

LEWIS CLARK VALLEY SNAPSHOT

OUTDOOR WONDERS



GATEWAY TO HELLS CANYON

At 7,900 feet, Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in North America, even deeper than the Grand Canyon.



WORLD-CLASS FISHING

Revered world-wide for big catches of steelhead and salmon that can weigh up to 20 pounds.



CLEARWATER-SNAKE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

This 25-mile long, paved trail links parks and historical sites along the Clearwater and Snake Rivers.



MONSTER STURGEON

A fish tale you don't need to lie about is waiting in Hells Canyon! The largest sturgeon caught to-date was half-an-inch short of 10 feet! The monster white sturgeon are the largest freshwater fish in North America.



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Gateway to Hells Canyon

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HISTORY & HERITAGE



NIMIIPUU

Home to the Nez Perce Tribe or Nimiipuu people. The visitor center for the Nez Perce National Historical Park is located 11 miles east of Lewiston.



LEWIS & CLARK

Lewiston and Clarkston are named for Meriwether Lewis and William Clark of the famed Corps of Discovery expedition from St. Louis. The expedition stayed on an island near the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers in 1805.



NORTHWEST PASSAGE SCENIC BYWAY

Lewiston is the start (or end, depending on which direction you're going) of the Northwest Passage Scenic Byway, Idaho's longest byway. The 202-mile road follows the route the Lewis and Clark expedition took in 1803. It follows the scenic Clearwater & Lochsa Rivers as it passes by small towns and historical sites.



NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The visitor center for the Nez Perce National Historical Park is located 11 miles east of Lewiston. Interactive displays and artifacts commemorate the stories and history of the Nimiipuu since time immemorial.



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QUIRKY TIDBITS



MOST INLAND SEAPORT

Lewiston is the most inland seaport on the west coast, welcoming cruise and cargo ships that travel up the Columbia River.



HISTORY OF AWARD-WINNING WINE

The Lewis Clark Valley had an internationally known, award-winning wine industry until Prohibition closed it down. The first 80 acres of winemaking grapes in Idaho were planted here. Today, it's an established American Viticultural Area (AVA) with 8 wineries, 16 vineyards, and more than 100 acres of vineyards growing 20 different varietals.



IDAHO'S FIRST TERRITORIAL CAPITOL

The territorial seal and most of the government archives were removed by force and taken to Boise in 1865. You can visit a replica of the first capitol building at the Nez Perce County Historical Museum.



CHINESE HISTORY

Thousands of Chinese joined the wake of the gold rush to the Clearwater and Salmon River gold mines. They brought with them their religion and cultural influence. The Beuk Aie Temple exhibit at LC State Center for Arts & History shares their story.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lewiston was founded in 1861.
- Lewiston is the 2nd largest city in Idaho.
- The Lewis Clark Valley is the lowest point in Idaho at 738 feet above sea level.
- The valley has a warm, dry climate with mild winters earning it the nickname as the "banana belt."



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DIRECT FLIGHTS



LEWISTON-NEZ PERCE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Lewis Clark Valley is easily accessed by air through the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport (LWS). Non-stop jet service is provided by Delta and United to Denver, Salt Lake City, and Seattle. More details at: golws.com

DELTA AIRLINES

Delta provides daily direct flights to:

Seattle (SEA)

Salt Lake City (SLC)

UNITED AIRLINES

United provides daily direct flights to:

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