

OFF-ROAD RIDING



If you're looking for a place to take out your ATV, UTV or dirt bike, look no further than McCall, Idaho. With diverse terrain and hundreds of miles of roads, it's the ideal place to get "off the beaten path."



PRO TIP:

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From climbing to stunning vantage points like Brundage and No Business Lookout or winding along the river to Yellow Pine, a scenic back road is easy to access.

HERE ARE 3 GREAT RIDES TO GET YOU STARTED

KIMBERLY MINE

Looking for a great day trip? We recommend the Kimberly Mine ride. The mine is in the Marshall Lake mining district and sits at an elevation of 7,300 feet near the head of Bear Creek on an alpine lake. The mine got its start in 1900 when "The Jewel Group" staked a claim and mined free-milling gold ore using a two-stamp mill. The mine was in operation until 1966, changing ownership many times. Today, several old buildings can be seen and the stunning scenery is well worth the trip!

Access this site via Forest Service road 25150 then Forest Service road 50318. If using a GPS or topo, know that Kimberly Mine does not come up in the search, but Marshall Mountain will. Follow route 50318 a couple miles north of Marshall Mountain turn off (road 50338 – Canada Saddle Road), and the road to Kimberly Mine will be on the right.

While in the area, hit up another popular destination including California Lake, War Eagle Mountain and Lookout, Burgdorf Hot Springs, and Carey Dome.



ROOSEVELT LAKE

In the early 1900s, the city of Roosevelt, located on Thunder Mountain, was part of one of the largest gold rushes in the country. In 1902, the town boasted a newspaper, two general stores, brothels, a dozen saloons and a post office where more than 5,000 area residents received their mail. One resident described Roosevelt as "a log town with one street and no society."

On May 30, 1909 volcanic ash soaked with water began slowly sliding down the unstable mountainside toward Roosevelt.

Many residents were unconcerned with the landslide. As the water started to rise, most did not have time to get all of their possessions out. Two days after the initial slide, the blocked Monumental Creek flooded the town forever and created Roosevelt Lake.

It is said that many residents would go to "fish" in the new lake for their belongings. One story tells of a piano being moved out of a second story window onto a raft. The piano was then moved to higher ground and eventually sold to the Yellow Pine school where it still resides today. For 20 years following the landslide, whole buildings floated around the lake.

Roosevelt Lake is located 18 miles from Stibnite, Idaho. From the town of Stibnite, head northeast on NF-375. Cars are able to make the trip, but ATVs and UTVs also share the road and offer a faster way to access the Roosevelt Lake trail. After traveling 18 miles along NF-375 you will see a trailhead and "River of No Return Wilderness" sign. From here, the hike to Roosevelt Lake is about 1 mile. On a clear day, you can still observe the outlines of buildings and cabins beneath the water and find logs and boards floating at the edge of the lake.



LUCILE TO KIRKWOOD RANCH

A scenic day trip is to the historic Kirkwood Ranch on the Snake River north of McCall.

The road descends through beautiful forest which turns to sage covered open (and steep) hillsides with gorgeous views of Hells Canyon below. The road gets narrow and a little rocky in spots as you get closer to Kirkwood so take it slow and easy. The rocky canyon walls are stunning as you approach the end of the old jeep road where you will find a gate with a sign welcoming visitors. A short and gorgeous 1/4 mile hike will take visitors to Kirkwood Ranch along a trail that follows Kirkwood Creek to the Snake River. Enjoy your lunch at the ranch and visit the museum full of historical artifacts while there.

To access, start from Lucile, Idaho on the Salmon River (about an hour north of McCall on Highway 95) and head west from Lucile up Cow Creek Road (NF-242) to Cow Creek Saddle. Then take the 420 to the fork in road just after the cattle guard where you will take a left to head on down to Kirkwood Ranch.

It is 12 miles from Lucile to Kirkwood Ranch – the road is a 2 lane (mostly) gravel road between Lucile and Cow Creek Saddle and then turns to single lane old jeep road a mile past or so.

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