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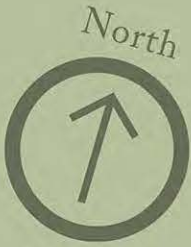


### Lucky Peak Lake Recreation Areas


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## Together Everyone Achieves More



Did you know that Lucky Peak Dam and Lake partners with dozens of organizations to meet shared recreation, flood risk management, and stewardship missions? With broad and varied team support, Lucky Peak Dam and Lake collaborates to deliver higher quality services to visitors, provide an integrated approach to natural resources stewardship, and offer a far greater value to the Nation in water management.

### Welcome

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would like to welcome you to the Lucky Peak Dam and Lake Project. Authorized for construction by the Flood Control Act of 1946, Lucky Peak Dam is a rolled earthfill dam that provides flood risk management, irrigation and recreation to the Boise area. Construction of the dam began in 1949 and was completed and dedicated in 1955. Since completion, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has managed the dam and the land immediately surrounding the reservoir with missions directed at flood control, natural resources management, irrigation and recreation.

Serving more than 800,000 visitors each year, we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable recreational environment that meets public needs while also balancing resource protection and environmental stewardship. Our goal is to manage resources in a way that serves the most appropriate and desired recreational opportunities in a sustainable manner which is a challenge, but also a joy. With a footprint reaching close to 8,000 acres of public lands and water, Lucky Peak strives to deliver the recreational opportunities we can with excellence.

- Ada County Parks and Waterways provides and maintains over 500 recreational boating docks around the lake, including those at launch ramps and over 80 boat-in recreation sites.
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation operates under lease Spring Shores Marina and Sandy Point, as part of Lucky Peak State Park - consistently the second most visited state park in Idaho.
- Idaho Fish and Game manages nearly 4,000 acres of Corps lands as part of the Boise River Wildlife Management Area, Idaho's premier winter ranger for mule deer and elk.
- The Bureau of Reclamation constructed two other major dams on the Boise River and closely coordinates with the Corps to manage 1,000,000 acre feet of irrigation water and provide flood risk management.
- Lucky Peak Power Plant produces up to 101 megawatts of electricity from Lucky Peak Dam water releases -enough to power over 100,000 homes.
- Dozens of other partnerships help create opportunities for improved water safety programs, environmental outreach, emergency management, professional training, and special recreational events of regional significance. Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts.

## Boating

Visitors seeking motorized water-based recreation can use one of the several boat launch ramps available around Lucky Peak - Barclay Bay, Turner Gulch, Spring Shores and Robie Creek. Spring Shores Marina has a fueling station open between May and September. There are also close to 100 boat docks accessible when the lake is near full-pool, that are dedicated and equipped either for short day-use stays or overnight camping trips on a first come first serve basis.

Know before you go! Check and make sure you have all the required safety equipment for your vessel by visiting the IDPR My Boat page at: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating>

### Find A Life Jacket Near You:

- Barclay Bay
- Macks Creek Campground
- Turner Gulch
- Spring Shores Marina
- Sandy Point
- Discovery Park
- Robie Creek Park

## Safety First

- Keep a proper lookout. Collisions with other vessels and underwater objects are the leading cause of accidents.
- Don't just pack it, **WEAR** your life jacket. 80 percent of victims could have lived if they had simply worn theirs.
- Leave the alcohol at home. Most boating deaths result from capsizing or falling overboard. Alcohol in your system doubles the effect of cold water, and reduces your ability to breathe and swim to safety.
- Know who has the right of way. Just as there are traffic rules on our roads, there are rules on the water.
- Keep a sharp edge by staying knowledgeable. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Boise State University sponsor boater education courses which can be found at: <https://idpr.idaho.gov/reced>. Successful completion and use of what you have learned in a boater education course may not only make you safer, but may make you eligible for a rate reduction on your boat insurance.

## Camping

Macks Creek Campground is a road-accessible primitive campground offering tent and RV sites. Campsites at Macks Creek must be reserved through Recreation.gov (online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or over the phone at 1-877-444-6777) and are available May 15th through September 15th. Close to 80 other primitive campsites are available by boat-in access only and are available on a first-come-first serve basis.

In order to ensure our facilities remain clean, safe and enjoyable, please abide by some campground basics:

- Quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily
- Fires in designated facilities only
- Pets on leash at all times
- Pack-It-In-Pack-It-Out; keep your area clear of trash
- Maximum 3-day stay without reservation

Keep up to date with Lucky Peak news on our Facebook Page!



## Wildlife

Keep your eyes peeled for the diverse wildlife populations that call the Lucky Peak area home.

A few commonly sighted species may include: coyotes, bobcats, yellow-bellied marmots, porcupines, beavers, antelope, a variety of hawks, golden and bald eagles, great blue herons, killdeer, and many others!



## Personal Watercraft (PWC) Riders

- Your PWC is officially a power boat and is subject to the same requirements for registration, right-of-way rules, and laws as all other power boats.
- Each person riding on or being towed behind a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket that is impact rated for the maximum speed of the PWC.
- It is illegal to operate a PWC between sunset and sunrise or during periods of restricted visibility (such as fog) unless the PWC comes equipped by the manufacturer with navigation lights.
- Water skiing requires a third person to act as a lookout and hold up the skier-down flag. Never carry more than the maximum passengers specified for your watercraft.
- Jumping the wake of a passing boat while close to the boat or operating close enough to splash swimmers or other vessels creates special risk and is prohibited in Idaho.
- As of July 1, 1996, all vessels need to slow to produce no wake within 100 feet of any dock, swimmer, or other person in the water on all Idaho waters.
- Know local ordinances. Common restrictions vary by state or municipality.

## Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP) Riders

When used outside of designated swimming areas, your SUP is considered a vessel and is subject to required safety equipment and all applicable boating laws and regulations.

Legally required gear:

- Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board
- Noise making device
- Invasive Species sticker
- Navigation lights when used between sunset and sunrise - this may be a flashlight or headlamp with a white light.

For more boating safety information and where to find boating safety courses contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation at (208)334-4199 or 1-800-336-BOAT.

*Enjoy yourself and please remember that your observance of the safety rules will make a more pleasant and enjoyable experience - one to remember, not regret for you and for others.*



## Kestrel Banding Program

Lucky Peak is focused on conservation of wildlife habitat and improvements to encourage strong wildlife diversity in our area.



The American Kestrel is North America's most colorful and smallest falcon known for their hovering flight pattern while hunting. Unfortunately Kestrel populations have declined by nearly half over the last 45 years with little understanding as to why. Many conservation programs have since been launched to study the reasons behind the decline and support the remaining populations of these small raptors. In 2012, Lucky Peak joined those efforts and constructed 29 Kestrel nest boxes and placed them all around the Lucky Peak reservoir.

Park Rangers and volunteers monitor the Kestrel nest boxes and leg-band the chicks in order to learn more about the species survival and dispersal.

The opportunities to encourage conservation efforts does not stop there. Programs like Kestrel banding allow Park Rangers to connect the public to unique up-close participation in conservation programs. One such way that this is achieved is through collaborative programs like The New Roots program that strives to introduce and connect underserved youth with nature and conservation efforts in the Boise area. Every year, children participating in this unique program are welcomed to Lucky Peak and given an up-close view of how conservation research works.

## Foote House

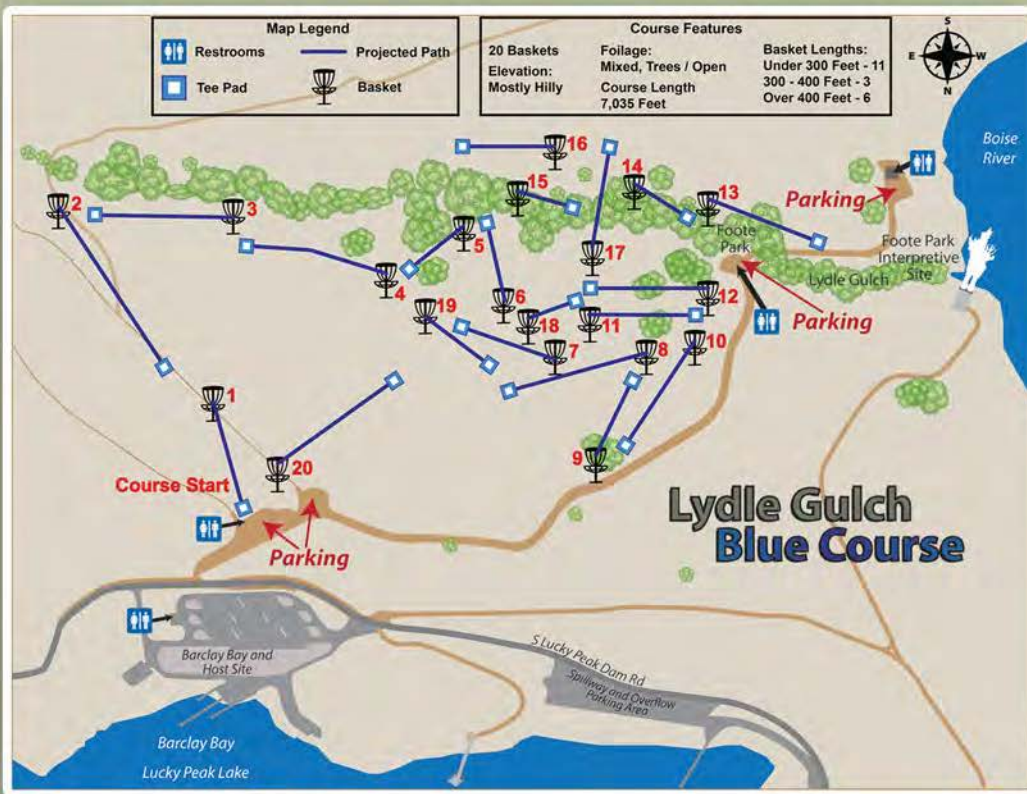
Arthur De Wint Foote (1849-1933) and Mary Hallock Foote (1847-1938) were two prominent historical figures of the Boise area and residents of the Canyon House.

Arthur De Wint Foote was an entrepreneur who brought significant engineering innovations to the American West and was the original developer of irrigation plans for the Treasure Valley. The New York Canal was completed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in 1909 and credited to Mr. Foote's designs.



Mary Hallock Foote was a wife, mother, novelist, illustrator and interpreter of the American West. Her illustrations for key literary figures prominent in her time such as Hawthorne, Whittier, Longfellow and Louisa May Alcott made her a nationally known artist.

The Canyon House was designed and built by Arthur DeWint Foote in 1885 using native materials. Today only the foundation remains but more can be learned about these two influential figures by visiting the Foote Park Center near Lucky Peak Dam.



## Disc Golf

The Lydle Gulch Blue Course is a full length intermediate course with some areas of trees and shrub obstacles amongst open areas. The lower, Lydle Gulch Gold Course is a full length advanced course with elevation and hole lengths as major challenges.

### Blue Course Features

#Holes: 20  
 Elevation: Mostly Hilly  
 Foliage: Mixed—Trees/Open  
 Course Length: 7,035 feet  
 Hole Length:  
 Under 300ft: 11  
 300 - 400ft: 3  
 Over 400ft: 6

### Gold Course Features

#Holes: 20  
 Elevation: All Hilly  
 Foliage: Sparce  
 Course Length: 7,998 feet  
 Hole Length:  
 Under 300ft: 7  
 300 - 400ft: 7  
 Over 400ft: 6



# Notice to Visitors

This public land is provided for safe and healthful recreation use by the visiting public. All visitors are welcome to enjoy this area under the provisions of applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Camping, picnicking, hiking, boating and swimming are allowed within the specific posted rules governing the use of these Federal lands.

*Prohibited uses or activities include, but are not limited to:*

- Defacement of any federal property or natural features
- Littering and discharge of contaminants or sewage
- Fires in undesignated areas
- Use of any vehicle off authorized roadways
- Operation of watercraft without regard to posted regulations
- Use of any firearm or lethal weapon outside designated areas
- Unrestrained pets or domestic animals

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the Secretary of the Army in 36 CFR, Part 327, will be cited and referred to the U.S. Magistrate in accordance with Section 234 of the Flood Control Act of 1970.

A complete copy of 36 CFR, Part 327, is available at the Corps of Engineers Project Office.

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