

No Wake Zones (no more than a six inch wake)

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Upper Priest Lake (no towing above no wake speed)

Priest Lake, Idaho



Day-Use Features

- Fee Boat Launch
- Public, No-Fee Boat Launch
- Sportsman's Access, No Turn Around
- Dock for Temporary Tie-up
- Boat Fueling
- Pump-out Stations for Boats
- Pump-out Station for Portable Toilets
- Restrooms or Vaulted Toilets
- Faucets for Drinking Water
- Designated Day-Use Areas

Roads

- Local Road
- Seasonal Road
- State Highway 57

Hiking Trails

Lake Depth

- 0-80 feet
- 80-160 feet
- 160-260 feet
- 260-360 feet

Lake Depth Contours

- 20 foot interval
- 40 foot interval

Perennial Streams

Distances For No Wake Zones

- Within 200 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, bridges, other structure, or any person in the water
- Within 100 feet of any other vessel, the speed of which shall not exceed 15 mph
- Within 50 feet of any other vessel

Facts about Priest Lakes

Priest Lake

Length	18.7 miles
Maximum width	4.5 miles
Shoreline length	72 miles
Lake surface area	23,300 acres
Lake volume	3,000,000 acre-feet
Maximum depth	369 feet
Mean depth	128 feet

The Thorofare

Length	2.7 miles
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Upper Priest Lake

Length	3.3 miles
Maximum width	1 mile
Shoreline length	8 miles
Lake surface area	1,338 acres
Lake volume	80,000 acre-feet
Maximum depth	112 feet
Mean depth	60 feet

Areas of Interest

1 Priest Lake Museum

The Priest Lake Museum is a great showcase of the numerous influences that forged this area including Native Americans, trappers, missionaries, miners, homesteaders, loggers, and businessmen. The building was built in 1935 and is a prime example handcrafted oil-treated tamarack (larch) log construction. The museum is housed on the west shore, 1/2-mile south of Luby Bay Campground and just north of Hill's Resort. Please visit <http://plmuseum.org/> or call 208-443-2676 to learn more about the museum.

2 Indian Rock Pictographs

Indian Rock is the site of pictographs that are believed to have been the artwork of the Kallispel tribe. They are classified as Eastern Plateau Style of prehistoric rock art which means they indicate the influence of Plains Indians on local tribes. The pictographs are located within the rocky point at the north end of Kallispell Bay. They should be viewed via boat as the area in the immediate vicinity is a sensitive anthropological and historical site.

3 Thorofare to Upper Priest Lake

The Thorofare is a 2-1/2 mile channel that links Priest Lake to Upper Priest Lake. The entire area along the channel is protected from development and offers many opportunities to observe wildlife above, beside, and below you. All watercraft traversing the Thorofare is restricted to "no wake" speed which makes this an ideal waterway for canoeists and kayakers. Enjoying the solitude and beauty of boating on the Thorofare is truly a unique nature adventure that should not be missed.

4 Vinther-Nelson Cabin

The Vinther-Nelson Cabin was built in 1897 by the Crenshaw brothers. The brothers lived in the cabin while they pursued their mining venture at the "Deer Trail Lode" mine, a short distance from the cabin. The cabin was sold a couple times and eventually was designated National Historic Site in 1982 and was donated to the United States Government. The cabin is open during the summer from 10 am until 3 pm on Wednesday through Sunday. It is located on the east side of Eightmile Island.

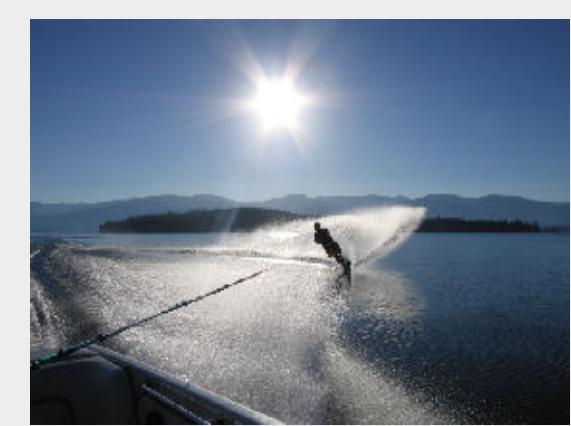


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Disclaimer

Some public launches require travel near private properties. Please make sure to not trespass on private lands and stay within public right-of-way while launching and parking.

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