

Fish the Owyhee River

From I-84, take exit 374 for Highway 201 south. Continue to Nyssa, then turn left onto Highway 201 south on Adrian Boulevard, following signs for Lake Owyhee. Turn right onto Owyhee Avenue in 8 miles, and then turn left onto Owyhee Lake Road in 4 miles. Continue on along this road as it winds up into canyonlike country along the Owyhee River. The road's final destination is the Lake Owyhee Reservoir and Lake Owyhee State Park, although fly-anglers will want to stop before then.

From Jordan Valley, take Highway 95 north, weaving back into Idaho. Continue for about 44.5 miles before hitting the T-intersection with Highway 55 in Idaho. Turn left and continue for 5.2 miles until Highway 19, where you'll turn left to head west. The road curves north and becomes Highway 201. In about 12 miles, turn left onto Overstreet Road. In about 5.3 miles, turn left on Lake Owyhee Road. Continue on along this road as it winds up into canyonlike country along the Owyhee River. The road's final destination is the Lake Owyhee Reservoir and Lake Owyhee State Park.

About the Owyhee Canyonlands

The Owyhee Canyonlands require preparation, awareness and self-sufficiency. Once you leave the blacktop you will not find services or amenities. Top off your gas tank when leaving gateway communities like Jordan Valley or Rome, and carry a spare gas can.

Driving conditions in the Owyhee can be challenging. Roads are often unmaintained, rocky and rutted. Check each destination write-up for road conditions and advice on clearance and four-wheel drive recommendations. A small amount of precipitation makes the road surface slippery, creating mud buildup that clogs wheel wells and limits travel.

Each vehicle should contain a full-size spare tire, towing straps/chains, a jack, some flat boards, Fix-a-Flat, a lug wrench, jumper cables and a five-gallon water jug.

Your best bet for traveling in the Owyhee Canyonlands is to purchase the Malheur Canyon Country and Owyhee Canyon Country maps from the Bureau of Land Management.