

Central Idaho Road Trip – 1

February 2023

See map at: <https://goo.gl/maps/LSMPfdRCat2FwaCJ9>

FRIDAY, Feb. 17

Drive from **Salem** to **Clarkston, WA**. 6 hrs. 32 min., (390 miles.)

I-84 to Hermiston. I-82 to Umatilla.

RIGHT onto Hwy. 730 and then Hwy. 12 to Walla Walla, Dayton, Clarkston, and Lewiston.

In Clarkston, either stay on Hwy. 12 through town or go north and cross the river, then RIGHT onto Hwy. 128, and then RIGHT into Lewiston.

Lodging in Clarkston, WA: Indoor pool (no hot tub) \$76.

Motel 6, 222 bridge st, Clarkston, WA, 99403. 509-758-1631. Free wi-fi.

Lodging in Lewiston, ID:

Fairbridge Inn & Suites, 1325 Main Street, Lewiston, ID. \$???

208-746-3311. Free hot waffle brkfst, outdoor hot-tub & pool, fridge, micro.

Quality Inn, 21st Street and 8th Avenue, 2128 8th Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501.

208-262-4856. Free hot brkfst, indoor hot-tub & pool, fridge, micro. \$120.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/idaho/lewiston/quality-inn-hotels/id606?mc=llgoxxpx>

SATURDAY, Feb. 18

Clarckston to Bald Mountain = 1 hour 34 min. (73.2 miles).

Hwy 12 east to Orofino, ID - 44.2 miles.

LEFT (East – north-east) - cross river on Michigan Av/Grangemont Rd

LEFT onto Hwy. 11 – for just 200 feet.

LEFT onto Bald Mountain Rd.

Bald Mountain ski area, <https://skibaldmountain.com/about-us/>,
208-464-2311. Email: skibaldmtn@gmail.com .

Open Saturday – Sunday.

Hours: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Vertical = 684', Lifts: 1 T-bar. Seniors: \$20.
Seniors over 70: FREE.

Drive: Bald Mountain to Grangeville, ID = 1 hr. 45 min. (76.2 miles).

Lodging in Grangeville, ID.

Gateway Inn, 700 W Main St, Grangeville, ID 83530. \$104.

<https://www.reservations.com/hotel/gateway-inn-grangeville-us>

Free continental breakfast. Free Wi-Fi. 855-516-1090.

Super 8 by Wyndham, 801 W South 1st St, Grangeville, ID 83530.

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/grangeville-idaho/super-8-grangeville/overview>

Free coffee & breakfast item. Indoors hot tub & pool. Free Wi-Fi. 208-962-3647. \$134 - 144.

Lodging in Cottonwood, ID.

Dog Bark Park Inn, B&B, 2421 Business Loop 95, Cottonwood, ID 83522.

<https://dogbarkpark.com/>. Free continental breakfast. Free Wi-Fi. 208-

962-3647. \$158 + \$14. **Two nights minimum stay. Open April – August.**

SUNDAY, Feb. 19

Grangeville to Cottonwood Butte = 30 min. (22.6 miles).

Hwy 95 north to Cottonwood, ID - 6.4 miles.

LEFT onto Radar Rd. / Cottonwood Butte Rd. - to ski area.

**Cottonwood Butte ski area, <https://www.cottonwoodbutte.org/>,
208-962-3624 . Email: escape2cbsa@cottonwoodbutte.org .**

Open Saturday – Sunday.

Hours: 10 am – 4 pm. Vertical = 845', Lifts: 1 T-bar. Seniors: \$??.

Trails = 6 groomed, plus powder in trees.

Night skiing on Fridays.

NOTE: Ski here 10 am – noon. Then drive an hour to Snowhaven.

Drive: Cottonwood Butte to Snowhaven = 46 min. (30.6 miles).

**Snowhaven ski area, <http://grangeville.us/snowhaven-ski-and-tubing-hill/>
208-983-3866 . Email: escape2cbsa@cottonwoodbutte.org .**

Open Saturday – Sunday.

Hours: 10 am – 4 pm. Vertical = 400', Lifts: 1 T-bar. Trails = 9.

Seniors: \$22.

Half day (1 – 4 pm) for seniors: \$17.

Drive: Snowhaven to McCall, ID = 2 hrs. 7 min. (98 miles).

Drive: McCall, ID to Salem OR = 8 hr. 27 min. (505 miles)

MONDAY, Feb. 20

Ski Brundage = 18 min. (10 miles) from McCall.

Ski Little Ski Hill = 8 min. (4 miles) from McCall. Lifts open 3:30 – 8:30.

Gold Fork Hot Springs = 35 min. (10 miles from Donnelly) Open Noon – 9pm
(Closed on Tuesdays)

TUESDAY, Feb. 21

Ski Tamarack = 33 min. (20.4 miles) from McCall.

Drive to Mountain Home, ID. = 2 hr. 50 min. (145 miles).

Lodging:

- 1. Thunderbird Motel**, 910 Sunset Strip, Mountain Home, ID 83647.
208-587-2783. Exit 90 off of I-84 to downtown Mt. Home. \$70 - \$80.
- 2. Mountain Home Inn**, 1189 US-20. 208-587-9743. \$139. bkfst.
\$125 with Magnuson membership.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22 (or rest day??)

Drive: **Mountain Home** to **Rotarun ski area** = 1 h. 49 min. (101 miles)

Rotarun Ski area,

Open Saturday – Sunday, plus night skiing 6 – 9 pm on Wednesday and Friday. FREE night skiing on Wednesdays 6 – 9 pm.

Vertical = 475'. Lift = 1 platter lift. Tickets =\$15.

Drive: **Rotarun ski area** to **Twin Falls, ID** = 1 h. 20 min (70 miles)
South on Hwy. 75 to Twin Falls.

Lodging: **Motel 6**, 1472 Blue Lakes Blvd N, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
(208) 734-3993 , \$62

[https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.id.twin-falls.9394.html?](https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.id.twin-falls.9394.html?lid=Local+Milestone+338&travelAgentNumber=TA001305&corporatePlusNumber=CP792N5W&utm_source=google%20my)

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THURSDAY, Feb. 23

Mountain Home to Magic Mountain = 2 h. 11 min. (121 m).

Exit 182 off of I-84 to Hansen /Kimberly.

Follow Road 515 to ski area. To Forest Rd. 499.

Twin Falls to Magic = 1 h. 2 min. (41 miles).

North on Blue Lake Blvd. For 1 long block.

RIGHT (East) onto E 4100 N. It curves South and becomes Airport Rd.
or N 3100 E.

LEFT at mile 3.2 onto E 3900 N (Addison Ave.)

RIGHT at mile 10.1 south onto Rock Creek Rd. (N 3800 E).

It becomes C3 Rd (Rock Creek Rd.). Also Hwy. 515.

Follow it to Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

Magic Mountain ski resort, <https://magicmountainresort.com/> ,
208-736=7669 or 208-280-2883. Email: suzettemiller@ymail.com .

Open Thursday – Sunday.

Hours: 9 am – 4 pm. Vertical = 740', Lifts: 1 double chair. Seniors: \$35.
Trails = 11.

Drive: Magic Mountain to Idaho Falls = 3 h. 3 min. (181 miles).

East on I-84. Then north-east onto I-86 to Pocatello.

At Pocatello, merge with I-15 North.

Exit 118 off of I-15.

Then LEFT (West) onto W Broadway. Motel will be on the RIGHT.

Lodging: Motel 6, 1448 W Broadway St, Idaho Falls, 83402, 208-522-0112
<https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.id.idahofalls.56.html>

FRIDAY, Feb. 24

Idaho Falls to Kelly Canyon = 38 min. (28.5 miles).

South for a block to W. Broadway St.

RIGHT (West) on Broadway for one long block.

RIGHT (North) onto Saturn Dr. to I-15 butterfly junction.

RIGHT (East) onto Grandview Dr. (Hwy. 20) – Rigby Hwy.

Exit 311 off of Hwy 20. RIGHT (South) at intersection for 1 or 2 blocks

LEFT onto E 49th

LEFT at T-intersection onto Hwy. 26 toward Ririe. (POW of War Memorial Hwy.) Follow it for about 12 – 13 miles.

LEFT (North) onto 60 E.

RIGHT (East) at T-intersection onto 100 East.

Curve LEFT (North) onto 60.

RIGHT (East) after crossing over the Snake River. Still 60 E.

Follow 60 E to Kelly Canyon.

Kelly Canyon, <https://www.kellycanyonresort.com/ski/#> ,
208-701-2817. Email: info@kellycanyonresort.com .
Address: 5488 Kelly Canyon Rd, Ririe, ID 83443.
ON THE INDY PASS.

Open Tuesday – Sunday.

Hours: Tues-Thurs.: Noon – 8 pm. Fri/Sat: 9 – 8 pm. Sunday: 10am – 4pm
Vertical = 1,000', Lifts: 1 triple, 3 double chairs. Adults: \$79. Seniors
(70+): \$59, same as Juniors. **Part of the INDY PASS. So free skiing.**

Drive: Kelly Canyon to Arco = 1 h. 36 min. (94.6 miles).

Hwy. 26 to Idaho Falls.

In Idaho Falls, turn RIGHT onto W Broadway St. (Hwy. 20).

Hwy. 20 merges with Hwy. 26

Follow Hwy 26 west to Arco.

Lodging: DK Motel, 316 South Front Street, Arco, ID , 208-527-8282.

<http://www.dkmotel.com/home.html>

Rates starting at: Single queen bed = \$55.

SATURDAY, Feb. 25

Arco to Blizzard Mountain = 21 min. (18.5 miles).

From DK motel, go north on Hwy. 26 for just 2 blocks.

LEFT onto Hwy. 26 south-west.

RIGHT at mile 16.7 onto Blizzard Mountain Rd. for abt. 2 miles.

Blizzard Mountain, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blizzard_Mountain_Ski_Area ,

Open Saturday only.

Hours: 9 am – 4 pm. Vertical = 710', Lifts: 1 platter. Seniors: \$??.

Drive: Blizzard Mountain to Salem = 10 h. 29 min. (648 miles).

Hwy. 26 west to Mountain Home.

RIGHT onto I-84.

Blizzard Mountain to Baker City = 4 h. 53 min. (299 miles).

Lodging:

1. **Motel 6**, 175 Campbell St, Baker City, OR 97814 (up on the hill).

541-523-3431. Rooms = \$60.

https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.or.baker-city.8785.html?lid=Local_Milestone_8785&travelAgentNumber=TA001305&corporatePlusNumber=CP792N5W&utm_source=google%20my%20business&utm_medium=listing&utm_campaign=visit%20website

2. **North Powder Motel**, 850 2nd Street, North Powder, OR 97867.
Phone: (541) 605-9658 or (541) 898-2829. Within 1 or 2 blocks from the freeway. Maybe around \$90, according to a satisfied customer.
Friendly service from Kim and Min.

Nearby North Powder Cafe open till 9 pm.

SUNDAY, Feb. 26

Drive: Baker City to Salem = 5 h. 44 min. (350 miles).