

# Scenic Loop Tour

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## BEAR RIVER HERITAGE AREA

*Blessed by Water, Worked by Hand*

This loop takes you through northern Utah and southeastern Idaho, following the meandering path of the Bear River. Learn about the natural and agricultural history of the region, mining and other industries, and the historic routes followed by the Northwestern Shoshone, explorers, pioneers, and early immigrants. You can do this loop in one long day, but it's much more enjoyable to allow two! **Distance:** 207 miles from town to town and back to Logan, add more depending on the side routes you take.



Cache County Courthouse – Logan, UT



Bear Lake – Garden City, UT



Paris Tabernacle – Paris, ID



The Geyser – Soda Springs, ID

## LOGAN CANYON NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

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This byway highlights the natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and cultural history of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

**Directions:** Start on 400 N., (US Hwy 89) in Logan. Travel east to the mouth of Logan Canyon. Continue on the Logan Canyon National Scenic byway to Garden City.  
**Information:** [www.byways.org/explore/byways](http://www.byways.org/explore/byways)

#### **Cache Valley Visitors Bureau and Gift Shop**

Historic Courthouse, 199 N. Main, Logan  
**Information:** 435.755.1890; [www.explorelogan.com](http://www.explorelogan.com)

#### **Logan Ranger District, Uintah-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**

Gift shop, maps and guides to outdoor activities. Located at 1500 E. US Hwy 89. Open Mon-Fri, 8-4:30.  
**Information:** 435.755.3620; [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

#### **Stokes Nature Center**

Free Friday and Saturday programs for adults and children. Summer concert series, year-round educational programming for all ages. Located at 2696 East Hwy 89 in Logan Canyon.  
**Information:** 435.755.3239; [www.logannature.org](http://www.logannature.org)

#### **Beaver Creek Lodge**

Lodging, family reunions, horseback riding, snowmobile rentals.  
**Information:** 435.946.3400; [www.beavercreeklodge.com](http://www.beavercreeklodge.com)

#### **Beaver Mountain Resort**

Winter sports, the Bjorr mountain biking trail, picnic sites, yurt, RV, tent camping, and lodge. Located 27 miles from Logan near the top of Logan Canyon.  
**Information:** 435.946.3610; [www.bookthebeav.com](http://www.bookthebeav.com) or [www.skithebeav.com](http://www.skithebeav.com)

#### **Bear Lake Overlook**

Stunning vista of Bear Lake, visitor information and restroom facilities; tour bus, RV, and auto parking. Milepost 492.8

#### **Bear Lake Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Information about recreation and lodging at Bear Lake, Utah and Idaho. Located at 69 N. Paradise Parkway, Bld. A, Garden City  
**Information:** 800.448.BEAR, [www.bearlake.org](http://www.bearlake.org)

### **Bear Lake State Park Marina**

Boating, boat slips, rentals. One mile north of the junction of US Hwy 89 and US Hwy 30.  
**Information:** 435.946.5800; [www.bearlakefun.com](http://www.bearlakefun.com)

### 2 OREGON TRAIL/BEAR LAKE SCENIC BYWAY, IDAHO

A trek through early western history, this byway starts at the Utah-Idaho border near Fish Haven and ends at Lava Hot Springs. It features historic architecture, lake and agricultural vistas, and pioneer trail history.

**Directions:** From Garden City, follow US Hwy 89 north, turn east on US Hwy 30 to Montpelier; continue north to Soda Springs. As an option, old US Hwy 30 branches off at the Grace turnoff.

**Information:** 1.888.201.1063; [www.idahohighcountry.org](http://www.idahohighcountry.org)

#### **Minnetonka Cave**

Guided tours while hiking the 444 cave stairs. Located near the head of St. Charles Canyon about 10 miles from the town of St. Charles. Open mid-June to Labor Day.  
**Information:** 208.540.0266 or search, "Caribou-Targee National Forest, Minnetonka Cave."

#### **Gutzon Borglum Monument**

Gutzon Borglum, born in St. Charles, Idaho, was a prolific artist, best known for his sculptures of American presidents at Mount Rushmore. US Hwy 89, at milepost 8 in St. Charles.

#### **Bloomington Lake**

Beautiful and secluded sub-alpine lake with easy hiking trail. In the town of Bloomington, turn west at the sign for Bloomington Canyon, travel about 11 miles to the parking lot and trail head. Note: At the Y in the road, stay on the lower left-hand branch, Forest Service Road 409.

#### **Paris, Idaho Historic District**

Memorial Day to Labor Day visit the Paris Museum and Historic Paris LDS Tabernacle. Guided tours of historic homes and sites; call 208.221.5322.

#### **Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

Shorebirds, waterfowl, songbirds and birds of prey. Access from St. Charles, Paris or Montpelier.  
**Information:** 208.847.1757; [www.fws.gov/bearlake](http://www.fws.gov/bearlake)





Maple Grove Hot Springs – Thatcher, ID



Oneida Narrows – near Preston, ID



Bear River Massacre Site – Preston, ID



Oneida Stake Academy – Preston, ID



Relic Hall – Franklin, ID

### National Oregon/California Trail Center

Interpretive center depicting the experiences of Oregon Trail immigrants. Downstairs from the Trail Center, visit the Rails and Trails Museum. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**Information:** 866.847.3800; [www.oregontrailcenter.org](http://www.oregontrailcenter.org)

### 1917 Enders Hotel

Restored 1900s hotel and café, Geyser View dining room and Enders Museum. Located at 76 S. Main, Soda Springs.

**Information:** City Hall 208.547.2600; [endershotel.org](http://endershotel.org)

### Geyser Park

Located behind the Enders Hotel in Soda Springs. The geyser is timed to go off every hour, and can be watched from the Geyser View dining room in the hotel café.

### Caribou Pioneer Museum

Located at 50 Center Street, Soda Springs. Call Linda at Sanders Furniture for information. Closed in winter.

**Information:** 208.547.3706

### Soda Springs Ranger District, Caribou-Targee National Forest

Maps and guides to outdoor activities. Located at 410 East Hooper Avenue. Open Mon-Fri, 8-4:30.

**Information:** 208.547.4356; [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

### Chesterfield

Restoration of early 1900s town. Turn north at Bancroft, travel 11 miles.

**Information:** 208.648.7177; [www.historicchesterfield.org](http://www.historicchesterfield.org)

### Lava Hot Springs

Historically known for its hot springs pools. Visitor information at Lava's World Famous Hot Pools or the South Bannock County Historical Center Museum, both located on Main Street.

**Information:** [www.lavahotsprings.org](http://www.lavahotsprings.org)

**Optional Route:** Before heading to Chesterfield or Lava, take a scenic leg of the National Pioneer Historic Byway by following State Hwy 34 north from Soda Springs towards Freedom, WY. Observe phosphate mining, and the natural features of the byway.

### Formation Springs Preserve

A 160 acre preserve located on State Hwy 34 at milepost 60.8. Terraced travertine formations, caves, hiking trails, birds and wildlife. Tread lightly.

**Information:** [www.idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/ibt](http://www.idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/ibt)

### Gray's Lake National Wildlife Refuge

This refuge is home to trumpeter swans, waterfowl, shorebirds, and the largest concentration of sandhill cranes in North America. Located in Wayan, about 40 miles north of Soda Springs on Hwy 34. Visitors center, and overlook; open from sunrise to sunset.

**Information:** 208.574.2755; search, "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gray's Lake Wildlife Refuge/Idaho."

## 3 NATIONAL PIONEER HISTORIC BYWAY, IDAHO

**Directions:** Turn south at State Hwy 34 from US Hwy 30 just west of Soda Springs, travel south through Grace and Thatcher, following the route of the Bear River. At Preston, follow US Hwy 91 south to the Idaho-Utah border. The Pioneer Historic Byway ends at the town of Franklin.

### Grace Fish Hatchery

Learn about how fish for southeastern Idaho lakes are reared; free fishing day in June. Turn onto Fish Hatchery Road at Niter, take Fish Hatchery Lane to the hatchery. Call for visitor's information.

**Information:** 208.427.6364; [www.idfg.idaho.gov](http://www.idfg.idaho.gov)

### Maple Grove Hot Springs and Retreat Center

Located 15 miles south of Grace. At the bridge turn onto Onieda Narrows Road and travel 4 miles. Call ahead for day or overnight reservations.

**Information:** 208.244.0695; [www.maplegrovesprings.com](http://www.maplegrovesprings.com)

### Oneida Narrows and Reservoir

Pristine seven-mile stretch of the Bear River known for its outstanding trout habitat and wildlife viewing. Boating, tubing, and camping. Look for the Oneida Narrows Road sign on Hwy 36. **NOTE:** Be aware of sudden water level changes due to reservoir releases.

### Bear River Massacre Site

Commemorative overlook marks the location of the largest massacre of Native Americans in the history of the nation, January 29th, 1863. An anniversary memorial service is held each year at the site. From Preston, travel 2.5 miles northwest on US Hwy 91.

**Information:** 435.734.2286; [www.nwbshoshone-nsn](http://www.nwbshoshone-nsn)

### Oneida Stake Academy

Historic LDS academy established in 1894, moved and restored in 2003. Located at 100 E. Oneida Street in Preston. Visit the Preston DUP Museum kitty corner at 115 E. Oneida Street.

**Information:** Museum, 208.852.2428; [www.oneidastakeacademy.org](http://www.oneidastakeacademy.org)

### Town of Franklin

Historic district on Main Street highlights Idaho's first permanent settlement. Relic Hall holds a large collection of local histories, photos, antiques and relics from the town's history. A must see on your route. Open Labor Day through Memorial Day or by appointment.

**Information:** 208.646.2290; [www.franklinidaho.org](http://www.franklinidaho.org)

## 4 CACHE AGRICULTURAL SCENIC DRIVE, UTAH

This drive completes a loop with the three designated scenic byways in the Bear River Heritage Area.

**Directions:** From the Idaho-Utah border at Franklin, take US Hwy 91 south. At Lewiston, turn west at SR-61, or at Richmond, turn west at State Hwy 142. Travel through Trenton, Clarkston, Newton, and parts of south Lewiston. At Newton, turn south at State Hwy 23, go through Cache Junction. Side trips through





Bear River Bottoms – Trenton, UT



Rockhill Creamery – Richmond, UT



Union Pacific Railroad – Cache Junction, UT



Canoeing the Cutler Marsh – Cache Valley, UT

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the north end of this drive highlight a cookie factory, an ice cream factory, an apple farm, and log cabin museum. The south end of the tour highlights the marshes of the Little Bear and the Bear River along US Hwy 30 and back into the town of Logan.

### City of Lewiston

Turn west at SR-61 and travel to Lewiston's Main Street. At 29 South Main, visit the restored Art Deco era theater, the ballroom, library, city offices and U.S. Post Office.

**Information:** [www.lewiston-ut.org](http://www.lewiston-ut.org)

### City of Richmond

Home of Black and White Days, celebrating dairy and other agricultural traditions each May. Turn east on Richmond's Main Street. Start at Carnegie Library and pick up the Historic District walking guide.

**Information:** 435.258.5525 or 435.258.2092

### Rockhill Creamery

Visit the barns and taste hand crafted artisan cheeses. Also site of Richmond Harvest Market. Located at 563 S. State Street. Open Saturday, 10-1, June - October. For other times call ahead.

**Information:** 435.774.2878; [www.rockhillcheese.com](http://www.rockhillcheese.com)

### Pepperidge Farm

US Hwy 91, at 901 N. 200 W., 1.4 miles from the stop light at Richmond. Buy fresh cookies, crackers, and frozen foods at the Pepperidge Farm outlet store. Look for the outlet store sign on the west side of the highway.

**Information:** 435.258.2491

### Casper's Ice Cream and Malt Shop

Home of the Fat Boy Ice cream sandwich, 11805 N. 200 E. Lewiston. Turn west on 11600 N. Just north of Richmond. Travel 1 mile to the entrance on the north side of the road. Open Monday-Saturday, 11-9.

**Information:** 435.258.2477

### Dragongoose Farm and Apple Cider

Heading west from Casper's, visit Dragongoose Farm at 1711 S. 800 E. (Shaw Lane), Lewiston. Fresh apples and cider in the fall, rose garden, apple orchard, historic buildings. Ask about the site of the Utah Champion Box elder tree, planted in 1875.

**Information:** 435.258.2702

### Town of Trenton

From Richmond's Main Street, drive west on State Hwy 142 to Trenton. Look for the abandoned Merrill's Market and other historic buildings. Visit the Trenton Cemetery, just south of town on State Hwy 23, at the base of "Little Mountain."

### Bear River Bottoms—Morton Section

Four miles of protected habitat along the Bear River near Trenton. Walk-in access for hiking, fishing, bird watching, and hunting in season. From Trenton take Center Street 1.5 miles north to 1200 N. (also called 2000 S.), turn east; limited parking at gate.

**Information:** [www.bearriverlandconservancy.org](http://www.bearriverlandconservancy.org); I-Spy Activity sheet on website.

### Wheeler Cabin, Lewiston DUP Museum

**Location:** 2640 W. 2000 S., Lewiston. Continue east on 2000 S. after visiting Bear River Bottoms. Drive by, or call for appointment.

**Information:** 435.258.2273 or 435.994.0391

### Notlwonk Springs Farm

Fine wool growers. Wooltrek Day on the first Saturday each May featuring spinning and weaving, wool sales, socializing and potluck lunch.

**Information:** [notlwonk.springs@gmail.com](mailto:notlwonk.springs@gmail.com)

### Town of Clarkston

From State Hwy 23, turn west on State Hwy 142 towards the town of Clarkston. At the Clarkston cemetery, visit the grave of Martin Harris, and learn about his role in the early history of the LDS Church. Cemetery located at 11000 North.

**Information:** 435.563.9090

### Town of Newton

Follow State Hwy 142 from Clarkston, going south until it intersects with the town of Newton. Visit Newton Library and genealogical research center located at 51 S. Center St. Look for the Pioneer era rock houses around town, and stop in for an ice cream at Newton Country Market. Turn north on 100 W. to visit Newton Lake, the first reservoir built for irrigation in the western United States.

**Information:** Newton Library, 435.563.9283

### Cache Junction

Continue south on State Hwy 23 to Cache Junction. Learn about the historic buildings and railroad town history by stopping in at Walton's Feed, 5740 N. 7000 W.

**Information:** 435.563.5301

### Benson and Cutler Marshes

Continue south on State Hwy 23 and turn east on US Hwy 30. Stop at one of the birding sites along the way, or launch a canoe on the Benson Marsh before heading back to Logan.

**Information:** [www.bridgerlandaudubon.org](http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org)



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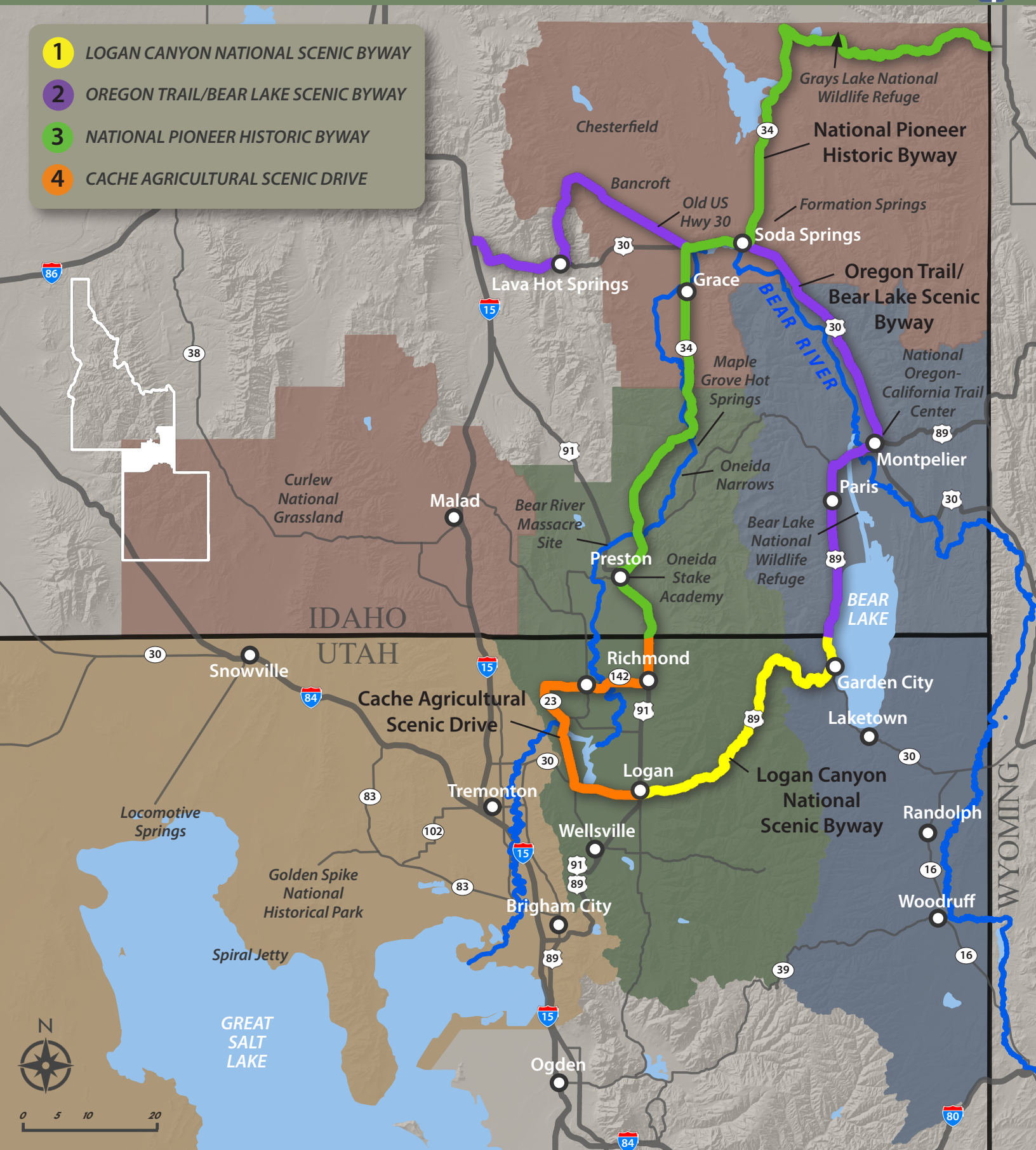
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