

Venturing to Kellog, Idaho for a Family Friendly Weekend Getaway August 15-18, 2014
Trial of the Hiawatha & Silverwood Amusement Park

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Transportation, Hotel, and Meals are on your own. Let me know if you need a roommate and I'll get you in contact with each other. Bring your bike or rent one at the trail head. When you rent a bike, they will provide you with a bike carrier for your vehicle.

Convoy departure time 8am on August 15th (We'll discuss from where later also car pooling or driving options with one another.)

August 16th – Bike the Hiawatha Trail

This is a bucket list event. Jane Gabbert took the club to bike the Hiawatha Trail back in 2004, and I have been back many times since then. It is the most beautiful coolest place on earth that I have ever seen. The Trail of the Hiawatha is an old railroad track that winds through 17 spectacular scenic miles of the Bitterroot Mountains. The trail is studded with ten tunnels (The longest is 8771 feet long or 1.8miles long.), seven trestles (The highest is 850 feet long and 230 feet high.), dozens of educational signs, thousands of trees and animals, hundreds of... Well, hopefully you get the picture. And while numbers don't lie, they also can't come close to describing the beauty and grandeur of this Idaho classic. The compacted dirt trail itself is at a 2% grade downhill. You barely have to peddle with 2000 feet of elevation change. To see a preview, go to "You Tube" and watch videos that have been posted on the internet. There is a first come first serve shuttle that takes you back to the top. Don't worry, if we're not first, there will be another one. Or bike back up, ride back down, and then take the shuttle. To get a sense of pricing, without a group discount, last year's adult trial pass and shuttle fee was \$19 with the bike rental ranging from \$30 to \$36. Children trail pass and shuttle ages 3-7 were \$12 with bike rentals around \$20. Helmets were \$6 and additional lights were \$5. To learn more go to www.ridethehiawatha.com

August 17th – Big Huge Fun!

Silverwood Theme Park is an amusement/water park with more than 66 rides. One admission to get in. The rides are limitless. Definitely plan on getting wet. From Kellog, it is located an hour away, North of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. If this doesn't strike your fancy, go antiquing in Coeur d' Alene, take boat around the lake, take in a game of golf, or more biking. To get a sense of pricing, without a group discount, last year's adult pricing was \$46 and \$23 (ages 3-7 and 65+). To learn more go to www.silverwoodthemepark.com

August 18th – At you leisure to return home from an awesome ski club weekend or extend and stay a little longer.

Hotel arrangements. You will need to book a room for 3 nights. There are two hotels that I can recommend. I have always stayed at the GuestHouse Inn & Suites. Their phone number is (866) 715-0006. It offers laundry room services, a recreational room for bike lockup, indoor pool and jacuzzi, and a continental breakfast each morning. When I priced this option over the phone for a double occupancy

standard room with 2 queen beds, I was quoted \$172 per night. But the last time I was there, another hotel, Morning Star Lodge just across the way was newly remodeled and it looked super cool. Their phone number is (866) 345-2675. There were outdoor fire pits, recreational room for bike lockup, movies playing off the hotel walls at night. A gondola that takes you to the top of Silver Mountain Ski Resort. Staying at the lodge includes access to Silver Rapids, a ginormous indoor water park. One of the favorite water attractions is the FlowRider a perfect a continuous wave that can be body boarded or surfed. Over 60,000 gallons per minute moving at 35 miles per hour. You are actually standing still, but the moving water, under you, gives the illusion that you are moving along at a 35 mile an hour clip. This takes a little practice. In the evening, enjoy the roof top and terrace level hot tubs. When I called on their pricing for a double occupancy King bed that came with a kitchenette, I was quoted \$166 per night.

The 2014 fees are not posted yet, but there are group rates on the biking and amusement park fees. For instance, 10% off biking trail passes with a group of 10 or more. \$12 off an adult admission to Silverwood Park for a group of 15 or more. If we don't get 15 or more to Silverwood, then you can get a discounted on line pricing. Since I don't know what the level of interest will be with this trip, I am unable to quote solid pricing. Having said that.....

Please send in \$15 adult deposit per person that will go toward the Trail of the Hiawatha biking fees (trail pass and shuttle fees) or \$10 per child ages 6-13. If you are planning on attending Silverwood, please indicate below. I will communicate a second notice for a second and final deposit to true up both day events.

_____ No. of adult participants biking the Trail of the Hiawatha, Saturday, August 16, 2014

_____ No. of child participants biking the Trail of the Hiawatha, Saturday, August 16, 2014

_____ No. of adult participants at Silverwood Theme Park, Sunday, August 17, 2014

_____ No. of child participants at Silverwood Theme Park, Sunday, August 17, 2014

_____ Looking for a roommate?

Please print very clearly your information below.

Mail to Natalie Angell, 1975 Old Saybrook Lane, Boise, ID 83706

Ages? _____ (I promise not to share)

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____ Make Checks Payable to BBSC.

Member's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Member's Phone No.: _____

Email Address (print very clearly): _____

Notes for the Next Trip in 2017.

Notes: From Kellogg traveling East, you are a good 20 miles away from mile marker 0 or exit 0. If you continue past exit 0 you have entered Montana. Exit 0 is the Look Out Pass Ski parking lot and rental shop. During the summer season, they have converted their ski shop into a bike rental shop. (The deal is that Lookout Pass operates the trail, but the railroad is required to maintain the tunnels and trestles). You can rent bikes, lights, helmets are required, pick up a boxed lunch (ham or turkey sandwich with a rice crispy treat and bottled water). You can also purchase your trail ticket and shuttle pass. Do not unload from this point. To get to the trail head you must continue traveling east for 5 more miles or to exit 5. Exit 5 is the most bizarre exit ever.

Exit 5 is an exit that takes you to what feels like an abandoned lot. To the right there is a large covering over what looks like rock. It feels like you are in the middle of nowhere. Keep traveling forward 100 to 200 yards. Eventually you will see a brown informational sign that points to the right (for an addition 2 miles) to direct you toward the trail head of the Hiawatha trail. You are on a dirt road wondering is this right? Yes it's right, and half way into it another sign will state 1 mile more to go to the trail head.

I like to stop at a trestle (marked at the end of the right side) Turkey Creek Trustle #224. You can park your bike immediately off to the right in a big open area and walk back to the Trestle. Sitting off to the side of the trestle you can view others making their way across another huge trestle above while enjoying your lunch.

I would always recommend bringing a poncho in preparation of rain. It doesn't rain. It's more like a typhoon that pours.

What didn't work: People who brought their head lamps or purchased a small LED light for their bike. They did not have enough light to feel comfortable especially in the first tunnel. One member was on the verge of Vertigo. It is also helpful to bring along those back flashing bike lights for others to follow through tunnels. Lookout Pass rent great lights for \$5. They have a cost of \$65 so they are really nice lights. Many ski club members wished they had rented one for the trial.