

...a cultural center



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- Kamiah Community Pool Crab Feed
- Long Camp "Classes on the Clearwater"
- CVRA Rodeo "Biggest Little Rodeo in Idaho"
- Chief Lookingglass Powwow
- Kamiah Chamber of Commerce Annual BBQ Days and Auction
- Kamiah Chamber of Commerce Annual Brewfest and Auction
- Kamiah Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Light Parade
- Park Lighting and River Front

Events



Attractions



- Opportunities abound for:
- Camping
- Hunting
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Bird watching
- Skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Rafting

Activities



KAMIAH Idaho

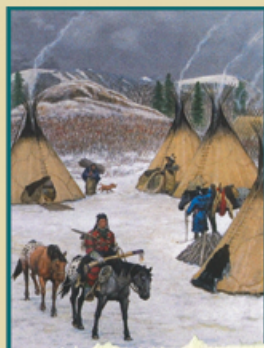
sightseeing
4-wheeling
fishing & hunting
camping



DESTINATION Kamiah, ID

WELCOME TO KAMIAH!

Center of commerce and culture since long before recorded history, Kamiah derived its name from the Nez Perce Indians' practice of making rope from the stems of dogbane plants, which grew in abundance along the banks of the Clearwater River. In reference to unused parts of the stems, "kamiah" means the "place of rope litter." The river itself has historically offered plentiful supplies of salmon and steelhead, central to the diet of the Nez Perce. Today, Indians and Euro-Americans alike continue to celebrate and harvest the fish. When the Euro-Americans began settling in the Kamiah Valley late in the 19th century, they realized how abundant the area was in natural resources. They found, for example, plentiful stands of timber on the surrounding hillsides, wild game such as deer and elk, and a combination of mild climate and rich soil suitable for successful agricultural pursuits.



Since time immemorial, the Nez Perce, or Nimiipuu, the people, have lived in the Kamiah Valley. Before the time of the people, in an epic struggle, Coyote killed a monster. His remains were scattered across the known world to become various Indian tribes. In the Kamiah Valley, his drops of blood became the Nimiipuu. The heart of the monster can still be seen near Kamiah at one of the 38 sites of the Nez Perce National Historical Park. www.nps.gov/nepe/

About the Kamiah Valley

Long Standing Celebrations

In 1936, the early merchants began a tradition of offering a free barbecue to thank the community for their patronage. This event continues to attract and feed thousands of locals and visitors each Labor Day Weekend. This fun-filled weekend includes a parade, Quilt Show, Arts Show and Sale, Arts & Craft Show, Classic Car Show, Kid's Parade and Games, Fun Run, Class Reunions, Auction and Street Dance. Other celebrations held throughout the year include Nez Perce Chief Lookingglass Powwow, Kamiah Community Pool Crab Feed, Kamiah Chamber Annual Brewfest and Auction, and the Clearwater Valley Rodeo Association Rodeo.

More Kamiah Highlights

In the early 1870s, missionaries Kate and Sue McBeth came to the valley to teach Christianity and Euro-American ways to the Nez Perces. The McBeth sisters inspired the construction of the Nez Perces' First Presbyterian Church, which stands today in East Kamiah as the oldest church in Idaho still conducting weekly services. Since the late 1800s, Kamiah's story has evolved from one of the Old West to a modern rural town whose business district colorfully reflects its Western Victorian past. At the city's Riverfront Park, townsfolk and tourists alike enjoy an expansive lawn, play areas for children, a picnic shelter, and an architecturally striking outdoor stage. In and beyond the town and park, people enjoy a multitude of recreational opportunities provided by the upper Clearwater area's clear, free-flowing streams; beautiful pine, fir and cedar forests, and abundant wild flora and fauna.

Lewis & Clark History

The Lewis & Clark Expedition camped here for a lengthy stay in the spring of 1806, while waiting for the snow to melt on the Bitterroots. The aid and help offered by the friendly Nez Perce prompted them to report that "the whole nation to which they belong are the most friendly, honest, and ingenious people we have seen in the course of our travels".

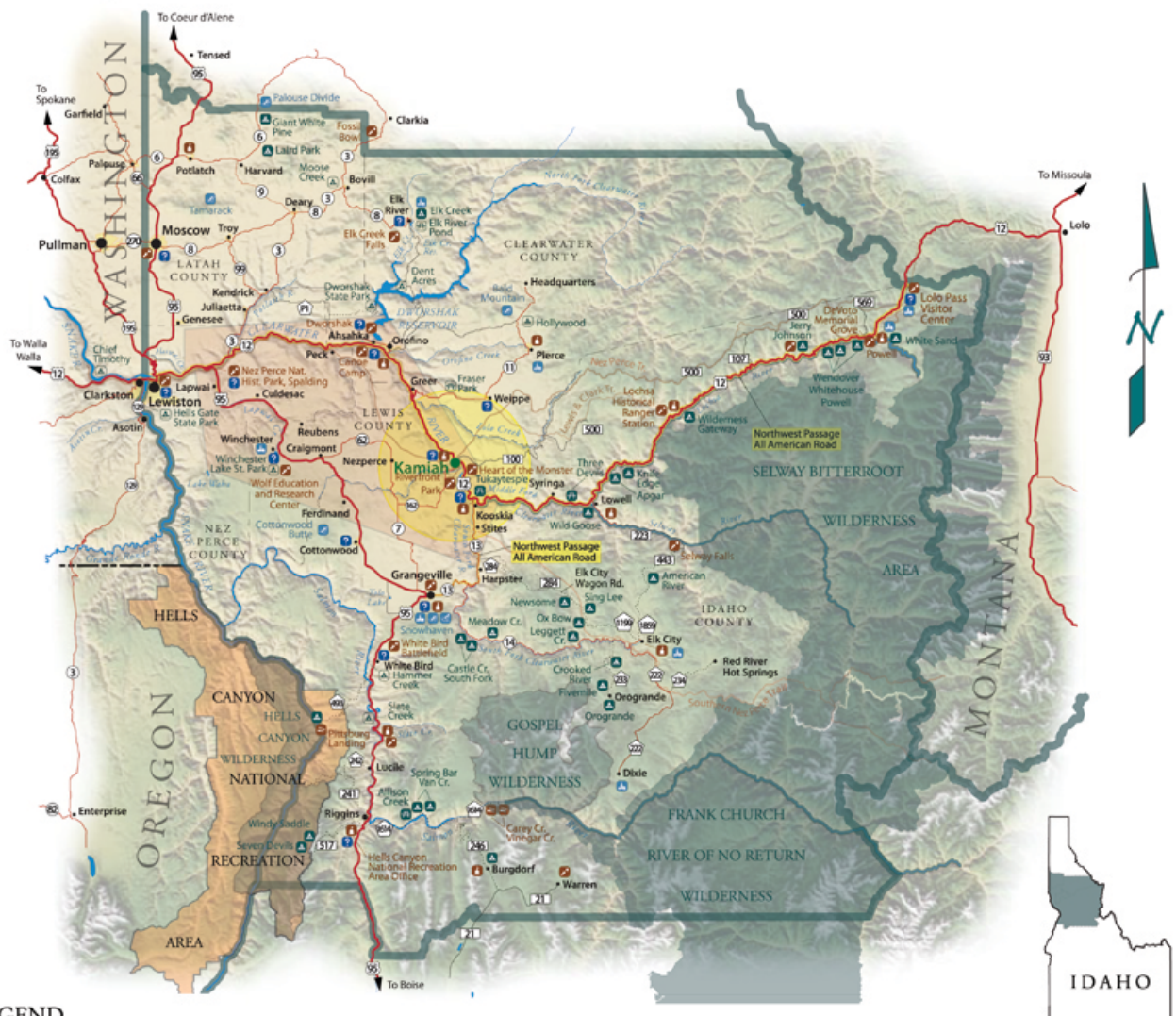


Kamiah has a unique shopping district, museum, bowling alley, gun club, many civic and social organizations, and an excellent community library. School activities and sports have a strong following.

KAMIAH IDAHO

EXPLORE

NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO



LEGEND

- State/Region Boundary
- County Boundary
- River, Wild & Scenic River
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Improved Roadway
- Unimproved Roadway
- Lewis & Clark Trail: 1805

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- Southern Nez Perce Trail
- Northwest Passage All American Road
- National Recreation Area
- Wilderness Area
- Nez Perce Reservation
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- County Road

- Forest Service Road
- Visitor Information Center
- Forest Service Office
- Point of Interest, Boat Launch/River Access
- Campground: Forest Service, Other
- Picnic Area: Forest Service, Other
- Snowmobiling, Downhill, Cross-Country Skiing

0 5 10 15 20 25 30
SCALE: Miles

NOTES

Please consult with the U.S. Forest Service before traveling on unimproved roads.

For additional information on Idaho, go to visitidaho.org

Dining

Clearwater Brewing Co. & beer: 30 taproom
212 Fir Street
(208) 816-2438

Cloninger's Harvest Foods
508 3rd Street Highway 12
(208) 935-2151

Hearthstone Restaurant Bakery
502 Main Street
(208) 935-1912

Hogsback Deli & Ice Cream
603 3rd Street
(208) 935-5473

The Hub Bar & Grill
406 Main Street
(208) 935-0532

Pizza Factory
814 3rd Street Highway 12
(208) 935-2134

IT'SE-YE-YE Casino - The Qemus Cafe'
419 3rd Street Highway 12
(208) 935-7860

Kamiah Hotel Bar & Steakhouse
501 4th Street
(208) 935-0545

Lodging

Clearwater 12 Motel
108 3rd Street Highway 12
(208) 935-2671

Hearthstone Elegant Lodge
Highway 12 MP 64
(208) 935-1492

Kamiah Inn Hotel
216 3rd Street Highway 12
(208) 935-0040

Kamiah/Clearwater KOA
4243 Highway 12
(208) 935-2556

Long Camp RV Park On The River
4192 Highway 12 MP 68
(208) 935-7922