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AMBUSH WALK - 1878 Long Valley Massacre (2.9 miles round trip)

First - stop at the historical sign on Hwy 55, just south of the Ashley Inn, and read about the event.

Then, go north on Main Street. At the Idaho Power substation and just before crossing the North Fork Bridge, turn left on Lake Way. Go up the hill, to the top of the dam. After the restrooms, turn hard right on Vista Point Boulevard. Go about ¼ mile to a path on the left and up the hill for 100+ feet to the marker.

On August 19th, 1878, Monday, an Indian Valley resident, discovered his horses had been stolen, and found evidence that it had been done by Indians. Following the tracks for several miles he found the Indians were heading for the South Fork of the Salmon River by way of Long Valley. This little band of Indians were often in Indian Valley and were well acquainted with Monday, and with Healy (who was a Squaw-Man) and Smith. Grosclose was a young man probably not more than 20 years old. Monday, Healy, Smith and Grosclose left Indian Valley on August 19th, going by way of the old Indian trail to Long Valley on which the Indians had gone, which crosses the Payette-Weiser River Divide almost due east of Indian Valley. The Indians must have expected pursuit and as soon as they knew they were being followed selected an ideal place for an ambush. This is called the massacre, which took place at a point 1/4 mile north of the Falls (or Cascades) on the Payette River near the town of Cascade. The Indians had secreted themselves in some granite rocks near the trail. The first volley of shots killed Monday and Grosclose. Healy dismounted and got behind some rocks.

Smith, who was the last man on the trail, started back, but at almost the same time his mule was killed from under him and he was shot in the hip. Healy evidently held the attention of the Indians and allowed Smith to hide himself in a log jam on the river. After it was dark he left his hiding place and traveled on foot some 35 miles in all, reaching what is now Old Meadows a day or two later. Two other men, Daniel Crooks of Mt. Idaho, and Brady Wilhelm of Idaho City, miners, were killed the same day by the same Indians, eight miles east of Cascade at what was known as Pearsol Diggings. Soldiers under the command of Major Drum found their bodies after finding those of the three ranchers in the canyon.

The Idaho Sons & Daughters marked the graves of Monday, Healy and Grosclose in the year 1929, and at the same time placed a marker at the graves of Crooks and Wilhelm. The actual gravesite is downhill from the marker, below Vista Point Boulevard & above Lake Way.

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THE STRAND - Take a walk along the Payette

The Strand is a nice, 10+ foot wide, mostly natural surface that runs from **Fischer Pond Park** at the south, to **Water's Edge RV Park** at the north. The southerly ¾ mile is paved. The entire **Strand** is suitable for walking and bicycles, but it is not legal for motor vehicles. **The Strand** is also an interpretive trail. Be sure to pick up a brochure at either end of the trail, at **Kelly's Whitewater Park** or the intersection with the **Pine Street Connector**, and learn a bit about our local history.

Fischer Pond Park is a Cascade High School Advanced Biology Class project. From **Fischer Pond** it is 1.2 miles to **KWP**. When the pavement ends, **The Strand** passes by a settling pond from the old Boise Cascade sawmill. The sawmill area is currently being reclaimed, and in the middle of this stretch is **KWP**. From **KWP** it is another 1.2 miles to **Water's Edge RV Park**.

1/2 mile north of **KWP** is a junction with the **Pine Street Connector** - a trail that goes west to the east end of Pine Street. Adjacent to that path is the city storm drain settling pond, and then **Leisure Time RV Park**. In the river, opposite **Leisure Time** there are usually large flocks of birds, pelicans, swans, cranes, and ducks that frequent the area.

At the north end of **The Strand**, there is a well marked connector trail to the north end parking area. From there, the driveway goes west to **Sawyer Drive**.

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CROWN POINT TRAIL

5.6 miles roundtrip for just the trail, or ...
8.8 miles roundtrip from downtown Cascade

From Cascade, walk, bike or drive **Lake Cascade Parkway**, directly across Highway 55 from **The Ashley Inn**, to the lake, then go right on **Lake Shore Drive**. **Van Wyck State Park Campground** will be on your left. Cross the dam and continue straight to **Crown Point Campground**. The trail entrance is at the campground entrance. The parking area is small.

This trail offers views of **West Mountain, Lake Cascade** and **Tamarack Resort**. In early to mid-summer, snow-covered mountains contrast with the glittering lake.

Pine trees, sagebrush, and a combination of basalt rocks and decomposing granite line the trail. Strategically placed benches afford stunning views of the fourth-largest lake in Idaho.

You can follow the sandy railbed, which runs along the lake with easy access to the shore. The squawks of osprey and the tap-tap-tap of woodpeckers are often heard. Foxes also reside in the area and you might be treated to their calls. Soft sand on the trail serves as a perfect palette for local wildlife to imprint their paw prints. Wolf, cougar, deer, raccoons, badgers, and black bears travel this rail-trail. Interpretive signs along the trail expand on the flora and fauna in the area.

You'll pass through small basalt canyons and decomposing granite rock canyons. It is easy to imagine the old trains chugging through these narrow passageways.

At approximately the ¾ mile point, 100 yards before entering the first cut, look for a path to your right. Take it up the hill for 150 feet to an old road cut. Turn left another 150 feet. On your right will be the largest ponderosa pine in the area. It is 5 feet in diameter and 20 feet in circumference, at the base. If you're lucky you may see a pair of eagles perched at the top.

VARIANT: Continue past the tree on the footpath. This path terminates on **Shore Drive** and the **Crown Point Cemetery**. Follow the paved road back down the hill to the parking area for the **Crown Point Trail**.

There are numerous small bays on the latter half of the trail. During the early spring and late summer, beaches and boulder gardens emerge from the reservoir, being lowered for downstream irrigation.

Return the way you came and enjoy the scenery. In addition to hiking, visitors can enjoy boating and fishing. Consider staying the night at the campgrounds around **Lake Cascade**.

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CABARTON and LAKE CASCADE (9 miles roundtrip) Recommended - bike ride

From Cascade, walk or ride south on **Main Street** to a right turn on **Cabarton Road**. While cruising along **Cabarton**, note the RR tracks on the east side of the road. A tourist train runs weekends in the summer, from Cascade to **Smith's Ferry** and back. At 3¼ miles turn right on **West Mountain Road**. Just over one mile later, continue straight when **West Mountain** turns left and you will be on **Lakeshore Drive** with **Lake Cascade** on your left. You will pass by several State Park campgrounds - **Blue Heron** is the only one with a paved boat ramp until you get to the **City Boat Ramp** at **Lake Cascade Parkway**.

When the golf course is on your left, look north across the lake to where a ridge from the west seems to go into the lake. At the end of this ridge, look for the ski runs at **Tamarack**. At the golf clubhouse and the **Lakeside Restaurant**, note the large boat ramp & parking area for **Van Wyck State Park** & camping area to the north. Just to your right is **Lake Cascade Parkway**, which has a bike path on the south side. This is your route back to **Main Street** and the beginning of your trip.

Consider staying the night at the campgrounds around **Lake Cascade**.

VARIANT - Take a side trip. Check out the "South State Land Hike" in this brochure.

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KELLY'S WHITEWATER PARK (KWP)

From downtown, go south along **Main Street** to **Mill Street**. Go east on **Mill Street** by the **American Legion Post**. Behind the Legion is **Armstrong Park**, which is worth a look. Continue east on **Mill Street**, crossing the RR tracks. Follow the pavement south past the old Boise Cascade mill office building. When the pavement turns left, follow it. You will be walking into the **KWP** parking area.

Check out the Volleyball court, the horseshoe pits, and the bocce ball courts. The park at **KWP** is a great place to eat or just take a break. The **Welcome Center** has amphitheatre viewing of the whitewater action, and is available for weddings or other events. There are restrooms and a rotating museum area in the building that is maintained by community volunteers.

From **KWP** go north or south on **The Strand**, which is the path along the river, or return to town the way you came.

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LAKE CASCADE

Take a walk
Short walk to the lake - 2.5 miles

From downtown, walk north to **Lake Cascade Parkway** (across from the **Ashley Inn**). Take the bike path on the south side of the street to the boat ramp at **Van Wyck State Park**. From here, go right on **Lakeshore Drive** or go to the edge of the lake towards the dam (north). At the north end of **Van Wyck Park** you'll find a path that continues along the lake to the **Ridgeview Campground**. Cut thru the campground to **Lake Shore Drive** and continue on across the Dam to **Lake Way**.

Just across the dam, turn right on **Lake Way**, an old RR spur. This gets you to **Highway 55** where you can turn right to downtown, or cross the Highway to **The Strand**. To get to **The Strand**, cross Hwy 55, jig left then right on **Sawyer Drive** for ¼ mile and turn left into the driveway just past **Water's Edge RV Park**. This will take you to the north Strand parking area and then **The Strand**. Take **The Strand** past **Leisure Time** to the **Pine Street Connector** and turn west to get back to town.

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