

## Innkeeper's Favorite Points of Interest!

### **From the East:**

*Highway 12, follows the Lochsa River from Montana, and is sparsely populated. This is truly one of the highlights of the Lewis and Clark Trail with many interpretive sites. You may want to allow plenty of time to walk or hike in this area. This section of the scenic byway is our favorite and a real paradise for nature lovers. During the late summer and early fall, fly fishing is excellent and the spring runoff makes the Lochsa River one of the top rated white water rafting locations in the Northwest.*

**\*\*Make sure you gas up your vehicle in Lolo, MT before heading to the Inn!\*\***

**MM 174.4** - Lolo Visitor Center at the Montana border is a worthwhile stop. The center is staffed daily from mid May through September 30th and closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays during fall and winter. Their hours are 7:30am to 4:30pm PACIFIC TIME. Run by the Forest Service, this facility has a good book shop, gift shop, museum and interpretive center, as well as clean, modern restrooms. A leisure interpretive walk can be enjoyed during the summer season. In winter, this site is the trail head for outdoor winter activities. This Idaho/Montana border is also the change from Pacific Time to Mountain Time.

**MM 165** - DeVoto Cedar Groove is an old growth forest that straddles the highway with interpretive boardwalks on both sides of the road.

**MM 161.8** - Powell is the location of the district Ranger Station and the Lochsa Lodge Restaurant. Gas and food services are available throughout the year. This is a good place to stop for lunch or an early dinner.

**MM 151.5** - Warm Springs (also known as Jerry Johnson Hot Springs) is a popular natural hot springs open year around. Look for the Warm Springs Pack Bridge trail head and park across the highway in the large lot with pit-toilets. It is a one mile hike from the road to the hot springs and be prepared for some nudity.

**MM142** - Weir Hot Springs. Pay close attention to mile marker signs as this trail head is easy to drive past! The gorgeous one mile hike, follows a steady incline on a narrow path. Nudity can be expected.

**MM 148** - Colgate Licks National Recreation Trail loop is a gentle interpretive nature walk that can take 30-45 minutes.

**MM 121.6** - Lochsa Historical Ranger Station is a restored back-country fire fighting center built in 1920. Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, this facility is a charming and educational look at the past AND also has modern, clean restrooms.

**MM 97** - Lowell is a small village located between Kooskia and the Montana border. It is located at the confluence of the Lochsa and Selway Rivers becoming the Clearwater River. A short 22 mile road (7 miles of it paved) runs parallel to the Selway River providing access to the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and all its related activities. This is a spot of paradise not to be missed. We

recommend at least a quick drive or walk on this pristine Wild and Scenic River. An early evening drive before dinner can be quite enchanting.

**MM 90** – Syringa (named after our state flower) is a small hamlet where our nearest restaurant, the Syringa Café is located. Hours may be limited.

### **From the West and North:**

*Idaho's only north/south highway, Highway 95 converges with Highway 12 at the Idaho – Washington Border in Lewiston. This most populated area of the region is the gateway to Hell's Canyon and a variety of boating experiences. As you head east on Highway 12 to **Reflections Inn**, you will encounter several small towns. This section of the highway is part of the historical Lewis and Clark Trail and there are many interpretive signs along the way.*

**MM 12.2** – Spalding is the headquarters for the Nez Perce National Historical Park. Easily accessed from Highway 12 at the intersection of Highway 95 South, this historical location is also a museum and interpretive center. Allow 45 minutes to an hour.

**MM 40**- Just inside the city limits of Orofino (on the river) is Canoe Camp, one of the historical sites of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

**MM 44** – The bridge to downtown Orofino leads to The Edge, one of our favorite places to dine. It is right on the river next to the Best Western (visible from the highway). It is a gourmet find for our valley.

**MM 66** – The town of Kamiah is one of the last stops for food and gas before entering our less populated area. Palenque Mexican Restaurant is a local favorite just inside town on the left. Cloninger's Harvest Foods has good produce and deli items.

**MM 73.9** – The town of Kooskia is accessible by crossing the river at Highway 13. Kooskia has a grocery store, a couple of bars and restaurants, more churches than bars, a post office and two medical clinics opened during weekdays.

### **From the South:**

*You will enter our region from the south on Highway 95 at Riggins, a rafting and fishing Mecca. As you climb out of the Salmon River valley, you will traverse Whitebird Grade. This is a historical battlefield site of the Nez Perce War in 1877. There is a dramatic pullout with an interpretive kiosk about half way up this steep grade. At Grangeville, the county seat, you will take Highway 13 through town to Kooskia. Grangeville is about 60 minutes from Reflections Inn.*

*As you drop back down into the Clearwater River Valley, you will go through three rough and tumble western towns before reaching Highway 12. If your craving a beer, pizza or burger, our favorite place to stop is the Silver Dollar in Stites. It is known for it's Coon Dog pizzas.*

*Kooskia is located at the end of Highway 13, before you head East, toward Montana, on Highway 12. **Reflections Inn** is located 11 miles East and upriver of Kooskia.*