

## Please Share Your Knowledge

The Coalition meets once a month on the first Wednesday and is working for the next year on inventorying access sites, identifying reaches and runs, developing a website, building a strong coalition, and creating a water trails plan. Contact us to be involved: [wchrcd@idahorcd.org](mailto:wchrcd@idahorcd.org) or 208.365.3533. Join the fun!

### \* Coalition Goals \*

To promote the water trails as a valuable resource for recreation, water safety, education and stewardship

To identify access and opportunities along the water trails such as: portages, launches, landings, campsites, services and points of interest

To promote respect for private property along the water trails to minimize disruption and disturbance

To identify and pursue ways the water trails can be economically beneficial to the region

To promote the water trails as a way to experience an active outdoor lifestyle

To encourage partnerships between governments, agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the public

To secure funding to provide facilities and improve access, safety education, and emergency response resources for both flatwater and whitewater boating opportunities

To maintain the Payette River Basin Water Trails Management Plan and secure funding to implement its goals

### Coalition Partners

- City of Cascade
- Boise National Forest
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Canyon County Parks
- City of Emmett
- City of Fruitland
- City of Horseshoe Bend
- City of McCall
- City of Payette
- Gem County
- ID Dept of Commerce-Tourism
- Idaho Dept of Fish & Game
- Idaho Dept of Parks & Recreation
- Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail Coalition
- Kelly's Whitewater Park
- Lower Payette River Heritage Byway Coalition
- National Park Service
- Payette County
- Payette National Forest
- Payette River Scenic Byway
- SWI RC&D
- Thunder Mountain Lines
- Valley County
- Valley County Parks & Recreation
- West Central Highlands RC&D
- Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway

## PAYETTE RIVER BASIN WATER TRAILS



The Payette River Basin covers over 3,000 square miles and includes the South Fork, Middle Fork, North Fork & Main Payette River and their tributaries. The River offers something for every kind of water enthusiast.

Famous for whitewater and world-class rapids, the Payette River can also be a serene place to paddle a canoe, a kayak, a stand-up paddleboard, or float tubes.





# PAYETTE RIVER BASIN WATER TRAILS

## \* What is a Water Trail? \*

Water Trails are boat routes suitable for canoes, rafts, paddleboards, & kayaks as well as motorized watercraft. Like pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle trails, water trails are recreational corridors between destinations.

Water trail amenities include access areas, boat launches, day-use sites, fishing accesses, and camping areas. Water trails serve as educational venues that create interactive experiences regarding the geology, pre-history, history, ecology and commerce of an area.

The Payette River Water Trails vary from short routes along river sections to loops around lakes; relaxing flatwater to intense rapids and whitewater.

Water trails are valuable assets to cities and counties, providing recreational and educational opportunities for both residents and visitors. Water trails also help people discover new perspectives about their waterways and their communities, raise awareness of watershed stewardship, and serve as economic engines through tourism and its associated hospitality industry.



A system of whitewater and flatwater trails on lakes, reservoirs and tributaries of the Payette River, stretching from pristine mountains to lush valleys, for people of all ages to explore, respect and enjoy.

