

Spring Recreation Site



Know Before You Go

- This is a fee site for camping and day use.
- All vehicles must display a stub from the fee envelope in their windshield.
- Camping is on a first-come, first-served basis, and is limited to 14 days.
- Drinking water is available, but there are no RV hookups.
- Portable toilets are distributed throughout the site.
- Garbage dumpsters are provided.

Spring Rec is located within what is commonly called Hells Canyon. Hells Canyon got its name partly because it is hot! If you visit in the summer, plan on a toasty visit which is perfect for warm water fishing. This is a desert canyon environment with very little firewood, so you'll need to bring your own. The Brownlee Reservoir is managed for many valuable purposes including power production, flood control, and fish migration. Consequently, the reservoir is generally full in the spring but a drawdown begins in July and drops dramatically throughout the late summer and fall.

Recreation

Brownlee Reservoir is famous for its warm water fishery. There is a boat ramp, boarding dock, fish cleaning station, and large parking lots for vehicles and boat trailers.

The camping area consists of three large open areas that can accommodate group or individual camps. There are no hookups for Recreational Vehicles. Two areas are set aside for tent campers. Drinking water spigots are available throughout the area. Portable toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, and shade trees are other amenities. A campground host is on-site to answer any questions.

In addition to fishing, there are other things to catch your attention. The desert canyon country comes alive with wildflowers in the spring. From large to small, wildlife abounds within the canyon environment. Mule deer are one of the favorite camp visitors. Bighorn sheep are often spotted and occasionally elk and antelope. Chukar, orioles, and multitudes of migrating song birds offer a haven for bird watchers.

Directions to the Site

From Interstate 84 east or west, go to the small town of Huntington, Oregon. On the east end of town there is a street sign directing you to "Spring Rec Site". After leaving town, you are on Snake River Road. Follow this narrow, paved road approximately three miles to Spring Recreation Site.

District Contact Information

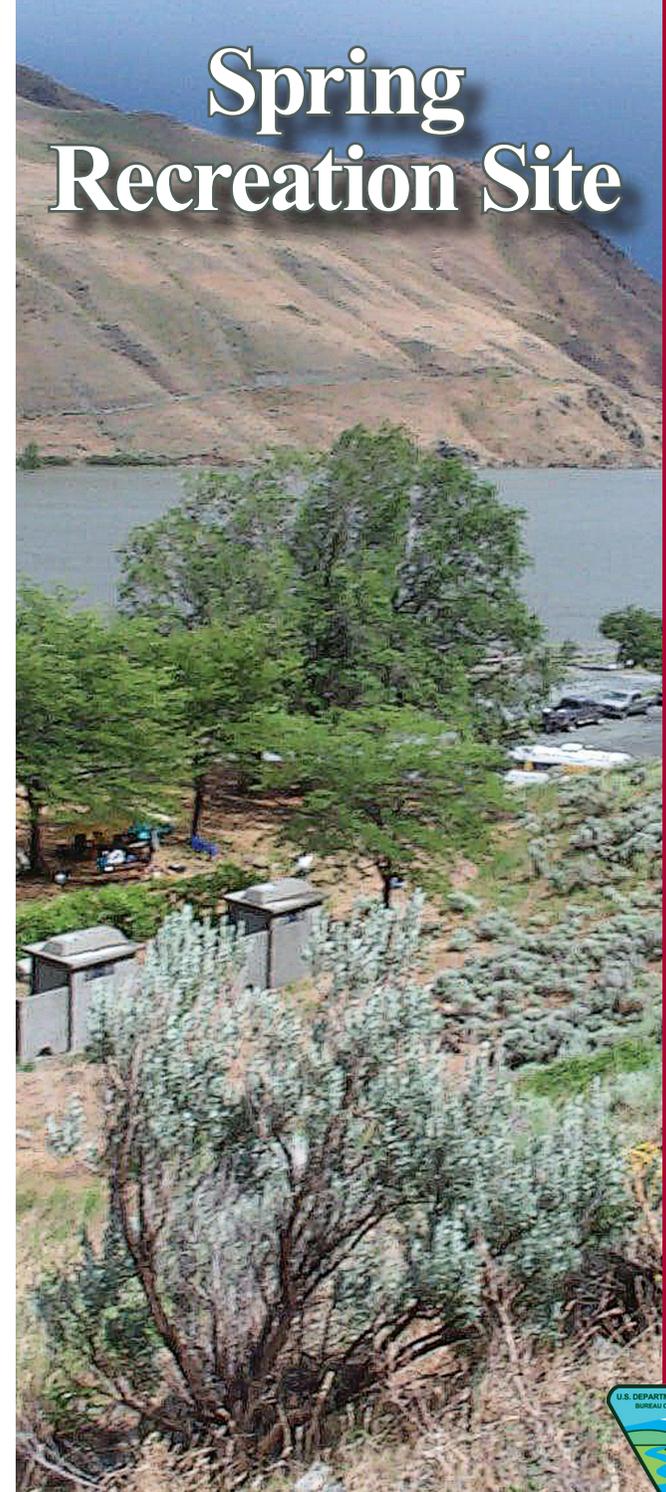
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Welcome to Spring Recreation Site

Welcome to Spring Recreation Site (affectionately called Spring Rec), a camping and fishing location off the beaten path away from the crowds. Spring Rec is located on Brownlee Reservoir, a 52-mile long reservoir on the Snake River. The reservoir is known for its large channel catfish, abundant crappie, and good bass fishing. RV and tent camping sites, a boat launch and boarding dock, and a fish cleaning station provide a comfortable fishing and camping experience. Families and groups are attracted to the large sites and easy access to the water.

