

# Idaho Tourism Virtual Coffee Talk

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To Pocatello

To Aberdeen Sportsmen's Park

Boat Launch

Golf Course

American Falls

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Fish Hatchery Rd

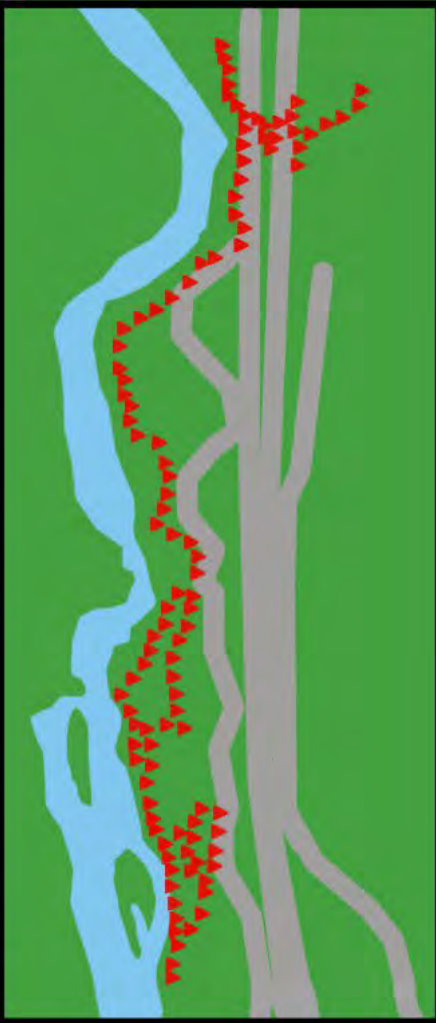
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Massacre Rocks State Park

- 46 Campsites
- 4 Cabins
- Disc Golf
- Picnic Area
- Hiking
- Boat Launch
- Visitor Center
- Historic Site

Fish Hatchery Nature Trail







Massacre Rocks State Park







American Falls  
Snake River







American Falls Reservoir







American Falls Dam







American Falls Reservoir  
Boat Launch – Old Concrete Grain Silo in distance







American Falls Dam – Old Power House





American Falls Reservoir – Pontoon Boat





American Falls Willow Bay





Willow Bay Recreational Area



American Falls Reservoir Boat Dock







American Falls Willow Bay C





Aberdeen Sportsmans Park







Birding at American Falls IBA





A horizontal banner with a blue border and a white background. On the left, there is a blue square above a blue horizontal bar. To the right of these is a photograph of a pelican in flight. Further right, the text "AF Birding Festival" is written in a black, cursive font, with "American Falls, Idaho" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. The banner is overlaid on a scenic background of a lake and hills.

**AF Birding Festival**  
American Falls, Idaho







American Falls Reservoir  
Brett Jones Record Fish







American Falls Reservoir







Willow Bay Nature Trail





- Fish Hatchery Nature Trail







Indian Springs Resort & RV





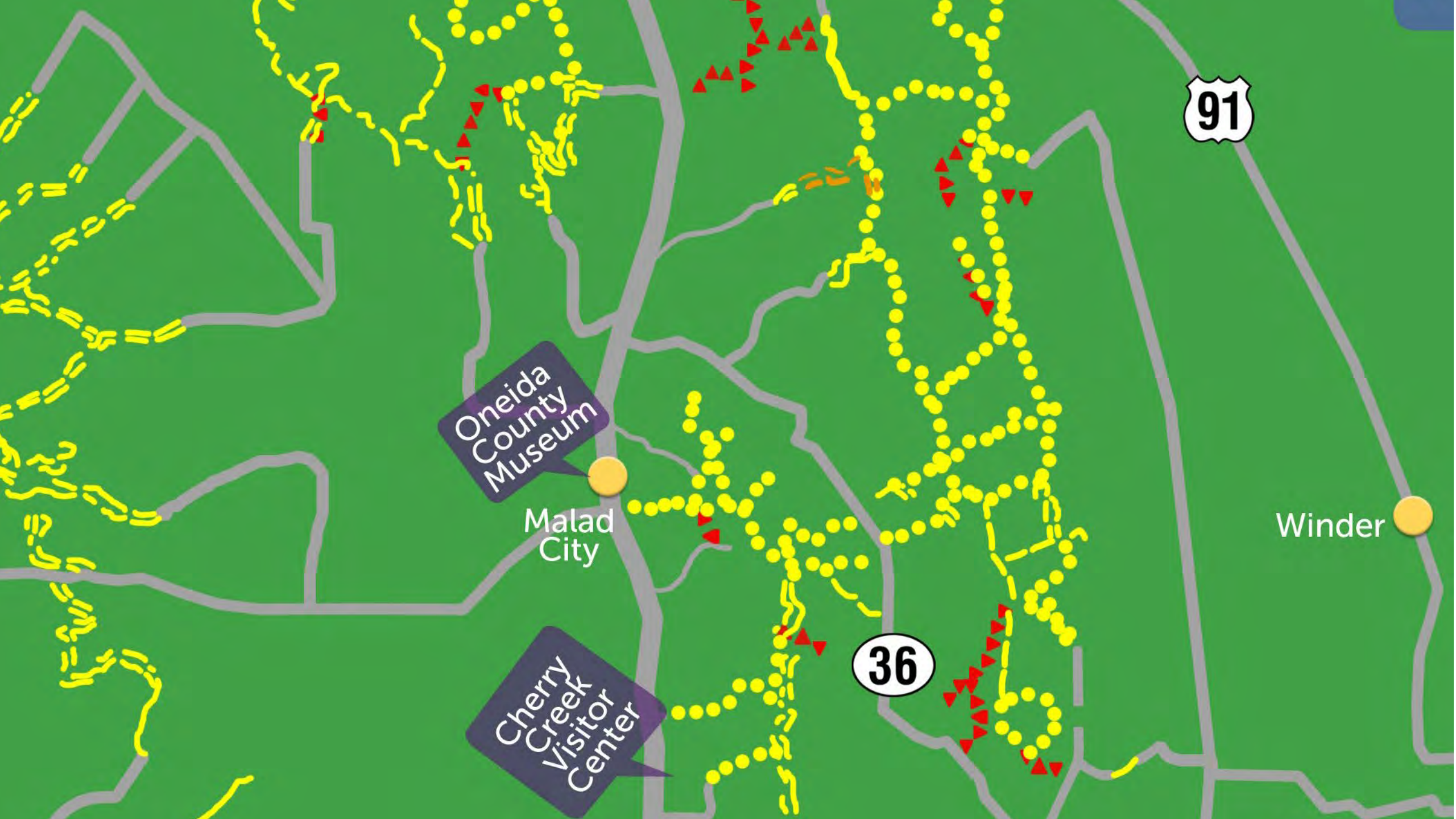
Indian Springs Resort & RV





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Oneida  
County  
Museum

Malad  
City

Winder

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Cherry  
Creek  
Visitor  
Center



NIELSEN BOOT LN.

2400 NORTH  
DEEP CREEK RD

Nielsen Boot Lane











Devil's Creek Reservoir







Sage Grouse







Sage Grouse







Osmond Cabin

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## Osmond Cabin Interior

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BLUE GOOSE

Coca-Cola

SORRY WE'RE  
CLOSED

Coca-Cola

# The Blue Goose Store

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Malad Welsh Festival







Salad Welsh Festival











Malad Welsh Festival





# Soda Springs, Idaho



To Jackson Hole, WY  
105 Miles

34

Soda Creek

Kelly Park

Pioneer Historic Byway

30

Alexander Reservoir

Soda Springs Municipal Airport

30

To Bear Lake  
49 Miles





Alexander Reservoir







Alexander Reservoir Dam







Formation Springs Nature Trail







Formation Springs Nature Preserve







Formation Springs Nature Preserve







**Formation Springs Nature Preserve Cave**





# Pioneer Historic Byway



**9 Chesterfield**  
Chesterfield established in 1879, is an early Mormon settlement on the Oregon Trail. The town features 23 historic brick buildings built between 1884 and 1904, including the old Chesterfield store. Chesterfield is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Caribou Mountain 17 15 16 Lander Trail  
Henry-Chester's Country Store 14  
China Hat 13 10  
Formation Springs Preserve 12  
Hooper Springs 11

## Soda Springs Geyser

Soda Springs was a landmark on the Oregon Trail attracting pioneers to its mineral springs. The town also boasts having the world's only captive geyser. On November 30, 1937 in an attempt to find a hot water source for a local swimming pool, a well driller set free the natural geyser at a depth of 317 feet.



Freedom, Wyoming  
**15 Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

Grays Lake is home to at least 163 species of birds including the Great Basin Canada Goose and the Sandhill Crane. During 1965, 19,000 acres were set aside as a national wildlife refuge. The refuge is an excellent area to view Idaho's wildlife in a pristine setting.

**7 Last Chance Canal**  
The Last Chance Canal diverted Bear River water to irrigate Grace Valley. The canal was completed in the early 1900's and was an engineering masterpiece for its time. Without the network of canals, farming in the region would not exist.



20 Miles

**4 Red Rock Pass**  
About 14,500 years ago, an earthen dam suddenly broke, beginning one of the largest floods ever recorded in geologic history. Ancient Lake Bonneville, larger in size than Lake Michigan, emptied in a catastrophic torrent. Evidence of the flood, such as melon size gravel is visible along the byway. Today, all that remains of Lake Bonneville is the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

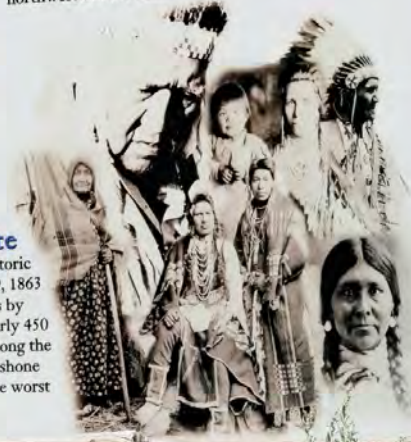


18 Miles

**2 Preston**  
Preston is the seat of Franklin County. Established in 1866, Preston's beginnings date back to early Mormon Pioneer Settlers. The Oneida Stake Academy built during 1895, is the oldest surviving LDS Church-sponsored education building.



**8 Sheep Rock-Oregon Trail**  
Early pioneers gathered at this location which was the first division of the Oregon and California Trails. The Hudspeth Cutoff went due west to California, while the main route of the Oregon Trail went northwest to Fort Hall.



**3 Bear River Massacre Site**  
The Bear River Massacre Site is a National Historic Landmark. At the crack of dawn on January 29, 1863 the single largest massacre of Native Americans by U.S. troops west of the Mississippi began. Nearly 450 Shoshone men, women and children camped along the Bear River were attacked. As many as 380 Shoshone perished that day. The battle became one of the worst disasters for Native Americans in the west.







Soda Springs Octagon Park







# Hooper Springs



Hooper Springs follows the trail of the Hooper and with its rustic charm, it's a popular destination for many a tourist and a popular destination.

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Hooper Springs



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OREGON TRAIL MEMORIAL  
ERECTED  
1931  
RESTORED  
1978  
CARBON COUNTY  
4th WILLOUGH  
PLAZA

IN HONOR OF  
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON THE  
OREGON TRAIL ABOUT 1850.  
ERECTED BY HIS NIECE  
MRS. ALURA F. H. BEARDSLEY  
1931

Oregon Trail Memorial







Oregon Trail Country Club Golf Course





Oregon Trail Country Club Golf Course





Oregon Trail Ruts Along Alexander Reservoir





## Tour Our National Byways



### Legend

- 10000' and above
- 9000' - 10000'
- 8000' - 9000'
- 7000' - 8000'
- 6000' - 7000'
- 5000' - 6000'
- 4000' - 5000'
- 3000' - 4000'
- 2000' - 3000'
- 1000' - 2000'
- Below 1000'



## The springs of Soda Springs – indeed a curiosity

For some naturally carbonated springs have bubbled up from beneath the earth in southeast Idaho. Some springs even have notable sounds and others are known for peculiar smells and flavors.

### Trappers and explorers

James Wadsworth, 1840  
Capt. Wadsworth was the first to discover the springs. He was a trapper and explorer who was in the area in 1840. He discovered the springs while on a trapping expedition.



### Oregon Trail pioneers

Eliza Follen, 1842  
Eliza Follen was one of the first women to travel the Oregon Trail. She was a pioneer and a writer. She discovered the springs while on the trail in 1842.



### Engelbert Steinbock, 1842

Engelbert Steinbock was a German explorer and trapper. He discovered the springs while on a trapping expedition in 1842. He was the first to describe the springs in detail.



## Soda Springs was known as "Beer Springs" to the early explorers and pioneers



## Soda Springs Geyser – unleashing the sleeping giant

The world's only "captive" geyser is 1937 Soda Springs' city fathers, smart on locating hot water for a community swimming pool, unwittingly drilled into the ground to find it, unleashing a 130-foot geyser and startling the local citizens.



### Early Soda Springs

Historical records, records, newspaper descriptions and other documents in the area, including newspaper articles from the 1840s, 1850s and 1860s, all describe the early days of Soda Springs. The early days of Soda Springs were a time of discovery and exploration.



### Swampy & stinky to begin the 72 degree geyser water, which would later have on the field.

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### "With a scree as loud, only a few men have ever witnessed"

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Soda Springs Geyser





Soda Springs Geyser







The Dinkey Engine







President Theodore Roosevelt







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