The largest concentration of nesting birds of prey in North America, and perhaps the world, occurs in the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA). The steep, craggy cliffs of the Snake River canyon, thermal updrafts, and a broad plateau rich in ground squirrels and jackrabbits make this a place like no other for raptors.

Over 700 pairs, representing 16 raptor species, return here each spring to mate and raise their young. Although raptors are unusually abundant in the NCA, they are solitary animals and can be difficult to observe. Visitors with patience and time are often rewarded with nature's high flying display.

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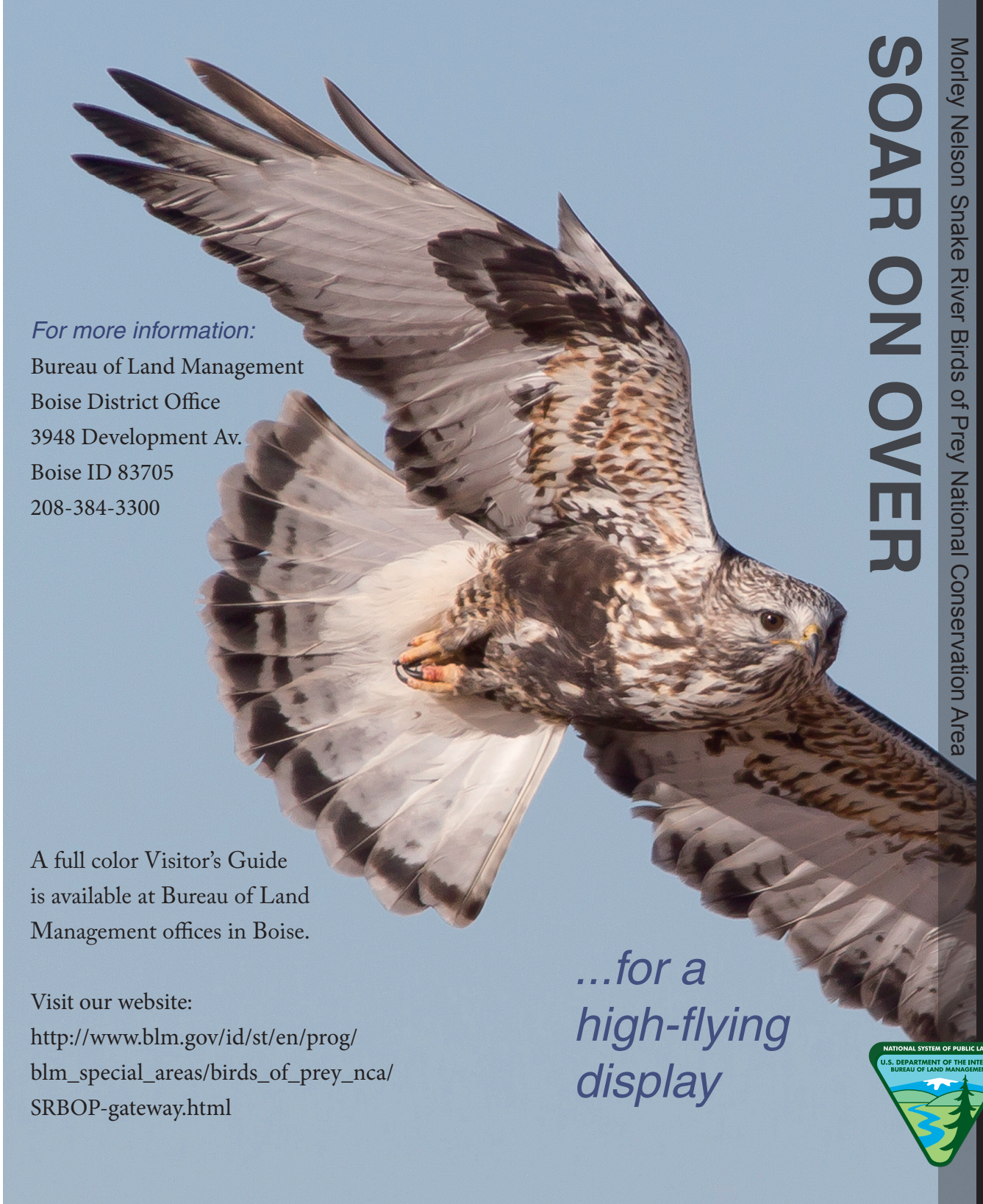

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The Loop Tour

Allow 3 to 4 hours to follow the highlighted loop tour to these popular destinations:

- Initial Point—Idaho's geographic survey reference point
- Dedication Point—an impressive view of the Snake River Canyon
- Swan Falls Dam—picnic area and historic dam
- Celebration Park—fascinating archaeological and cultural history

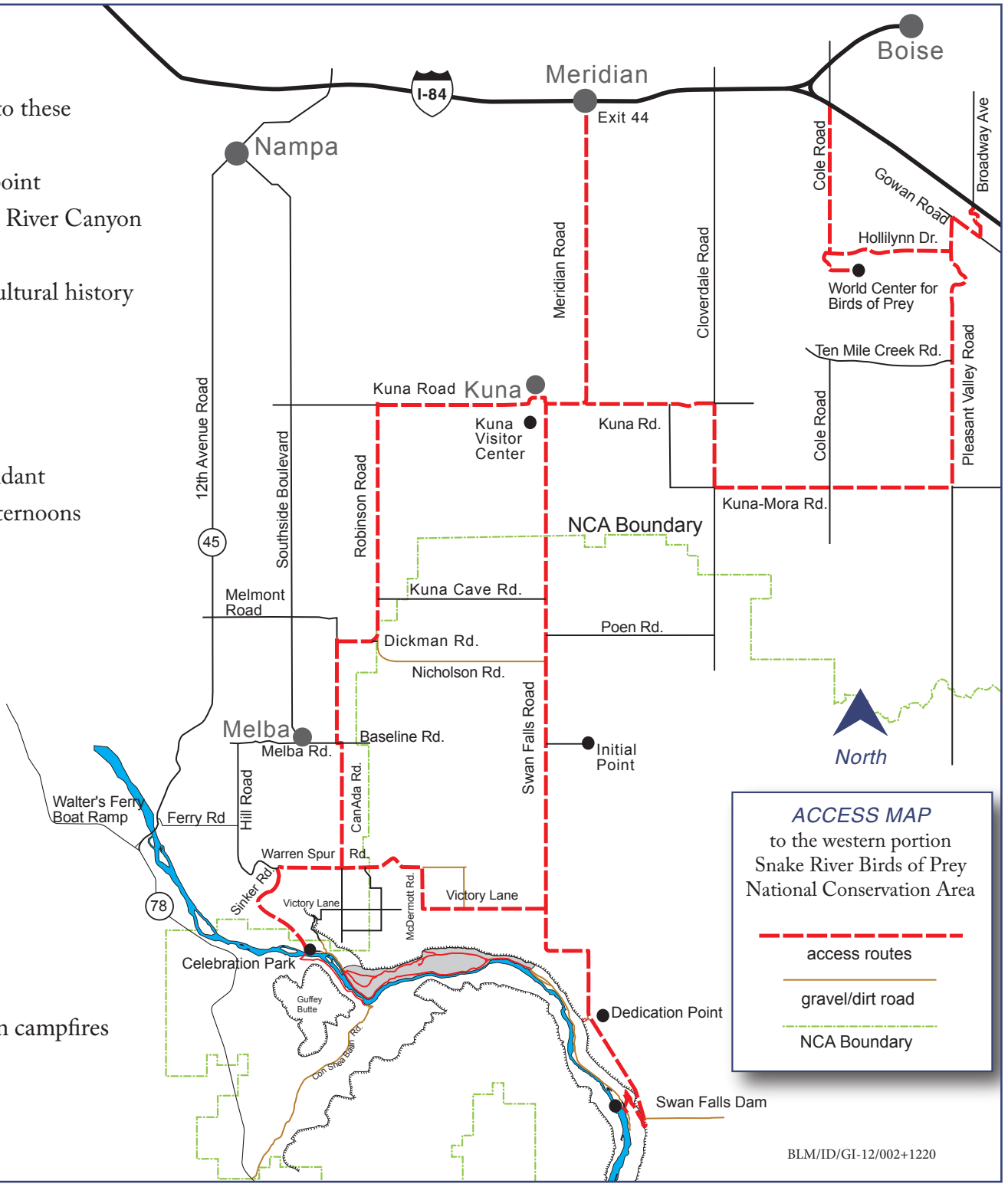
Wildlife Viewing Tips

- Carry binoculars
- Observe wildlife from a distance
- View raptors during spring when they're more abundant
- View wildlife during the early mornings and late afternoons

Other Recreational Opportunities

- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Fishing
- Boating
- Camping

Remember

- Carry plenty of water
- Fill your gas tank before entering the NCA
- Stay on established roads and trails
- Observe and follow shooting regulations
- Use only improved campsites with fire rings for open campfires
- Pack out everything you pack in

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