

Area Points of Interest & Tips

keep your eyes open for
Innkeeper's Favorite



Innkeeper's favorites are suggested below depending on the direction you are traveling.

From the East:

Highway 12, which follows the Lochsa River from Montana, is sparsely populated. This is truly one of the highlights of the Lewis and Clark Trail with many interpretive sites. You may want to allow plenty of time to walk or hike in this area. This section of the scenic byway is our favorite and a real paradise for the nature lover. During the late summer and early fall, fly fishing is excellent and the spring runoff makes the Lochsa River one of the top rated white water rafting locations in the country.

MM 174.4 - Lolo Visitor Center at the Montana border is very worthwhile. The center is manned daily from Memorial through September 30 th and many other days off season. Run by the Forest Service, this facility has a good book shop/ gift shop, museum and interpretive center, and clean, modern restroom. A leisure interpretive walk can be enjoyed during the summer season. In winter, this site is the trail head for skimobiles.

MM 165 - Devoto Cedar Groove is an old growth forest that straddles the highway with interpretive boardwalks on both sides of the road.

MM161.8 - Powell is the location of the district Ranger Station and the Lochsa Lodge. Gas and food services are available most of the year. This is a good place to stop for lunch or an early dinner. 🌲

MM150.3 - Jerry Johnson hot springs at MM (mile marker) is a popular location year around. A one mile hike is required and nudity can be expected.

MM 148 - Colgate Licks National Recreation Trail, is a gentle interpretive nature walk that can take 30-45 minutes.

MM 121.6 - Lochsa Historical Ranger Station is a restored backcountry fire fighting center built in 1920. Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, this is facility is a charming and educational look at the past AND also has modern and clean restrooms.

MM97 - Lowell is small village where the one lonely gas station is located between Kooskia and the Montana border. It is also the confluence of the Lochsa and Selway rivers becoming the Clearwater River. A short 22 mile road (7 miles of it paved) runs parallel to the Selway river providing access to the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and all it's related activities. This is a spot of paradise not to be missed. We recommend at least a quick drive or walk on this pristine Wild and Scenic River. An early evening drive before dinner can be quite enchanting.


MM90 - Syringa (named after our state flower) is a small hamlet where our nearest restaurant, the Syringa Café 🌲 is located. The cuisine has a slightly Mediterranean flare as the chef and manager are from Turkey.

From the West and North:

Idaho's only north/south highway, Highway 95 converges with Highway 12 at the Idaho – Washington Border in Lewiston. This more populated area of the region is the gateway to Hell's Canyon and a variety of boating experiences. For more information on this area please check with North Central Idaho. As you head east on Highway 12 to Reflections Inn, you will encounter several small towns. This section of the highway is part of the historical Lewis and Clark Trail and there are many interpretive signs along the way. Just east of Lewiston is one of our favorite stops if you are interested in Nez Perce culture and history.

MM 12.2 – Spalding is the headquarters for the Nez Perce National Historical Park. Easily accessed from Highway 12 at the intersection of Highway 95 South, this historical location is also a museum and interpretive center. Allow 45 minutes to an hour.

MM40- Just inside the city limits of Orofino (on the river) is Canoe Camp, one of the more historical sites of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.


MM44 – The bridge to downtown Orofino. One of our favorite places to dine is right on the river at [Dining on the Edge](#)  next to the Best Western (visible from the highway). It is a gourmet find for our valley.


MM66 – The town of Kamiah is one of the last stops for food and gas before entering our less populated area. Palenque's Mexican Restaurant is a local favorite just inside town on the left. Cloninger's Harvest Foods has good produce and deli items.

MM73.9 – The town of Kooskia is accessible by crossing the river at Highway 13. This is our nearest grocery store, gas and cafes. Kooskia is a true western town complete with bars and trailer courts.

From the South:

You will enter our region from the south on Highway 95 at Riggins, a rafting and fishing Mecca. As you climb out of the Salmon River valley, you will traverse Whitebird Grade. This is a historical battlefield site of the Nez Perce War in 1877. There is a dramatic pullout with an interpretive kiosk about half way up this steep grade. At Grangeville, the county seat, you will take Highway 13 through town to Kooskia. Grangeville is about 45 minutes from the Inn.

If you plan to eat before your arrival, Ernie's Steak House  is just one block from the Highway 95 intersection. It is a fun western motif with great burgers and steaks.

As you drop back down into the Clearwater valley you will go through three rough and tumble little towns before reaching Highway 12. In the town of Stites is a funky little place called the Chatterbox.  This is a great little espresso and lunch place with good pizzas and sandwiches. Truly the local color and a real surprise!

Kooskia is located at the end of Highway 13 and the confluence of two rivers. This is our nearest grocery store, gas and cafes. Kooskia is a true western town complete with bars and trailer courts. Turn right on Highway 12 toward Montana and proceed 11 miles to the inn.

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