



## **Sandpoint, A Green Town Sustainable Tourism Fact Sheet**

How does a small town grappling with rampant growth stay rooted in its authentic character? This fact sheet provides an overview of what residents and business owners are doing to renovate our community in a way that promotes green practices, and honors the history and authenticity of the community.

### **Eco-friendly Infrastructure**

- Sandpoint Mayor Ray Miller is the first mayor of north Idaho to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement committing the city to cut greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.
- Coldwater Creek was honored in 2006 with the Green Power Leadership Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for offsetting 100 percent of its energy use by purchasing wind power.
- ClimateCAN is a new grassroots group in Idaho dedicated to promoting policies and practices to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse emissions and developed a Climate Action Plan for the city.
- Beardmore restoration project in Priest River is not only LEED certified, but they are preserving the history of the building which includes an old theatre on the first level.
- Schweitzer Mountain will offset 100% of the power of its two new chairlifts through the purchase of green tags which offset green house gas emissions through the purchase of wind and solar power. [www.schweitzer.com](http://www.schweitzer.com), [www.greentagsusa.com](http://www.greentagsusa.com).

### **Sustainable Tourism Partners Showcasing Our History & Culture**

- Discover the performing arts of North Idaho at the historic **Panida Theatre**. This mission-style theater was saved from demolition by the community in 1985. 208.263.9191, [www.panida.org](http://www.panida.org).
- **Railfan's Dream:** Sandpoint is still a railroad hub. Sandpoint is one of the busiest mainline viewpoints for freight trains in the Pacific Northwest. More than 50 trains pass per day.
- **Lake Pend Oreille Cruises:** Natural history tour: will introduce you to the scenic beauty on Lake Pend Oreille and explain the fascinating story of how our lake was formed. 208.255.5253, [www.lakependoreillecruises.com](http://www.lakependoreillecruises.com),
- **Wolf People** allows you to learn about the beautiful, shy wolves. Shop in their gift shop and meet some of their wolves. 12 miles south of Sandpoint on Highway 95 (just north of mile marker 461) 208.263.1100, [www.wolfpeople.com](http://www.wolfpeople.com).
- Try picking huckleberries or learn about the ecology of the area during a guided hike at **Schweitzer Mountain Resort** ... or mountain bike the trails on ample amounts of terrain. 800.831.8810, [www.schweitzer.com](http://www.schweitzer.com).
- **Artworks**, a cooperative gallery of regional artists. 214 North First Ave, 208.263.2642, [www.sandpointartworks.com](http://www.sandpointartworks.com)

### **Low Impact Lodging Facilities**

- **Sleep's Cabins** is unique to Sandpoint. This collection of lakeside properties has been passed down to the next generation offering a themed retro look to portray the character of Sandpoint. 208.255.2122, [www.sleepscabins.com](http://www.sleepscabins.com).
- **Huckleberry Tent & Breakfast** in Clark Fork allows guests to camp without having to load all their equipment. Using lanterns and outhouses as in the past, guests will discover mountain living as it used to be. 208.266.0155, [www.huckleberrytentandbreakfast.com](http://www.huckleberrytentandbreakfast.com).
- **The Coit House, Paradise Valley Inn, and the Inn at Sand Creek** are all local bed & breakfasts that allow guests to experience the authenticities of the area.
- **Western Pleasure Guest Ranch** offers rustic accommodations where guests can tour the countryside on horseback, stargaze by the campfire, and eat hearty ranch home cooking. 208.263.9066, [www.westernpleasureranch.com](http://www.westernpleasureranch.com).
- **La Quinta** features a wall filled with pictures of celebrities that have visited our town and encourages guests to reuse sheets to conserve. They along with Motel 6 have themed rooms to give guests a taste of the culture with rooms like "Lost in the 50s" to go along with the largest event in this community. 208-263-9581, [www.laquinta.com](http://www.laquinta.com).

#### Other Geo-friendly Niches

- 60% of lands are public and full of low-impact recreational activities

#### Agritourism

A unique opportunity to offer visitors a peak into the bounty of the area, learn more about the production and purchase agricultural products from the source. Visitors enjoy being able to purchase fresh/homemade products and even the opportunity to meet the producer. The experience is memorable and educational.

- Learn about organic farming at **Solstice Farm**, organic gardening at **Greentree Naturals**, meet the alpacas and llama at **From the Heart Ranch** (208.265.2788, [www.fromtheheartranch.com](http://www.fromtheheartranch.com)), or discover the rich garden foods available at the **Farmers Market**.  
**Sandpoint Farmer's Market:** Farmin Park, May to October, Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm and Wednesdays, 3 to 5:30 pm.  
**Hope Farmer's Market:** Hope Community Center, May to October, Fridays 3 to 6 pm.

*Heather, do you have contact info for Solstice Farm and Greentree Naturals?*

#### Locally raised meats:

**Woods Meats:** north of Sandpoint offers locally raised beef, elk and buffalo meat from its all-natural, free-range ranch. Meat can be purchased on-site or at many local natural food and grocery stores. 208.263.3077, 482169 Hwy 95, Sandpoint.

**Rock Creek Ranch:** North of Bonners Ferry; raises buffalo. Meat is available at many local natural food and grocery stores. Many local restaurants serve these fine meats. 208.267.5190, 100B Rd 57, Bonners Ferry

#### Locally made Wine and Beer:

**Pend d'Oreille Winery:** Award-winning local winery and tasting room is located in downtown Sandpoint. 208.265.8545, [www.powine.com](http://www.powine.com)

**Laughing Dog Brewery:** Served at many local and regional restaurants, Laughing Dog is brewed in Ponderay, just outside of Sandpoint at a dog friendly brewery. The taproom is open daily for tasting one of their many ales on tap and purchasing merchandise. 208.263.9222. 55 Emerald Industrial Park Road, Ponderay.

**Events:**

- Events like the Taste of Sandpoint and the Sandpoint Summer Sampler allow visitors to find the delectable eateries of the area through small food samples. All the money collected supports our small restaurants and the local community.

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