Environmental Education Programs

Several Idaho State Parks offer environmental education presentations for school groups designed to complement the school curriculum. The subject matter varies with the resources of the park. Please contact the park at least two weeks in advance to schedule a program.

Massacre Rocks State Park
Subject matter: Oregon/California Trail. Presentation consists of a 45-minute program with a Ranger in historical period clothing (Either as a mountain man, or an 1850’s emigrant). Park history, Geological history, Park Flora & Fauna Contact information: Massacre Rocks State Park, 208-548-2672, mas@idpr.idaho.gov

Three Island Crossing State Park
Subject matter: the Oregon Trail. Contact information: Office Specialist, 208-366-2394

Land of the Yankee Fork State Park
Subject matter: mining history, Native American bison hunting. Contact information: Park Manager Rick Thompson at 208-879-5244.

Lake Cascade State Park
Subject matter available: If teachers have an objective in mind we will try to accommodate them. Contact information: Lake Cascade State Park Manager, 208-382-6544.
Thousand Springs State Park

Malad Gorge - Subject matter: Geology, hydrology, Idaho History, rare plants, grazing, electricity.

Coeur d’Alene’s Old Mission State Park

Subject matter includes the Oldest Standing Building in Idaho, Cataldo Mission, built by Coeur d’Alene Tribe members and Jesuit Priests. Other subject matter includes Coeur d’Alene Tribe, early Jesuit Missions in Idaho, early mining, early railroad history, steamboats on the CdA River, Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes, and local wildlife. Contact Information: Coeur d’Alene’s Old Mission State Park, 208.682.3814, old@idpr.idaho.gov

Heyburn State Park

Subject matter includes The Civilian Conservation Corps, tree and plant identification, wetland ecology, animals of the park, fire ecology, and the rich history of Heyburn State Park. Contact information: Park Ranger Beth Simanek at beth.simanek@idpr.idaho.gov or 208-686-1308.

Castle Rocks State Park

Subject matter: Geology, California Trail History, pre-history and archaeology, wildlife (including animal furs), wildflowers, freshwater ecology. Depending on class size, schedule needs, and staffing availability, field trips can include guided hikes, hands-on activities, or experiential activities such as fishing or snowshoeing. Contact: Kate Yeater, Visitor Services Ranger at 208-824-5916 or kate_yeater@partner.nps.gov.