

# Challis Resource Area Campgrounds and Recreation Sites

Site #	Fee Sites	RV Campsites	RV Hookups (electricity and water)	Tent Campsites	Day-Use Area	Picnic Tables	Fire Rings	Potable Water	Restrooms	Garbage Collection	Interpretive Panels	RV Dump Station	Boat Launch	Fishing Access	Campground Hosts (Seasonal)	Trailhead	Parking (Day-Use)	ADA Accessible Elements	Total Number of Campsites	RV Trailer Campsite Length accommodations	Number of Pull-through Campsites	Number of Tent-Only Campsites
1	<b>Bayhorse Campground</b> Named for an old mining community in the area, Bayhorse is ten miles south of Challis on Highway 75. The campground is situated along the Salmon River and provides fishing and boating opportunities.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11	20' - 45'	1	
2	<b>Cottonwood Campground</b> Cottonwood is a fairly large site on the Salmon River two miles south of Ellis on Highway 93, which underwent renovation in the mid 1990s. It is located down by the river among the cottonwoods and away from the highway noise, making it a wonderful place to camp and fish.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15	45' - 65'	2	2
3	<b>East Fork Campground (Access is currently an undeveloped boat launch across the Salmon river from the CG)</b> This site is nestled between the main Salmon River and the mouth of the East Fork of the Salmon River, four miles north of Clayton on Highway 75. Shade trees, covered picnic tables, and proximity to the river make this a comfortable campsite in the summer months.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x					x	x		x		11	22' - 45'	2	2
4	<b>Little Boulder Campground</b> This small, and relatively primitive, campground is located twenty miles south of Highway 75 on the East Fork Road. This creek side campground is near the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and is a popular jump-off point for the nearby Little Boulder Chain Lakes trailhead.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x		x	x	x		3		0	
5	<b>Mackay Reservoir and Campground</b> Mackay Reservoir is a large campground five miles north of Mackay on Highway 93. Most water-based activities are available at the reservoir, including ice fishing in the winter months. This site has a wonderful view of the Lost River Range and has had major renovation during the 2004-2005 years. These have included new RV campsite hookups, picnic shelters, and overall upgrades.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	26		33	4*
	<b>Non-Fee Sites</b>																					
6	<b>Deadman Hole Recreation Site</b> Located about twelve miles south of Challis on Highway 75 along the Salmon River, this small and primitive site is designed to give anglers access to the river. There is a deep pool below the rocky cliff which gives the area its name.	Dispersed		x	x	x		x	x				x	x			x		Dispersed			
7	<b>Garden Creek Campground</b> Located ten miles east of Highway 93 on Trail Creek Road, this campground is a small site within an aspen grove near the Big Lost River.	x		x	x	x	x		x				x				x		4			
8	<b>Herd Lake Campsite</b> This single campsite is located ten miles southeast of the East Fork Road on Herd Lake Road. This site is tucked one mile below Herd Lake and provides a trail to access the lake.			x		x	x		x						x		x		1			
9	<b>Herd Lake Overlook</b> Herd Lake Overlook is one mile east of the spur campsite just east on Herd Lake Road. This parking area is perched upon the landslide debris that created Herd Lake. The road ends here for motorized traffic, providing a picturesque view of this natural lake and is a great place to begin a hike to Jerry Peak.								x				x		x	x	x		0			
10	<b>Jimmy Smith Trail Head</b> Two miles from East Fork Road on Big Lake Creek is the trailhead to access Jimmy Smith Lake, a popular year-round fishing hole. Dispersed camping is available along the creek just before reaching the trailhead parking and restroom facilities. The trail is a short one miles walk to the lake.	Dispersed		x	x		x		x				x		x	x			2			
11	<b>Challis Bridge Boat Ramp</b> The Challis Bridge (once referred to as the Steel Bridge) is located two miles south of Challis on Highway 93. This area provides a boat ramp for a casual day float or fishing trip. A cottonwood gallery provides shading to escape the summer heat. Vault toilets, a short trail, picnic tables, and grills were installed during National Public Lands Day in 2004.				x	x			x				x	x			x	x	0			
12	<b>Morgan Creek Campground</b> This small campground can be found by taking Highway 93 north of Challis for five miles and turning west at the Morgan Creek turn off climbing the four miles canyon. The campground lays at the foot of a valley before the canyon and is bordered by Morgan Creek, located in a Bighorn Sheep Management Area.	x		x		x	x	x	x				x						4			
13	<b>Summit Creek Campground</b> To reach Summit Creek Campground, take the Ellis turn off on Highway 93 and driving nearly fifty miles through the Pahsimeroi Valley. This site is located along Summit Creek, a location where beavers have created a slow meandering waterway popular for trout fishing. The campground is expansive and accommodates large numbers of hunters in the fall. Across the road from the campground is Barney Hot Springs, a primitive place to relax for the adventurous.	x		x		x	x		x				x						4			
14	<b>Upper Lake Creek Campground</b> Upper Lake Creek Campground is a remote site accessible only by foot or mountain bike. It is located five miles beyond the point of the road closure at Herd Lake Overlook and provides camping within an evergreen grove at approximately 9000 feet (an 1800' climb from Herd Lake Overlook). Due to the lack of motorized access, you may have this site to yourself during most of the year, though you may have to share with the neighborhood elk, antelope, and red-tailed hawk.			x		x	x		x										3			3
15	<b>Dugway Recreation Site</b> The Dugway Recreation Site is located just before the Bayhorse Campground on the opposite side of the river and offers a day-use area with access to the river.																					



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