

SANDPOINT, IDAHO RELOCATION PACKET 2022



A 'PICTURE-PERFECT MOUNTAIN TOWN'

"From wineries and breweries to the arts — Sandpoint is home to major music and film festivals — this little township is a vibrant, happening haven in the wilds of northern Idaho."

— *USA Today*



SKIING SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN

"With nearly 3,000 skiable acres way north in Idaho's chimney, sprawling Schweitzer has all of the terrain with none of the crowds... the views of sparkling Lake Pend Oreille give the Tahoe areas a reason to be nervous."

— *Ski magazine*



IDAHO'S BIGGEST (AND BADDEST) LAKE

"Usually when you hear about something being the biggest or the baddest, you're told to steer clear, but not this time. Lake Pend Oreille is a whopping 43 miles long and an impressive 1,158 feet deep, and it has some of the clearest water, best fishing and greatest scenery Idaho has to offer."

— *Men's Journal magazine*



FINE FOODS AND CRAFTY BREWS

"With four craft breweries in a town of barely 8,300 souls, it begs the question: Who in the whole country has more locally brewed beer per capita? Just possibly, no one."

— *Sandpoint Magazine*

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Sandpoint Quick Facts

Orientation

The City of Sandpoint is situated on the northern end of Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced Pond-Oh-RAY) and nestled against the foothills of the Selkirks. It is in the middle of the northern panhandle of Idaho, 60 miles south of the Canadian border. The city is accessed from the south by the scenic Long Bridge, which crosses the lake at the mouth of the Pend Oreille River.

Elevation: 2070 feet

Population: Sandpoint 8,126 (2022)

Bonner County 45,739

Time zone: Pacific

The lake

Shoreline: 111 miles

Depth: 1,172 feet, fifth deepest freshwater lake in the nation.

Length: 43 miles

Width: 6.25 miles at the widest point.

Legend has it that Pend Oreille Lake was named for a local Indian tribe which the French-Canadian fur trappers called pend oreille, meaning "hanging ear". Some say the name is for the earlobe shape of the lake, others attribute it to the pendants the natives wore from their ears.

Lake Pend Oreille today is home to the U.S. Navy submarine acoustic testing base because of the depth and silence of its southern waters. Coeur d'Alene National Forest surrounds the south end of the lake, featuring mostly steep cliff shores. The north end gradually rises toward the Selkirk Mountains and Kaniksu National Forest.

Another local legend is the Pend Oreille Paddler, a Loch Ness type monster was said to be sighted in the depths of the lake. Some say the sightings were actually of a giant sturgeon that reached 12 feet in length, but that was never confirmed. In reality, there is a varied fishery with trophy trout taken in Kamloops, Rainbow, Mackinaw, and the protected Bull. You can also find such varieties as the Small and Large Mouth Bass, Pike and Cutthroat Trout.



Mountain Ranges

There are three nearby mountain ranges: The Cabinet Mountains to the east in Montana, the Selkirk Mountains extending north into Canada and the Coeur d'Alene Mountains bordering the south end of the lake.

National forests comprise 470,000 acres of Bonner County, more than the combined total of all private land ownership.

Distance to area cities

Priest River, ID: 22 miles	Missoula, MT: 200 miles	Portland, OR: 400 miles
Bonniers Ferry, ID: 32 miles	Butte, MT: 340 miles	Calgary, Alberta: 425 miles
Coeur d'Alene, ID: 45 miles	Seattle, WA: 350 miles	Boise, ID: 450 miles
Spokane, WA: 80 miles		

Economy

Sandpoint was founded as a railroad and timber town in the 1800s. As the timber industry has wound down, tourism became a stronger driving force in Sandpoint with Lake Pend Oreille, Schweitzer Mountain Resort, and many outdoor excursion options. There are seasonal employment opportunities in the tourism industry, mainly June-September and November-March. Unlike many other small resort towns, Sandpoint has a thriving manufacturing and service industries as well.

Notable employers

Bonner General Hospital - www.bonnergeneral.org, 208-263-1441
Lighthouse Foods - www.lighthousefoods.com, 208-920-2000
Schweitzer Mountain Resort (seasonal) - www.schweitzer.com, 208-263-9555
Kodiak Aircraft by Daher - www.kodiak.aero, 208-263-1111
Idaho Forest Group - www.idfg.com, 208-762-6630
Unicep Packaging - www.unicep.com, 208-265-9696
Lake Pend Oreille School District - www.lposd.org, 208-263-2184
City of Sandpoint - www.cityofsandpoint.com, 208-263-3158
Kochava - www.kochava.com, 855-562-4282
Percussionaire - www.percussionaire.com, 208-263-2549

Area schools

The city of Sandpoint falls under the Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 www.lposd.org, and the outlying areas under West Bonner County School District #83 www.sd83.org.

There are several private schools. You can find a list of area schools on www.sandpointonline.com and www.sandpointchamber.com.



Area Churches

There are over 35 churches and religious organizations in the Sandpoint area. To find one that meets your spiritual needs, we recommend visiting Sandpoint Online's church directory at:

<http://sandpointonline.com/businessdir/show.phtml?a=3&b=175>

Fine Arts

There is a flourishing arts community in the Sandpoint area. The most notable arts organizations in Sandpoint are the Pend Oreille Arts Council (POAC) www.artinsandpoint.org, The Music Conservatory of Sandpoint www.sandpointconservatory.org; and the Festival at Sandpoint www.festivalatsandpoint.com. There are several art galleries and locally made or refurbished furniture stores in the downtown area. The community owned theater, The Panida <https://www.panida.org> hosts weekly concerts, modern and classic movies, plays and community events. The Farmers Market (May-October) <http://sandpointfarmersmarket.com> showcases a diverse array of home goods from many of our fine crafters in and around Sandpoint.

Climate

Sandpoint has a moderate four-season climate. Most precipitation occurs in the winter. The City of Sandpoint receives about 33 inches of precipitation annually, the surrounding mountains receive about 300 inches of snow on average. Few days reach sub-zero temperatures in the winter. Summers are drier with several weeks of sunny days in a row, temperatures rarely reach above 90 degrees.

Monthly Averages

	High	Low			
JAN	35	22	JULY	82	50
FEB	40	23	AUG	82	49
MAR	48	28	SEPT	72	41
APR	57	34	OCT	57	33
MAY	66	41	NOV	42	28
JUNE	73	47	DEC	37	22



Taxes

Tax	Rate	Notes
Beer	\$0.15/gallon	Beer over 4% alcohol content is taxed as wine.
Boise Auditorium District	5%	On hotel/motel occupants in the Boise metropolitan area, except for long-term (more than 30 consecutive days) residents.
Cigarette	\$0.57 for a package of 20	Wholesalers pay this tax to the Tax Commission.
Corporate net income	7.4% (minimum \$20)	On Idaho taxable income. Multistate businesses must apportion their income using a three-factor formula made up of property, payroll, and sales (with the sales factor double-weighted).
Electricity	.5 mill per kilowatt hour	On water-generated electricity, except there is no tax on the sale of electricity used for irrigation, manufacturing, mining, milling, smelting, refining, or processing.
Fuels: Aviation gasoline Diesel Gasoline Jet fuel Compressed natural gas Liquefied natural gas Propane Transfer fee	 \$0.07/gallon \$0.32/gallon \$0.32/gallon \$0.06/gallon \$0.32/GGE \$0.349/DGE \$0.232/gallon \$0.01/gallon	Users get refunds of tax depending on use and type of fuel. Refer to Publication FT-3 for more information. Transfer fee: Generally charged on all liquid petroleum products. Not charged on propane and natural gas.
Individual income	1.6% to 7.4%	On Idaho taxable income. The rate depends on income.
Mine license	1%	On value of ores mined or extracted.
Oil and gas production	2.5%	On market value of oil and gas produced or sold in Idaho.
Prepaid wireless E911 fee	2.5% of service price	On sale of prepaid wireless telecommunication sources.
Sales/Use	6%	On retail sales and rentals of tangible personal property; admission fees and fees for recreation or hotel/motel rooms (except for stays of more than 30 days). Use tax applies if sales tax wasn't paid at the point of purchase. Exceptions include sales of water, gas, or electricity by utilities; motor fuels (which are taxed separately); prescription drugs; certain tangible personal property used in manufacturing, farming, processing, mining, and fabricating.
Tobacco	40% of wholesale price	On all tobacco products except cigarettes.
Travel & convention	2%	On hotel/motel occupants and campground users, except for long-term (more than 30 days) residents.
Wine	\$0.45/gallon	Beer over 4% alcohol content is taxed as wine.

Property tax is collected by the counties and taxing districts to provide local services and isn't listed above.

For more Idaho state tax information, visit www.tax.idaho.gov

FACTS ABOUT IDAHO

As the 13th largest state in the U.S., Idaho produces 72 types of precious and semi-precious stones.

Some of these stones can be found nowhere else in the world, which is why our great state is named **The Gem State**.

POPULATION: 1,567,582 (2010 CENSUS)

LAND AREA: 83,557 SQUARE MILES

CAPITAL CITY: BOISE

DATE OF STATEHOOD: JULY 3, 1890

HIGHEST ELEVATION: 12,662 FT. (MT. BORAH)

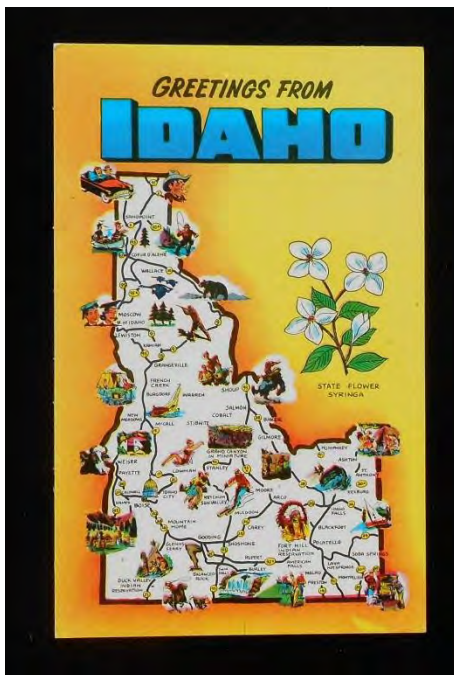
LOWEST ELEVATION: 738 FT. (LEWISTON)

WATER AREA: 823 MILES

RIVER MILES: 3,500 MILES (MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN THE LOWER 48)

STATE FLAG AND SEAL:

The 1907 state legislature adopted the state flag. The state seal was designed by Emma Edwards Green and is the only state seal designed by a woman.



STATE FLOWER: SYRINGA (PHILDELPHUS LEWISII)

STATE BIRD: MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (SIALIA ARCTICA)

STATE TREE: WESTERN WHITE PINE (PINUS MONTICOLA PINACEAE)

STATE HORSE: APPOLOOSA

STATE FRUIT: WILD HUCKLEBERRY

STATE FISH: CUTTHROAT TROUT

STATE GEM: STAR GARNET

STATE DANCE: SQUARE DANCE

STATE MOTTO: "Esto Perpetua" MEANING "It is perpetual"



CONTACT INFORMATION

Local contacts to help you get settled into Sandpoint!

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

City of Sandpoint

City Hall- www.cityofsandpoint.com, 208-263-3158

Utility Billing Clerk- 208-263-3561

Parks and Rec- 208-263-3613

County Clerk- 208-263-3317

Police- 208-265-1482 (non-emergency)

Fire- 208-263-3502 (non-emergency)

Bonner County

County government website- www.bonnercounty.id.gov

County clerk- 208-265-1437

DMV- 208-265-1430

Driver's licensing- 208-265-1431

Idaho State

Department of Labor- www.labor.idaho.gov 208-263-7544

Health and Welfare- www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov 208-334-5500

Fish and Game- www.idfg.idaho.gov 208-769-1414

SERVICES

Cable/TV/Phone

Ting Fiber Internet www.ting.com/sandpoint 208-946-5404

Vyve Broadband www.vyvebroadband.com 855-367-8983

Zipty Fiber www.ziptyfiber.com 866-699-4759

7B TV- Dish and Direct TV provider www.7btv.com 208-263-7288



Utilities

Avista www.myavista.com 208-265-6956

Northern Lights www.nli.coop 208-263-5141

Waste Management www.wmnorthwest.com/sandpoint 208-263-2432

Print Media

Bonner County Daily Bee www.bonnercountydailybee.com 208-263-9534

Sandpoint Magazine www.sandpointmagazine.com 208-263-3573

Sandpoint Reader www.sandpointreader.com 208-265-9724

PNW Inlander www.inlander.com 509-325-0634

The Spokesman Review www.spokesman.com 509-459-5000

Radio Stations

88.5 KRFY Panhandle Community Radio www.krfy.org 208-263-8684

95.3 KPND contemporary rock www.kpndradio.com 208-263-2179

K102 Country at 102 Fm www.k102country.com 208-263-2179

KSPT 1400 Am talk radio www.northidahoradio.com 208-263-2179

NON-PROFITS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

There are over 300 non profit organizations in the greater Sandpoint area. Please refer to www.sandpointchamber.com and www.sandpointonline.com for lists. Community Resource Envision Center is an organization with a comprehensive reference guide to all social aid services available in the area www.crecidaho.com 208-920-1840.