



SELF-GUIDED HISTORICAL TOUR

The Wood River Trail System was built on a corridor of history—from Wood River Valley’s mining heritage of the 1880s, to the sheep ranchers who drove their bands through this corridor in the 1930s, to the years of Union Pacific Railroad’s ski trains in the ‘50s and ‘60s. In the mid-’70s planning for rails-to-trails conversion began. Interpretive signs along the way keep this history alive along the trail; those that are already installed are so labeled. Others are available for sponsorship.

- 1 ADAMS GULCH Interpretive Sign** - Tells how Sun Valley and Bald Mountain became a world-class ski resort.
- 2 KETCHUM DEPOT Interpretive Sign** - The very spot where UPRR chair Averell Harriman got out of his private rail car for the first time, donned a pair of wooden skis and trekked through fresh powder into what was then the Brass Ranch. *(Designed by the Community School students)*
- 3 THE PHILADELPHIA SMELTER** Near the confluence of Warm Springs Creek and the Big Wood River stood the Philadelphia Smelter. Built on 400 acres of land in 1881, the smelter was a processing plant for silver and consisted of four furnaces, charcoal kilns, boarding houses and administrative buildings. It was here where Idaho’s first electric lights were turned on. Following the decline of mining, the smelter closed permanently in 1893.
- 4 TIMBER TRESTLE BRIDGE Interpretive Sign** - This bridge, which crosses Trail Creek, at one time was the oldest bridge in Idaho (built in 1883). In 1994, the bridge was rebuilt as part of the rails-to-trails conversion for recreational use.
- 5 RANCHES** - In the area east of the Wood River and south of Ketchum, several working stock ranches and small hay farms operated in the early 1900s: the Farlun, Coy/Reinheimer, and Lane Ranches. Memories of this way of life are preserved at the Reinheimer Ranch, where a private park foundation and land trust was established in 1976.
- 6 TRIUMPH TRAM LINE** - In 1926 a tram line was constructed from the Triumph Mine complex in East Fork Canyon. The line ran west through Elkhorn Gulch, across Highway 75 to a lower rail terminal south of the Ketchum Depot. During the 1950s, the tram line was dismantled and hauled to Salt Lake City.
- 7 THE PEGRAM RAILROAD BRIDGES Interpretive Signs** - The 208-foot Cold Springs bridge south of Ketchum and the 217-foot Gimlet bridge south of East Fork are two of the country’s last remaining engineering legacies developed and patented by George Pegram. There are only ten of these bridges surviving in the United States, seven of which are located in Idaho.

8 COLD SPRINGS RANCH

Interpretive Sign - Near the end of the mining era the first bands of sheep from the Snake River Basin were trailed along this route through the Wood River Valley over Galena Summit to summer pastures in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin. Basque herders passed through here on what used to be the Cold Springs Ranch. Portions of this well-worn trail, still used today, can be seen on the hillside to the west.

9 BOXCAR BEND Interpretive Sign

- Named for Union Pacific boxcars which were lowered into the river in 1965 and filled with large boulders, this site is a popular fishing access point.

10 EAST FORK MINES

Interpretive Sign - Of the three mines operating out East Fork Canyon between 1936 and 1957, the Triumph Mine was the greatest producer, bringing in over \$20 million dollars. South of East Fork Road was the townsite of Gimlet, which by 1882 sported four houses, a post office and a saloon.

11 ZINC SPUR

- A drop-off point for the Oregon Short Line Railroad was a small terminus at Zinc Spur located west of the Hiawatha canal and north of Indian Creek. At this site, a foundry was built where galena, not zinc, was processed and loaded onto rail cars.

12 HAILEY DEPOT Interpretive Sign

- At the turn of the century, Hailey functioned as an important trade center for the mining and livestock industries. Between Croy and Walnut Streets, a depot stood along the tracks that connected Shoshone to Ketchum. *(Designed by the Community School students)*

13 NORTH BELLEVUE

- Mineral explorations along the foothills, side canyons, and tributary valleys of the Wood River caused great excitement beginning in 1878. Mining extended from Ketchum to Bellevue including (just west of here) the Mineral Hill District, home of the Minnie Moore, Bullion, and Croesus Mines.

14 BELLEVUE

- Once a lively camp of tents, wagons and willow shanties, this hamlet grew into one of Idaho’s only chartered cities in 1883 while under territorial government. The Bellevue Depot was located where Second Street becomes a gravel road at the south end of Bellevue.

WOOD RIVER TRAIL

- HWY 75 and Other Roads/ Carretera 75 y otras
- PAVED PATHWAY/ Camino asfaltado/ Wood River Trail
- Designated Parking Area/ Estacionamiento
- Restroom/Baños
- Water/Agua
- PUBLIC ACCESS (To Big Wood River) ACCESO PÚBLICO (al Río Big Wood)
- PUBLIC ACCESS (To National Forest or BLM) ACCESO PÚBLICO (al Basque Nacional o BLM)
- BUS STOP/PARADA DE AUTOBÚS (Mountain Rides) 788-RIDE
- Emergency Phone (Greenhorn Fire Station) Teléfono de Emergencia (Estación de Bomberos)
- Hospital/Hospital

SHARE THE TRAIL

- Please be respectful of other users, regardless of their mode, speed or level of skill.
- Don't block the trail. Keep right except to pass.
- Slower traffic has the right-of-way.
- Don't spook the horses! Slow down, speak to them when passing.
- Bikers - yield to traffic when crossing trails and roads. Anticipate traffic on curves and intersections. Yield to pedestrians and equestrians.

- Give advance notice before passing - use voice or bell.
- Helmets save lives! Please wear one.
- Control your dog or keep on a leash. Dog owners are responsible for removing pet waste and disposing of bags properly.
- Control your speed, know your limit - ride within it!

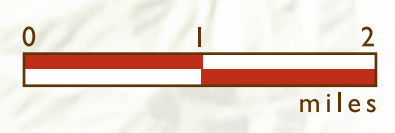
- Sea respetuoso de otras personas sin importar su modo de transporte, su velocidad, o su habilidad.
- No bloquee el camino. Manténgase a la derecha, al menos que este pasando a otros.
- El derecho del camino lo tienen los que van más despacio.
- No asuste a los caballos. Baje su velocidad y hábleles al pasar.
- Bicicletas - Ceda el camino a otros al cruzar las carreteras. Anticipe el tráfico en las curvas del camino y en las intersecciones.

Ceda el camino a peatones y personas a caballo.

- Use señales antes de pasar - use su voz o un timbre.
- ¡Los Cascos salvan vidas! Favor de ponerse uno.
- Controle su perro, manténgalo con la correa. Los dueños de perros son responsables de recoger sus residuos del camino y tirarlos a la basura.
- ¡Controle su velocidad, sepa sus límites, y no los exceda!

COMPARTE EL CAMINO

BELLEVUE



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Wood River Trail (WRT) is truly BCRD'S shining star. Imagined by a group of visionary citizens and realized by the BCRD the WRT is now 32 miles of year round trails connecting Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley. The trail system connects our community, our history and our visitors through running, biking, fishing and skiing as it helps to enhance our quality of life here in the Wood River Valley.

The WRT is just one example of the BCRD's mission to ensure that all Wood River Valley residents and visitors have access to quality, affordable recreation, always. The BCRD touches the lives of so many through recreation in so many ways. From our Aquatic Center, to our Sports and Activities to Galena and the Trails to the HUB Youth Center, we strive to honor our strong tradition of improving the quality of recreation while working to meet the needs of our growing community.

BIKE & WALK TOURS

Experience the Wood River Trail. The trail is accessible from numerous locations. Use this map on your self-guided tours. For more information call 578-BCRD.

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to enhancing Blaine County's quality of life by creating healthy, active recreational opportunities for all.

Find out how you can help us fulfill our mission at the BCRD.
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