

Welcome to Schaefer Cabin!

This area is renowned as Northern Idaho's Crown Jewel. We hope you have an enjoyable stay. If you have any questions or comments please contact on of our friendly park staff members.

Priest Lake State Park lies just 30 miles south from the Canadian Border, nestled deep below the crest of the Selkirk Mountains. Surrounded by the natural beauty of Northern Idaho and mile-high mountains, Priest Lak State Park sits along the eastern shores of Priest Lake, a 19 mile long, over 300 hundred feet deep lake.

Visitors to the park will enjoy the dense forests of cedar, fir and tamarack and will be able to observe the park's year round inhabitants such as the white-tailed deer, black bear, moose and bald eagles. The main body of Priest Lake extends north south for 19 miles. A two-mile thoroughfare connect the main lake the remote Upper Priest Lake that is accessible only by hike, mountain bike or boat.

For emergencies: Police, Medical and Ambulance call 911

Local Hospitals: Newport, WA Community Hospital

Emergency Department (509) 447-9353

Bonner ID General Hospital

Emergency Department (208) 265-1020

To contact staff after hours: Please see camp hosts



Schaefer Cabin Rules

- **No pets allowed**
- **Please park one row of cars straight ahead and any overflow vehicles or trailers in the loop near camp hosts**
- **No open flame or smoking in the cabin**
- **Boats/Personal watercraft—tie to the dock**
- **Fires are allowed only in the designated fire ring**
- **Please do not use living/ green wood for your fire**
- **No chainsaw use**
- **All tents should remain on designated tent pad beside Schaefer cabin**
- **Please turn off heat when leaving**
- **You are responsible for cleaning the cabin at your departure; this includes sweeping floors, wiping down surfaces, the bathroom, clearing out the fridge and wiping down shelves if needed, washing your dishes and coffee pot, and placing all trash inside the designated receptacle.**

Check out time is 12pm



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Cleaning Supplies

Broom / Dustpan / Spray mop / Bucket / Disinfectant / Cleanser / Spray bottles / Sponge

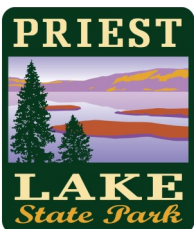
Cleaning Guidelines

Cabin

- **Disinfect and wipe refrigerator inside and out**
- **Disinfect and wipe microwave inside and out**
- **Disinfect and wipe off table and counter tops**
- **Disinfect and wipe stove, inside and out and top**
- **Disinfect and wipe off all beds**
- **Sweep entire cabin to ensure all dander, sand, and dirt is removed**
- **Mop entire cabin with disinfectant**
- **Assure all window coverings are in place**
- **All electrical heaters are off**
- **Return all kitchen supplies to designated areas**
- **“Last Check” for any personal items before leaving**
- **Empty all garbage daily in bear safe garbage receptacle for daily pickup (garbage bags under sink)**

Bathroom

- **Disinfect and wipe clean the sink with disinfectant**
- **Disinfect and wipe clean shower stall**
- **Disinfect and wipe toilet**
- **Sweep and mop floor with disinfectant**
- **Return all cleaning supplies to designated areas**
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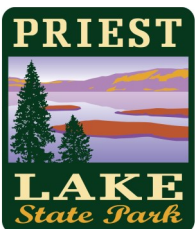
Jack Schaefer, logging superintendent for the Diamond Lumber Company, built the cabin in 1949. He and his family lived in the cabin each year from Memorial Day to Labor Day as Jack worked with the men of logging Camp Nine. Jack and a Diamond Lumber Company carpenter built the cabin and finished it before the family was brought up. When Jack went to get the family the carpenter made a sign that said “The House That Jack Built” and had it hanging above the front door when the family arrived.

Camp Nine housed three 50-man buildings along with several 5-man bunkhouses. The Camp operated from April to October from 1940 to 1956. the bay out front of the logging camp would be full of logs which were held here until tug boats moved them down the lake to the south end. *(picture of Diamond Match Camp)*

The Schaefer Cabin is of great historic value being one of only two buildings left of that Camp Nine. *(picture of front of Schaefer cabin)* The only other building left is at the Lion-head Group Camp site located about 1/4 mile to the north. *(picture of Group Camp)*

The Schaefer cabin has a very rustic appeal and constructed very solid. The metal roof is a 9/12 pitch to keep snow from building up. The siding is the old board and batten, which was painted green and then brown much later. *(picture of outside Schaefer Cabin)* The interior is lined with 10” tongue and groove siding which can no longer be found. *(picture of interior siding)* The original front and back door are constructed of two sets of 1’x10’ planks sandwiched together to be strong enough to be bear proof. *(pictures of doors)* The original two holed outhouse can still be found out back. *(picture of outhouse)*

The back room originally had screened windows all the way around and was the main bedroom. *(picture of back of cabin)* A kerosene cook stove sat where the electric stove sits today. The cupboards are original. *(picture of kitchen)* Water was originally piped from the stream to the east and gravity fed to the house. A meat box stood outside next to the cabin where the plumbing box sits today. *(picture of plumbing box)* All other items to be kept cold were placed in the stream. *(picture of bridge/stream)*



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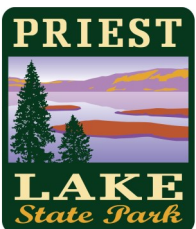
A generator was housed by the outhouse and provided electricity to the cabin via the old switch located by the refrigerator. The old fuel tank is still behind the outhouse. The big living area in the front of the cabin had couches and chairs and was the site of many a card and board game. Kerosene lanterns were hung from the old hooks left in the ceiling when the generator was turned off. *(picture of John Schaefer and living area)*

Just to the south of the cabin there was also a children's cabin. Jack built this cabin for his two daughters and young son. It had a baby bed and play pen area in the back and single beds for each of the girls in the front. A larger tree stump between the main cabin and children's cabin sported an old horse saddle which the children rode for fun. Of course the children were not allowed in the camp itself, so they found much to do around the cabin and to the south. A path south from the cabin along the hill led to a natural amphitheater and also along the beach to the south end of Squaw Bay.

To the north of the main cabin, walking back down towards the bridge just off to the west is a flat area. This is where one of the Camp Nine cooks' cabin was located. The Schaefer family enjoyed his baking and cooking as he fed all the men of Camp Nine.

Just over the bridge to the north was the horse stable and black smith. In the early 1950's Camp Nine was using horses to haul the logs to the rivers. In a taped interview with Mrs. Schaefer, Lorna, she remembers the big black horses and how well the teamsters took care of them. The teamsters would feed, water and rub down the horses after a hard day's work; completing all of that the teamster would eat supper. *(picture of horse)*

The buildings at the northern most part of the camp were named Camp Nine and a Half. The only building there that remains is now the Group Camp Cabin. In the '40s Governor Smiley would stay in that cabin so it also became known as the Governor's Cabin.



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Jack and Lorna Schaefer's son John still lives at Priest Lake. *(picture of John)*

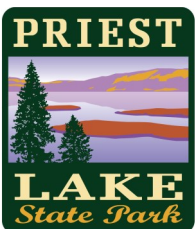
John lives there with his wife Debbie and they have three grown sons. John was born the year the cabin was built and grew up living in this cabin every summer until he was 16 years old. He prides himself in knowing Priest Lake and the area around it like the back of his hand. He gained all this knowledge from the best, his father Jack. John spent many hours hunting and fishing next to his dad.

John remembers sitting on the front steps of the cabin and practice shooting his BB gun at metal pie plates strategically placed on an old log out front. He also remembers an old sewing machine that sat in the closet by the front door. He spent many hours just pumping the foot pedal to watch the needle go up and down.

When John was old enough he was able to take a small fishing boat across the lake to the thoroughfare and stop at a small store and get ice cream. A great day started out by catching a fish in Squaw Creek and picking blueberries and Huckleberries *(picture of huckleberries front cabin)* for pancakes in the morning and that would be his breakfast. Then swimming, hiking, and hunting in the afternoon. Always keeping a watchful eye out for a red flag that his mother would send up a flag pole warning him it was time for him to come home.

One time the family pet dog was down by the bridge just barking up a storm. Jack went down the path to see what was wrong. The pet dog was chasing a big bear right towards Jack. So Jack was running as fast as he could back for the cabin with the bear right behind him and the dog right behind the bear. Jack came busting through that big front door just in time to see the bear and the dog running past the cabin and down the trail to the south.

John remembers being frightened of bears. From the taped interview with John's mother, she said there were many bears around Camp Nine due to the large population of people and the amount of garbage that was buried nearby. When John's dad would turn the generator off before bed time giving everyone only minutes to visit the outhouse one more time before the lights dimmed out, John would run like crazy, do his duty and then run to the safety of his bed before it was pitch black.



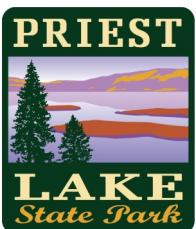
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John's mom remembered that one night the family left the cabin and camped elsewhere on the lake and did not return until the next day. While they were gone a bear had raided the cold box taking off with the bacon but leaving a bag of eggs on the ground unbroken.

When John was about seven years old he remembers having a pet deer which he could feed out of his hand and even ride. He remembers that deer would stay around all summer and watch them leave in the fall only to be waiting for them when they returned in the spring. The deer was around for several summers.

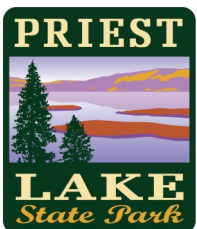
The cabin was a gathering place for friends along the lake. John says he can remember hearing a motor start from somewhere down south on the lake and that was a sign for his dad to get the cards and snacks out for guests that arrived by boat.

In the fall when closing the cabin for the year, John remembers his dad always left canned foods and blankets and pillows just in case someone would get stranded and find the safety of the cabin in the winter. The roof was also supported from inside the cabin with large posts probably as a caution for heavy snow loads on the roof.



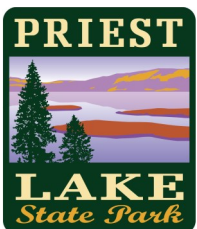
Restaurants Nearby

- Cavanaugh's at Priest Lake..... 17.8mi ~33min \$\$
40 Vacation Ct, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-2095
 - Indoor/outdoor dining on the water
 - Lunch and dinner— burgers, steak, seafood
 - Some boat up docking
- Ardy's Café..... 21.7m ~37min \$\$
205 Cavanaugh Bay Rd, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-4086
 - Indoor/ Outdoor dining
 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner—burgers, sandwiches, steak, seafood
 - Priest Lake gift shop
- The Bar.....21.8mi ~38min \$\$
5310 Dickensheet Rd, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 920-3945
 - Indoor/ Outdoor dining
 - Dinner— Light fare
- Moose Knuckle Burgers and Brew..... 21.9mi ~38min \$\$
10 Cavanaugh Bay Rd, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-2222
 - Indoor/ Outdoor dining
 - Lunch, Dinner—burgers, pizza, sandwiches, entrees



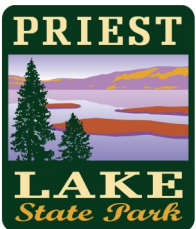
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- Tye Coffee + Goods..... 22.3mi ~39min \$\$
354 Bayview Dr, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-3636
 - Indoor/Outdoor dining on the water
 - Breakfast and lunch—coffee, pastries, sandwiches
 - Priest Lake gift shop
- Chimney Rock Café..... 32.7mi ~50min \$\$
27916 ID-57, Priest Lake, ID 83856
(208) 443-0702
 - Indoor/Outdoor dining
 - Breakfast and lunch— omelets, pastries, sandwiches
- Sandbaggers Bar & Grill @ Priest Lake Golf Course.....32.9mi ~51min \$\$
152 Fairway Dr, Priest River, ID 83856
(208) 443-2525
 - Indoor/Outdoor dining
 - Dinner— burgers, pasta, steaks
- Millie’s.....33.2mi ~51min \$\$
28441 ID-57, Priest Lake, ID 83856
(208) 443-0510
 - Indoor/Outdoor dining
 - Dinner—burgers, pizza, seafood, salads



Restaurants Nearby

- Hill's Resort.....35mi ~55min \$\$
4777 W Lakeshore Rd, Priest Lake, ID 83856
(208) 443-2551
 - Indoor/Outdoor seating on the lake
 - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner– burgers, steak, seafood
 - Boat up docking
- Elkins Resort on Priest Lake.....44.1mi ~1hr 5min \$\$-\$\$\$
404 Elkins Rd, Nordman, ID 83848
(208) 443-2432
 - Indoor/Outdoor dining on the lake
 - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner– offers a wide variety of casual dining options like pizza to fine dining Tomahawk steaks
 - Boat up docking
 - Priest Lake gift shop



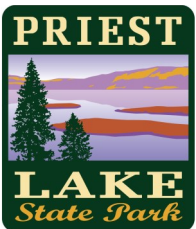
Groceries and Gift Shops Nearby

- Indian Creek Park Store.....10.6mi ~20min
314 Indian Creek Park Rd, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-2200
 - Camp Groceries and ice cream
 - Priest lake souvenirs and gifts
 - Maps of the area and books
- Ardy's Café..... 21.7m ~37min
205 Cavanaugh Bay Rd, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-4086
 - Priest Lake gift shop
- Leonard Paul Store.....22.2mi ~39min
341 Bayview Dr, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-3800
 - Priest Lake gift shop
 - Grocery section and liquor at the back of store
 - Hot food and coffee
- Tye Coffee + Goods..... 22.3mi ~39min
354 Bayview Dr, Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-3636
 - Priest Lake gift shop



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- The Tamrak.....32.6mi ~51min
27914 ID-57, Priest River, ID 83856
(208) 443-2328
- Grocery and liquor store
- Priest Lake gift shop
- Elkins Resort on Priest Lake.....44.1mi ~1hr 5min
404 Elkins Rd, Nordman, ID 83848
(208) 443-2432
- Priest Lake gift shop
- Mitchell's.....50mi ~1hr 10min
- Main grocery store for the surrounding area



Convenience Information

- Firewood

- Can be purchased at Lionhead kiosk, Indian Creek store or a few local people in the Coolin area

Remember: Buy it where you burn it! Help us prevent the spread of disease.

- Ice

- Can be purchased at Lionhead kiosk, Indian Creek store, Leonard Paul store, and Tamrak grocery.

- Gas

- Can be purchased at Indian Creek store, The Moose Knuckle, The Tamrak and in the town of Priest River.

- Boat Launch

- Lionhead campground, Indian Creek campground, downtown Coolin and Priest Lake marina

- Trails

- Handouts of trail maps can be found at Lionhead kiosk or at Indian Creek headquarters.

- Town of Priest River ~1hr 10min

- Larger town in the area and has anything you need: gas, groceries, more restaurants, liquor store, hardware store, auto parts/small engine and a few museums.

