Progress Report 3 – Due Aug 15th

ITC GRANT NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Grantee: Lost Rivers Economic Development	Grant Number: 14-VII-05
Date Submitted: July 15 2015	Report #: ☐ 2 ☐ 4 ☐ 1 ☒ 3 ☐ Final
Date Posted for Review:	

Awarded Grant: $ 4,000	Cash Match Requirement: $ 480	Total Excess Match Committed (Above required amount)
Amount Expended YTD: $	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	

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Element 1: Produce 4 videos

Amount Awarded: $ 4,000	Amount Expended YTD: $ 5,000	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	Excess Cash Match Committed: $ 1,000

Progress of Element since grant award or last report:

Three of four videos are done and on website.

Anticipated completion date(s):

4th video should be completed end of July

Actions needed to complete this element:

Filming is done, just working on putting all together

Measurements(s) of Results

3/4 complete

☐ No activity during this report period due to seasonal nature of marketing activity.

This project went a lot smoother than the brochure project. We hired it out. People accepted what the got. Every little detail was not open for discussion and debate. We would love to be able to afford to hire out website content creation!! We need to be able to. We need an updated website yesterday!! We need someone dedicated to this project!!

Revised 8-Aug-2013

ITC GRANT NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Grantee: LREP	Grant Number: 14-VII-05
Date Submitted: continued . . .	Report #: ☐ 2 ☐ 4 ☐ 1 ☒ 3 ☐ Final
Date Posted for Review:	

Awarded Grant: $	Cash Match Requirement: $	Total Excess Match Committed (Above required amount)
Amount Expended YTD: $	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	

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Element 2: Website

Amount Awarded: $ 0	Amount Expended YTD: $ 3,000	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	Excess Cash Match Committed: $ 3,000

Progress of Element since grant award or last report: Trained on website and creating new pages, uploading content.

Anticipated completion date(s): Aug 13th

Actions needed to complete this element: Plan to at least have new tabs completed and a skeleton website done. Hoping to hire someone to gather the content and put it on the website

Measurements(s) of Results Hopefully we will have money to do this with 2015 funds

Not completed ☹

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From my experience helping the area with a brochure, being able to hire a company to research and upload the information, would save a lot of time and headache ☹ An impartial expert opinion on content to be included on website - would be very helpful ☹ Limited funds, doing everything volunteer with a 12 board vote, is not the most efficient or effective way to create a quality product ☹

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ITC GRANT NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Grantee: LRED	Grant Number: 14-VII-05
Date Submitted: continued ...	Report #: ☐ 2 ☐ 4 ☐ 1 ☒ 3 ☐ Final
Date Posted for Review:	

Awarded Grant: $	Cash Match Requirement: $	Total Excess Match Committed (Above required amount)
Amount Expended YTD: $	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	

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Element # 3 Brochure Development

my time to create the brochure

Amount Awarded: $ 0	Amount Expended YTD: $6,200	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	Excess Cash Match Committed: $ $1,200 $5,000

pictures Adobe In Design

Progress of Element since grant award or last report:
Brochure is taking longer than anticipated. Too many helpers in the kitchen.

Anticipated completion date(s):
End of summer - if everyone can agree on content.

Actions needed to complete this element: Consensus on what should and should not be included in the brochure and money to hire a designer to finish the brochure. to and include all of Arco's wants.

Measurements(s) of Results Brochure has been voted on by board, approved for print, printed, and distributed. The plan at the moment is to turn the brochure over to Arco Advertiser ... to ad or expand on Arco's section of the brochure.

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I am moving August 13th. The board and new director or directors will be taking over this project to make sure it is completed. A copy of the brochure to date is included with this report. Middle blank sections will be completed with maps that a Friend of mine is doing in-kind. First map rough draft also included.

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Amount Expended YTD: $	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	

Copy for additional elements The Weekly Sun

Element # 4 Advertisement in Sun Valley Magazine

Amount Awarded: $ 0	Amount Expended YTD: $ 450	Cash Match Documented YTD: $	Excess Cash Match Committed: $ 450

Progress of Element since grant award or last report:

1 page Full Glossy next to event section running throughout the summer - promoting Stay & Play
- Local Hotel, Mine Hill, & Craters

Anticipated completion date(s):

complete

Actions needed to complete this element:

Measurements(s) of Results

100% complete
Bear Bottom is tracking calls from ad - in exchange for space in ad.

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LIVE WORK PLAY

TOP TEN REASONS
TO OPEN A BUSINESS IN
The Lost River Valley

1. Open a business in Mackay's Technology Park, stay five years, Mackay will GIVE you the land
2. Discounted office space for start-up businesses in the Business Incubation Center in Arco
3. Very low taxes, labor costs, and utilities
4. High speed internet and cellular service
5. Located on 3 US highways
6. Long airport in Arco and a smaller airport in Mackay
7. Immediate access to an outdoor recreation paradise with a growing tourism industry
8. Great place to raise a family, Low student to teacher ratios
9. Great place to "retire" and open a "hobby" business
10. Quality of Life - clean air, safe, wide open spaces, affordable

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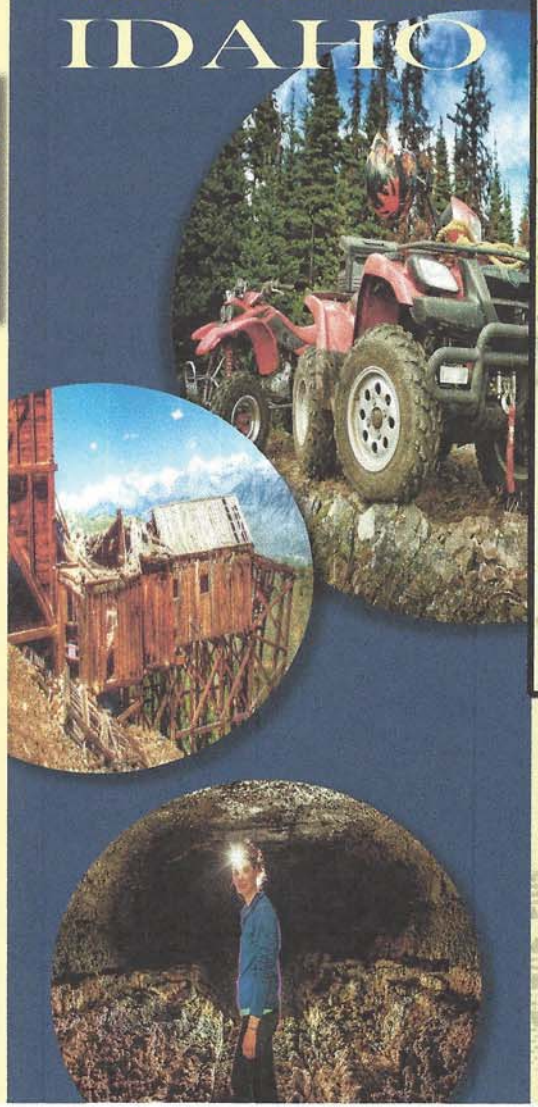

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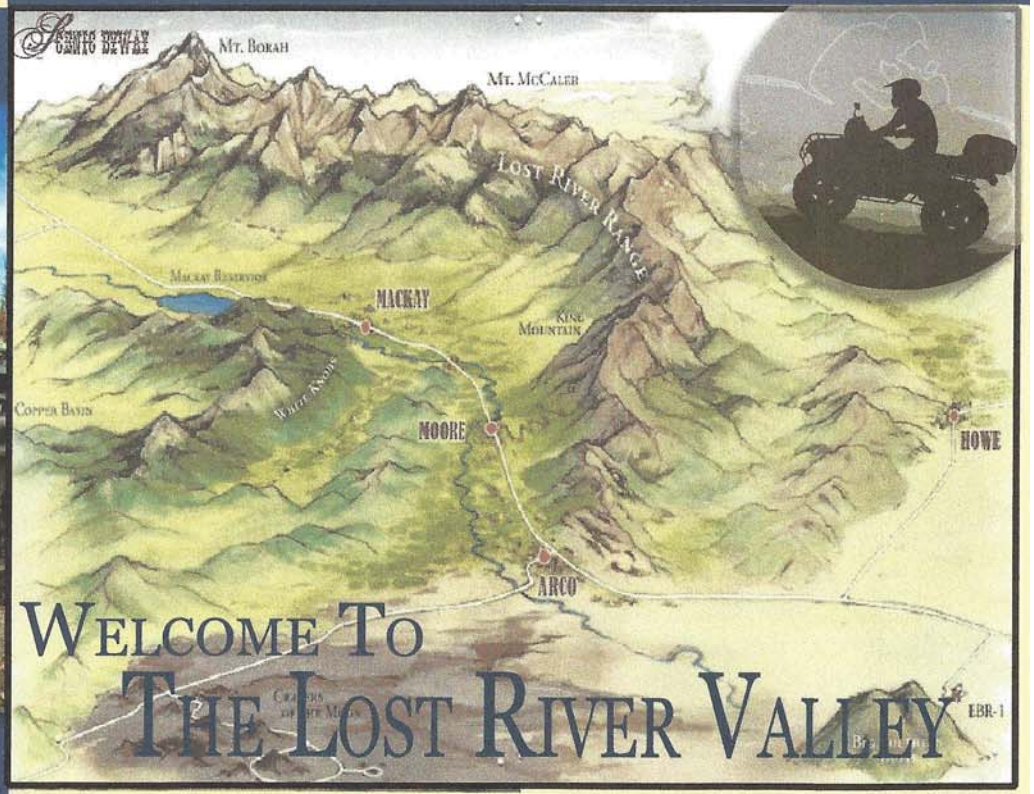


WELCOME TO THE LOST RIVER VALLEY

Lost River Valley, Idaho is home to a very diverse terrain. Within an hour, you can travel from the volcanic wonderland of Craters of the Moon through Butte County's desert and to the "Top of Idaho," Located in the heart of Idaho, surrounded by Idaho's tallest peaks, rich forests, and plenty of wildlife, The Lost Rivers Valley seems to barely be touched by human hands.

With hundreds of miles of ATV trails, it is an outdoor enthusiast's dream playhouse. The crystal clear waters of The Big Lost River make it a destination stop for fly fishermen worldwide. History buffs and families alike will enjoy a tour of Arco's Science Museum and Mackay's Mine Hill.

Whatever adventure interests you, whether it is spelunking, panning for gold, boating, hiking, golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, off-roading, exploring mining sites, geocaching, discovering Indian paintings, paragliding, chasing urban legends, learning about history and culture, or relaxing on the water, you will find it in **Lost River Valley, Idaho.**

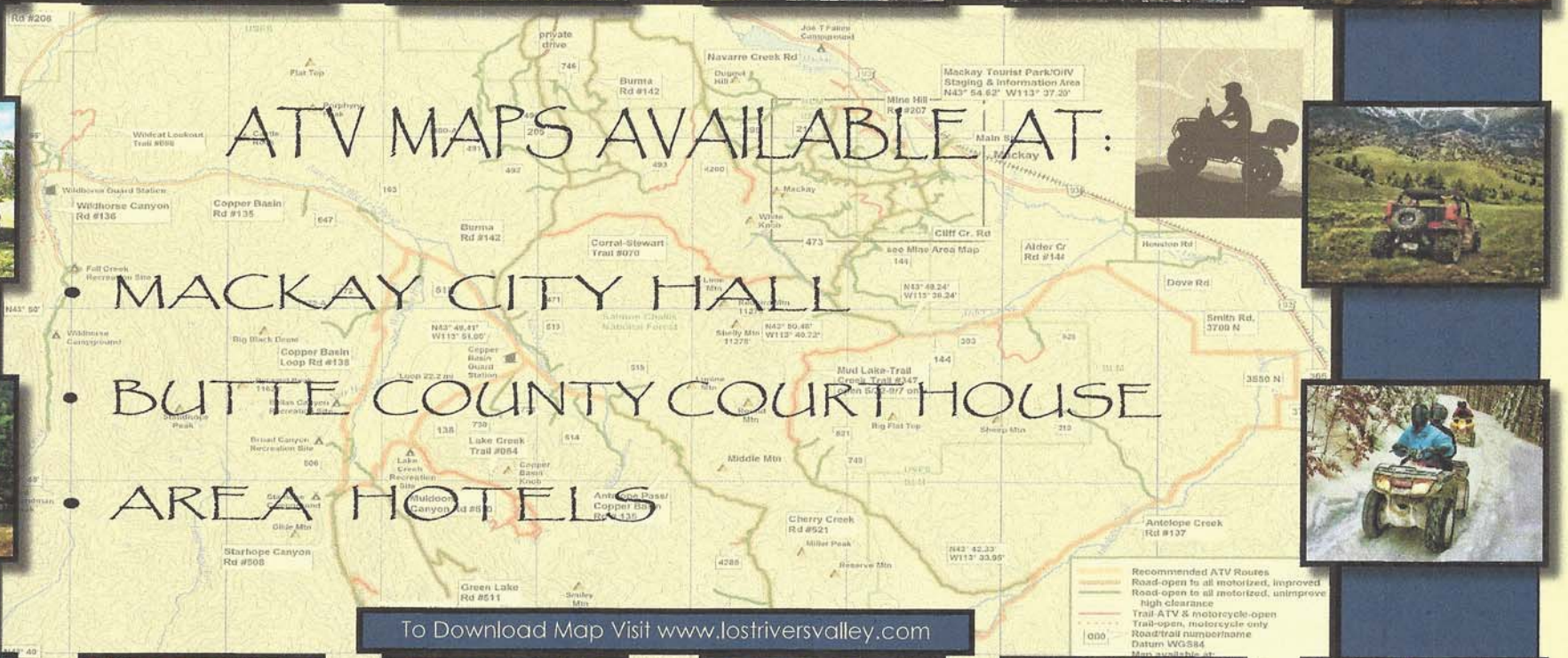
ATV Capital Of Idaho

Photo courtesy of Bam Media

Photo by Wayne Olsen

ATV MAPS AVAILABLE AT:

- MACKAY CITY HALL
- BUTTE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
- AREA HOTELS



To Download Map Visit www.lostriversvalley.com

EXPLORE...THE LOST RIVER VALLEY

MOUNT BORAH

EARTHQUAKE SITE

LOST RIVER MUSEUM

MACKAY RESERVOIR

MACKAY TOURIST RV PARK

MACKAY MINE HILL

TRAIL CREEK

PASS CREEK

CRATERS OF THE MOON

CEDAR CREEK FALLS

Photo by Travis Olsen

BIG SOUTHERN BUTTE

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ARCO SCIENCE MUSEUM

ARCO PASS - NATURAL ARCH

KING MOUNTAIN

ANTELOPE CREEK ROAD

Top Things To DO...Near Mount Borah

Photo by Bart Gamett

MOUNT BORAH - Standing at 12,662 feet, Mount Borah is Idaho's tallest mountain. Mt. Borah boasts nearly 6000 feet of prominence, making it one of the rare prized ultra-prominence peaks and the sixth most difficult highpoint (a Class 8 out of 10) to climb in the U.S.

For a small fee, RV, tent camping, and restrooms are available at the southern base of Mt. Borah. Hikers should come prepared with appropriate hiking gear, be in good physical condition, and bring lots of water.

Southwest Ridge - is the standard route to the summit. Although many inexperienced people climb this route each year, do not underestimate its potential difficulties. The climb is 3.5 miles long and takes the average climber 10 to 12 hours. The route climbs more than 5,400 feet and there are many spots from which you can fall significant distances. When the route is covered with snow, it is best left to experienced mountaineers.

The north face of the peak holds snow through out the year and offers great scenery and a more difficult climb for those looking for a technical challenge.

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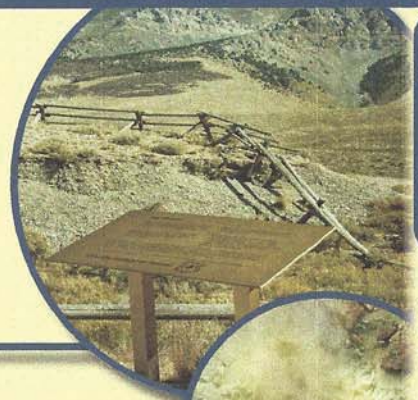


Photo courtesy of A.J. Crone

1983 EARTHQUAKE - The Borah Earthquake Interpretive Site is located 2.5 miles northeast of US Highway 93 on Doublespring Pass Road approximately 25 miles north of Mackay.

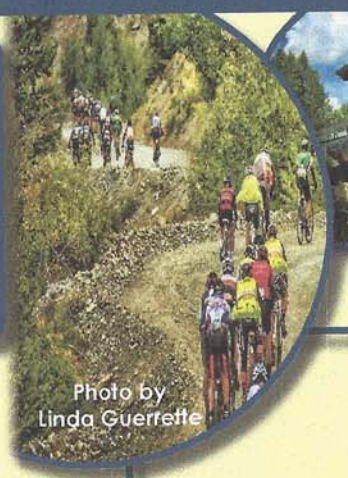
October 28th, 1983 an earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale hit the Lost Rivers Range, causing the range to rise almost a foot and the valley to drop 7 to 9 feet. The event is the largest and most significant to strike in the state of Idaho. With a force 30 times greater than the explosion of Mount Saint Helens, the quake was felt across the state and as far away as Seattle.

The nearby towns of Mackay, Arco, and Challis suffered millions of dollars in damage. Two children from Challis, were killed by falling bricks on their way to school.

CHILLY SLOUGH is home to 157 species of wildlife. As you look up the valley from Chilly Slough viewpoint, you will see several old cabins. These are the remnants of the former stage stop of Whiskey Springs. Chilly Slough is open to canoeing, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

Top Things To DO...South Custer County

Photo courtesy of Stoecklein Gallery



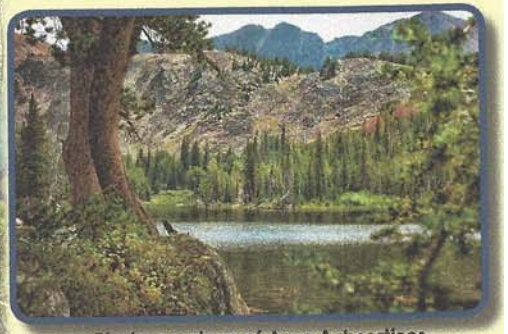


Photo courtesy of Arco Advertiser

TRAIL CREEK - Twenty miles north of Mackay is Trail Creek Road. The approximate 40 mile long gravel and paved road offers breath taking views and a trip you won't forget.

Make sure to bring your hiking shoes, camera, and fishing pole. For the true adventurers bring along your mountain bike, ATV and camping equipment. This is also the gateway to Copper Basin and a whole other valley and experience.

You can continue on Trail Creek Road to the town of Sun Valley. Don't miss the Hemingway Memorial on the way to the Sun Valley Lodge.

MACKAY FISH HATCHERY

Located 10 miles north of Mackay on US Highway 93 and approximately 5 miles west on Fish Hatchery Rd, the hatchery is open from 8:00 am to 4:30pm year round for tours. Children 14 and under can fish free, in the kid's pond.

The primary mission of the hatchery is to annually produce approximately 110,000 catchable trout and 2.5–3.5 million fingerling trout. Species produced include Rainbow Trout, Yellowstone Cutthroat (Henrys Lake and Fine Spotted), Rainbow/Cutthroat Hybrid Trout, Kokanee, Brook Trout, Tiger Trout (Brook x Brown) and Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

The hatchery also produces Arctic Grayling and Golden Trout for high mountain lake stocking programs in Central Idaho.

Superior water quality generated from Warm Springs makes this high plains hatchery possible.

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COPPER BASIN - can be accessed either from Trail Creek Road or Fish Hatchery Road/Burma Road. Copper Basin is a high Sage Brush flat surrounded by a mix of Pine and Aspen hills and Granite Peaks that reminds one of Lamar Valley in Yellowstone National Park. Untouched and relatively unknown, it is one of Idaho's best kept secrets and ideal for back county hunting, hiking, fishing, and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) exploring.

FISHING - Copper Basin is one of the few destinations where fishermen can pursue three species of trout along the same stretch of water. The cold clear waters provide the perfect mixture of pools, pocket water, riffles and runs. The mountains surrounding the Copper Basin provide numerous high mountain lakes.

NOTABLE LAKES TO FISH - Green, Golden, Big, Rough, Long, Round, Betty, Baptie, and Goat. Goat Lake is Idaho's highest alpine lake at 10,48-foot . Fish you are likely to catch: Golden, Cutthroat , Grayling, and Rainbow.

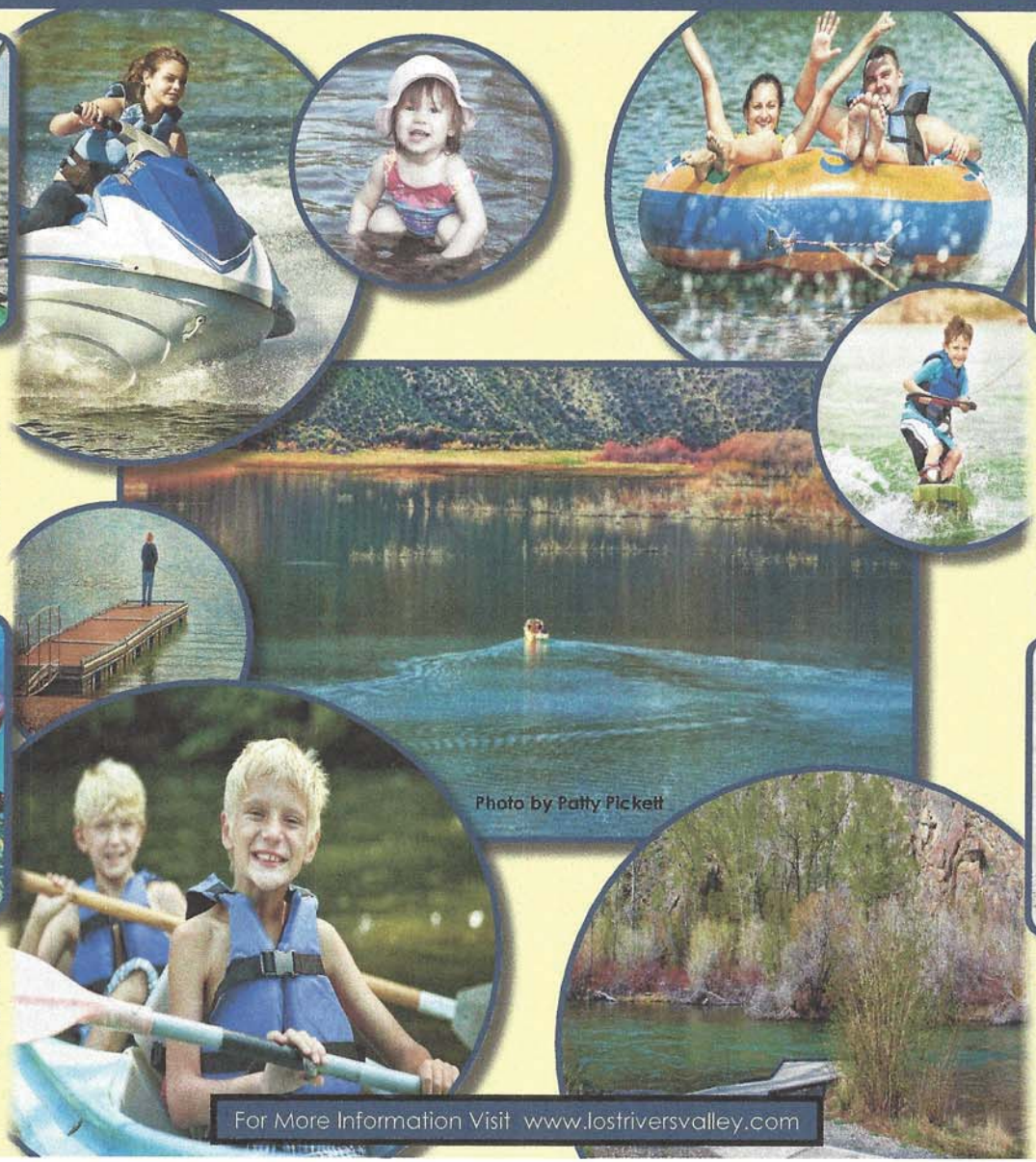
SNOWMOBILING/ATVING/HIKING/BIKING - Old mining roads, Bureau of Land Management roads, Forest Service roads, and wide open sagebrush flats create miles and miles of trails for ATV and snowmobiling opportunities that have yet to be discovered by the masses.

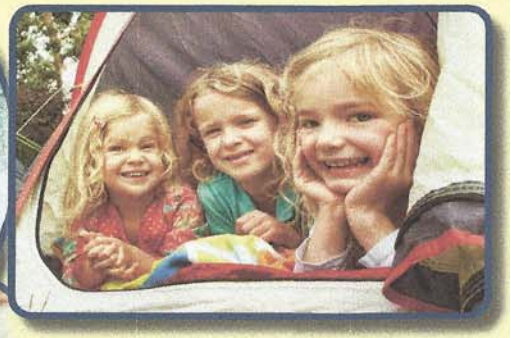
WILDLIFE - Pronghorn (antelope), mule deer, elk, pine marten, mountain goat, moose, cougar, wolf, coyote, bear, mountain lion and a variety of fowl are some of the wildlife you may encounter.

Top Things To DO... Mackay Reservoir

BOAT - Located five miles northwest of Mackay off of US Highway 93, the Mackay Reservoir is the perfect spot for all your favorite water sports. The Mackay Reservoir is the only large body of water within a 100 mile radius. With two boat ramps, ample camping, and great fishing, you have everything necessary for a great family getaway.

SWIM - For those without fishing gear or boats, Mackay Reservoir is still a great spot to cool off in the summer. If you prefer a pool to the lake, The White Knob Motel and RV Park in Mackay has an outdoor pool. Please contact them for pricing and availability.

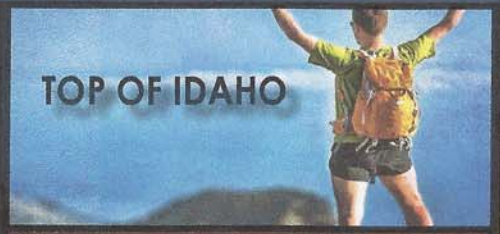




CAMP - For a small fee site, Mackay Reservoir's Joe T. Fallini Campground, offers: restrooms, drinking fountains, RV sanitary dump station, power and water hookups, trash disposal, picnic tables, shade shelters, fire rings, and boat ramp and docks. If you want to experience the spectacular sights and sounds of Mackay's Fourth of July Fireworks, make sure you reserve a spot well in advance. The sound of fireworks bouncing off the mountain walls, make it a must do family event.

FISH - Mackay is well known for their great fishing. In the winter the reservoir freezes over and offers great ice fishing for Kokanee salmon and rainbow trout. Handicap public access can be found just below the reservoir off of US Highway 93. This is known as one of the better fishing spots.

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND MACKAY



MACKAY (pronounced MACKee) nicknamed "Top of Idaho" is centrally located in the heart of the Lost River Valley on U.S. Highway 93 about 65 miles from Sun Valley and 90 miles from Idaho Falls on the Peaks to Craters Scenic Byway.

Situated between the White Knob Mountain Range and the Lost River Mountain Range, Mackay is surrounded by 15 of the 18 highest peaks in Idaho; including Mt. Borah the highest peak in Idaho. Hence, the fitting nickname. Surrounded by state and federally protected land, Mackay is a recreational paradise. It has some of the best hunting, fishing, and ATVing in Idaho.

LOST RIVER MUSEUM - In it's new location on Main Street, South Custer Historical Society's Lost River Museum is worth checking out.

MACKAY RODEO - Known as Idaho's wildest rodeo. The rodeo includes bull riding, calf and team roping and more.

GEOLOGICAL PARADISE - Geologists come from all over to study the geological sites. The Pass Creek Gorge, located 10 miles east of Mackay, was once home to thousands of sea creatures which are evident in the fossils beds in the gorge.

Photo by Maleah Ivie

Most photos by Patty Pickett

FISHING - The Big Lost River, which runs through Mackay, attracts fly fishermen worldwide. Many mountain streams that are the headwaters of the Big Lost River are accessible from Mackay by passenger vehicle.

There are over 100 high mountain lakes in the area with more than 30 stocked with fish. Access to the lakes varies. Some lakes are accessible by hiking trail while others require trail bike, mountain bike, ATV or horse travel.

TRAILS/BACK COUNTRY ACCESS - With Mackay as the hub, there are literally hundreds of miles of country roads, and trails available for travel into central Idaho's backcountry. Many of these roads and trails are passable by passenger vehicles; but to get into the truly beautiful scenery, a mountain bike, trail bike, ATV, horse or feet are required. Many are available for use in winter by snowmobile.

THE CITY OF MACKAY is unique in the fact that ATV/trail bike/snowmobile use is allowed on all of the city streets. Mackay's annual ATV Rally draws hundreds of ATV enthusiasts. They come for the rally, but stay for the summer. With a 9 hole golf course, Mackay has also become an affordable summer home option for many.

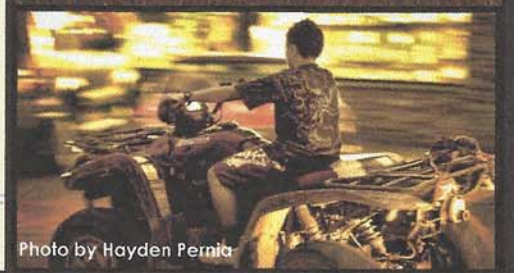


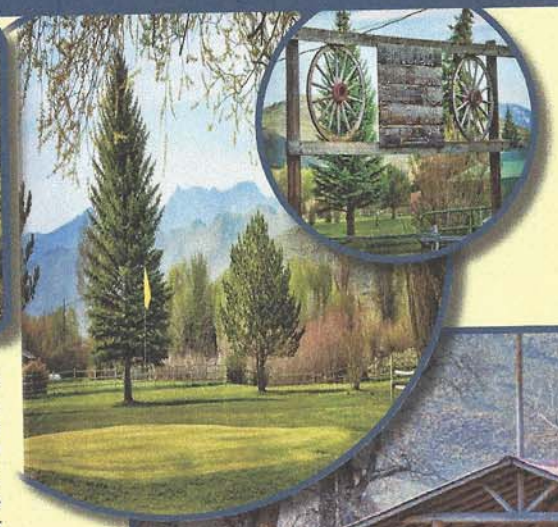
Photo by Hayden Pernia

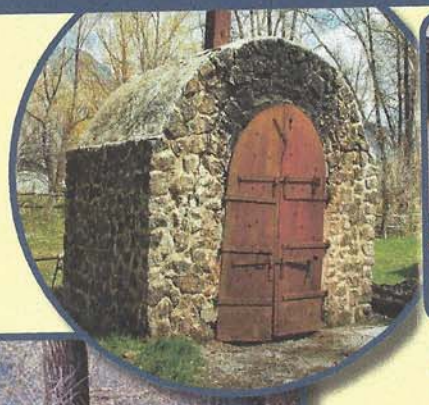
ALL OF MACKAY'S CITY STREETS ARE OPEN TO OHV VEHICLES

Top Things To DO... Mackay Tourist Park

GOLF - Right across from Mackay's Free Tourist Park is the 9-hole River Park Golf Course. It features 2,431 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 31. The RV park provides RV hook-ups and cable. If you have a golf cart, make sure to bring it. As well as ATV's, the City of Mackay allows golf carts on all of their streets.

BIKE - Due to a history dominated by mining, that left a network of old mining roads and a narrow gauge rail line used for hauling ore, the mountains behind Mackay are ideally suited to mountain bike riding. The White Knob Challenge Course on Mackay's Mine Hill, offers challenging riding, varied terrain, spectacular scenery, and a sense of history witnessed by isolated abandoned miner's cabins and numerous artifacts.





CAMP - Mackay Tourist Park, located at the end of Vaden Street, provides free camping for up to 2 nights without reservation. The Park has restroom facilities, water, fire pits, and picnic tables. Horseshoe pits and some playground equipment are also available. No electricity or sanitary hookup for RVs are provided. Water and a sanitary dump station are located at the corner of Main and Salmon Streets.

Camping is on a first-come-first-served basis, unless the campsite is reserved at the Mackay City Hall during regular business hours.

FISH - Mackay is well known for great fishing. Public access to the Big Lost River is found approximately 1 mile southwest of Mackay's Tourist Park at the end Smelter Avenue (accessed from the southeast end of Mackay's Main Street) and on US Highway 93 about 5 miles northwest of Mackay below the Mackay Reservoir.

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Top Things To DO...Mackay Mine Hill

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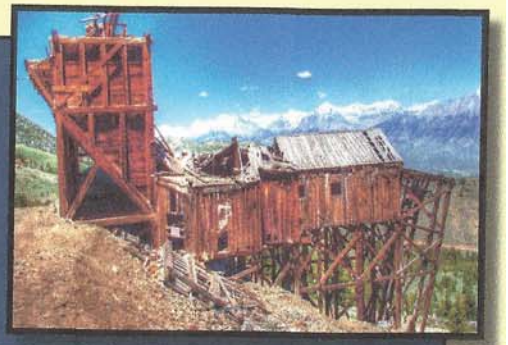
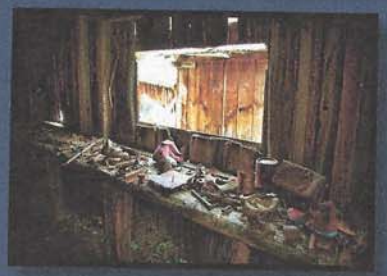
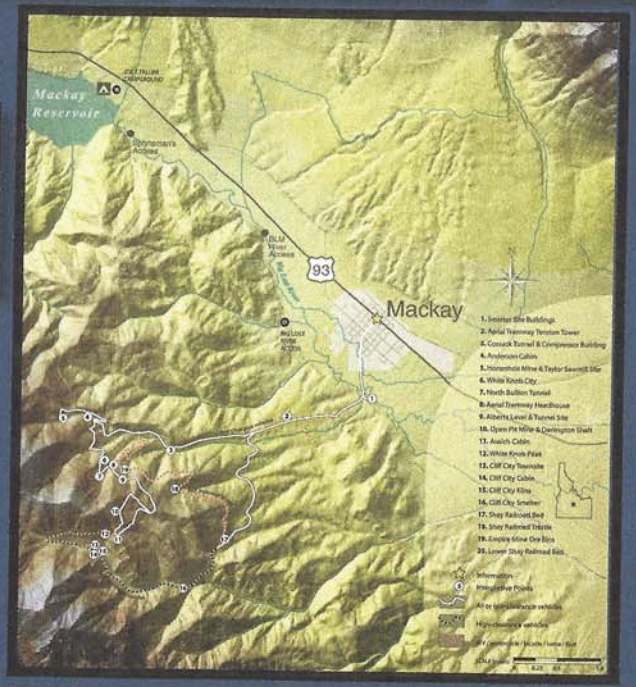





The Mackay Mine Hill Adventure

is a self-guided tour of historic mining locations on Mackay's Mine Hill, just behind the City of Mackay. It includes stops at nearly 20 old mining sites or structures with interpretive and informational signs for visitors.

Some of the items you will see include old road beds, restored railroad trestle, restored and derelict cabins, mill and smelter site, aerial cable tramway towers and head house, grave sites, and the **Ghost Town of White Knob.**

A tour brochure and map is available at Mackay City Hall and Lost River Museum. It denotes three routes, color marked for three different modes of touring.

Various parts of the tour are accessible to all vehicles, and some only to high-clearance vehicles, all-terrain-vehicles (ATV's), motorcycles, bicycles, horses, or hikers. The tour is not passable for motor homes or trailers.

Detailed Tour Map Available at Mackay City Hall

Top Things To DO...Upper Lost River Range

Photo by Travis Olsen

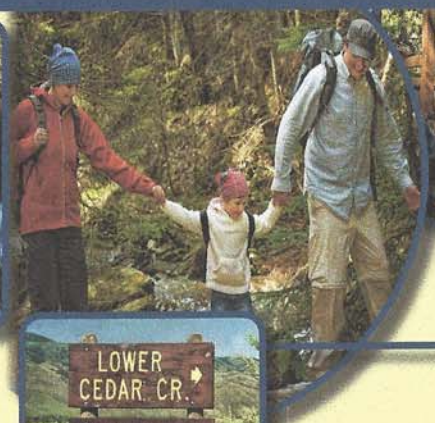
LOWER CEDAR CREEK FALLS

Is a three mile round trip hike along the creek, to the beautiful falls. In spots you can still see the remnants of the historical Lower Creek Hydro-Electric Plant which provided electricity to Mackay from 1912 to 1940.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD - Take Mackay Main Street north to Bar Road by Mount McCaleb Cemetery. Continuing straight on Bar Road until you get to Lower Cedar Creek sign (on left), turn left and drive until the road forks. Take fork over wooden water culvert. Always stay right of the pivot field! You will follow the edge of a long canyon up to the trailhead. If you don't stay right you will encounter No Trespassing gates. You will know you are at the trail head when there is no more road and you can see Cedar Creek and the historic irrigation dam.

Travel by ATV is recommended, but you can make it by car if you do not mind rough roads. There are stinging needles so jeans and a walking stick are recommended.

Photo by Judy Malkiewicz



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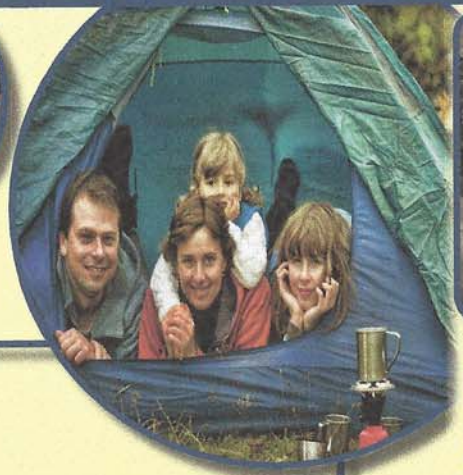

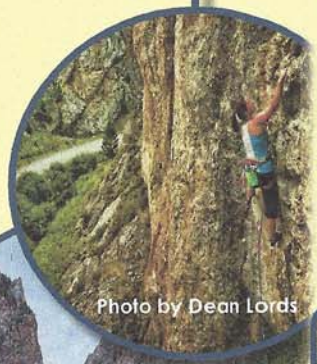

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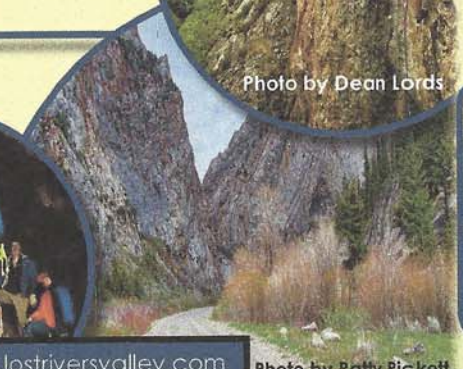

Photo by Patty Pickett

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PASS CREEK -

For endless hours of gravel roads and trails, you can take Pass Creek Road all the way to the Lemhi Range through the Pahsimeroi Valley to Doublespring Pass Road back into the Lost Rivers Range, past Borah Earthquake Interpretive Site and into Mackay.

With canyon walls that seem to go straight up, numerous unexplored caves, plentiful camping spots, and beautiful scenery don't be so quick to just pass through Pass Creek.

Traveling from Mackay toward Arco turn left unto Pass Creek Road, just after 4000 W. If you come to the LDS church on the right or Moose Crossing RV Park on the right you have gone too far.

HIDDEN MOUTH CAVE - Of the many things to see and do in Pass Creek, Hidden Mouth Cave is among the favorites. Drive through the beautiful canyon. Just as you are exiting the canyon, turn right at the cattle corrals (2 large circular structures), park there and hike the right .8 mile trail. Scramble over the large downed pine and you can see the mouth of the cave.

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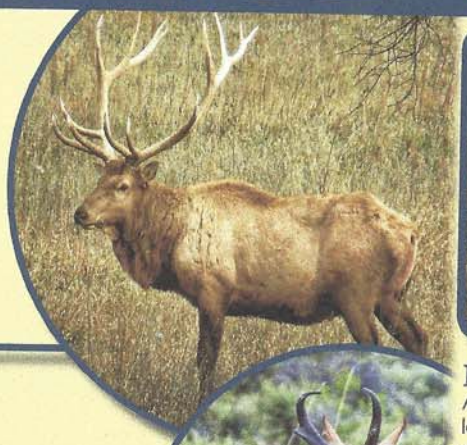
Top Things To DO... Antelope Valley

IRON BOG TRAIL - Coming from Mackay on Us Highway 93 turn right unto Antelope Creek Road. It is about a 30 mile drive to the trailhead. The trail, from the trailhead to Iron Bog Lake, is approximately 2.5 miles long. Although steep at the beginning, it is a nice hike through an alpine meadow, with some beautiful places to set up camp right on the lake.



HUNT - To the south and southwest of Antelope Road is one of many great hunting locations in The Lost River Valley. A lot of the area is BLM lands and accessible either by ATV, horse or high clearance four wheel drive vehicles.

IRON BOG LAKE is an alpine lake where you can catch a 20" fish. It is known for having huge cutthroat trout. It is one of the more popular and easy to get to lakes. Some feel they have better luck catching fish at Fishpole Lake, just one mile away.

For a breath taking view, hike over the ridge and get a glimpse of picturesque Muldon Canyon.

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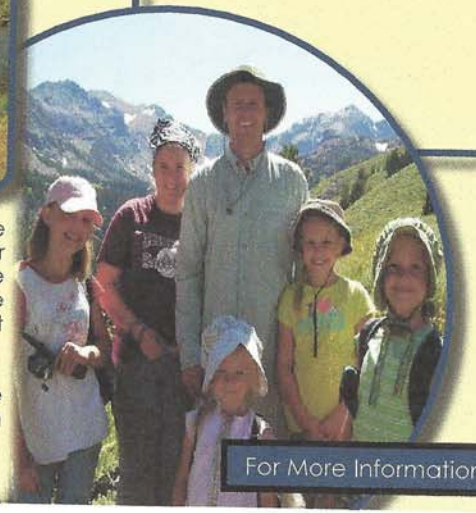

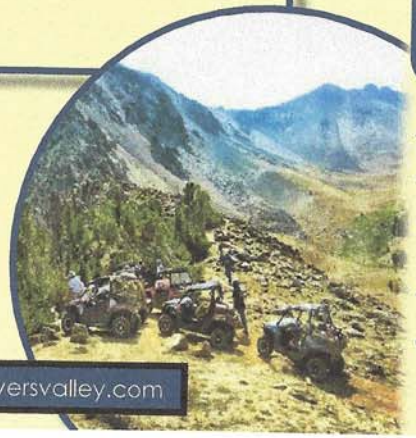

ATV - Besides hunting, Antelope Valley and the surrounding area have an abundance of ATV and dirt bike trails. You can connect to:

- Copper Basin to the west via beautiful Cherry Creek Summit Road, past Bear Creek Summit and over Antelope Pass.
- Carey and Craters of the Moon to the south via Leadbelt Creek and Fish Creek Road.
- Arco or Craters of the Moon to the southeast via Dry Creek, through Champagne Creek, on Champagne Creek Road/Blizzard Mt Road.

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FIND YOUR WAY AROUND MOORE

Photo by Patty Pickett

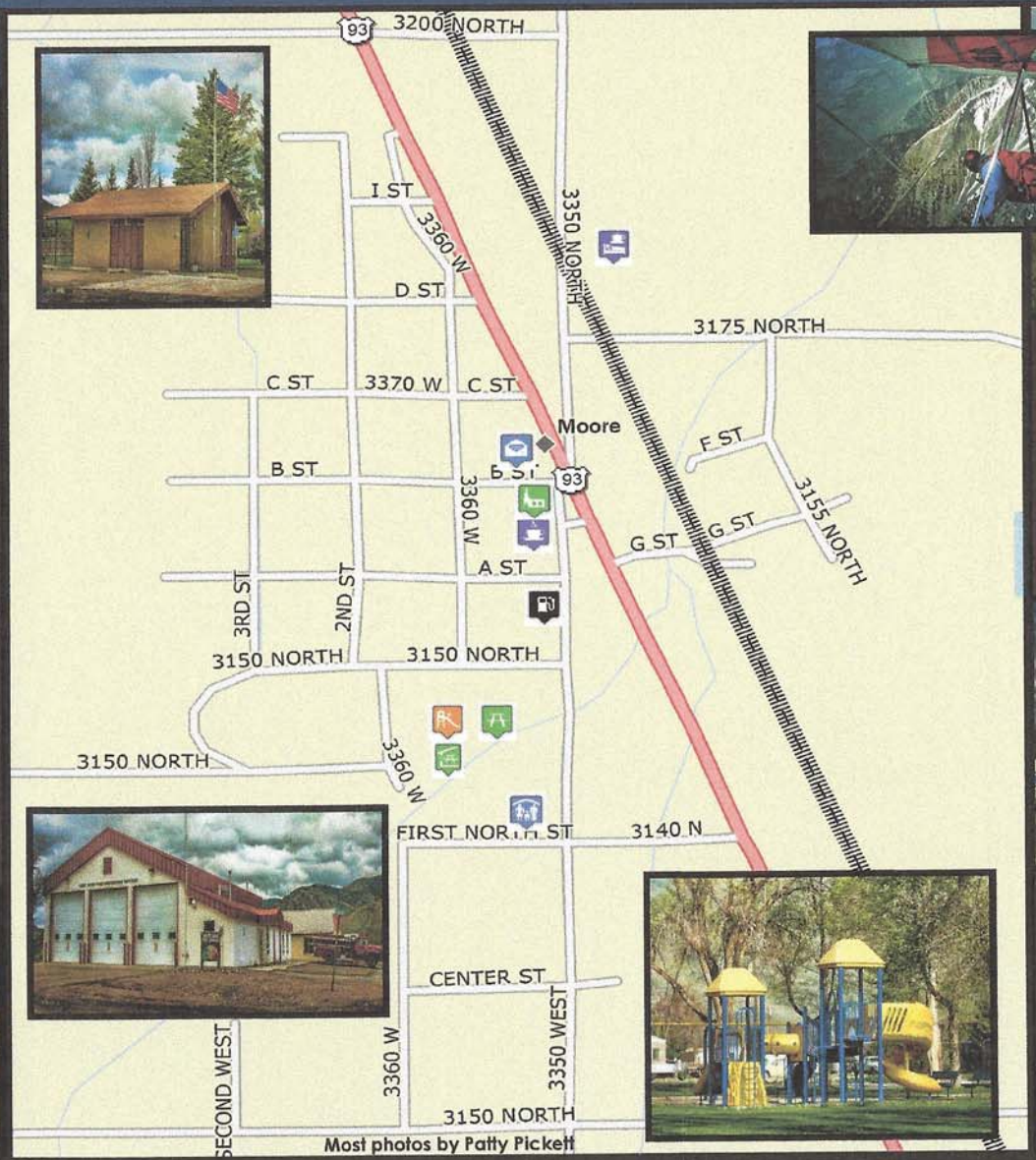
MOORE - For a community of under 200 residents, Moore has a lot to offer. The newest addition to Moore is their community center.

The Valley Community Center is available for rent. The conference rooms and kitchen are also available for rent. Moore also has a beautiful park, post office, fire house, deli, and gas station.

Moore is famous for their World Championship hand gliding and para-gliding, glider park and their annual Car Show in June. For more information on the City of Moore and their annual events visit:

www.moorecommunityassociation.com

MOORE CAR SHOW- The Annual King Mountain Car Show features old cars, new cars, classic cars, hot rods, rat rods, trucks, motorcycles, and even boats. With trophies for 25 or more classes, entertainment, a jump house for kids, food, music, and vendors, it is a true family event. Entrance and parking are free.



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KING MOUNTAIN offers hang gliding and para-gliding opportunities and plays host to national and world recognized events. The launch site is located outside the community of Moore with three launches, two upper at 8,100 feet, and one lower at 7,400 feet. King Mountain is the trail head for the only designated air trail in Idaho and offers sensational Cross Country, high altitude flying conditions. Guaranteed to test your skills. For more info visit:

www.flykingmountain.com

GLIDER PARK - Located at 5500' foot elevation in the Big Lost River Valley of Idaho, the King Mountain Glider Park has 20 Acres of airfield operations area (AOA) comprised of 4 basic components. A 3900' foot by 120' foot turf runway which has been planted in drought resistant high altitude grass. A 330' cable tie down area . A 500' X 150 ' Hang Glider and Para-glider Landing Zone (LZ.) And finally, an ample glider staging area with an observers parking lot at the main entrance. For more info visit:

www.kingmountaingliderpark.com

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND ARCO

GATEWAY TO CRATERS

ARCO is located along the Big Lost River and is the gateway to the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, just 18 miles to the southwest along U.S. Route 20. Arco is an ATV friendly community, and many of their roads are open to ATV use.

Originally known as Root Hog, the original town site was five miles south at the junction of two stagecoach lines (Blackfoot-Wood River and Blackfoot-Salmon). A suspension bridge that crossed the Big Lost River funneled traffic through the settlement. The town leaders applied to the U.S. Post Office for the town name of "Junction," for obvious reasons. The Postmaster General thought the name too common and suggested that the place be named Arco for Georg von Arco (1869–1940) of Germany who was visiting Washington, D.C. at the time.

If traveling by air, Arco provides a 6610 x 75 ft. lighted airport runway. It is perfect for small airplanes, but long enough for larger planes. In 2003, the Blue Angels performed in Arco.

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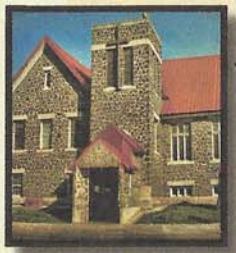

ARCO was the first community in the world ever to be lit by electricity generated by nuclear power. This occurred on July 17, 1955, powered by Argonne National Laboratory's BORAX-III reactor at the nearby National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS), which eventually became the site of the Idaho National Energy Laboratory, a predecessor of the current Idaho National Laboratory.

Besides stopping to take a picture of City Hall, there are several other historic markers and places that merit a stop. Learn about the Navy's nuclear history at Arco's Science Museum, stop and take a picture of Arco's Famous Number Hill, hike to the Natural Arch and be sure to visit local merchants and dine in a cozy local diner.

URBAN LEGEND - Rumor has it ... there is hidden gold between Arco and Blackfoot. There are many versions of the story. Most have the stage coach robber either being captured or dying on the desert, but the gold he stole was never found. It is believed to be buried in one of the many lava caves on the desert.

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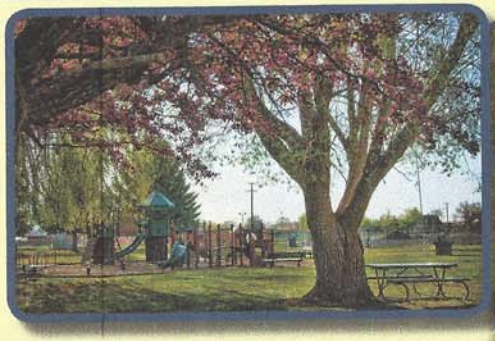
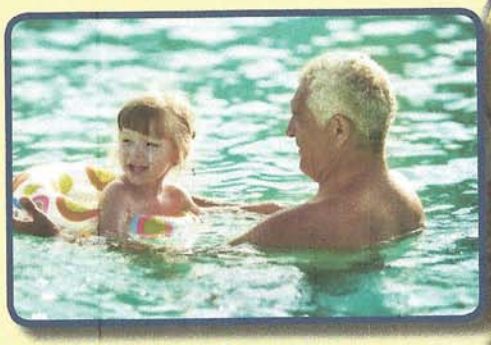
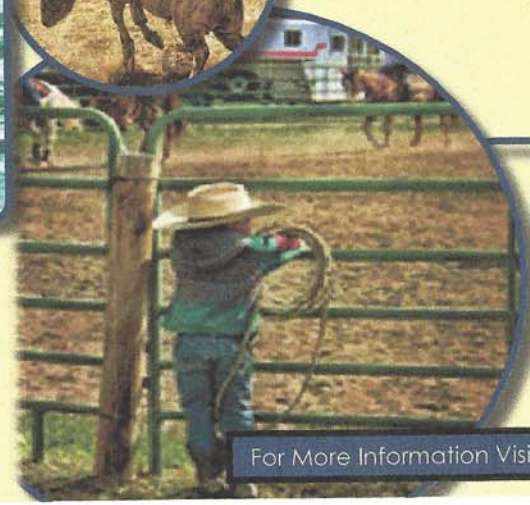
Top Things To DO... In Arco

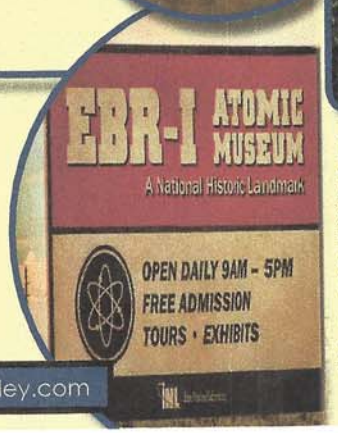


BOTTOLFSEN PARK - The beautiful park is a favorite gathering place for local residents and tourists alike; providing facilities for cooking and picnics, restrooms, a playground for children, and a well maintained baseball field lit for night play. It is also the trailhead for many of Arco's ATV trails, with a loading / unloading ramp and trail information signs.



SWIM AND RODEO - For those who want to cool off in a pool, contact Arco's KOA. If rodeos are more your thing, the rodeo grounds are a busy place starting the 1st of May through the 3rd week in August. Butte County Rodeo hosts several rodeos each summer along with horse shows, futurities, team branding and penning. The 3rd week in July is the annual Atomic Days Rodeo.





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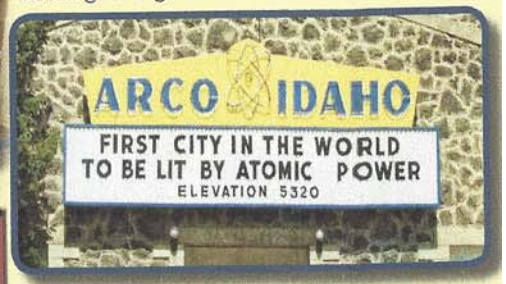
SCIENCE MUSEUM is located on a 3.5 acre site adjacent to US Highway 20-26 in Arco. It is the home of Idaho's "Submarine in the Desert," displaying the "sail" from the USS Hawkbill, a memorial, and a museum which houses historical artifacts and information explaining the history of the U.S., the INL, and Arco in the development of nuclear submarines and over 70 years of nuclear worldwide peace. Open in the summer or call the number on building for a guided tour.



EBR-1 is located 18 miles east of Arco, just off US Highway 20-26. The EBR-1 is where the first usable electricity was generated from nuclear energy. The museum is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

While in Arco stop by City Hall and take a picture of the sign that celebrates Arco being the first city lit by nuclear power.

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Top Things To DO... ATV Butte County

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ARCO PASS - WOOD CANYON

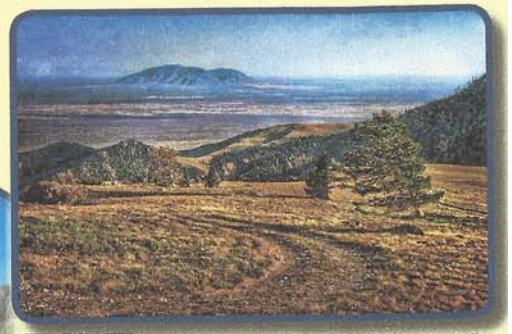
Beautiful desert scenery, geological formations, canyons creeks, and breathtaking wildflowers are just a few things you'll see on the Arco Pass–Wood Canyon ATV Loop. The ride starts in Arco City Park, where you will find an ATV unloading area and plenty of parking with restrooms. The loop is just shy of 60 miles, so it promises a full day of adventure. Bring plenty of food and water. The trip is highly recommended for rock hounds because it goes by several old mining sites. The terrain can be tricky, so the ride is not recommended for novice riders.

NATURAL BRIDGE - Near King Mountain in the Arco Pass area of the Lost River Range is one of the most unusual scenic features of Idaho. This huge limestone arch stands 80-feet high from the shoulder of the mountain.

Several miles off US Highway 20-26 east of Arco, the Natural Bridge is accessible only to hikers. A country road leads from Arco to Arco Pass road, a distance of several miles, after which a primitive road leads to the foot of the narrow canyon known as Bridge Canyon. The trail up the canyon follows along a closed jeep trail. The trail is considered an easy to moderate walk. Visitors should make local inquiry before attempting the trip to the Natural Bridge.

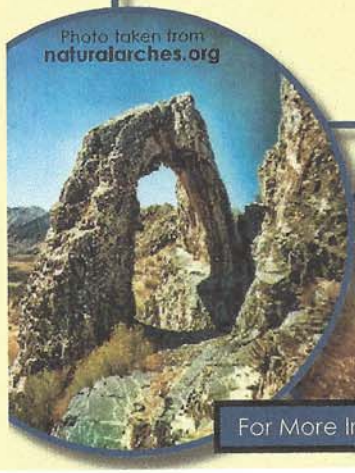
BIG SOUTHERN BUTTE -

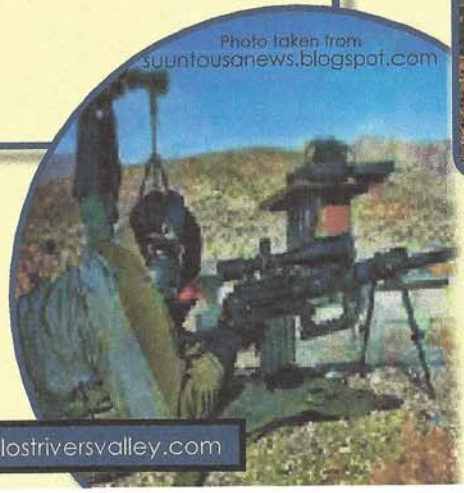
There is nothing more breathtaking than the spectacular panoramic vistas found from the top of the Big Southern Butte. Sights include: desert scenery, spring wildflowers, and rugged geological lava formations. This is the perfect trail system for families and beginning riders. The entire trail is 70 miles and is easily a full day of recreation.



HOWE - Many of Howe's Off Road Trails are accessible from the Arco Pass / Wood Canyon ATV Loop. Make sure to explore Jump Off Peak, Horsethief Canyon, and the Little Lost Valley. This is a beautiful area that is mostly unexplored. Visitors will enjoy the rich bouquet of wildflowers as well as spot a few domestic sheep.

BUTTE COUNTY is known for their wide open space and dry climate, perfect for bullet testing and/or target practice.





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Top Things To DO...Craters Of The Moon

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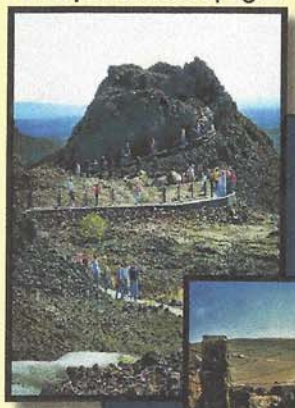

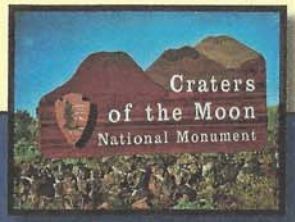

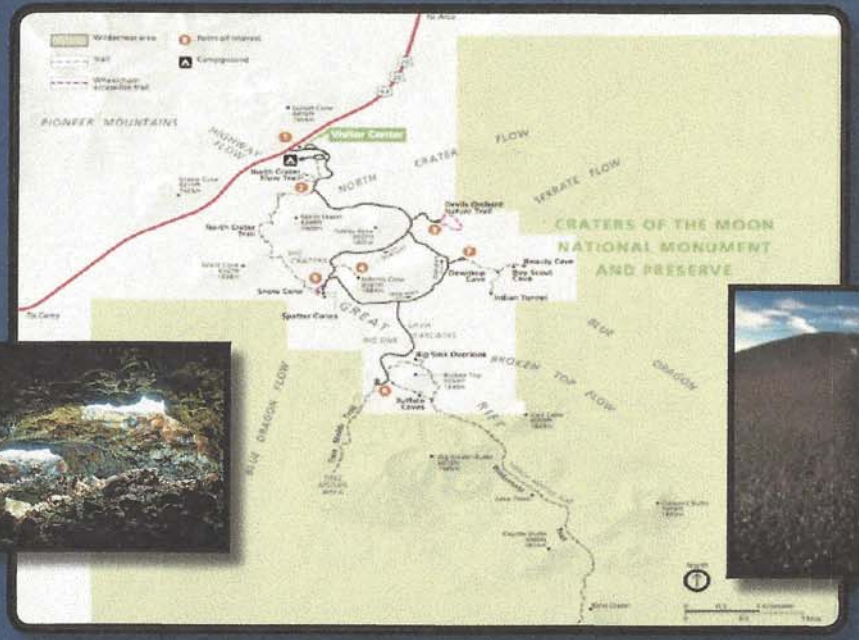

Detailed Tour Map Available at Craters of the Moon

Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve's unearthly lava landscape attracts nearly a quarter million visitors each year. In 1969, Apollo 14 astronauts came to Craters to prepare for their trip to the moon. Craters erupts about every 2,000 years and the last eruption was 2000 years ago.

Craters offers a variety of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in a one-of-a-kind setting. Bring your hiking shoes and a flashlight, you have not "visited" Craters unless you take the time to explore the caves, spatter cones, and hike the inferno cone.

Craters is the perfect place for seeing wildflowers, bird watching, biking, hiking, camping, or just finding a bit of solitude. Staff provide guided activities and programs in the summer and cross country skiing and snow shoeing in the winter.

The preserve offer an area the size of Rhode Island to roam about on your own. ATVs are welcome on designated trails.

Fifty-one campground sites at Craters are available on a first come first served basis. Facilities include: restrooms, water, picnic tables, charcoal grills. There are no hookups, showers or waste water dump. Large RV's and trailers can be accommodated in a limited number of sites.

Besides vending machines in the visitor center, there is no food service available in the park. Lodging, restaurants and other services are available in Arco, 18 miles east of the Visitor Center on US Highway 20/26/93

Stop by the visitor center on your way in to learn about Craters of The Moon's history and the resources that make it "weird and scenic." Plan your trip by visiting:

www.nps.gov/crmo

Top Things To DO... ATV Craters

Due to the dry climate and lower evaluation, many of the trails are accessible in early Spring

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THE GREAT RIFT - Above: King's Bowl and Great Rift from air. The rift runs for approximately 60 miles and is one of the deepest known land-based rifts in the world. Some part's are much more interesting than others. King's Bowl is one of the more interesting. You can travel to King's Bowl by ATV from Arco. The trail is approximately 60 miles, one way from Arco.

Photo from Google Earth

KING'S BOWL is a crater 280 feet long, 100 feet across and 100 feet deep. It stands directly over the main fracture of the Great Rift. Immediately west of the crater is an ejecta field where large blocks of rubble blown from the vent are strewn all over the ground. A field of squeeze-up structures nearby was caused by lava being squeezed up through fractures. The ash and ejecta fields were caused by a steam explosion of ground water coming in contact with lava upwelling from the vent.

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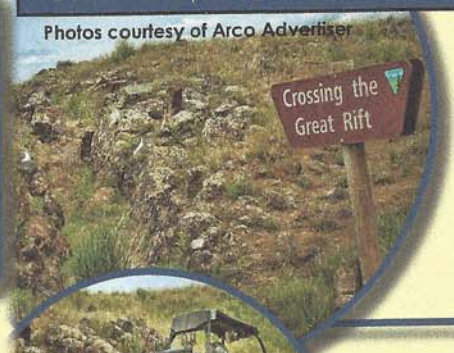

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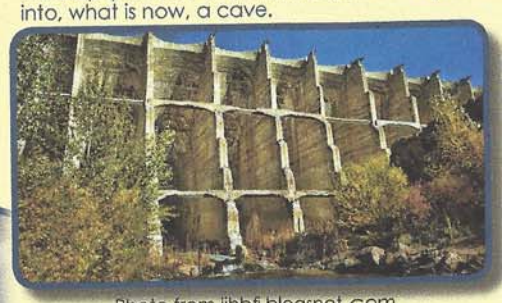
BEAR TRAP CAVE - The Bear Trap lava tube, between the Craters of the Moon and the Wapi lava fields, is a cave system more than 15 miles. The lava tube is remarkable for its length and for the number of well-preserved lava cave features, such as lava stalactites and curbs. The latter marking high stands of the flowing lava frozen on the lava tube walls. Portions of the tube have collapsed in and at this stop you can only travel about 150 yards into, what is now, a cave.



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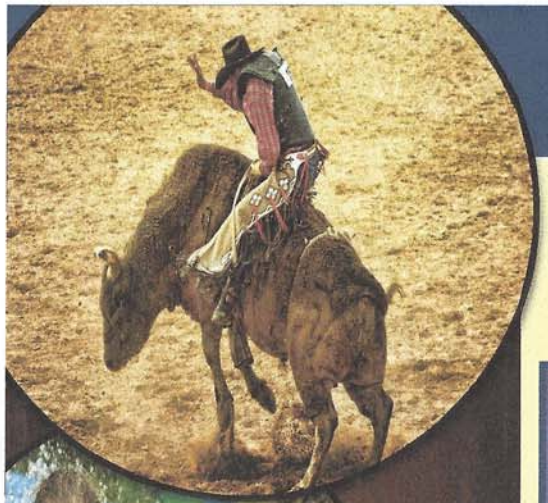
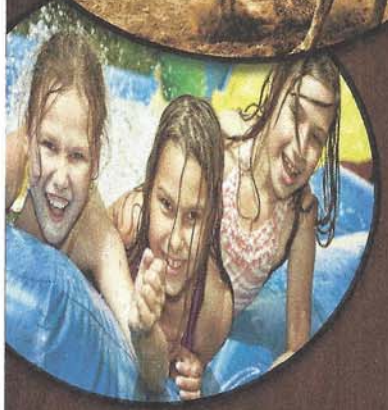
FISH CREEK DAM - From Bear Trap Cave take Bear Trap Cave Road to Kamimah Road to Laidlaw Park Road to US Highway 26. Take a right on US Highway 26 and a quick left onto Fish Creek Reservoir Road. Turn left onto W Fork Fish Creek Road to fish the reservoir. The dam's construction is very unique, but aging and at a high risk of falling over. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. After exploring the dam, go back to Fish Creek Road and take it up into Leadbelt & Antelope Creeks, then into Moore.





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Historic Events

ARCO

THIRD WEEKEND IN JULY

ATOMIC DAYS

On July 17th, 1955, the town of Arco, Idaho became the first city in the world to be lit by atomic power. To celebrate this historic event, Arco annually hosts a two day weekend rodeo and four days of community events.

Events typically include:

- Themed Activities,
- Atomic Days Rodeo,
- Fun Run,
- Softball /Horseshoe/ Volleyball Tournaments,
- Atomic Days Parade & Ping Pong Ball Drop,
- All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast,
- Food and Craft Vendors,
- Musicians,
- Street Parties,
- And More

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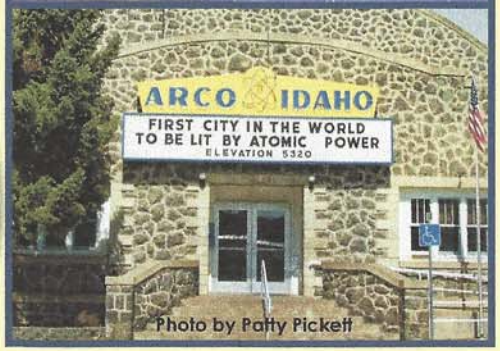

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MACKAY

THIRD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

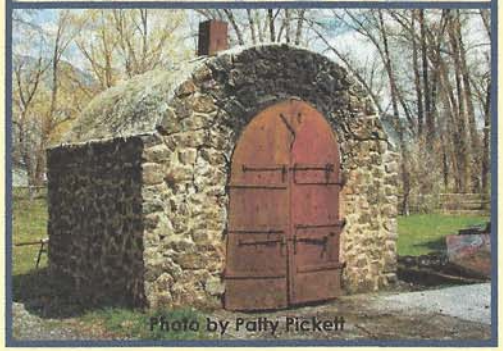
MACKAY FREE BARBECUE

Held for over 70 years this free community BBQ and entertainment in Mackay Tourist Park, draws in about 3000 participants each year.

The BBQ dates back to 1938, when the residents of Mackay finally gained control of the Mackay dam project and irrigation system, which resulted in an unprecedented celebration and the start of the Mackay Free Barbecue.

Anyone can come enjoy the free shredded beef cooked to perfection in Mackay's 12 foot by 12 foot large stone oven, located in Mackay's Tourist park. The barbecue oven provides the ideal conditions for slow roasting and serving.

Take the Saturday off, enjoy the beautiful drive to Mackay and come enjoy the free BBQ, vendors, local fundraising dessert and beverage booths, live entertainment, and small kid's playground.



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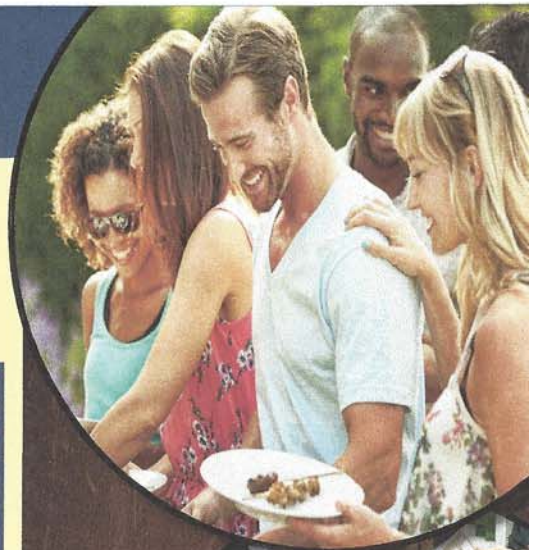

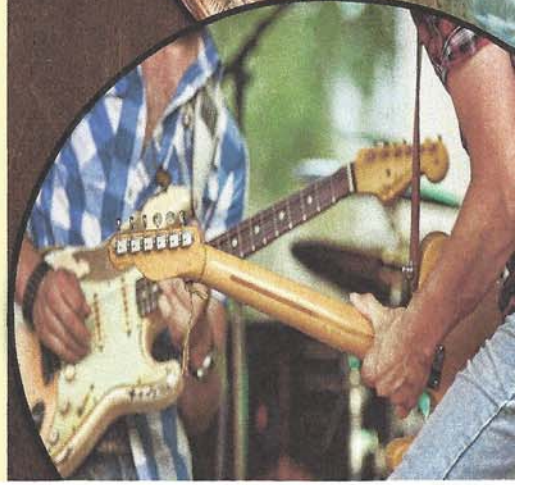

Top Things To DO...Mackay Mine Hill

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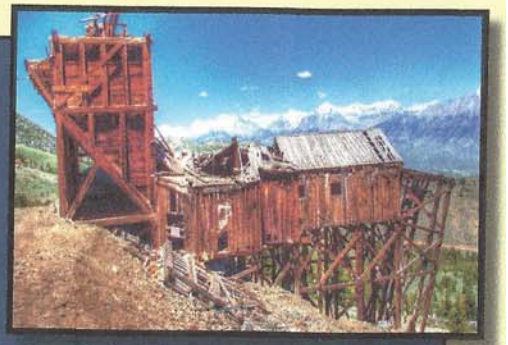
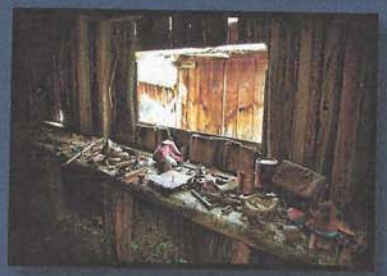

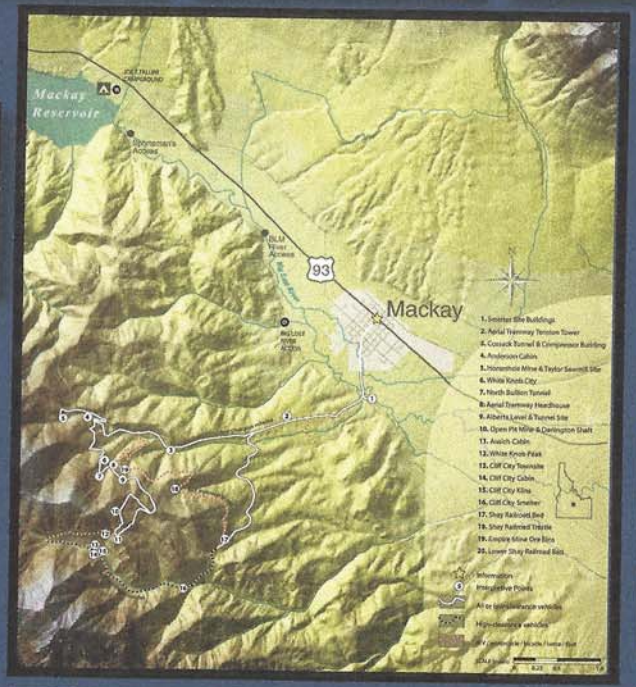

The Mackay Mine Hill Adventure

is a self-guided tour of historic mining locations on Mackay's Mine Hill, just behind the City of Mackay. It includes stops at nearly 20 old mining sites or structures with interpretive and informational signs for visitors.

Some of the items you will see include old road beds, restored railroad trestle, restored and derelict cabins, mill and smelter site, aerial cable tramway towers and head house, grave sites, and the **Ghost Town of White Knob.**

A tour brochure and map is available at Mackay City Hall and Lost River Museum. It denotes three routes, color marked for three different modes of touring.

Various parts of the tour are accessible to all vehicles, and some only to high-clearance vehicles, all-terrain-vehicles (ATV's), motorcycles, bicycles, horses, or hikers. The tour is not passable for motor homes or trailers.

Detailed Tour Map Available at Mackay City Hall

Top Things To DO...Upper Lost River Range

Photo by Travis Olsen

LOWER CEDAR CREEK FALLS

Is a three mile round trip hike along the creek, to the beautiful falls. In spots you can still see the remnants of the historical Lower Creek Hydro-Electric Plant which provided electricity to Mackay from 1912 to 1940.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD - Take Mackay Main Street north to Bar Road by Mount McCaleb Cemetery. Continuing straight on Bar Road until you get to Lower Cedar Creek sign (on left), turn left and drive until the road forks. Take fork over wooden water culvert. Always stay right of the pivot field! You will follow the edge of a long canyon up to the trailhead. If you don't stay right you will encounter No Trespassing gates. You will know you are at the trail head when there is no more road and you can see Cedar Creek and the historic irrigation dam.

Travel by ATV is recommended, but you can make it by car if you do not mind rough roads. There are stinging needles so jeans and a walking stick are recommended.

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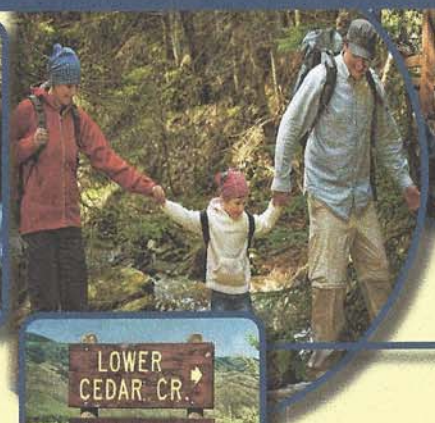

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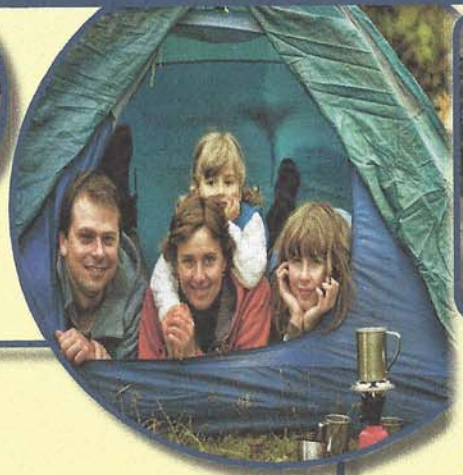

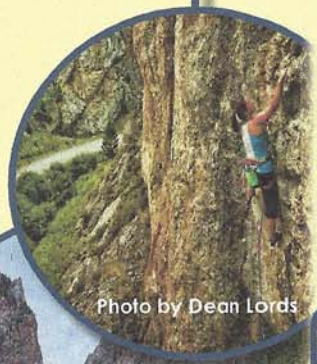

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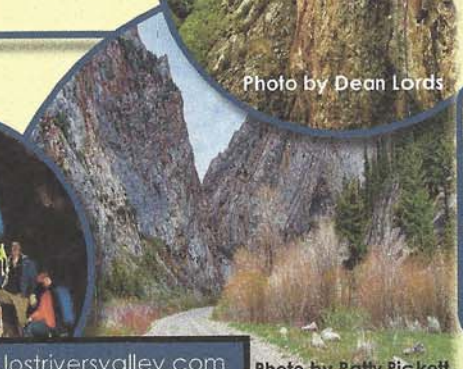

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PASS CREEK -

For endless hours of gravel roads and trails, you can take Pass Creek Road all the way to the Lemhi Range through the Pahsimeroi Valley to Doublespring Pass Road back into the Lost Rivers Range, past Borah Earthquake Interpretive Site and into Mackay.

With canyon walls that seem to go straight up, numerous unexplored caves, plentiful camping spots, and beautiful scenery don't be so quick to just pass through Pass Creek.

Traveling from Mackay toward Arco turn left unto Pass Creek Road, just after 4000 W. If you come to the LDS church on the right or Moose Crossing RV Park on the right you have gone too far.

HIDDEN MOUTH CAVE - Of the many things to see and do in Pass Creek, Hidden Mouth Cave is among the favorites. Drive through the beautiful canyon. Just as you are exiting the canyon, turn right at the cattle corrals (2 large circular structures), park there and hike the right .8 mile trail. Scramble over the large downed pine and you can see the mouth of the cave.

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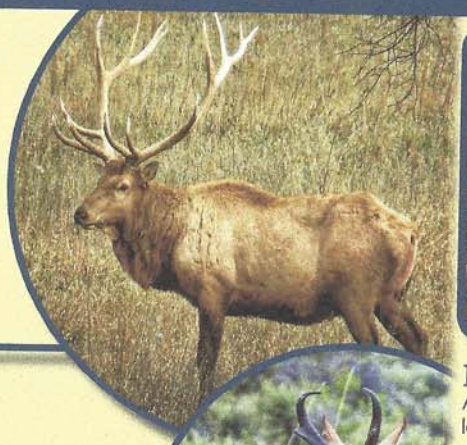
Top Things To DO... Antelope Valley

IRON BOG TRAIL - Coming from Mackay on Us Highway 93 turn right unto Antelope Creek Road. It is about a 30 mile drive to the trailhead. The trail, from the trailhead to Iron Bog Lake, is approximately 2.5 miles long. Although steep at the beginning, it is a nice hike through an alpine meadow, with some beautiful places to set up camp right on the lake.



HUNT - To the south and southwest of Antelope Road is one of many great hunting locations in The Lost River Valley. A lot of the area is BLM lands and accessible either by ATV, horse or high clearance four wheel drive vehicles.

IRON BOG LAKE is an alpine lake where you can catch a 20" fish. It is known for having huge cutthroat trout. It is one of the more popular and easy to get to lakes. Some feel they have better luck catching fish at Fishpole Lake, just one mile away.

For a breath taking view, hike over the ridge and get a glimpse of picturesque Muldon Canyon.

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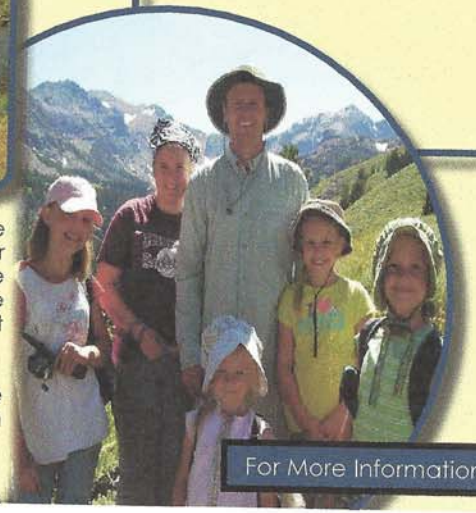

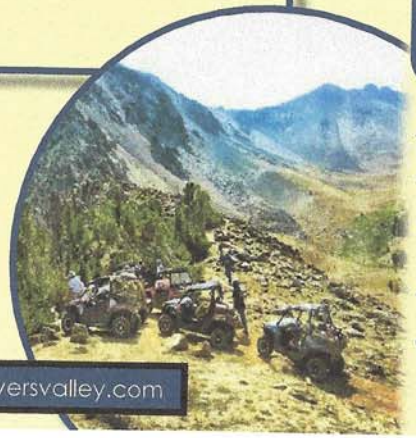

ATV - Besides hunting, Antelope Valley and the surrounding area have an abundance of ATV and dirt bike trails. You can connect to:

- Copper Basin to the west via beautiful Cherry Creek Summit Road, past Bear Creek Summit and over Antelope Pass.
- Carey and Craters of the Moon to the south via Leadbelt Creek and Fish Creek Road.
- Arco or Craters of the Moon to the southeast via Dry Creek, through Champagne Creek, on Champagne Creek Road/Blizzard Mt Road.

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FIND YOUR WAY AROUND MOORE

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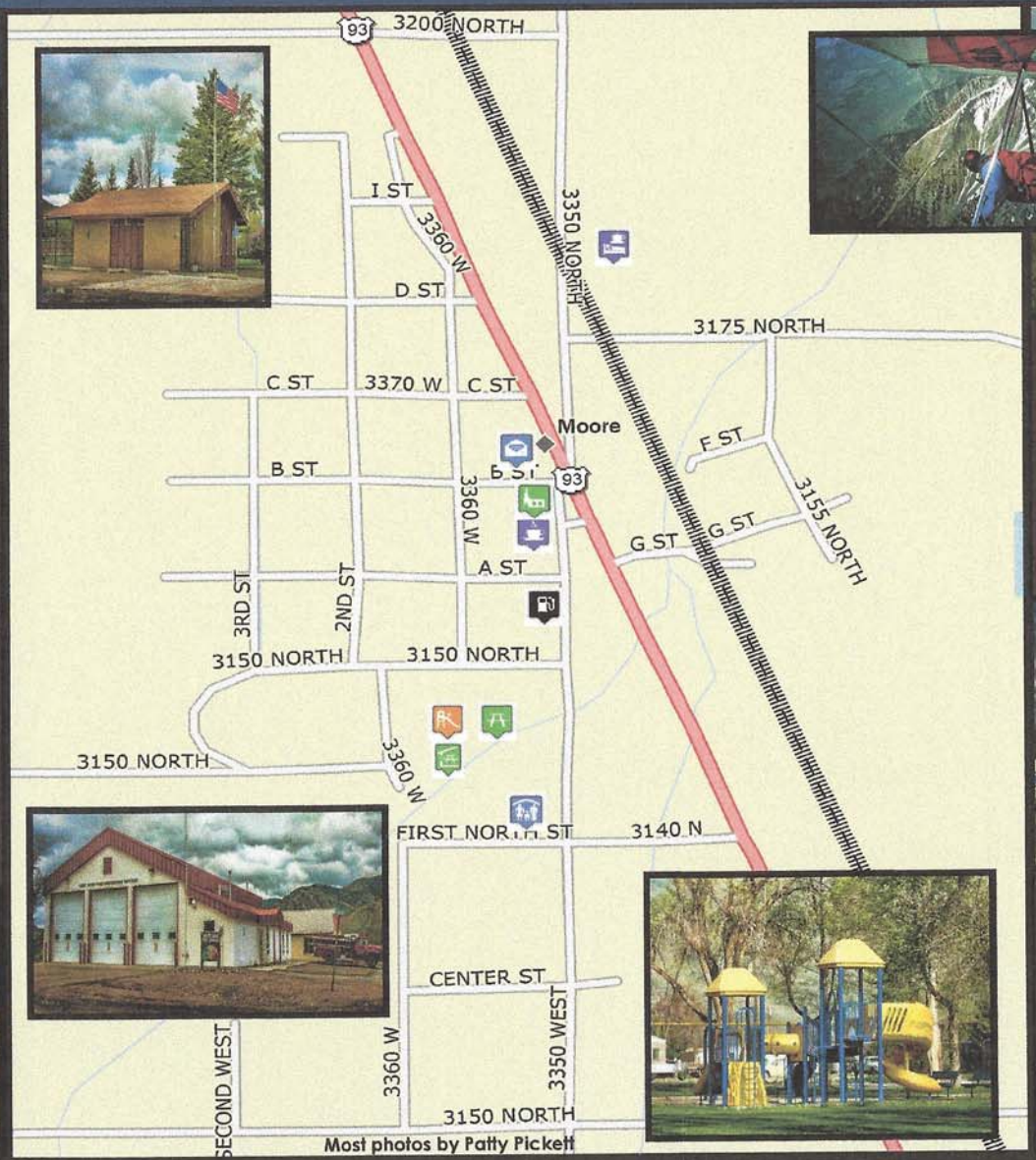
MOORE - For a community of under 200 residents, Moore has a lot to offer. The newest addition to Moore is their community center.

The Valley Community Center is available for rent. The conference rooms and kitchen are also available for rent. Moore also has a beautiful park, post office, fire house, deli, and gas station.

Moore is famous for their World Championship hand gliding and para-gliding, glider park and their annual Car Show in June. For more information on the City of Moore and their annual events visit:

www.moorecommunityassociation.com

MOORE CAR SHOW- The Annual King Mountain Car Show features old cars, new cars, classic cars, hot rods, rat rods, trucks, motorcycles, and even boats. With trophies for 25 or more classes, entertainment, a jump house for kids, food, music, and vendors, it is a true family event. Entrance and parking are free.



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KING MOUNTAIN offers hang gliding and para-gliding opportunities and plays host to national and world recognized events. The launch site is located outside the community of Moore with three launches, two upper at 8,100 feet, and one lower at 7,400 feet. King Mountain is the trail head for the only designated air trail in Idaho and offers sensational Cross Country, high altitude flying conditions. Guaranteed to test your skills. For more info visit:

www.flykingmountain.com

GLIDER PARK - Located at 5500' foot elevation in the Big Lost River Valley of Idaho, the King Mountain Glider Park has 20 Acres of airfield operations area (AOA) comprised of 4 basic components. A 3900' foot by 120' foot turf runway which has been planted in drought resistant high altitude grass. A 330' cable tie down area . A 500' X 150 ' Hang Glider and Para-glider Landing Zone (LZ.) And finally, an ample glider staging area with an observers parking lot at the main entrance. For more info visit:

www.kingmountaingliderpark.com

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND ARCO

GATEWAY TO CRATERS

ARCO is located along the Big Lost River and is the gateway to the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, just 18 miles to the southwest along U.S. Route 20. Arco is an ATV friendly community, and many of their roads are open to ATV use.

Originally known as Root Hog, the original town site was five miles south at the junction of two stagecoach lines (Blackfoot-Wood River and Blackfoot-Salmon). A suspension bridge that crossed the Big Lost River funneled traffic through the settlement. The town leaders applied to the U.S. Post Office for the town name of "Junction," for obvious reasons. The Postmaster General thought the name too common and suggested that the place be named Arco for Georg von Arco (1869–1940) of Germany who was visiting Washington, D.C. at the time.

If traveling by air, Arco provides a 6610 x 75 ft. lighted airport runway. It is perfect for small airplanes, but long enough for larger planes. In 2003, the Blue Angels performed in Arco.

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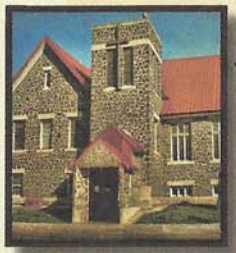

ARCO was the first community in the world ever to be lit by electricity generated by nuclear power. This occurred on July 17, 1955, powered by Argonne National Laboratory's BORAX-III reactor at the nearby National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS), which eventually became the site of the Idaho National Energy Laboratory, a predecessor of the current Idaho National Laboratory.

Besides stopping to take a picture of City Hall, there are several other historic markers and places that merit a stop. Learn about the Navy's nuclear history at Arco's Science Museum, stop and take a picture of Arco's Famous Number Hill, hike to the Natural Arch and be sure to visit local merchants and dine in a cozy local diner.

URBAN LEGEND - Rumor has it ... there is hidden gold between Arco and Blackfoot. There are many versions of the story. Most have the stage coach robber either being captured or dying on the desert, but the gold he stole was never found. It is believed to be buried in one of the many lava caves on the desert.

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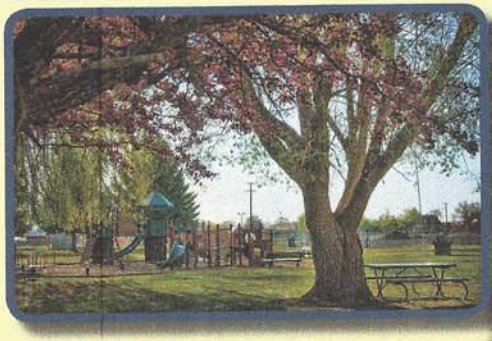
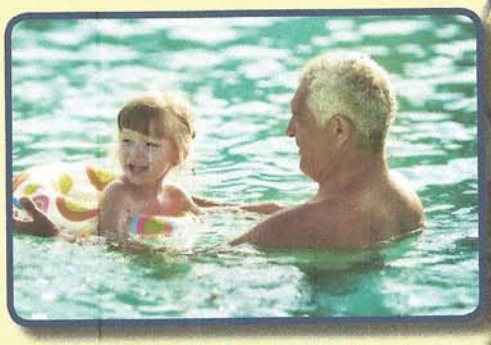
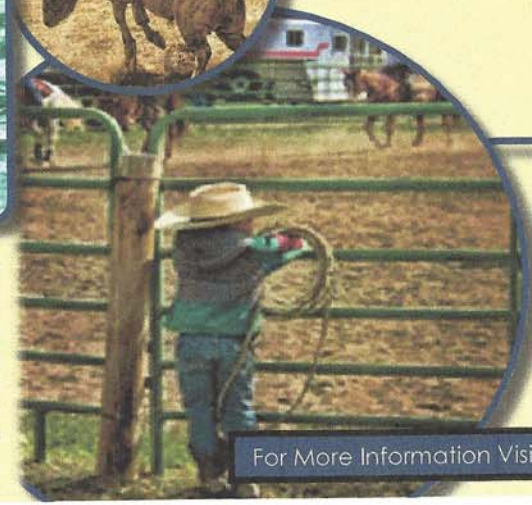
Top Things To DO... In Arco

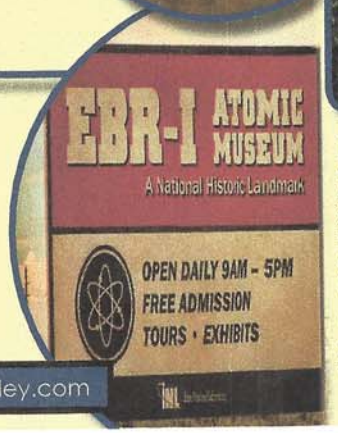


BOTTOLFSEN PARK - The beautiful park is a favorite gathering place for local residents and tourists alike; providing facilities for cooking and picnics, restrooms, a playground for children, and a well maintained baseball field lit for night play. It is also the trailhead for many of Arco's ATV trails, with a loading / unloading ramp and trail information signs.



SWIM AND RODEO - For those who want to cool off in a pool, contact Arco's KOA. If rodeos are more your thing, the rodeo grounds are a busy place starting the 1st of May through the 3rd week in August. Butte County Rodeo hosts several rodeos each summer along with horse shows, futurities, team branding and penning. The 3rd week in July is the annual Atomic Days Rodeo.





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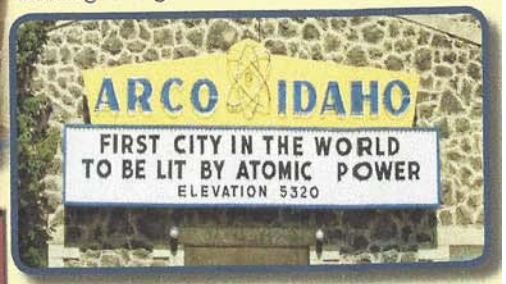
SCIENCE MUSEUM is located on a 3.5 acre site adjacent to US Highway 20-26 in Arco. It is the home of Idaho's "Submarine in the Desert," displaying the "sail" from the USS Hawkbill, a memorial, and a museum which houses historical artifacts and information explaining the history of the U.S., the INL, and Arco in the development of nuclear submarines and over 70 years of nuclear worldwide peace. Open in the summer or call the number on building for a guided tour.



EBR-1 is located 18 miles east of Arco, just off US Highway 20-26. The EBR-1 is where the first usable electricity was generated from nuclear energy. The museum is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

While in Arco stop by City Hall and take a picture of the sign that celebrates Arco being the first city lit by nuclear power.

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Top Things To DO... ATV Butte County

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ARCO PASS - WOOD CANYON

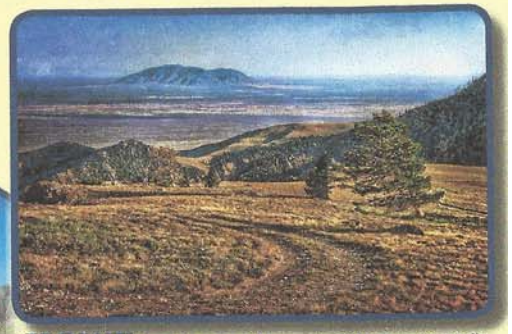
Beautiful desert scenery, geological formations, canyons creeks, and breathtaking wildflowers are just a few things you'll see on the Arco Pass–Wood Canyon ATV Loop. The ride starts in Arco City Park, where you will find an ATV unloading area and plenty of parking with restrooms. The loop is just shy of 60 miles, so it promises a full day of adventure. Bring plenty of food and water. The trip is highly recommended for rock hounds because it goes by several old mining sites. The terrain can be tricky, so the ride is not recommended for novice riders.

NATURAL BRIDGE - Near King Mountain in the Arco Pass area of the Lost River Range is one of the most unusual scenic features of Idaho. This huge limestone arch stands 80-feet high from the shoulder of the mountain.

Several miles off US Highway 20-26 east of Arco, the Natural Bridge is accessible only to hikers. A country road leads from Arco to Arco Pass road, a distance of several miles, after which a primitive road leads to the foot of the narrow canyon known as Bridge Canyon. The trail up the canyon follows along a closed jeep trail. The trail is considered an easy to moderate walk. Visitors should make local inquiry before attempting the trip to the Natural Bridge.

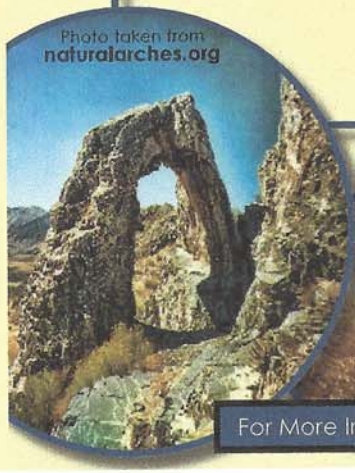
BIG SOUTHERN BUTTE -

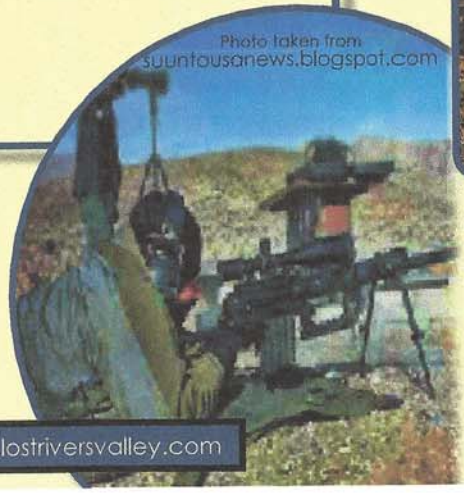
There is nothing more breathtaking than the spectacular panoramic vistas found from the top of the Big Southern Butte. Sights include: desert scenery, spring wildflowers, and rugged geological lava formations. This is the perfect trail system for families and beginning riders. The entire trail is 70 miles and is easily a full day of recreation.



HOWE - Many of Howe's Off Road Trails are accessible from the Arco Pass / Wood Canyon ATV Loop. Make sure to explore Jump Off Peak, Horsethief Canyon, and the Little Lost Valley. This is a beautiful area that is mostly unexplored. Visitors will enjoy the rich bouquet of wildflowers as well as spot a few domestic sheep.

BUTTE COUNTY is known for their wide open space and dry climate, perfect for bullet testing and/or target practice.





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Top Things To DO...Craters Of The Moon

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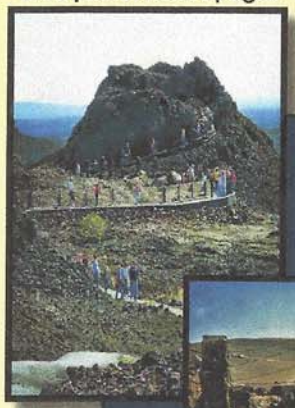

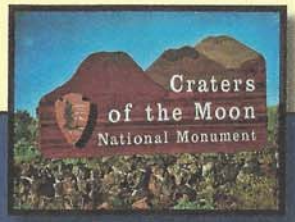

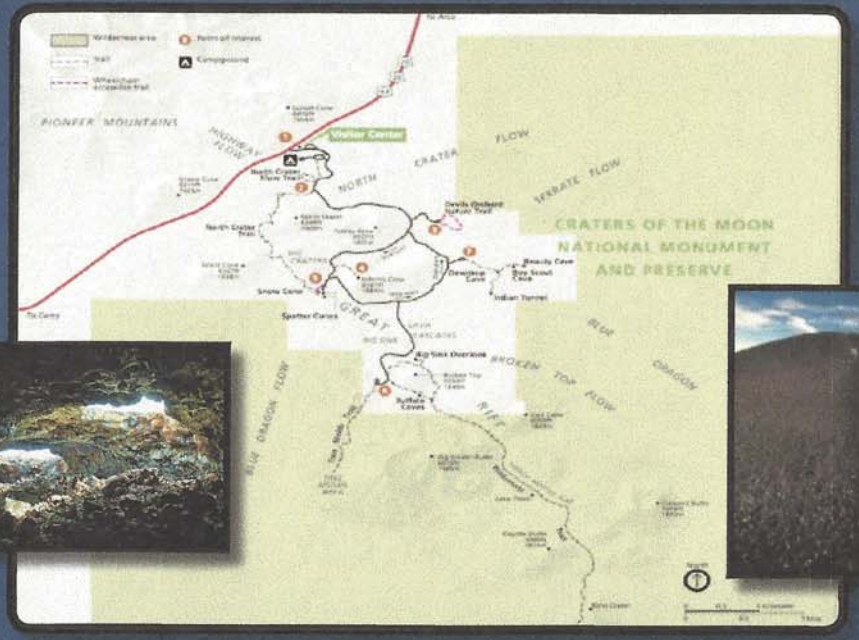

Detailed Tour Map Available at Craters of the Moon

Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve's unearthly lava landscape attracts nearly a quarter million visitors each year. In 1969, Apollo 14 astronauts came to Craters to prepare for their trip to the moon. Craters erupts about every 2,000 years and the last eruption was 2000 years ago.

Craters offers a variety of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in a one-of-a-kind setting. Bring your hiking shoes and a flashlight, you have not "visited" Craters unless you take the time to explore the caves, spatter cones, and hike the inferno cone.

Craters is the perfect place for seeing wildflowers, bird watching, biking, hiking, camping, or just finding a bit of solitude. Staff provide guided activities and programs in the summer and cross country skiing and snow shoeing in the winter.

The preserve offer an area the size of Rhode Island to roam about on your own. ATVs are welcome on designated trails.

Fifty-one campground sites at Craters are available on a first come first served basis. Facilities include: restrooms, water, picnic tables, charcoal grills. There are no hookups, showers or waste water dump. Large RV's and trailers can be accommodated in a limited number of sites.

Besides vending machines in the visitor center, there is no food service available in the park. Lodging, restaurants and other services are available in Arco, 18 miles east of the Visitor Center on US Highway 20/26/93

Stop by the visitor center on your way in to learn about Craters of The Moon's history and the resources that make it "weird and scenic." Plan your trip by visiting:

www.nps.gov/crmo

Top Things To DO... ATV Craters

Due to the dry climate and lower evaluation, many of the trails are accessible in early Spring

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THE GREAT RIFT - Above: King's Bowl and Great Rift from air. The rift runs for approximately 60 miles and is one of the deepest known land-based rifts in the world. Some part's are much more interesting than others. King's Bowl is one of the more interesting. You can travel to King's Bowl by ATV from Arco. The trail is approximately 60 miles, one way from Arco.

Photo from Google Earth

KING'S BOWL is a crater 280 feet long, 100 feet across and 100 feet deep. It stands directly over the main fracture of the Great Rift. Immediately west of the crater is an ejecta field where large blocks of rubble blown from the vent are strewn all over the ground. A field of squeeze-up structures nearby was caused by lava being squeezed up through fractures. The ash and ejecta fields were caused by a steam explosion of ground water coming in contact with lava upwelling from the vent.

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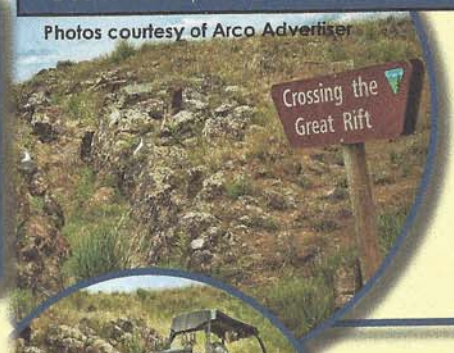

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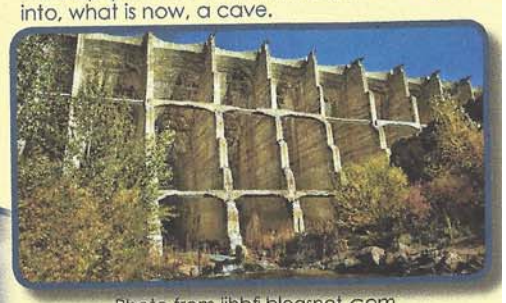
BEAR TRAP CAVE - The Bear Trap lava tube, between the Craters of the Moon and the Wapi lava fields, is a cave system more than 15 miles. The lava tube is remarkable for its length and for the number of well-preserved lava cave features, such as lava stalactites and curbs. The latter marking high stands of the flowing lava frozen on the lava tube walls. Portions of the tube have collapsed in and at this stop you can only travel about 150 yards into, what is now, a cave.



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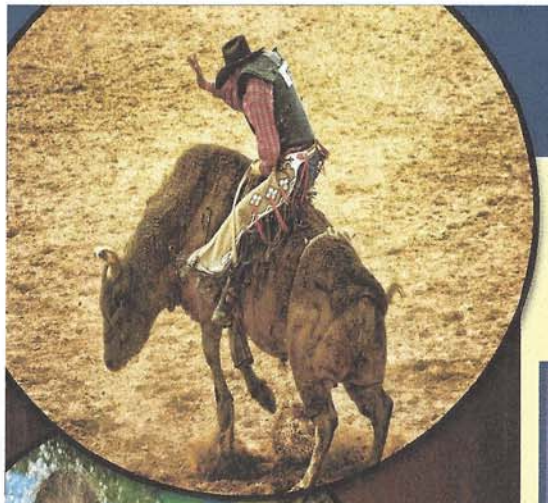
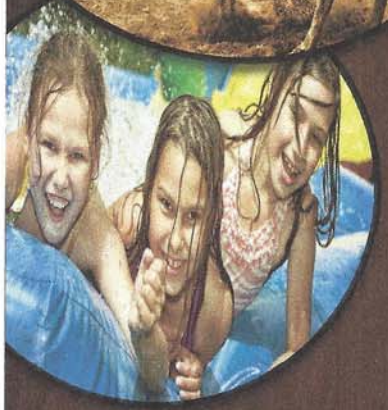
FISH CREEK DAM - From Bear Trap Cave take Bear Trap Cave Road to Kamimah Road to Laidlaw Park Road to US Highway 26. Take a right on US Highway 26 and a quick left onto Fish Creek Reservoir Road. Turn left onto W Fork Fish Creek Road to fish the reservoir. The dam's construction is very unique, but aging and at a high risk of falling over. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. After exploring the dam, go back to Fish Creek Road and take it up into Leadbelt & Antelope Creeks, then into Moore.





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Historic Events

ARCO

THIRD WEEKEND IN JULY

ATOMIC DAYS

On July 17th, 1955, the town of Arco, Idaho became the first city in the world to be lit by atomic power. To celebrate this historic event, Arco annually hosts a two day weekend rodeo and four days of community events.

Events typically include:

- Themed Activities,
- Atomic Days Rodeo,
- Fun Run,
- Softball /Horseshoe/ Volleyball Tournaments,
- Atomic Days Parade & Ping Pong Ball Drop,
- All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast,
- Food and Craft Vendors,
- Musicians,
- Street Parties,
- And More

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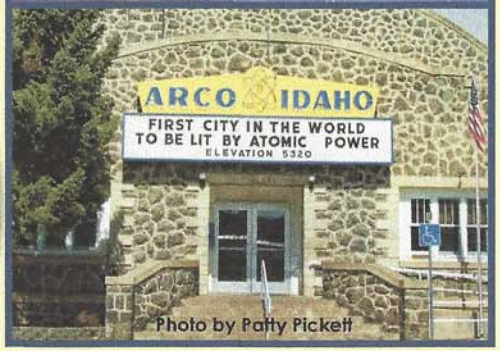

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MACKAY

THIRD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

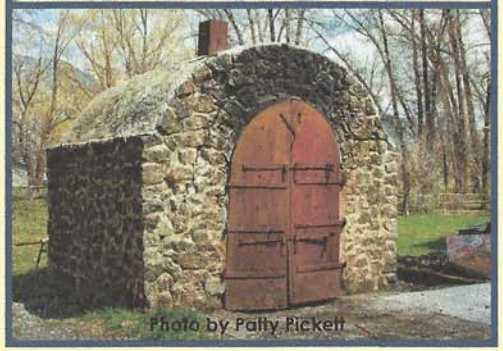
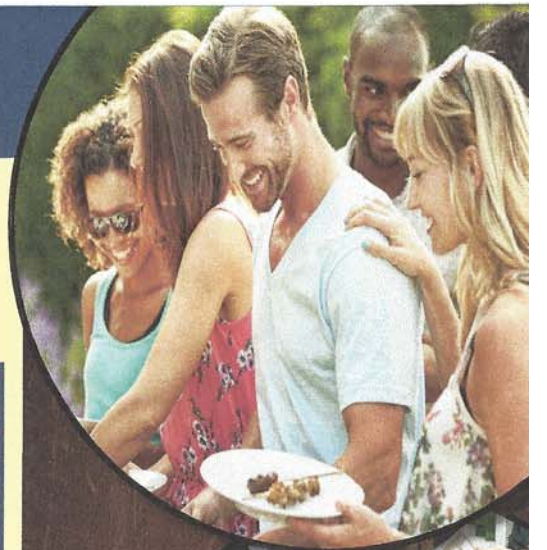
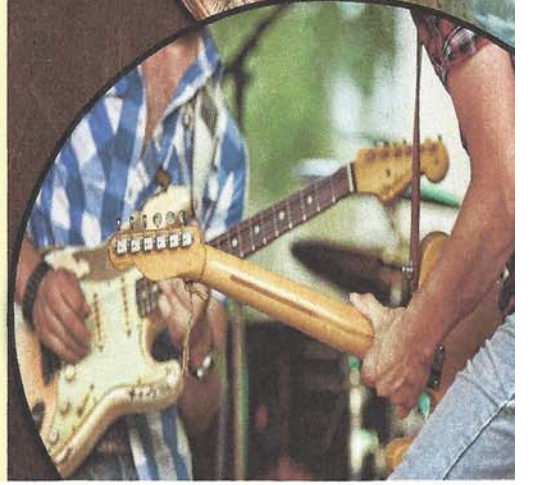
MACKAY FREE BARBECUE

Held for over 70 years this free community BBQ and entertainment in Mackay Tourist Park, draws in about 3000 participants each year.

The BBQ dates back to 1938, when the residents of Mackay finally gained control of the Mackay dam project and irrigation system, which resulted in an unprecedented celebration and the start of the Mackay Free Barbecue.

Anyone can come enjoy the free shredded beef cooked to perfection in Mackay's 12 foot by 12 foot large stone oven, located in Mackay's Tourist park. The barbecue oven provides the ideal conditions for slow roasting and serving.

Take the Saturday off, enjoy the beautiful drive to Mackay and come enjoy the free BBQ, vendors, local fundraising dessert and beverage booths, live entertainment, and small kid's playground.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