

HAGERMAN HIGHLIGHTS

Things to see and do in the Hagerman Valley

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About the area

High temperatures along the Snake River throughout the



summer are in the 90's, and the nighttime is slightly chillier of course, ordinarily in the 50's. The area receives less than 10 inches annual rainfall with only about 3.5 inches coming during the growing season. July is the driest month and August the hottest.

Whitewater

The Hagerman to Bliss section of Snake River is 6 miles long and has been determined by "American Whitewater" to be a class I-II section. Whitewater



rafting and kayaking spots in Idaho tend to be more challenging than the national average, so if you're not from around

here don't forget that quite a few of the sections here are not easy. This section is long enough to enjoy a good non-stop paddle; it's perfect for a one-day trip. The natural beauty of Idaho and the beautiful way the water current moves down the stream attract people from near and far. Getting your paddling muscles activated and spending some quality time in nature are great reasons to come.

Motorized Boating

Two Snake River reservoirs, Upper and Lower Salmon Falls, are found near



Hagerman. Both have free boat launch facilities operated by either Gooding or Twin Falls County. Both reservoirs provide plenty of room to water ski or jet ski.

Canoeing

The small lakes and ponds in the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, Billingsley Creek and the Snake River Reservoirs are waters suitable for canoeing. Take a camera



along because you might want to capture some of the sights.

Bird watching

Due to the availability of crop residue, abundant water, cover and nesting habitat, a diverse



and abundant bird population is attracted to the Hagerman Valley. The area is particularly popular with ducks and geese that seek out the Valley's open water during the colder time of the year. The Hagerman Wildlife Management Area is a popular place to watch birds. During the winter months, the

Oster ponds and Hagerman WMA serve as a waterfowl rest area for nearly 60,000 migrating ducks and geese. Visitors commonly see mallards, American widgeon, gadwalls, pintails, redheads, scaup, ringed-necked ducks, ruddy ducks, and hooded mergansers along with a host of other migrating birds.

Trails

There are multi-use (hike, mountain bike or horse) trails within the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Malad Gorge State Park and the Box Canyon State Park.

Horse Arena

There is a horse arena available at Billingsley Creek State Park. Check with the Thousand Springs State Park Manager for more information (see Contacts).



Fishing

Excellent fishing for Rainbow Trout is found at Oster Lake #1 on the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery Grounds. Oster #1 is one of a series of ponds that extend onto the Hagerman



Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These ponds are



stocked by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for recreational fishing. The fishing season is open from March 1st to November 1st. A wheelchair-accessible dock is also available at Oster #1.

The Hagerman area offers many fishing opportunities. Your first source of information should be the [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#).

There is an annual free fishing day in June each year at the State Fish Hatchery in Hagerman.

Sightseeing & Photography

Interesting places to see and photograph are Malad Gorge State Park, Ritter Island State Park, Thousand Springs Hydro Plant Park, Billingsley Creek



Wildlife Management Area, Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, Oster Ponds, Box Canyon and Niagara Springs.

Tours and Guides

Laid back river tours and dining on the Snake River are provided by 1000 Springs Tours. Guided whitewater rafting of the Snake River is offered by



High Adventure River Tours. PBS tours offers van tours of the general area.

History

Ritter Island State Park and the Hagerman Historical Society Museum are two great spots to



learn the history of the area.

Swimming & Hot Springs

There are three fantastic commercial hot springs in the



valley. 1000 Springs Resort and Miracle Hot Springs are open year-round.

Eco-tourism

Learn about fish, alligators, fossils, energy production, landslides, geology, hydrology and farming by visiting places



like the Fossil Beds National Monument, Hagerman Valley



Historical Society Museum, or by taking a driving or farm tour.

Restaurants

There are great culinary experiences awaiting you in Hagerman at the Ein Tisch Inn, Mi Tesoro Mexican Restaurant, Thunderbird Café, River Boat Restaurant and Snake River Grill.

Events & Entertainment

The annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the American

Legion Hall in March, Fossil Days at Hagerman City Park and the Fossil Days Parade, the Fantastic Flea Market at



Billingsley Creek State Park on Saturdays during the summer, the 4th of July BBQ at the Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, the Friday Night Party at Rockn H Resort, the night before Blues in the Park and Blues in the Park (9/12/09) at Billingsley Creek State Park, the annual “Last Blast on the Grass” Car Show & Swap Meet (9/19/09) at Hagerman City Park, and the Thousand Springs Art Festival at Ritter Island State Park are “must attend” local events.

Rooms, Cabins, RV Sites

Find great places to stay overnight at Billingsley Creek Lodge, Rock’n H Resort, Hagerman RV Village , Ein Tisch Inn, Hagerman Valley Inn, 1000 Springs Resort and Miracle Hot Springs.

Picnicking

The picnic sites at Idaho Power recreation sites like Lower



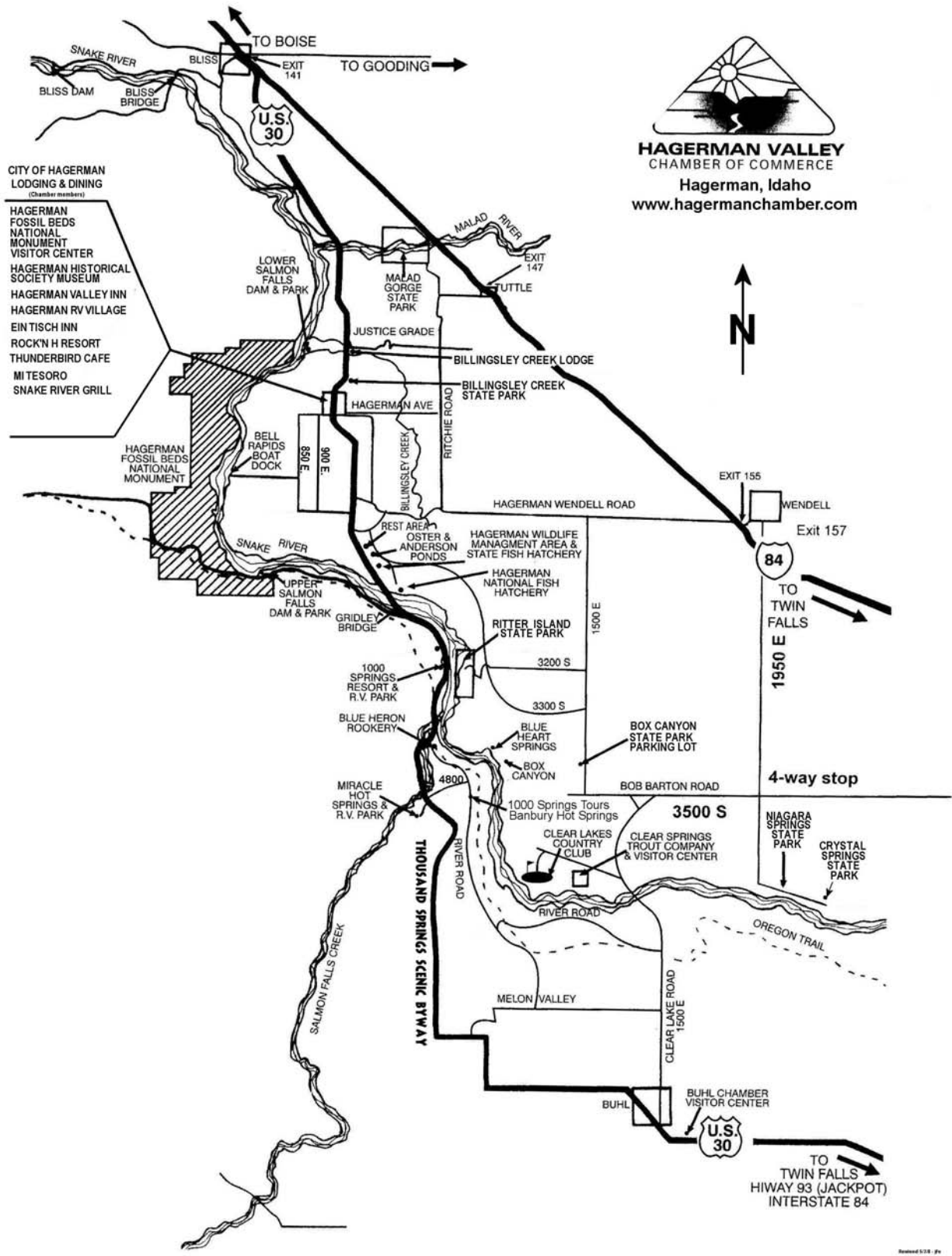
Salmon Dam are very popular.

Dirt Bike and ATVs

There are some great riding opportunities on the west side of the Snake River.

Information Contacts

- 1) Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce 837-9131
- 2) State Fish Hatchery 837-4892
- 3) National Fish Hatchery 837-4896
- 4) Thousand Springs State Parks 837-4505
- 5) Hagerman IDEA 837-4522
- 6) Hagerman Historical Society 837-6288
- 7) City of Hagerman 837-6636
- 8) Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument 837-4793
- 9) High Adventure River Tours and RV Park 837-9005
- 10) 1000 Spring Tours 837-9006
- 11) PBS Tours 438-5768
- 12) 1000 Springs Resort 837-4987
- 13) Billingsley Creek Lodge 837-4822
- 14) Hagerman Valley Inn 837-6196
- 15) Rock’n H Resort 837-4054
- 16) Hagerman RV Village - 837-4906
- 17) Hagerman Valley Senior & Community Center 837-6120
- 18) Miracle Hot springs 543-6002
- 19) Ein Tisch Inn - 837-9099
- 20) Mi Tesoro Restaurant 837-6475
- 21) Thunderbird Café 837-4949
- 22) Snake River Grill 837-6227



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