

Risa Wyatt/Peter Schroeder

August 5 - 9

Risa Wyatt (Wine Enthusiast, Ski Magazine, ForbesLife, and several AAA publications in the Great Plains and Midwest, which sometimes feature stories on Idaho. I also will query several top Northwest regional publications about stories focusing on Sandpoint and Idaho's Panhandle, including Sunset, Seattle Times, Wine Press Northwest, etc.) and Peter Schroeder (Outdoors Northwest, Alaska/Horizon Airlines in-flight magazine, and several of the AAA travel magazines published in the West and Midwest.

Wednesday August 5

- Arrival in Coeur d'Alene. Approx 4/4:30.
- Afternoon exploring downtown
- **5:30 PM - Dinner with Dani Zibell Wolfe and Lisa Gerber:** Wine Cellar. (hosted) Dani is an avid cyclist and will talk about Hiawatha trail and other options in the area. Also, your hybrids will be fine on Hiawatha.
- **7:00 pm- 9:00 pm (arrive at 6:45): Sunset Kayaking on Lake Coeur d'Alene with ROW Adventures:** Join us to enjoy the soft light and peaceful quiet on Lake Coeur d'Alene during the long days of summer. Paddle along shores of pine-scented air, watch herons wade and osprey soar. Share a toast along the way to the beauty of this corner of America. Meet at their store at 7:15 at 202 E Sherman Ave.
- **Lodging at Greenbriar Inn:** 315 E Wallace Ave, Coeur d'Alene.
www.315martiniansandtapas.com room #3.

Thursday August 6th

- Breakfast at Greenbriar Inn
- **Hiawatha Trail:** Thirteen-mile mountain bike route follows an abandoned railway route downhill through 10 tunnels and across 7 railway trestles. Easy 2% grade with shuttle service and full rentals available. www.skilookout.com. (the trailhead is an hour from CDA. The beginning of the trail is a long dark 2 mile tunnel. So riding out a short ways and back will involve riding in and out of the tunnel. Lights, and trail fees can be handled at Lookout Pass (ski area) on your way to trailhead. We are unable to comp these)
- **2 pm: Tour of CDA Resort, floating green, rooms. Ask for Berni Campbell at front desk**
- **4 to 6 pm – Spa treatment at Spa at Coeur d'Alene Resort:**
- **6:30 pm: Dinner hosted by Coeur d'Alene Resort –** Meet Jeremiah Neal, f and b director at fireplace in lobby at 6:30. Local cuisine in CDA means anything huckleberry, a Priest River buffalo steak, fresh northwest salmon. Northwest micro brews, and local award winning wines from Coeur d'Alene Cellars.
- **Lodging at Greenbriar Inn**

Friday August 7

- Breakfast at Greenbriar Inn
- Drive 45 minutes up to Sandpoint. Stop on the way, at **Silverwood Theme Park.** (15 minutes from CDA)
- **10:30.** Stop at Silverwood Theme Park for a tour. Ask for Layne Pitcher at the Groups Gate. Layne's cell: (call if you'd like to adjust timing as he'll be expecting you. 208.699.3332.
 - Visit **Bird Aviation Museum.** www.birdaviationmuseum.com. The Bird Aviation Museum is very entertaining for teens and the whole family. Get back on State Highway 95 and proceed north. Go approximately 20 miles to Sagle Road (across from Conoco station). Turn right on Sagle road, travel 11.8 miles

and turn left onto Bird Ranch Road leading you to Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center

- Stop by **Sleeps Cabins and Lodge at Sandpoint** for quick tours. Kayak on lake from Sleeps Cabins. (the kayaks are for guests, but Tawnie and Brent Sleep would love for you to see the cabins and kayak from their beach so that you get a feel for the place. (When you have an idea of timing, call Tawnie in advance so she can plan accordingly: 208. 610.6258
- Rent cruiser bikes downtown, and ride across the Long Bridge pedestrian bridge. I can arrange for bike rentals for you from the Outdoor Experience.
- Explore art galleries, shopping in downtown Sandpoint
- **2:30 pm (arrive at 2:15): Lake cruise on Lake Pend Oreille Cruises:** This daily afternoon cruise from Sandpoint is a delightful 9 mile loop trip near the shores of Lake Pend Oreille. Learn about the history & geology of our magnificent lake. See where the ice dam was formed 17,000 years ago that led to the creation of Lake Pend Oreille. Lake Pend Oreille's origin is a fascinating story and has been said by geologists to be "The greatest geologic story never told." Learn about the early Indian history and David Thompson, the first white man to explore our area. Discover the rich rail history, and our very strange connection to Navy submarine research. Most of all, experience the awesome beauty of our lake and mountains. And as a special treat for our young (and young at heart) passengers, children have an opportunity to be "Captain of the Day" & take a turn at the wheel. Board at Sandpoint City Beach. (Confirmed)
- 4:30: Visit Pend d'Oreille Winery for wine tasting at 220 Cedar Street. They will comp your tasting. Closes at 7 pm. Steve Meyer, owner and vintner, will try to be there to meet you.
- **7 pm:** Dinner reservations under Wyatt at **41 South** hosted by owner Claudia Dick. 208.265.200. call directly if you need to change time. (reservation confirmed). Enjoy wines from Pend d'Oreille Winery.
- Lodging at White Pine Lodge at Schweitzer Conf # 13A7RS. Check into Selkirk Lodge and they will direct you to parking from there.

Saturday August 8 – Schweitzer Mountain

- 8:30 am: Breakfast at Mojo Coyote Café with Haley Sorbel, Schweitzer communications manager. Cell: 208.946.8731
- Options include:
 - Day Options include: hiking and huckleberry picking (in season), Scenic Chairlift ride at Schweitzer Mountain Resort: www.schweitzer.com
 - Picnic lunch provided by Schweitzer Mountain.
 - Afternoon hiking,
 - Bike the new Beargrass Trail. Load your bikes on the chair, and ride down from the summit. This is an intermediate trail. All downhill, gentle grade with some steep switchbacks that can be walked. I recommend this for adventurous minded beginners, or experienced mountain bikers
 - Dinner at Chimney Rock Grill restaurant provided by Schweitzer
 - Stay at Schweitzer Mountain Resort
- 7 pm: Dinner at Chimney Rock Grill at Schweitzer Mountain. Reservations under Wyatt. Timing can be changed when you see Haley in the morning. (open until 9)

Sunday August 9

- Leave at your leisure. Breakfast available at Mojo Coyote Café.