



Outdoor Adventures Await! Important Things to Know Before You Go

Spring has sprung, and summer is not far behind, so it's time to start planning your trips to one of Idaho Power's many parks and campgrounds along the Snake River. Whether you are a regular visitor or a first-timer, there are a few things you should know in advance:

Reserve Your Campsite

Our campgrounds in Hells Canyon and at C.J. Strike Reservoir south of Mountain Home are more popular than ever, and some weekends are already nearly full. Make a reservation at idahopower.com/camping. It's cheaper than paying at the park, and it guarantees you'll have a spot when you arrive.

Be Safe around the Water

Springtime currents are fast and cold. Whether you're boating or just relaxing on the dock, flotation devices are a must, especially for the kids. Many Idaho Power boat ramps have kiosks where you can borrow life jackets.

Bring a Book

Wi-fi and mobile phone service is spotty and sometimes nonexistent at many of our campground locations. If you are planning to watch the big game, you should probably record it for when you get home.

Catch Some Tunes

We've scheduled a couple of concerts at Copperfield Campground in Hells Canyon. Hank Cramer will perform June 17. The date for the second concert will be announced soon (details will be available on our website).

Don't Feed the Bears

Hells Canyon is a great place to watch wildlife, from bald eagles and bighorn sheep to deer, elk and mountain goats. These are all wild animals. Keep a safe distance. A few visitors who were careless with food instigated some too-close-for-comfort bear encounters near the U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center in Hells Canyon last year.

Things You Might Notice

Riverbank access at American Falls Dam has changed to accommodate work taking place on the hydroelectric power plant there. Go to idahopower.com/americanfalls for a full description and a map.

A new kiosk at C.J. Strike's Locust Park enables electronic payments for overnight camping there.

Two payphones have been installed at Woodhead Park in Hells Canyon. We want to make sure visitors have

phone access if necessary, since wi-fi and mobile service is unreliable in Hells Canyon, and camp hosts may not always be available.

Visitors may notice construction activity near two of our Hells Canyon parks this summer. We're renovating the Oxbow Fish Hatchery near Copperfield and stabilizing the riverbank on the Wildhorse River at McCormick Park. Neither project should impact campground access. Check our website for updates.

Before you head out, visit idahopower.com/whatsopen to learn about special events, closures, fire restrictions or other important information. Stay safe, and enjoy the great outdoors!





Stay Safe in and around the Water

Each year, tens of thousands of people visit waterways and parks near Idaho Power dams. To keep yourself and your family safe, remember these important tips:

- Don't wade, swim, fish or anchor your boat directly upstream or downstream from a dam or spillway.
- Buoy lines and cables with warning signs are there to keep boaters and swimmers at a safe distance from dams. Don't cross, tie up to or go under these lines.
- Always obey warning signs and stay well away from dam intakes, spillways and tailwater areas.
- Don't climb protective fences.
- Don't dive, swim or wade without first checking for underwater hazards.
- Wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device or a life jacket when boating or using fishing waders. Kiosks at many of our boat ramps offer loaner life jackets provided by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Most Idaho Power dams have sirens and strobe lights that signal when dam spillgates are about to open. If you hear or see one of these warning signals, immediately leave the area downstream of the dam or the spillway.
- Know and follow state boating safety guidelines.

Review additional safety information at idahopower.com/safety so you and your family can enjoy fun, safe outings in the great outdoors.



Hook Some Dinner!

Nothing says camping like frying up some freshly caught trout for dinner.

Idaho Power recently added about 50,000 trout to C.J. Strike Reservoir as part of its annual stocking program.

The company stocks thousands of Hagerman Valley rainbow trout each spring and fall to improve sport fishing opportunities. These efforts improve fishing and help us meet requirements associated with our federal licenses to operate our hydropower projects on the middle Snake River.

For a full list of stocking locations, dates and an access map, visit idahopower.com and look for "Fishing and Hunting" under the "Community & Recreation" tab. Fish on!

From the Energy-efficient Kitchen

Grilled Fish Tacos

Two trout fillets (6 oz. each)

1 cup mango, diced

¾ cup pineapple, diced

1 small avocado, diced

½ cup cucumber, diced

½ cup red bell pepper, diced

1½ Tbsp lime juice

1 Tbsp cilantro, chopped

4 whole-wheat tortillas



Start with a clean, well-oiled grill on medium heat (375°). In medium bowl, combine mango, pineapple, avocado and red pepper; sprinkle with lime juice and cilantro, then toss and chill. Grill trout for two minutes on each side. Flake fish into large bite-sized pieces and serve on tortillas topped with a scoop of salsa mix. Makes four servings.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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