

- Water
- Daypack
- High-energy food
- Small first-aid kit
- Trail map / brochure
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Camera and film



connecting the west end of the trail to the Washington State John Wayne Pioneer rail trail which travels from Seattle to Tekoa. We hope to connect the east end of the trail from Mullan to the Route of the Hiawatha rail trail on the Montana border. We also expect to add parking lots and expand or install additional toilets.



Additional interpretive signs are planned along the trail so you can learn about the colorful history of the area.

SAFETY TIPS

- Bikers and in-line skaters should always wear helmets
- Always use lights at night
- Obey road crossings signs

LEGEND

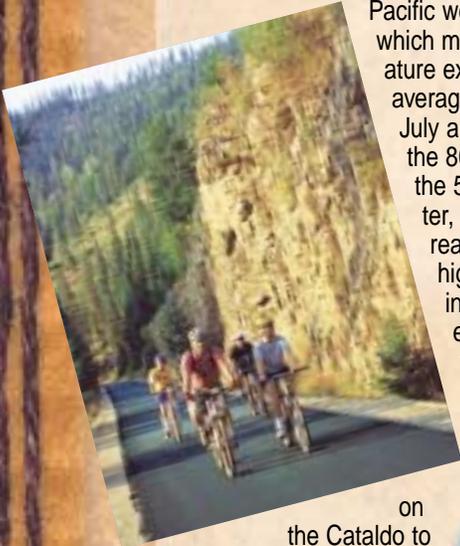
	Trailheads- Parking, location map, picnic tables and bench
	Waysides- Picnic table and bench
	Restrooms
	Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes
	Miles from trailhead in Plummer

Change in Elevation



WEATHER

The climate in the area is as varied as its landscape. Weather is influenced by Pacific weather patterns, which moderate temperature extremes. The average highs in June, July and August are in the 80s with lows in the 50s. In the winter, the lows can reach -20 with highs near freezing. You can expect snow on the ground for about a month



on the Cataldo to Plummer section while the upper canyon sections near Mullan and Wallace can expect plenty of snow from December to March for Nordic skiing or snowmobiling. Rain and snow are frequent due to the mountainous terrain.

Call the National Weather Service forecast line at 509-244-6395 or check out

www.weather.com for an on-line forecast.

If you are driving in the winter call 208-336-6600 for Idaho road conditions.

OTHER AREA TRAILS

THE ROUTE OF THE HIAWATHA TRAIL

The Route of the Hiawatha is one of the most breathtaking scenic stretches of rail trail in the country. Winding through 10 tunnels and across 7 high



trestles, this 15-mile route crosses the rugged Bitterroot Mountains between Idaho and Montana. The Route of the Hiawatha is best known for the long, dark St. Paul Pass, or "Taft" Tunnel, which burrows for 1.7 miles under the state line. The trail is located approximately 20 miles south of Wallace, Idaho.

For more information about this trail, call 208-744-1301 or visit www.skilookout.com.



RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

There are many miles of private land adjacent to the trail corridor. Please stay on the trail to prevent confrontation with landowners. Respect their privacy and obey the no trespassing signs. Please do not access the numerous private docks and boats along Coeur d'Alene Lake.

TYPES OF USE ALLOWED

The trail is a 10-foot wide asphalt trail open to walking, in-line skating, road/mountain biking, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Horses and pack stock are not allowed on the trail so



as not to damage the asphalt and gravel barriers, which isolate the contamination. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail except for a short portion from Wallace to Mullan where snowmobiles are allowed when there is enough snow to protect the trail surface. The trail manager will decide when snowmobile use will end by posting restrictions at both ends of the trail. Electric wheelchairs are allowed on the trail.

USES NOT ALLOWED

No ATVs, electric golf carts, electric or gas powered bicycles, four-wheel drive vehicles or any motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail, shoulder of the trail or within the trail corridor.

NO CAMPING OR FIRES

Camping is not allowed along the entire trail corridor due to health concerns. For those who wish to travel and camp along the trail, private and public campgrounds are located close by. No campfires or discharge of fireworks are allowed within the trail corridor.

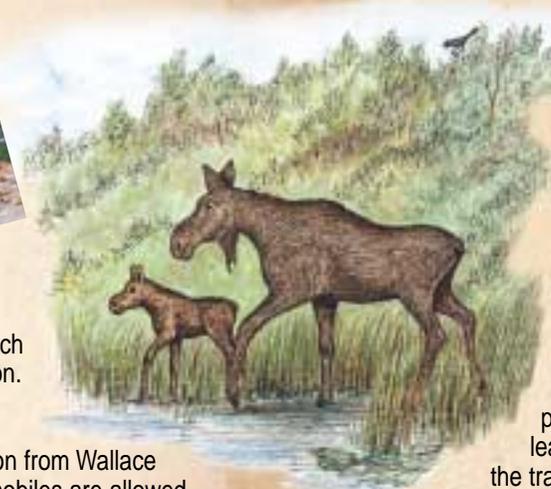
DRINKING WATER

Please do not drink surface water even if filtered. Safe water sources can be found in each community and at some trailheads. Bring plenty of water along because some sections of the trail are remote. Glass containers are discouraged.

PET POLICY

Dogs are welcome but must remain on a short leash and be under control. Owners should pack their pet's excrement out, so please carry a plastic bag. Much of the trail is a wildlife viewing area, so do not

allow your pet to leave the trail.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Management

TRIBE TRAIL MANAGER, Coeur d'Alene Tribe,
P. O. Box 408, Plummer ID 83851
1-208-686-7045

e-mail: dchapman@CDATribe-nsn.gov

STATE TRAIL MANAGER, Idaho Department
of Parks and Recreation, Coeur d'Alene's
Old Mission State Park P.O. Box 30,
Cataldo ID 83810 1-208-682-3814
e-mail: old@idpr.state.id.us

Emergency Services

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police 686-0137
Shoshone County Sheriff 556-1114
Benewah County Sheriff 245-2555
Kootenai County Sheriff 664-1511
Idaho State Police 772-8585
Ambulance/Fire 911

HOSPITALS

- Shoshone Medical Center
in Kellogg 784-1221
- Benewah Medical Center
in Plummer 686-1931
- Benewah Community Hospital
in St. Maries 245-5551

Other Agencies

- Idaho State Department of
Environmental Quality 783-5781
- US Environmental Protection
Agency 1-800-
424-4372
- Panhandle Health
District 783-0707
- USFS Coeur d'
Alene River
Ranger District
752-1221
- Heyburn State
Park 686-1308
- Coeur d'Alene's Old
Mission State Park 682-3814
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
789-1414
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe Natural Resources
Department 686-8502



Local Governments

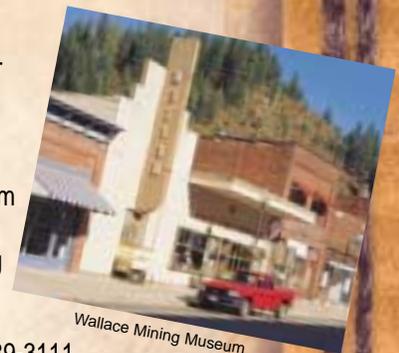
City of Mullan 744-1515
City of Wallace 752-1147
City of Osburn 752-0001
City of Kellogg 783-7751
City of Smelterville 786-3351
City of Pinehurst 682-3721
City of Harrison 689-3212
City of Plummer 686-1641
Shoshone County 753-5475
Kootenai County 446-1000
Kootenai County Park District 772-9239
Benewah County 245-3212

Visitor Services

- Harrison Chamber of Commerce
689-3669 (www.harrisonidaho.com)
- Historic Silver Valley Chamber of
Commerce 784-0821
(www.kellogg-id.org)
- Wallace Chamber of Commerce
753-7151 (www.historic-wallace.org)
- Snowmobile Conditions
682-3814
- **BIKE REPAIR SERVICE AND RENTALS**
 - Excelsior Cycle & Sport Shop
in Kellogg 786-3751
 - Pedal Pushers Rental & Repair
in Harrison 689-3436

MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

- Crystal Gold Mine 783-4653
- Silver Mountain Resort 783-1111
- Staff House Mining
Museum 786-4141
- Sierra Silver Mine Tour
752-5151
- NP Depot Railroad
Museum 752-0111
- Oasis Bordello Museum
753-0801
- Wallace District Mining
Museum 556-1592
- Crane House
Museum at Harrison 689-3111
- Heyburn State Park Boat Cruises
686-4030
- Plummer Wellness Center 686-9355



Wallace Mining Museum