

YOUR GUIDE TO LOWMAN, IDAHO



ABOUT LOWMAN, IDAHO

Nestled in the Boise National Forest, and home to natural hot springs, Lowman, Idaho offers a variety of activities for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Eighty miles from Boise, Lowman was founded in 1907 by Nathaniel Winfield Lowman, a homesteader from Iowa. The Shoshone people occupied the Boise National Forest long before European settlers arrived in the early 1800s. The first settlers were hunters and trappers, and then after gold was discovered in 1862, prospectors hunting for gold, silver and other resources flooded the area. Nowadays, Lowman is a quiet rural area. At the last census in 2010, Lowman had a permanent population of 42 people, so if you are looking for a place to get away from it all and reconnect with nature, you have found it. Whether your taste for the wilderness runs from fly fishing to white water rafting, Lowman and the surrounding area offers an activity to challenge or soothe you.

FROM BOISE
80 MILES

FOUNDED IN
1907

POPULATION
42

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Water activities

While staying at the Southfork Lodge, you have access to the Payette River and its tributaries and over 250 lakes and reservoirs. Boise National Forest offers options for rafting, canoeing, tubing and kayaking. If you are looking for a guided white water rafting experience, Payette River Company offers a variety of guided tours lasting between a half-day and three days on the river. The expert guides will take you through some of the finest class III/IV rapids in Idaho. The owners and other guides have served many seasons on the river. They will not only expertly guide your raft, but tell you about the river and surrounding forest, answer questions, and prepare delicious evening meals and breakfasts for guests who book overnight trips. Payette River Company is family owned and operated, providing their guests with adventures and memories to last a lifetime.

LAKES
RESERVOIRS
250+

CLASS
III / IV
RAPIDS

SEASONED
GUIDES

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Water activities

For guests who do not crave the excitement of white water, Lowman has plenty of other water activities to suit your skills and experience. Deadwood Reservoir, Warm Lake, and Anderson Ranch Reservoir are popular for motorized boating, while Sagehen Reservoir and the three forks of the Boise and Payette River are popular with non-motorized options. Make sure to check in with the Boise National Forest service for further information on safety and the Payette River Pass System. During the summer months, our guests can take advantage of beautiful swimming sites throughout the forest. At the peak of summer, temperatures reach the upper 90s, so a refreshing dip in a pristine lake or river may be just what you need after a day of hiking, fishing or rafting in the sun. Or if your muscles are aching, try a dip on one of the many local natural hot springs, like the Kirkham Hot Springs.

MOTORIZED
BOATING

PEAK
TEMP
90°

HOT
SPRINGS

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TROUT
BASS
PANFISH
KOKANEE

TRAILS
1200+ MILES

MAPS
AVAILABLE



Fishing

Anglers will find paradise in the abundance of opportunities to hook a trout here in Lowman. Rainbow trout are native to the local rivers, streams, and lakes, evidence of the purity of our waterways. Anglers who enjoy still water fishing can seek out bass, panfish and kokanee in our many lakes and ponds. Make sure you have an Idaho fishing license before casting out.

Hiking

If you prefer the land to water, Boise National Forest offers over 1200 miles of trails for you to explore. The Highway to Heaven trail, a 150 mile mountain pass, skirts through Lowman as it winds from Boise past the Lucky Peak Dam, over Moore's Creek Summit (6117ft) and over Banner Summit (7056ft) to Stanley on State Highway 75 and the Sawtooths. The park has plenty of shorter options for day hikers, with trails marked for all abilities from beginner to advanced. Hiking trail maps are available at Ranger District Offices and at the Interagency Visitor Center.

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Wildlife

While you are out enjoying the great outdoors, you will have first hand experience with local flora and fauna. The forest is filled with beautiful alpine lakes, several strands of evergreen trees including the ponderosa pine, grand fir, and more. Over 300 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians make the Boise National Forest their home. The most common animals include deer and elk, but you may also see moose, pronghorns, coyote, mountain lions, bears, and maybe even a gray wolf.

Winter sports

The outdoors fun doesn't stop with the end of summer. Guests can take advantage of winter sports including downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. As with summer activities, make sure you are prepared with appropriate clothing, water, a map or GPS unit, and appropriate passes.

SPECIES
300+

SKIING
SNOWSHOEING

SNOWMOBILING
ICE FISHING

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Scenic drives

For guests who prefer the great American pastime of driving, Lowman sits between two scenic drives, the Ponderosa Scenic Byway and Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway. The Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway follows an old miners' supply route from Banks to Lowman, following the white waters of the South Fork of the Payette River. It cuts through a deep canyon in the heart of the Idaho wilderness offering some of the most breathtaking scenery in the state. Some of the attractions along the 33-mile route include the South Fork of the Payette River, famous for its white water rafting. You may see elk, especially during winter months. The Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway winds through the dense forests, across mountain valleys, skirting the Boise River, Lucky Peak Lake and again the famous South Fork. This drive is slightly longer at 130 miles. Make sure to plan ahead to ensure a safe and pleasurable drive. Make sure to fill up on gas and to pack water and snacks before heading off on a unique and awe inspiring road trip.

TWO
SCENIC BYWAYS

PONDEROSA
BYWAY
(130 MILES)

WILDLIFE
CANON
BYWAY
(33 MILES)

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