

8 miles up look left & down to see Blue Lake. Just ahead on the left there is a restroom that marks the start of the 1 mile trail, #119, to Blue Lake. It's an easy hike for kids. On your right is Potters Pond. Drive to the far side of the pond and park. Walk to the east side of the parking area to the small swale for an amazing view.

6 miles up the trees start thinning and you can see all of Round Valley to your left. Looking at the ridge line, you can see Tripod Peak to the south and the towers on top of Snowbank to the north.

Snowbank Road is a U.S. Forest Service Road which for its first 1-¼ miles crosses private land, so please respect the private property. It is 11 miles to the summit. There are 2 Forest Service roads that join #446; stay on the main, or mostly traveled, road. 4.5 miles up is the maintenance building. Although not open to the public in winter, this road is kept open all year because of the FAA radar facility located on top of the mountain.

Begin the tour driving south from downtown Cascade. Turn right on Cabarton Road (about ¼ mile north of where the RR tracks cross Hwy 55). Go 6 miles south to a right turn at Snowbank Road (USFS road #446). This road starts in the middle of the MacGregor Ranch buildings, interestingly located on the former town site of Cabarton. Cabarton was named for a mill owner named C. A. Barton.

This is the #1 trip for a reason. It will be the most inspirational and awesome 2 hours that you spend in the Cascade area. DO IT! You won't be disappointed. Snowbank is the highest peak in the West Mountain Range. It is a twin summit, with the east elevation at 8,122', the west at 8,322'.

1 - SNOWBANK MOUNTAIN
Elevation 8,322'
(Allow 2+ hours round trip)
(Open June 1 to November 15)

CASCADE IDAHO SIDE TRIPS

*The Roads Less Traveled
(Hot Springs Too!)*

Enjoy your time exploring Cascade, Long Valley, and the Boise National Forest



STAY HERE. PLAY HERE.

Lake Cascade Recreation Area



Eagle Nest (the mountain, not the subdivision) overlooks Lake Cascade and Tamarack Resort. At 5 miles up most of Valley County is visible. To return, go back the way you came, or continue on to Gold Fork Hot Springs, on the way back to Hwy 55. The first few miles are the steepest of these tours. Even still, 2 wheel drive will do just fine. The trip to Gold Fork Hot Springs makes the trip worthwhile.

From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right just north of town on Warm Lake Road. Go 5 miles, then turn left at the "Eagle Nest - Gold Fork River Road" sign.

2 - EAGLE NEST AND GOLD FORK HOT SPRINGS
Eagle Nest Elevation 7,646'
(You have to walk to get to the top)
(Thru trip to Gold Fork is 2 hours)

1.5 miles from the pass is the top of Snowbank, leveled for an FAA radar facility, along with many other towers & antennas. You might see the cow camp cabin to the west. Collier peak, elevation 7,982', is close by, just 2 miles northeast. You can see Cambridge about 30 miles northwest on the far side of the valley. Oregon is in the distance to the west and you can see all of Round Valley to the southeast. To the north, Tamarack ski runs are visible and Brundage Mountain to the far north.

At 9+ miles you go over the pass and can suddenly see into Oregon. STOP! If you hike for 5 minutes, about 200 yards up the ridge to the right; you will have scaled Granite Peak. Unbelievable wildflowers are all around the loosely defined trail. From here you can see the south end of Long Valley, the North Fork of the Payette River, Round Valley, Cambridge to the northwest, and the Tripod lookout tower to the south. It's about a 3 mile walk to Tripod - the trail runs along the ridge.

USING THIS BROCHURE

Estimated drive times assume that drivers will make brief stops at major points of interest. The drive time estimates do not allow for the ubiquitous opportunities for side trips. All routes are reasonably well maintained public roads.

TIPS

- Take drinking water and food
- Take a light jacket and binoculars
 - It gets colder when you go uphill
- Tread Lightly
 - Stay on established travel routes
 - Pack it in - Pack it out
 - Leave no trace

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Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.....	988
Emergency Services.....	911
Valley County Sheriff.....	208-382-5160
Idaho State Police.....	208-846-7500
Report a Wildfire.....	208-384-3400



From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 10 miles and turn left at the little "Gold Fk. LO." sign. There are yellow carsonite reflectors at the turnoff. The road swings left - then take the right fork, Forest Road #411 A, (the left fork is #411). It is 9 miles to the peak and the remnant foundation of the old lookout tower. 5 miles up there is a carsonite road marker that says #497 - ignore it, it's a USFS anomaly. Also, about half way up the road gets rough. 7-½ miles up there is a sign TR 115 which marks a tempting trail that forks right. This is not a full size vehicle trail, continue straight. The old lookout foundation and other buildings' foundations are still there. The view is breath-taking, Gold Fork is to the west, the Needles are to the north. After a view of the sights, return the way you came.

Gold Fork Lookout, formerly the site of a lookout tower, gives a wonderful view of Long Valley, Lake Cascade, and the Gold Fork Valley. High clearance vehicle recommended, 2 wheel drive is OK.

3 - GOLD FORK LOOKOUT
Elevation 7,790'
(Allow 1 hour round trip)

To return, go back the way you came, or continue north toward Gold Fork. There will be a couple of road markers on Forest Road #400 to give you some security. After you cross a major concrete bridge, turn left at the "T". Go 3 miles to Gold Fork Hot Springs. For more info, see the hot springs section. After Gold Fork, continue west for 6 miles (turn left at the bridge) to Hwy 55, then turn left to return to Cascade.

There is a sign 200 feet into the road that says "Eagle West - Gold Fork Road". The single track trail to the top of Eagle Nest is 7 miles up the road. This is a very popular mountain bike trail.

4 - EAST MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

Elevation 7,745'
(Allow 2+ hours round trip)

East Mountain, formerly the site of a lookout tower, gives a wonderful view of Round Valley, Long Valley, and generally the whole south half of Valley Country. From the top you can see Cascade, Lake Cascade, Tamarack, Round Valley, Horsethief Reservoir, and of course all the West Mountain peaks - Tripod, Snowbank, and Collier. There is also an ATV/motorcycle trail variant that is a fun ride.

Begin the tour by driving south from Cascade on Hwy 55. Go 7 miles to a left turn on Clear Creek Road. Clear Creek gets a bit tricky with its left & right turns and sometimes it goes where you least expect. After your 2nd left turn while on Clear Creek, take the next right (which takes you from pavement to gravel) and the next left, to stay on Clear Creek. If you miss the left & go straight for 1 mile, you will be back at Herrick Reservoir, a popular camping spot. If you took the correct turn, you will immediately see East Mountain Reservoir on your left. After the reservoir, continue on Clear Creek for 6 miles to a right turn on Forest Road #417H. It is about 7 miles up this logging road to the top. There are several junctions with other #417's - just keep going straight. About midway up, take the right fork which is #417F. At this junction you get a sample of the view, which is beautiful even from here.

At the summit there is a large open area with a foundation remnant of the lookout tower that burned in June 2002. The original tower was built of logs in 1914. From the summit there is an ATV and Motorcycle trail that follows the ridge going both north and south. This trail is called East Mountain Way. It is a challenging trail, but the trip is worth the trouble.

To return you may follow the same route back, or make it a loop. To loop, go back on the same road you came up and take the first left onto Forest Road #417. This road joins #417B. Stay on #417 to its junction with Clear Creek Road, then turn left toward home.

5 - WARM LAKE & BEYOND

(2 hours to a full day)

Explore Warm Lake Road (the lake is not warm) with options to see Eagle Nest, Horsethief Reservoir, North Lake Lodge, Snowshoe Cabin (site), the ghost town of Knox (site), Yellowpine, and Deadwood Reservoir.

From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road.
5 miles to the Eagle Nest turn off on the left (don't turn into the Eagle Nest Subdivision), **5.3 miles** to Horsethief Road on the right. Horsethief is a 300 acre reservoir, with an exclusive subdivision on the east, a YMCA camp, and public camping on the west.
16 miles to Porcupine Flat on the left.
17.5 miles to Big Creek Summit.
19+ miles to Clear Creek Road on the right, another scenic route to bring you back to Long Valley.

24 miles to South Fork Road on the left, which takes you north. It's about 3 miles to Knox - a ghost town that burned in 2007. South Fork Road continues north to Warren & Yellowpine.
26 miles to Forest Road #489 on the right, which leads to North Lake Lodge. The Billy Rice Swim Beach is a bit west of the Lodge.

Continuing up Warm Lake Road it is **8 miles** to #413, a.k.a. Johnson Creek Road, which goes north to Yellowpine, and on to Stibnite and the Thunder Mountain mining district.

Continuing up Warm Lake Road, just past the #413 junction, is Forest Road #579, a.k.a. Landmark Stanley Road, the road south. Deadwood Reservoir is **23 miles**. Continue straight when #579 turns into #555. This is the long way to Deadwood. There is a shorter, but more rugged, way from Crouch.

Continue straight on Warm Lake Road and it turns into Forest Road #447. This gets you to Snowshoe Cabin, which burned in 2007. Take the right turn on #447E and another right at the top of the hill to get to the cabin site. From here, there is an interesting 4x4 legal and fairly easy road going east into Frank Church Wilderness. This road accesses several old mines.

6 - STIBNITE & THUNDER MOUNTAIN

(Most of a full day)

Explore the former mining areas of Stibnite and Thunder Mountain. See Warm Lake and Beyond Tour for details on the Warm Lake area.

Leave Cascade, going north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Continue past Warm Lake 8 miles. Go left on Forest Road #413, a.k.a. Johnson Creek Road. 21 miles later you are in Yellowpine. Take the right fork, Forest Road #472 (which really goes straight) to Thunder Mountain and Stibnite. At this intersection, the left fork - country road #48, heads to Lick Creek Road in McCall. It is 49 miles to McCall. This road can be snow covered late in the spring. If you have the time, take the road to McCall. It is a good road and a very scenic drive. If you are continuing east, toward the mining areas, note that #472 changes to #412, then #375.

9 miles after Yellowpine, the terrain opens into a valley with mining remnants all around. The site of Stibnite is 2.5 miles further - take a right to turn to the town site. Stibnite has been 'restored' to sort of natural, but there are still lots of mining era remnants to explore. Don't miss the Cinnabar Mine, which is 3 more miles on #375 and to the north of the road.

Thunder Mountain is another 11 miles on #375. First going through a narrow canyon, then the terrain again opens into another valley with more mining remnants all around. This is the only way in or out. Explore the area. Return on #375.

7 - HOT SPRINGS TOUR

You've probably noticed that most of these tours start with "From Cascade, go North on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road". Warm Lake is just barely North of town, only ¼ mile north of the Payette River bridge. There are many other hot springs nearby, these are just the easiest ones to find.

7.1 - Gold Fork Hot Springs.....Elev. 5,000'
Temperature (warm to very hot)
This is a very nice commercially developed hot spring. From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55 for 12 miles. Turn right on Gold Fork Road. It's 6 miles form Hwy 55 to the commercially developed hot springs. Gold Fork is open noon to 9pm, closed Tuesday, and costs \$8. There are several mineral pools with varying water temperatures.

7.2 - Trail Creek Hot Spring.....Elev. 5,900'
Temperature 115 degrees F (very hot)
From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 19 miles to a large pullout on the right, 0.4 miles east of milepost 61. Follow a 60 yard path downhill to the canyon floor, then upstream on Trail Creek to the soaking pools. Does not appear on Forest Service maps.

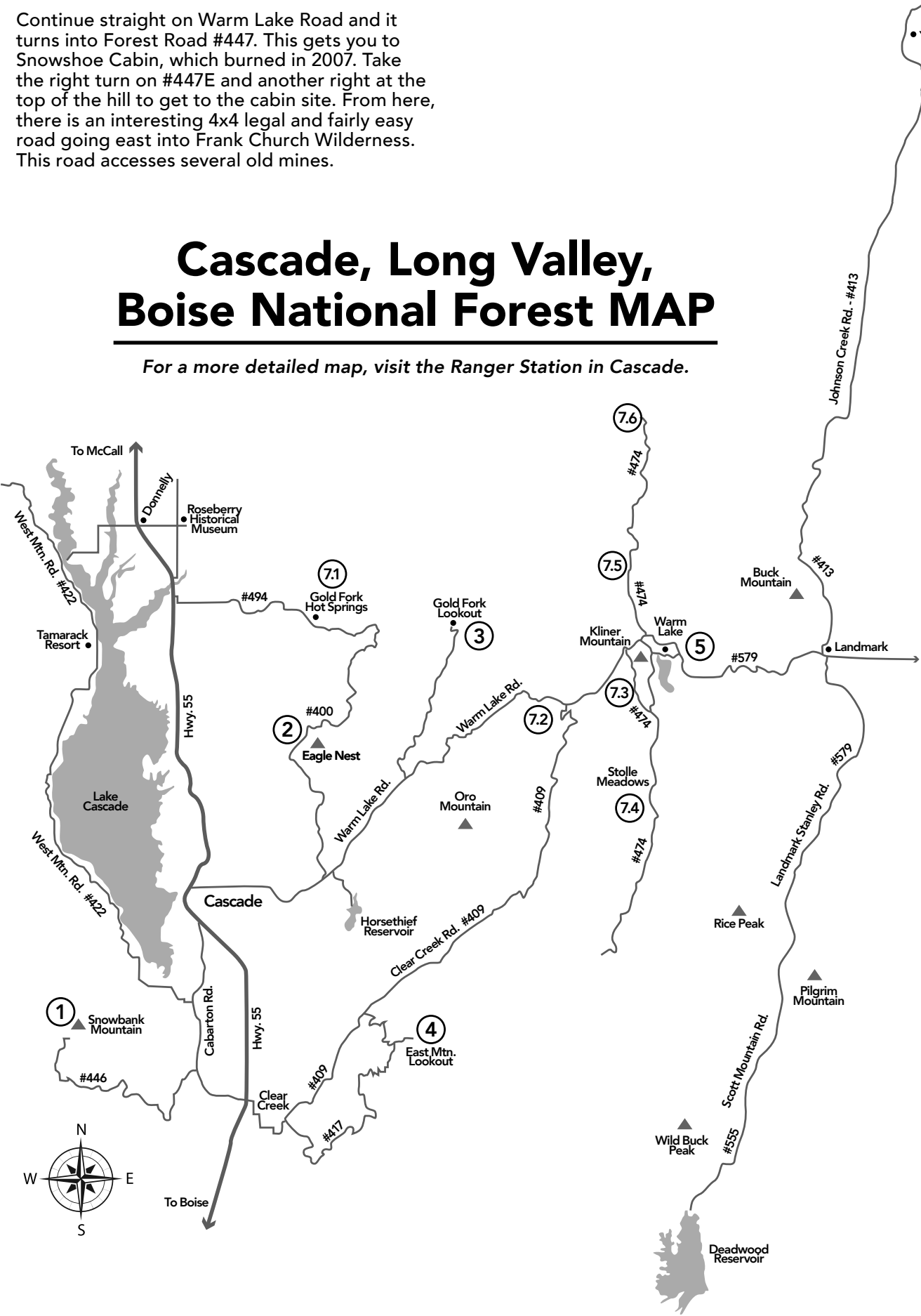
7.3 - Molly's Tubs.....Elev. 5,200'
Temperature 138 degrees F (scary hot!)
Sadly, the tubs were removed by the USFS after being trashed by the public. Very slow restoration may be going on. From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 23 miles to the sign that says Stolle Meadows & Juniper Mtn Base Camp - Forest Road #474 and turn right. Go 1.3 miles to a pullout on your right and follow a short path to the former tubs.

7.3- Molly's Hot Spring.....Elev. 5,300'
Temperature 120 degrees F (very, very hot)
From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 23 miles to the right at the sign that says Stolle Meadows & Juniper Mtn Base Camp, which is Forest Road #474. Go 1.9 miles to a junction with a closed to motor vehicles road to the right and park. Walk west on this road, it leads to the river. Just past the bridge, turn right on an overgrown path that goes downstream, then up a short slope to a pool. Does not appear on Forest Service maps.

7.4 - Vulcan Hot Springs.....Elev. 5,600'
Temperature 108 degrees F (hot)
From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 23 miles to the sign that says Stolle Meadows & Juniper Mtn Base Camp - Forest Road #474 and turn right. Go 6.5 miles, just beyond Stolle Meadows, and park near the vault toilet building. Trail Starts at the steel footbridge. After the second steel footbridge, take the left fork. It's about ¾ mile, total, to the hot springs. The water is near boiling at the source of the springs - use extreme caution.

7.5 - Penny Hot Springs.....Elev. 4,800'
From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 24 miles to Forest Road #474, a.k.a. South Fork Road (1.2 miles past the sign that says Stolle Meadows & Juniper Mtn Base Camp) and turn left just past the Nickel Creek sign near Penny Spring Campground. The road deteriorates to a path which curves north around a hill above the river, then drops sharply beside a cliff to the pools at the bottom. Does not appear on Forest Service Maps.

7.6 - Sixteen Mile Hot Springs.....Elev. 4,080'
From Cascade, go north on Hwy 55. Turn right on Warm Lake Road. Go 24 miles to left on Forest Road #474, a.k.a. South Fork Road (1.2 miles past the sign that says Stolle Meadows & Juniper Mtn Base Camp) and turn left. Go 16 miles and there will be a log post fence on the left marking the trail down to the 2 soaking ponds. Sixteen Mile Hot Springs is 1.5 miles from Poverty Flats Campground.



Cascade, Long Valley, Boise National Forest MAP

For a more detailed map, visit the Ranger Station in Cascade.