

FAMILY FUN



Parents hear it from their kids all the time, EVEN in a fun-filled place like McCall.

"I'm bored..."

When your favorite go-to activities start to feel routine, why not try one of these easy kid-friendly outings for a colorful change of pace?

PRO TIP:

MANY RECREATION AREAS ARE OUT OF CELL RANGE. DOWNLOAD MAPS, DIRECTIONS AND GUIDES BEFORE SETTING OUT ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

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SCENIC TOURS

Kick back and enjoy the scenic sites on a tour for the whole family. From lake cruises to chairlift rides, some of the best ways to see the sights around McCall are the most relaxing!

CHAIRLIFT RIDES

Catch a ride to the top of Brundage Mountain Resort or Tamarack Resort and soak in the scenery. Once on top, explore the view at your leisure.

SCENIC LAKE CRUISE

Hop aboard the *Idaho* and take a leisurely 90-minute cruise around Payette Lake. Sit on the top deck and enjoy the fresh mountain air while your captain regales you with history and points of interest along the way.

PARKS

From Ponderosa State Park to the Harshman Skate Park, the iconic “Bearing Wall” at Art Robert’s Park to the splash fountain at Legacy Park, our community spaces highlight the best of McCall. Pack a picnic or grab some take-out from one of the local restaurants and settle in for an afternoon of fun. Most of our area parks are well known, but here are two that may offer a new way to enjoy the great outdoors:

DAVIS BEACH

This quiet beach area is a favorite with families and a perfect place to dip your toes in Payette Lake.

WILDHORSE PARK

McCall’s newest park and first sensory trail! Wild Horse Park is a small neighborhood pocket park featuring a native plant garden, wildlife habitat trees, and firewise landscaping. A great place to relax in the shade and take in all things wild.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Get back to your western roots with a guided horseback ride through Idaho’s mountains. Knowledgeable guides and gentle horses at Ya-Hoo Corrals make this adventure perfect for families. Half day rides, 1.5 hour rides, private rides or an evening ride with delicious BBQ dinner await!

FORAGING

Forest to table! From morels to huckleberries, find delicious varieties of foraged delights and add flavor to your adventures.

MOREL FORAGING

Morels like springtime conditions, but with the variable weather in McCall’s mountains, a few can still be found in the summer months.

1. Stay on the sunny side of the mountain. These little gems often pop up on south-facing slopes first since the sun warms the soil earlier than other areas. As the season progresses, you can wander toward north-facing slopes.
2. Morels love trees. While these mushrooms often grow wherever the wind blows them, you can usually rely on finding a few beneath the shelter of trees, along the edge of forested areas. And don’t discount dead or dying trees – they can often be a haven for Morels.
3. Keep soil types in mind when scouting for these mushrooms. Morels like loamy soil that is well-drained. They often thrive in disturbed ground such as that found in burn sites or logging areas.



HUCKLEBERRY PICKING

The unofficial mascot of summer and officially our favorite summer food! Depending on the elevation and weather, huckleberries will start showing up in July.

1. Bring a hands-free container. A small bucket or basket that can be tied through your belt loops is a great option.
2. Wear long pants and a long-sleeve shirt. This will help protect you against the brush on the forest floor as well as give you an added layer of protection against mosquitoes. Bug spray is also a good idea!
3. Pack a water bottle. Aside from needing a drink you may also want a bit of extra water to wash off your hands after a day of picking!
4. Huckleberries are a favorite food of bears. While it is rare for a bear to attack, be sure to make some noise as you work your way through a patch and always carry a canister of bear spray just in case!