

# Lower Granite: Recreation

## Did you Know?

- ▶ The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has more than 400 lakes in 43 states.
- ▶ Corps-managed waters provide 33 percent of all U.S. freshwater fishing.
- ▶ Seven of the top 10 migratory bird flyways in the U.S. crossover Corps-managed waters.
- ▶ The Corps manages 12 million acres of public lands and waters nationwide.
- ▶ The Corps is the largest provider of water-based recreation opportunities.



## Popular Recreation Destinations

**Offield Landing** is a recreation area equipped with a boat launch and undeveloped camping facilities. The area is especially popular during the fall steelhead run.

**Wawawai County Park** is a park that offers fee camping on a first-come, first-serve basis and has a large community pavilion that can be rented for events and gatherings. It also has hiking trail access. Whitman County operates this park.

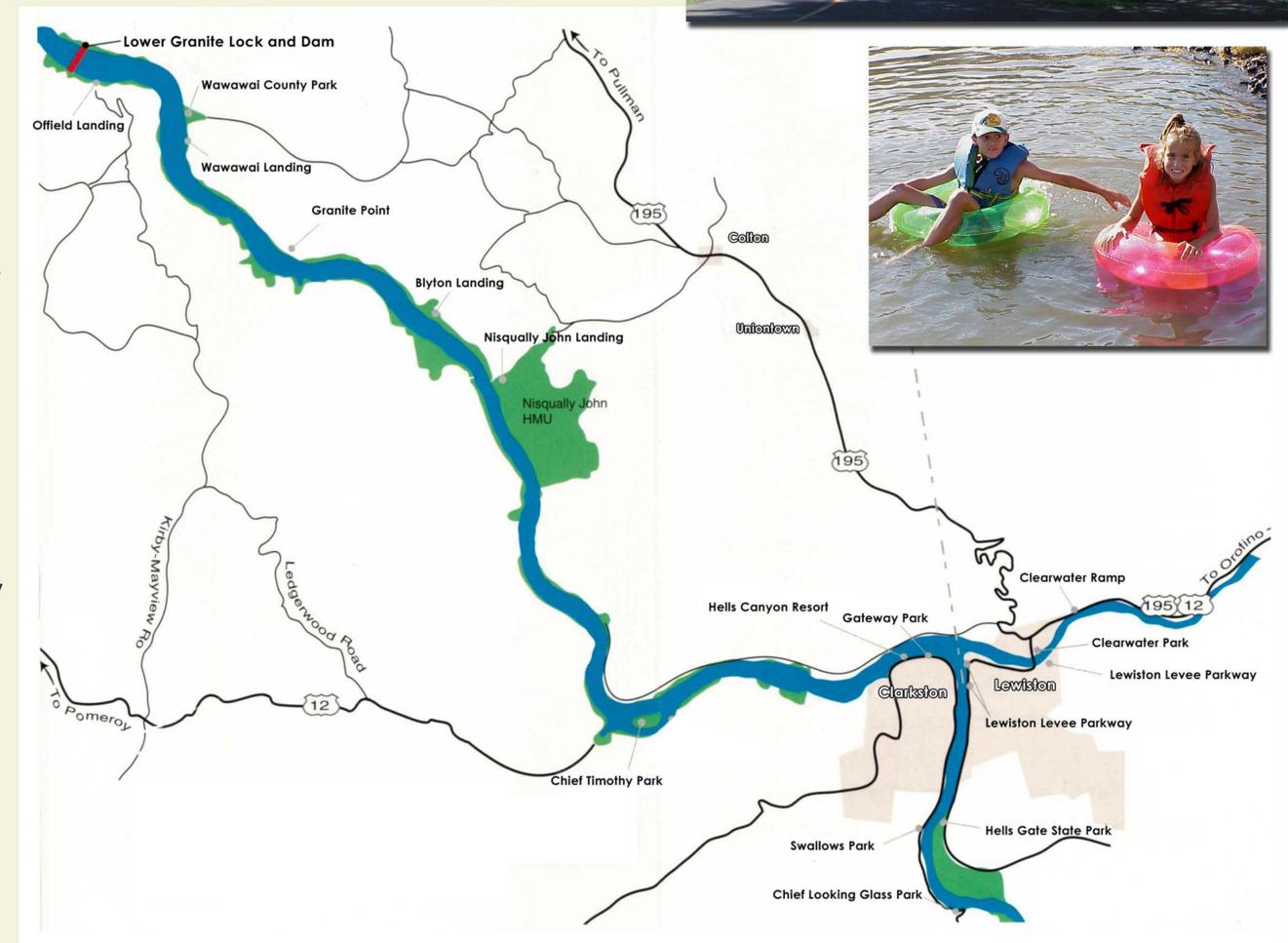
**Wawawai Landing** offers primitive camping and boat launch facilities. The landing is a staging area for many steelheaders in the fall, and is used by the WSU row team as a practice and event area.

**Granite Point** is a day-use-only area. Granite Point is quite popular in the summer months and is used frequently by sunbathers and rock climbers.

**Blyton Landing** has 3 acres of day-use and primitive-camping area with a boat launch ramp, picnic areas with firepits.

**Chief Timothy Park** is a beautiful full service fee campground with almost two miles of shoreline, four-lane boat launch ramp, designated swim beach, playground, and volleyball court. It is located along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Visitors with reservations can rent a cabin, tent camp, or enjoy full RV facilities. Northwest Land Management operates this park.

**Nisqually John Landing** offers primitive camping and river access via a boat ramp. Its proximity to the Lewiston-Clarkston area, makes it a popular destination and is used year-round.

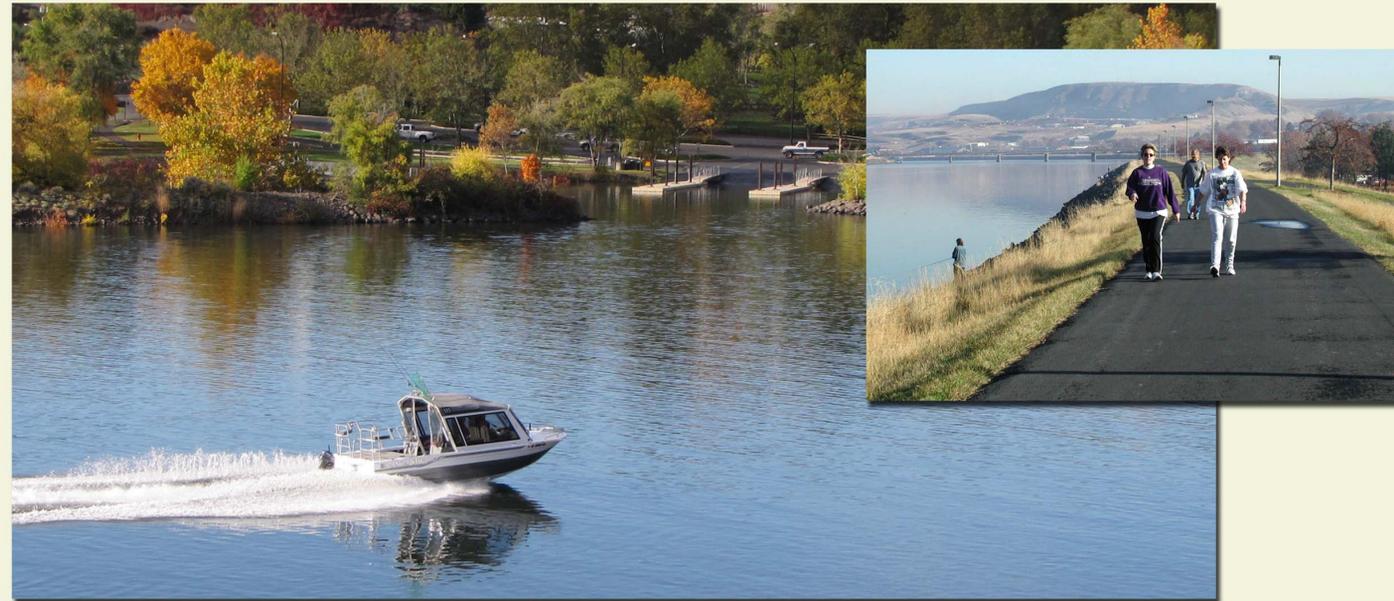


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## Lewiston-Clarkston Area

The Clearwater River joins the Snake River on the border between Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington.

As part of the dam's construction, levees were built along the banks of these two rivers for flood risk management. A system of trails on these levees grew into what the U.S. Department of Interior later designated the Clearwater and Snake River National Recreation Trail. Almost 20 miles of trails connect area parks, historical sites and natural attractions.



**Greenbelt Ramp** offers boat launch facilities for a small fee and trail access.

**Lewiston Levee Parkway** is a day-use area with four access points to the trails.

**Clearwater Park** is a day-use area with baseball fields and fishing ponds. It also has bicycle and hiking path access. The City of Lewiston operates this park.

**Hells Gate State Park** is a full-service campground, day-use, and boating park situated on the shore of the Snake River about 30 miles downstream of Hells Canyon. Primitive trails within the adjacent Habitat Management Unit accommodate equestrians, hikers, and bicyclists. Idaho State Parks and Recreation operates this park.

**Chestnut Beach** provides a beach area and trail access, picnic areas and vault toilets.

**Southway Ramp** offers a boat ramp and day-use area, with bicycle and hiking trail access. Nez Perce County operates the ramp.

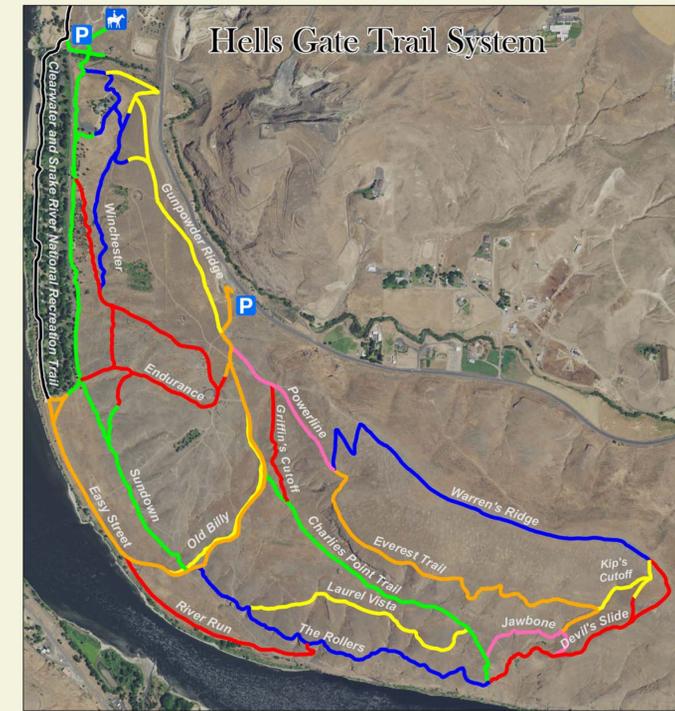
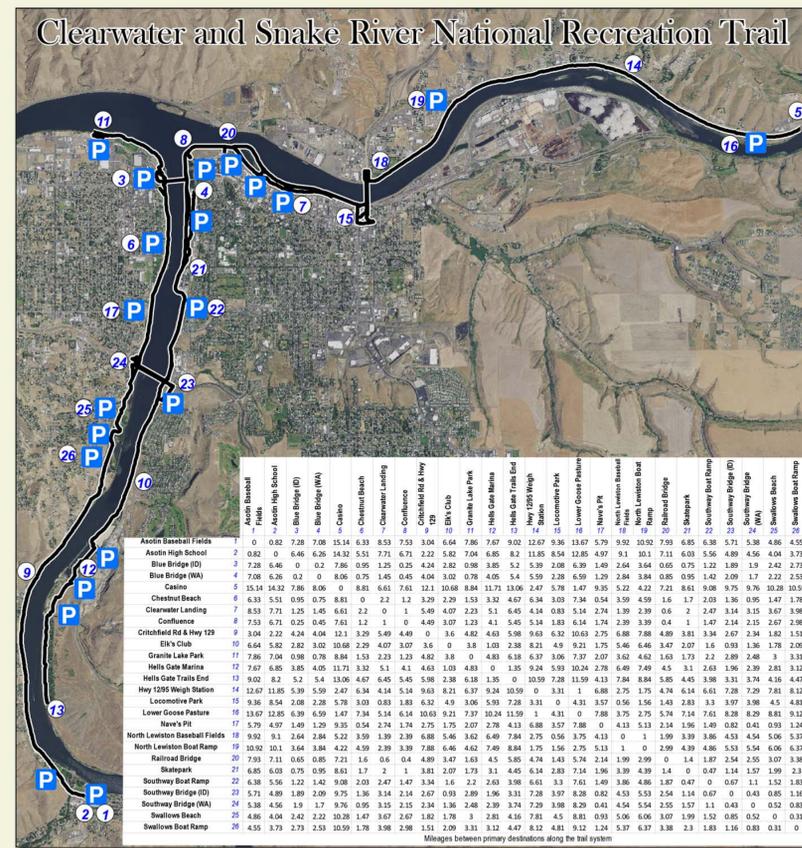
**Hells Canyon Resort** is a full-service marina operated by the Port of Clarkston.

**Swallows Park** is a day-use recreation area that has a four-lane boat launch ramp, playground, volleyball court and multi-purpose hiking and biking trails. There is also a large community shelter that rents out for events and gatherings.

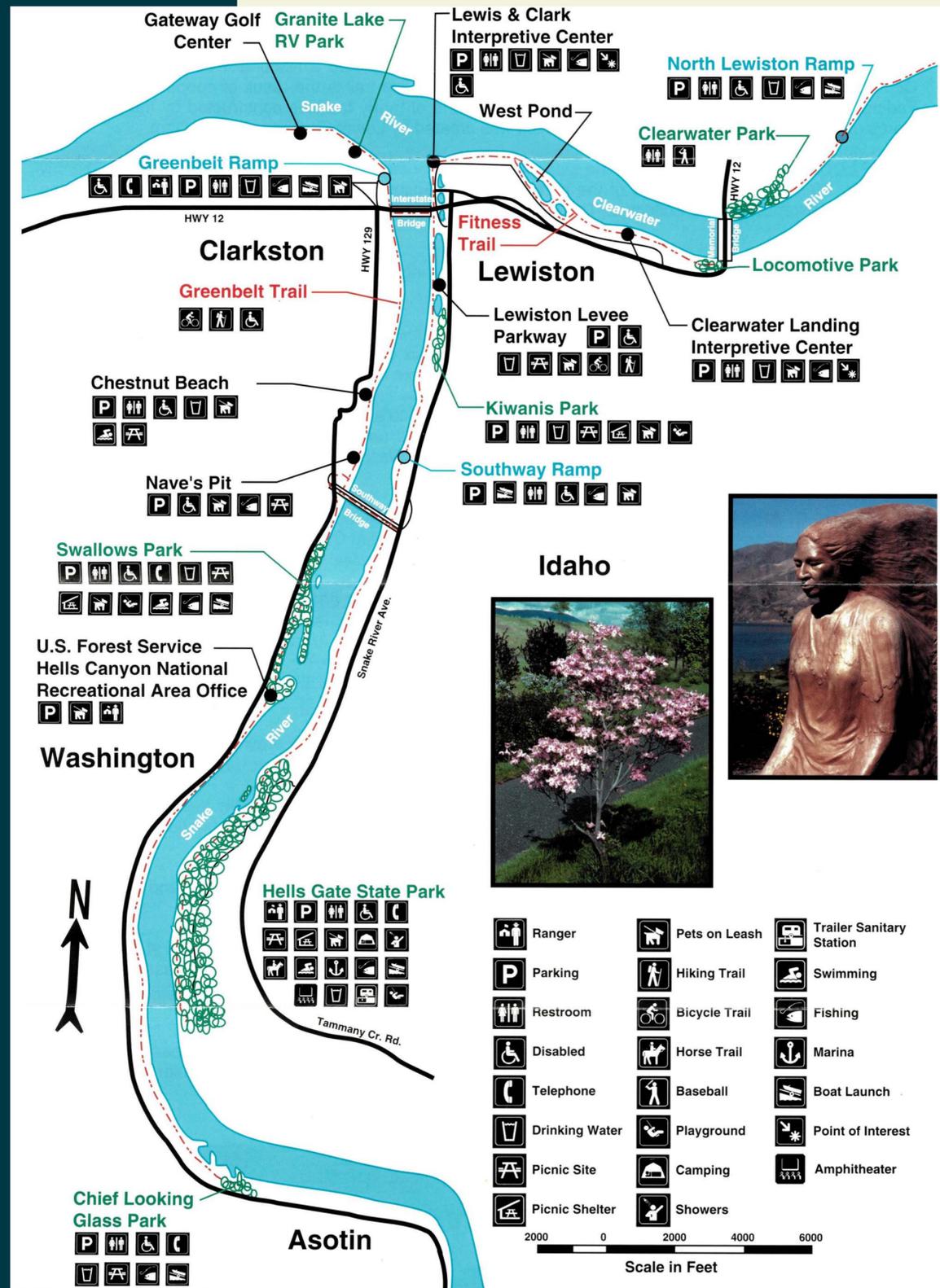
**Granite Lake RV Resort** is a popular pet friendly full-service RV park offering trails, a clubhouse, pet park areas and a community BBQ pavilion. It is operated by the Port of Clarkston.

**Steelhead Park** is a day-use area equipped with modern boat launch facilities and trail access. Head out on the Clearwater to catch a whopper or enjoy a bike ride on the trail. Nez Perce County operates the ramp.

**Chief Looking Glass Park** hosts picnic areas, basketball and tennis courts, and restroom facilities. The City of Asotin operates this park.



# Recreation: Clearwater & Snake River National Recreation Trail



## Clearwater & Snake River National Recreation Trail

**CLEARWATER AND SNAKE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL\*** connects parks, historic sites, and natural attractions along the Snake and Clearwater rivers. Designated a National Recreation Trail by the Department of Interior in 1988, the 19-mile wheelchair accessible trail is the result of cooperative efforts by Federal, State, County, and City agencies. The trail is one of many facilities constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Lower Granite Lake, which was created by Lower Granite Lock and Dam.

**CHIEF LOOKING GLASS PARK\*** at the southernmost end of the trail, is located in and operated by the city of Asotin, Washington. A highlight of the park is the Full Gospel Church. Built in 1889, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. The original white oak pump organ is still in the church. The public is welcome.

**CLEARWATER LANDING\*** is an interpretive center recognizing the history and significance of navigation on the Clearwater and Snake rivers.

**HELLS GATE STATE PARK\*** operated by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, offers overnight camping for a fee, swimming, fishing, boat launching, and a complete range of marina services. Hells Canyon, North America's deepest gorge, is located 30 miles from the park.

**INTERSTATE BRIDGE**, built in 1939, is a drawbridge designed to allow steamboat passage up and down the Snake River. However, in 1942 steamboat travel ceased, and until the filling of Lower Granite Lake, the drawspan remained idle. The bridgespan is operated by the Washington Department of Transportation to pass river traffic.

**LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER\*** marks the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers. It commemorates the historic journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark who camped across the river on October 10, 1805, while searching for a Northwest passage to the Pacific Ocean.

**LEWISTON LEVEE PARKWAY\*** is a popular portion of the Clearwater and Snake River National Recreation Trails. Composed of clay and silt surrounded by gravel, the levee forms an impermeable barrier between Lewiston Idaho, and Lower Granite Lake and was one of the first U.S. Army Corps of Engineers levees to receive extensive landscaping as part of the original design. Erosion on the lake side of the levee is prevented by boulders and cobbles called "riprap." Vegetation improves the appearance of the levee and provides habitat for wildlife.

**LOCOMOTIVE PARK**, a Lewiston, Idaho, city park, is home to the last steam engine to operate in this area. The locomotive was used by the Potlatch Corporation as a logging locomotive near Headquarters, Idaho.

**SOUTHWAY BRIDGE\*** was completed in 1982 to accommodate the increased traffic between the cities of Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington. Both of these cities, as well as Asotin County, Washington, and Nez Perce County, Idaho, cooperate in maintaining the bridge.

**GREENBELT RAMP AND SWALLOWS PARK\*** offer boat launching for a small fee and a variety of recreational opportunities including swimming, picnicking, and volleyball.

**TSCEMINICUM** is Nez Perce for "meeting of the waters" and the title of the sculpture located at the entrance to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. The Tsceminicum Brochure offers a detailed description of this work of art.

**WEST POND\*** is the largest of the levee parkway ponds holding runoff water from Lewiston, Idaho, until it is pumped over the levee and into the river. The shoreline and islands have been landscaped and are now home to an abundance of wildlife, including muskrats, mink, and a variety of birds. Regular visitors to the ponds include Canada geese, wood duck, teal, coot, widgeon, and great blue heron.

\*Constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

# Recreation: Hells Gate

## Hells Gate Trails

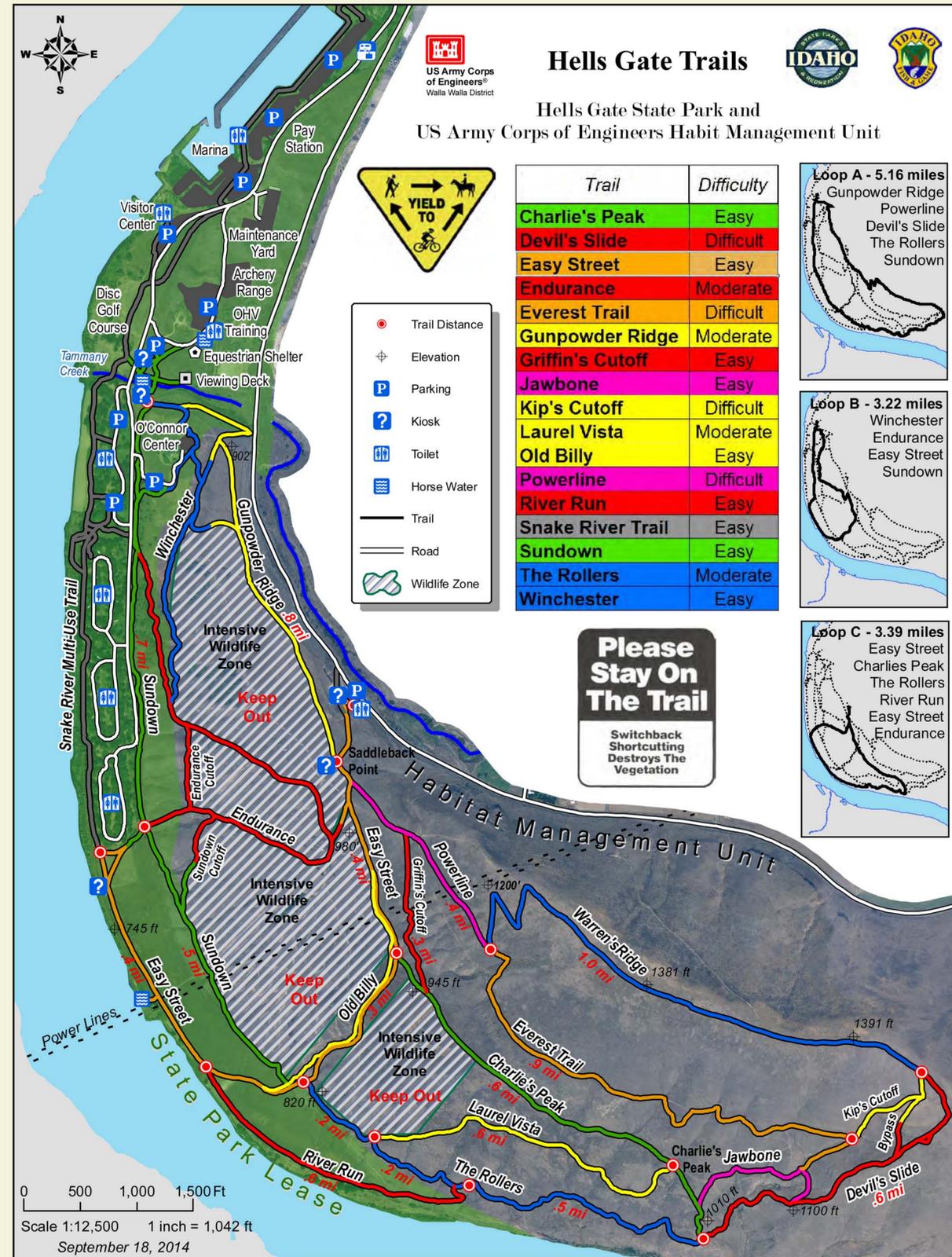


### Trail Courtesy



This area is used by many types of outdoor enthusiasts including hikers, bikers, horsemen, joggers, and hunters. Please respect the unique limitations of each activity and share the space as if you participated in all of these activities.

- Unless you're a hunter in the act of hunting, stay on the trail.
- Stay to the right on wider paths. Pass on the left.
- Don't cut switchbacks or take shortcuts.
- When overtaking someone, let them know you are approaching and will be passing on their left.
- Whenever you stop for a view, a rest, or to yield, move off the trail so as to free it for others.
- Hikers going uphill are working hard and should be given the right of way over hikers coming downhill.
- Greet people you meet. This makes sure they know you are there and is polite.
- When hiking in a group, hike single file or take no more than half of the trail width.
- When meeting a horse, get off the trail on the downhill side. Horses will tend to bolt uphill when spooked. Stand quietly while the horses pass.
- Bicycles should not be operated faster than that which permits a full stop within the sight distance of other users.
- Dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in both the State Park and the Corps of Engineers Habitat Management Unit (except hunters in the act of hunting).
- Pack It In - Pack It Out. This includes doggy waste.
- Ride, run, walk and recreate at your own risk.
- Unless you are a hunter in the act of hunting, please Do Not Enter the Intensive Wildlife Zones. As a human you are a guest on land which has been set aside for wildlife. These areas are managed with special features to promote and protect the plants and animals.



- Hiking
- Biking
- Horse Riding
- Jogging

For more information contact the following participating agencies and organizations:

- Hells Gate State Park  
5100 Hells Gate Rd  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 799-5015
- US Army  
Corps of Engineers  
100 Fair St  
Clarkston, WA 99403  
(509) 751-0240
- Idaho Fish and Game  
3316 16th St.  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
Phone: (208) 799-5010
- Twin Rivers  
Back Country Horsemen  
654 C Thain Road  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
www.twinriversbch.com
- Lewis Clark Saddle Club  
1330 Pound Lane  
Clarkston, WA 99403  
www.lewisclarksaddleclub.org
- 49er's Saddle Club  
6601 Tammany Creek Road  
PO Box 1683  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
www.49ersaddleclub.org
- Seaport Striders Running Club  
www.seaportstriders.com
- Twin Rivers Cyclists  
twinriverscyclists.org
- Idaho Fat Tire Fanatics  
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