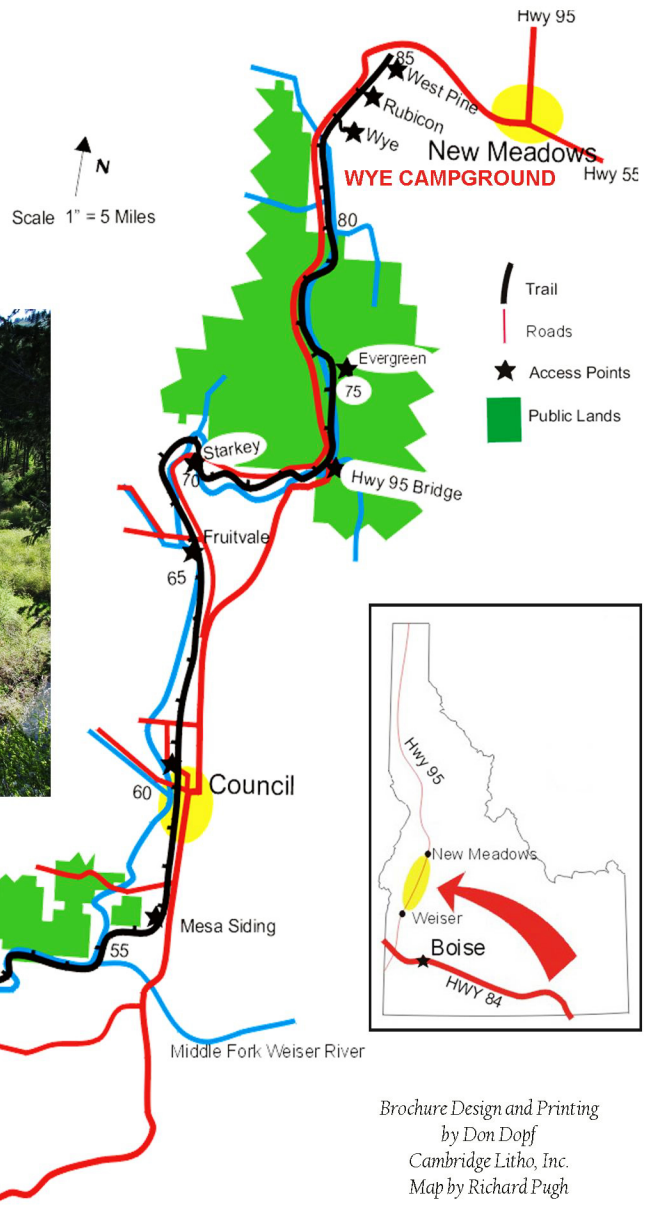
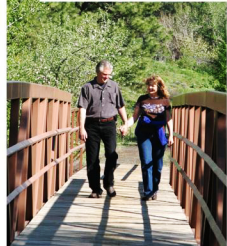
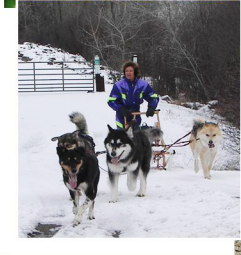


# The WEISER RIVER TRAIL . . . from Desert Canyons to Alpine Meadows



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## TRAIL REGULATIONS AND TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency and service vehicles.
- Open fires are not allowed except in designated camping areas.
- The discharge of firearms on or across the Trail is prohibited.
- Hunters may use the Trail to access public lands lying adjacent to the trail corridor.
- Trail users may use the trail to reach the Weiser River wherever the Trail corridor adjoins or overlaps the river's high water mark.
- Please respect private property adjacent to the Trail. Do not trespass!
- Pets are welcome but keep them under control. Use or carry a leash.
- Bicyclists and hikers yield to horses. Announce your approach.
- Camp only in designated areas. Carry safe water.
- Pack it in - Pack it out. Please leave the Trail cleaner than you found it.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

- To preserve the integrity of the former Pacific and Idaho Northern Railway corridor which forms the Weiser River Trail.
- To develop, manage and maintain a public recreational trail along its length, and
- To protect and enhance the riparian and other natural habitats within the corridor.

## Become a Member of Friends of the Weiser River Trail

Your membership provides Friends with evidence of public support and needed funds for trail development and operations.

- Your membership entitles you to receive quarterly newsletters and special mailings keeping you informed of the latest trail news.
- Your participation in trail projects (encouraged but not required) allows you to enjoy the company and camaraderie of other trail members. How would you like to receive our newsletter? Paper?  Digital?

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

- \$15 Basic
- \$25 Trail Blazer
- \$50 Pioneer
- \$100 Bridge Builder
- \$1,000 Life

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Please send your contribution and membership information to:

**Friends of the Weiser River Trail**

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The Combs Trestle near Fruitvale offers a scenic crossing of the Weiser River.  
- Mary Ellen Pugh Photo

**The Weiser River Trail** is Idaho's longest rail-trail and one of approximately 1800 rail-banked trails in the United States. It stretches 85 miles from Weiser to West Pine Road, 4 miles south of New Meadows. The Trail offers a variety of experiences for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, cross-country skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts. The Trail surface has been smoothed and compacted, and is

paved within the cities of Weiser, Cambridge, Midvale, and Council. Safety handrails and surface planking have been added to the 58 named trestles along the way.

**Trail Overview:** Trail Milepost-1.1 to Trail Milepost 85.7

**The Weiser Trailhead** (MP 1.1--el. 2115) is located on Main St one-half mile east of Highway 95, with ample parking, drinking water, a permanent restroom, as well as a picnic table and bike rack. The Trail heads East across lush irrigated farm lands to meet the Weiser River at Galloway Dam.

**Presley Trailhead** (MP 11.4-- el. 2323) can be reached from Weiser by way of East Park Street and Weiser River Road. It has parking, picnic tables, drinking water, a permanent restroom and river access. Turning north the Trail enters a remote desert canyon. Wildlife is abundant in this scenic river corridor. Cell phones have very poor reception for the next 20 miles.

**Midvale Trailhead** (MP 31.8--el.2541) has several parking areas, a café, community park, play ground, picnic tables, swimming pool, restrooms, and hitching posts.

**Shoepg Road Trailhead** (MP 35.9) offers off-road parking and Trail access to another scenic Weiser River Canyon area that is a bird watcher's paradise. Turn east on Shoepg road between Highway 95 mile markers 108 and 109.

**Cambridge Trailhead** (MP 40.5--el. 2652) is located where the Trail intersects Highway 95 on the north end of town. Amenities include an informational kiosk, drinking water, picnic tables and a bike rack. Cambridge has several restaurants, motels, convenience store and other services.

**Mill Road** at MP 42.5 has limited parking and access

to another remote section of Trail that follows the Weiser River to Mesa Siding. This section of Trail may also be reached at **Goodrich Trailhead** (MP 49.7-- el.2752) Turn southwest off Highway 95 near highway mile marker 129 on to Goodrich Road for approximately seven miles to where the Trail crosses the county road. Goodrich has a parking area next to the Trail and just north of the Dry Creek trestle there are hitching posts for horses and access to horse water.

**Mesa Siding** (MP 56.5-- el. 2946) has parking just off Highway 95 near mile marker 132. The Trail parallels Highway 95 to Council.



Beautiful vistas like this one in the Canyon south of Cambridge await those who travel the Weiser River Trail. - Don Dopf Photo

**Council Trailhead** (MP 60.2-- el. 2915) is located at the intersection of the Trail with Hornet Creek Road with ample parking, a kiosk, picnic table and bike rack. Council has several stores, cafes, and fuel stations.

Trail access and limited parking is available next to the Fruitvale-Glendale Road near the historic Fruitvale town site (MP 66.3) The Trail enters the upper reaches of the Weiser River where majestic Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and other evergreens merge with groves of Quaking Aspen, Poplars, and native shrubs. The Trail continues north through the narrow Weiser River Canyon with many river crossings including the spectacular Combs Trestle.

**Starkey Trailhead** (MP 69.6-- el.3188) Starkey has a large parking area, seasonal port-a-pot, and access to the river. Just downstream is the Historic Starkey Hot Springs.

There is limited parking beside the Fruitvale-

Glendale Road where it meets Highway 95 near the Overpass. Trail access is by way of a steep downhill trail on the other side of the highway.

**Evergreen Campground** (MP 77.2) is a developed Forest Service Campground close to highway mile marker 149 with RV and tent spaces, fire pits, water and restrooms. There is access to the Trail by a path on the east side. Horse trailers are not allowed in Evergreen.

Just north of **Pine Ridge** near highway mile marker 153, Strawberry Road, Trail MP 80.8--el.4075, has limited parking. A short distance north of here the Trail leaves the railroad bed on a bypass around the Evergreen Forest Products Mill site. The Trail returns to the railroad route near Trail MP 182.

**The Wye (el. 4190) and Campground** is one-half mile east of the Trail. There is access at MP 82.7 on the Trail and from Highway 95 near highway mile marker 155.

**The Wye Campground** has nine sites for RV hook-ups that include power and water. There are permanent vault toilets, corrals for horses, bike racks, and three tent sites.

The Trail can also be accessed at **West Pine** (MP 85.7) Future plans call for the Trail to be extended from here to the restored railroad depot in New Meadows.

"**THE WEISER RIVER TRAIL, Idaho's Longest Rail Trail**" a guide book by Margaret Fuller and Anita Van Grunsven provides a wealth of information and history about the Trail. It is available in some local stores and online at the website shown below.

## Management of The Weiser River Trail

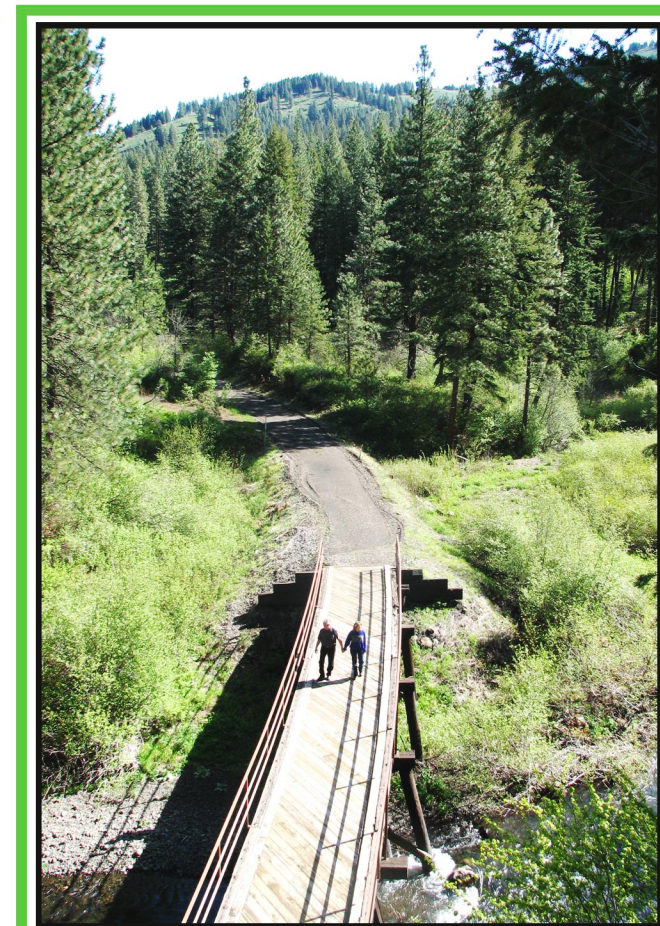
The Weiser River Trail is one of the few rail-trails across the nation that is owned and managed by a non-profit organization. The Friends of the Weiser River Trail, Inc. has had this responsibility since its inception in 1997.

FWRT is a membership organization that depends upon volunteers and the support of its members and the public. Your help is needed to continue the operation and maintenance of this trail. Please consider joining. A membership application is provided for you on the reverse side of this brochure.

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