

1991 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Nez Perce National Historical Park, with 24 separate sites scattered across the Idaho countryside, commemorates the legends, history, and life-ways of the Nez Perce people. The park also gives recogni-

tion to the explorers, fur traders, missionaries, settlers, gold miners, farmers, loggers, and soldiers who moved through or into this area.

FACILITIES

The park Visitor Center is located at Spalding, Idaho, twelve miles east of Lewiston, Idaho, on Highway 95. The visitor center features exhibits of Nez Perce historical items, several audio-visual programs, and a sales

outlet for books, postcards, slides, beading kits and other items. Beadwork, earrings, necklaces, bags, and woven cornhusk items, handmade by local Nez Perce artisans, are also displayed for sale.

HOURS

Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, the visitor center is open from

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and picnic area hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Interpretive programs and special events are offered from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. These are a must for those interested in learning more about Nez Perce culture, both past and present.

Slide & Film Presentations

View a five-minute slide presentation about Nez Perce legends and the vision quest entitled "Nez Perce Heritage." Also available is a 23-minute movie entitled "Nez Perce: Portrait of a People." Both are an excellent introduction to Nez Perce history and culture.

Daily: Shown upon request in the visitor center auditorium.

Afternoon Talks

Join a ranger for a talk on various aspects of Nez Perce culture and history. Daily: 1:00 p.m. at the visitor center.

Tipi Pitching

Help put up a tipi and learn about tipi life in the Nez Perce country. Daily: 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the visitor center.

Evening Programs

Enjoy a quiet picnic by the river and join a ranger for historical walks, talks, demonstrations, and more. East Kamiah Site: Thursday evenings, June 20-Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. Spalding Site: Wednesday evenings, June 12,26; July 10,24; Aug. 7,21; Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Demonstrations

Nez Perce artists demonstrate traditional methods of beadwork, cornhusk weaving, and other arts. Most afternoons in the visitor center.

NEZ PERCE CULTURAL DAYS

Cultural Days will be held this year on August 25²⁴ and 26²⁵, from 12-4 p.m., at the Spalding Site picnic area. Demonstrations, speakers, displays, dancing and drumming, foods, and other events highlight Nez Perce history and culture.

PARK LOOP TOUR

A complete tour of the 24 park sites is about a 400-mile trip.

Maps are available at the visitor center at Spalding.

SPALDING MISSION

Visit the area of the first white settlement in Idaho, where Henry and Eliza Spalding built their mission.

No buildings remain today. Shade trees throughout the area provide a nice place to picnic. Near the visitor center.

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION

Visit the first Roman Catholic Mission among the Nez Perce. Located 13.8 miles south of Spalding, off High-

way 95. Tours: Thursday-Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

WHITE BIRD BATTLEFIELD

Tour the area where the first battle of the Nez Perce War of 1877 was fought. Located 12 miles south of Grangeville. Auto tour brochures

are available at the park visitor center in Spalding, and at the beginning of the auto tour.

HEART OF THE MONSTER

View the place of creation according to Nez Perce legend. Located 1 mile south of Kamiah. An interpretive

shelter and audio station at the end of a short paved walkway tell the legend of coyote and the monster.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Food and lodging are available in Lewiston, Orofino, Kamiah, Grangeville, Lowell, and Kooskia in Idaho, Clarkston in Washington. Restaurants, grocery stores, and service stations can be found throughout the region.

Camping facilities are available in Lewiston at Hells Gate State Park, at Chief Timothy State Park in Clarkston, and at Winchester Lake State Park in Winchester, Idaho.

For further trip planning guidance, contact:

Lewiston Chamber of Commerce
2207 E. Main
Lewiston, ID 83501

Clarkston Chamber of Commerce
731 5th St.
Clarkston, WA 99403

Grangeville Chamber of Commerce
Box 212, 230 E. Main
Grangeville, ID 83530

SAFETY FIRST

Keep your visit to Nez Perce National Historical Park safe and enjoyable. While every effort has been made to provide for your safety, there may still be hazards which require your alertness. Special care should be taken near rivers and streams, particularly when children are

present. Exercise common sense and caution on all roads and pull-outs. Ticks may be present in some areas during spring and early summer. Although not common, rattlesnakes may be found in more remote areas at lower elevations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Nez Perce National Historical Park is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

For more information, write to the Superintendent, P.O. Box 93, Spalding, ID 83551, or call (208) 843-2261.