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2011 BUCKET LIST: TOP 5 ADVENTURES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Go To Hells Canyon – Drop down into the deepest river gorge in North America. [Hell's Canyon](#). Jet boat rides on this stretch of the Snake River are highly recommended for adventure seekers of every age. Hiking, horseback riding, rafting, fishing and many other forms of recreation are abundant.

Get Lost in the Frank Church "River of No Return Wilderness" – Included within the boundaries of the Salmon-Challis National Forest lies the 1.3 million acre [Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area](#), the largest wilderness area in the Continental United States. Rugged and remote, this stoney offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. Float the wild & scenic Salmon River or the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, travel on horseback to a back-country lodge or try your luck on a hunting or fishing excursion. Professional outfitters and guides offer trips of various lengths and interests into the wilderness area and trails are well marked for hiking.

Fish Like Hemingway – Ernest Hemingway spent quite a bit of time in the Sun Valley area, fishing and reveling in the surrounding beauty. The fishing areas around Sun Valley, Silver Creek, Copper Basin, the Big Lost and the Big and Little Wood Rivers, are still [popular fishing spots](#) today. Some consider Sun Valley the divine destination for fly-fishing, while the Snake, Clearwater, Salmon and many other rivers and alpine lakes are also teeming with fish just waiting to be caught. Many Idaho Outfitters and Guides specialize in fishing trips throughout Idaho or give it a go on your own.

Ride the Rapids – With over 3,000 miles of whitewater, Idaho offers adventure opportunities for everyone. Whether your taste runs from a white-knuckled roller coaster trip or a mellow scenic float, a river awaits you in the Gem State. All levels, abilities and time on the water can be accommodated. Choose anything from a half-day float on the Main Payetta River to a multi-day trip on one of the top 10 whitewater rivers in the world, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Don't you owe it to yourself to try something incredible and take advantage of the most plentiful [whitewater](#) in the United States?

Follow the Falls – When travelling through the State, seek out some of [Idaho's waterfalls](#) along the way. Tucked away on a mountain trail or dominating a canyon view, these waterfalls are each unique and impressive.

Eastern Idaho: A popular starting point for hikers, Cave Falls near Ashton is only 20 feet high but stretches 250 feet across the Falls River in the southwest corner of Yellowstone. Two of the most spectacular waterfalls in Idaho include 114-foot Upper Mesa Falls with its boatwalk and viewing platforms and the nearby 65-foot Lower Mesa Falls near Ashton, ID.

Northern Idaho: Moyle Falls near Bonners Ferry is a spectacular sight packed tightly within the canyon walls of the Moyle River. The Moyle Bridge hovers between the canyon walls, suspended 450 feet over the whitewater. Shadow Falls (25 ft.) and Fern Falls near Kingston, ID are on a tributary of Yellow Dog Creek and can be found by taking a short walk (100-200 yards) on a trail. They are best viewed in spring and early summer.

South-Central Idaho: At Thousand Springs near Hagerman, watch as springs thought to be the re-emergence of the Big Lost River erupt from rocky canyon walls and gush to the river below. More springs bubble up from below creating beautiful blue pools.

DEAL OF THE MONTH - BOGUS BASIN AND BOISE'S STAY & PLAY OFFER

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Boise area hotels have teamed up to offer this special [Stay & Play](#) offer for skiers. Buy one alpine or nordic ticket, get the second one FREE with an overnight stay at participating Boise area hotels. (Some restrictions may apply.)

Located just 16 miles north of city center, Bogus Basin Mountain is the perfect, affordable winter getaway for all ages. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, mention "Stay and Play" when making your reservation at a participating Boise hotel for special room rates, and to receive a voucher for each overnight guest to buy an Alpine lift ticket or Nordic trail pass and receive a second ticket/pass of equal or lesser value free. Solo travelers may also take advantage with a split day offer.

During the winter the mountain is a hub of activity with over 2,500 skiable acres for skiers and riders of all abilities levels, 35km of groomed Nordic day trails and 7km of solar-lit Nordic night trails, 3 day lodges with food service, lessons for ages 3+, childcare, equipment rental shop and more. Bogus Basin is open until 10pm most nights, providing a great after-hours recreational opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coeur d'Alene Polar Bear Plunge

January 1
Coeur d'Alene

Frozen Stones Challenge Highland Games

January 1
Shoshone Falls Park, 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Twin Falls

Great Polar Bear Challenge

January 1
Boise

Christmas at the Ranch

Through January 1
Crestwater Creek, 9:00am
Meridian

Coeur d'Alene Resort's Holiday Light Show and North Pole Cruise

Through January 2
Coeur d'Alene Resort,
Coeur d'Alene

Snowflake Walks at Craters of the Moon

January 2, 10:22 & 00
1:00PM-2:50PM, Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco

Silver Mountain's Jazzy Days Celebration

January 7
Silver Mountain, Kellogg

Inaugural Hukam Hasdorn Square Dance

January 7,
The Linen Building, 7-11pm
Boise

Wild West Winter Fest

January 7 - 9
Island Park

Free Ski/Snowshoe Day in Idaho State Parks

January 8
Modoc lakes and snowshoes will be able to use the pads and park-and-ride lots for free to access the trails from Priest Lake to Island Park; it's the 25th annual event. Entrance and all trail fees will be waived that day for everyone, as will park-and-ride parking permit fees, and some pads will host special events ranging from clinics to costume parties.

Paragut State Park will offer free Nordic lessons from 10 am to noon (bring your own equipment, meet at the Visitor Center), along with free cookies, coffee and park access. Priest Lake State Park will offer free snow-shoerly ski lessons, hot chocolate and coffee. Herman State Park will have free lessons all day and free rentals while supplies last, and Ponderosa State Park will offer snowshoe lessons and tours, Nordic ski lessons and free equipment rentals from 11am-2:30pm.

Winter Gardens aGlen

Through January 9
Idaho Botanical Gardens
Boise

40th Annual Snowshoe Softball Tournament

January 9-10 & 15-17 & 20-21
Highway 27 & Lucy Day Road,
Priest Lake, 888-774-3785

Sandpoint Winter Carnival

January 12-17
Sandpoint and surrounding area

Taste of Sandpoint

January 13, 2011
Sandpoint Business & Events Center, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Sandpoint

Schweitzer Lights Up the Night

January 18
Schweitzer Mountain, Sandpoint

Live At The Linen presents 2011 Broken Resolutions Ball

January 18
The Linen Building, 7-11PM
Boise

Winter Carnival

January 17

**GETAWAY OF THE MONTH -
LOG CABIN SKI PACKAGES**



Ever wanted to sit down remote hills and perfectly groomed runs in the

secluded wilderness and then, at the end of the day, return to a warm cabin and sit in front of a crackling fire? With our Schweitzer Ski Vacation package, you can do all of that and more. Begin your trip with a hearty country gourmet breakfast in the Grand Lodge at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch and then travel a few miles to Schweitzer Ski Resort, North Idaho and Sandpoint's premier ski facility.

After a long day of skiing, return to your Western Pleasure Guest Ranch secluded cabin and warm up by the fire. This all inclusive ski package includes two nights lodging for two in one of our cozy, log cabins, one day of skiing at Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort, a romantic horse drawn sleigh ride for two, and a hearty ranch breakfast served in the main lodge two mornings. \$370.00/Couple (does not include taxes)

Lakeout Pass Ski Area
Sandpoint

Rexburg Snowfest

January 23
11:00AM-4:00PM, Smith Park
Rexburg

JANUARY IS LEARN A SNOW SPORT MONTH!



Skiing, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing... there are lots of ways to enjoy winter! "Humans Were Never Meant to Hibernata" is the theme for this national effort to get children and adults outside this winter for fun and exercise on snow. Ski Idaho, with its 14 ski areas and ski destinations across the nation are gearing up to help you learn a snow sport this month. Idaho's ski resorts offer lessons and rentals and many will offer special discounts during January, making learning easy and fun! Visit www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org or www.visitidaho.org/newsletter to learn more about Idaho's winter offerings.

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