

The Six Units

Malad Gorge Unit

This 692-acre park unit is located just off I-84 at the Exit 147. Weary travelers can easily stop and stretch while taking in the spectacular canyon views and use the restrooms. Visitors can take a self-guide interpretive tour that includes the massive canyon, rare plants, and native plant restoration. Malad Gorge is open for hiking, picnicking, and day outings.

Kelton Trail

The Kelton Trail can be accessed on the east side of I-84. Here on the Kelton Road, you can see the abutments for the bridge that once carried wagons traveling the Oregon Trail. From about 1864 - 1883, this was a regular route that carried mail, freight, and passengers between Boise and the railhead at Kelton, UT. The trail had so much traffic that grooves were cut into the rocks, but by July 1884, a traveler on the old route noticed that "grass grows over the defunct overland Kelton stage road where a weary traveler once traveled in clouds of dust."

Billingsley Creek Unit

You can enjoy Billingsley Creek from sunrise to sunset. The park offers spectacular wildlife viewing opportunities, an indoor horse riding arena, excellent fishing, the park visitor center, a 50-site campground, and a bike/walking path to the city of Hagerman.

Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve

Box Canyon Springs flows at a rate of 180k gallons per minute. The natural area offers views of the springs, a hiking trail, and a 20-foot waterfall. (continued on next panel)

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The area is also a great place to see Bald and Golden Eagles in the winter. The road is now paved for easy access to the overlook.

Ritter Island

The island allows visitors to step back in time to an era when Minnie Miller ran her then state-of-the-art dairy with her prize-winning Guernsey cows. The island became known as Ritter Island after Mrs. Miller sold the farm to Judge Willis W. Ritter in 1954. Today, Ritter Island hosts the annual Thousand Springs Arts & Crafts Festival. There is an abundance of wildlife and three houses available for overnight rental.

Niagara Springs

Tumbling down the canyon at 250 cfs, Niagara Springs is a sight you won't soon forget. The churning water is the color of icy blue glaciers and the springs are a National Landmark. This park unit provides an opportunity to drive into the 350-ft-deep Snake River Canyon. Inside the canyon, you'll find year-round fishing in **Crystal Lake**, including accessible fishing docks and restrooms. Wildlife--especially waterfowl--is abundant. Niagara Springs also features restrooms, grills, picnic tables, and a group picnic shelter.

Weddings, Shelters, Camping and House Reservations

To reserve a wedding or shelter, contact the park at 208-837-4505

To reserve a campsite or one of the houses on Ritter Island, contact reservations at

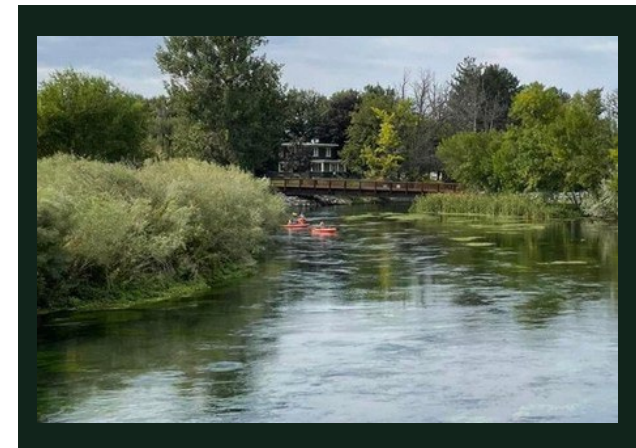
888-922-6743 or

Visit our website at

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Thousand Springs State Park

Thousand Springs State Park, with its six beautiful units, is a testament to why the area is called the 'Magic Valley.' Visitors can explore the magnificent Malad Gorge, view wagon ruts and bridge abutments at Kelton Trail, access the riding arena and camp at Billingsley Creek, step back into time and tour historic structures at Ritter Island, take in the scenery at Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve, view Niagara Springs, and fish at Crystal Lake. Day-use opportunities abound within the units of Thousand Springs State Park.



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