

Beaver Creek Recreation Site Priest Lake Ranger District

The scenic Beaver Creek Recreation Site at the north end of Priest Lake was once used as a Forest Service Ranger Station from the 1920's thru the 1950's. The Beaver Creek Ranger Station served as a staging facility for forest management and fire protection operations in the Upper Priest River drainage. A fireplace is the only reminder of this earlier use of the area.

Today, the Beaver Creek Recreation Site serves forest visitors as the gateway to the Upper Priest Lake Scenic Area.

Upper Priest Lake was classified as a Scenic Area by the Forest Service in 1968. It is managed in cooperation with the State of Idaho's Department of Public Lands for its roadless, pristine recreation opportunities.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE SITE INCLUDE:

41 Unit Family Campground:
Each unit includes parking spur, table, grate and tent pad. Drinking water, vault toilets and trash containers at central locations. These are fee sites - \$12.00/night \$5.00, 2nd vehicle - 14 day maximum stay.

35 Person Group Camping Area:
\$40.00 Includes four tables, grills, tent pads and large central fire rings. Drinking water and sanitation available adjacent to site. Parking area provided. Reservations for the group site must be made through the National Forest Campground Reservation System **877-444-6777**, Internet: **Reserveusa.com**

Swimming Area:

This protected area is provided in conjunction with the family campground. There is no fee for this area. Swimmers should be aware of "Swimmer's Itch" parasite that is frequently found in the water. A brochure is available from the campground host. A cold water shower is available to rinse off after swimming.

Trailhead Parking:

Provides access to Navigation and Plowboy Campgrounds and portage trails - toilets on site.

Hikers/Backpackers:

Popular hiking and backpacking areas are easily accessed from the Beaver Creek Recreation site. The Navigation Trail (#291) starts at the Upper Trailhead parking area and leads to the scenic Upper Priest River country. The Lakeshore Trail (#294) begins near the access trail to the swimming area. This trail accesses viewpoints, sandy beaches and excellent secluded camping areas along the shoreline of Priest Lake. Plowboy Mountain Trail begins 2-1/2 miles up Road #1341 from the entrance to Beaver Creek.

Boat launching is also available at several other locations on the lake south of Beaver Creek. Please remember there is NO water skiing allowed in the Thorofare or on the Upper Priest Lake. There is a 5 MPH - NO WAKE speed restriction in the Thorofare.



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Canoe and Small Boat Access Parking:

Allows small boats and canoes to be carried and launched into the main lake.

Canoeists/Boaters/Campers

The Beaver Creek Recreation site is a popular starting point for canoeists and campers heading for the unroaded Upper Priest Lake region. Canoeers can access the Thorofare to the Upper Lake either from the Upper Trailhead parking area where a 1000 foot portage takes you to the Thorofare itself or by putting directly into Priest Lake at the access parking area. and There are several other locations on the lake south of Beaver Creek. Boat launching is also available at Priest Lake State Park (Lionhead Unit) on the east side of Priest Lake. Please remember there is NO water skiing allowed in the Thorofare or on the Upper Priest Lake. There is a 5 MPH - NO WAKE speed restriction in the Thorofare.

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Camping Units: Length/Width			
2	55'/22'	22	55'/22'
3	55'/22'	23	55'/22'
4	55'/22'	24	60'/22'
5	55'/22'	25	50'/12'
6	55'/22'	26	55'/22'
7	55'/22'	27	55'/22'
8	55'/22'	28	50'/12'
9	50'/12'	29	50'/12'
10	55'/22'	30	50'/14'
11	55'/22'	31	40'/14'
12	50'/14'	32	55'/22'
13	55'/22'	33	50'/14'
14	50'/12'	34	55'/22'
15	60'/22'	35	60'/14'
16	50'/12'	36	50'/12'
17	50'/12'	37	55'/22'
18	60'/14'	38	50'/14'
19	50'/12'	39	55'/22'
20	50'/12'	40	55'/22'
21	60'/14'	41	55'/22'

