

Hagerman Area Things to See



Oregon Trail sites

Oregon Trail overlook

- Turn west on the road at the south end of the Highway 30 bridge over the Snake River and follow it to the top of the hill. Road is paved to the top.
- Interpretive signs before the hill on the north side tell about the fossils, dams, and wildlife in the area. Not easily visible from the road.
- Large parking area with a restroom
- Interpretive signs with gravel walkways
- View of the valley below, ruts climbing the hill
- There are some ruts along the road at the bottom of the hill



Historical marker signs - Salmon Falls /Thousand Springs

- On west side of Highway 30 a couple miles south of the Snake River
- Good view of Thousand Springs to the east across the Snake River
- Salmon Falls is now under water due to the dams which were built on the Snake River in the area

Historical marker signs – Fishing Falls / Payne’s Ferry

- On east side of Highway 30 another mile south, just before the sign for Banbury Hot Springs.
- Fishing Falls was actually located a few miles upstream on the Snake River
- Payne’s Ferry crossed the Snake River at the mouth of Salmon Falls Creek and was used for freight wagons and stages, not Oregon Trail travelers as the sign incorrectly states.

Salmon Falls Creek crossing

- Turn east at the Banbury Hot Springs sign. Turn left at the stop sign in ¼ mile onto old highway 30.
- Salmon Falls Creek runs beside the road.
- Small concrete bridge crosses the creek.
- Oregon Trail marker on south side of the crossing on the right. Signs of ruts to the right of the road.
- Continue on old highway 30 to current Highway 30. Turn right to return to Hagerman.



Malad Gorge

- Bridge abutments from old freight road bridge to the east of I-84 and the state park
- Exit 147 from I-84, take frontage road on east side to northwest about half a mile to parking lot with brown house-shaped sign.
- Walk in on trail to east, north, east to bridge ramp
- Natural bridge where emigrants crossed on foot is about 100 yards upstream on south channel



Billingsley Creek Canyon

- Private property – view of creek with old road on west side and North Alternate Oregon Trail climbing out of canyon to the rim above



Other sites to see

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument

- downtown Hagerman on the east side of Highway 30
- museum with displays of fossils, replica of the Hagerman horse



Hagerman Historical Society Museum

- Across the street and south a block from the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument center.
- Local museum located in old bank building.



Thousand Springs

- Drive to the base of the power plant where there is a beautiful river and park.
- Short walk to the base of some falls.
- Good gravel road down the side of the cliff



Billingsley Creek State Park

- One of the newest Idaho state parks
- Billingsley Creek flows from south to north on the east side of Hagerman Valley. It has excellent trout fishing in a clear spring-fed stream. Access is limited due to private property in many areas.

Clear Lake Trout Farm

- trout farm with large tank/pond with underwater viewing windows
- contains trout and large sturgeon

Clear Lakes

- private pay-to-fish ponds which are regularly stocked with large trout of various species which is a popular float-tubing spot for early spring fishing
- 18-hole golf course

Banbury Hot Springs / Slagers Resort

- aging hot springs resorts with camping and RV facilities, hot springs, and swimming pools

Malad Gorge State Park

- dramatic waterfall (Devil's Washbowl) and steep canyon with overlooking walking bridge

Dams

- There are several dams and powerplants along the Snake River in the area. Most allow close access to the river.

Oster Lakes

- Several small lakes popular with fisherman, can fish from shore.

Trout Farms and Fish Hatcheries

- There are many private trout farms in the area. You will see them as concrete tanks with large nets spread over the top of them to keep the predatory birds out.
- There are several state and national fish hatcheries in the area which you can take tours of. Idaho State Fish Hatchery has a fish run you can view on your own with many types of fish including sturgeon and tiger muskie.



Riley Creek

- Accessible from Gridley Island on north side of Snake River
- Falls are on private property behind Simplot house

