



GOLDBUG HOT SPRINGS

REGION SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

PORT OF ENTRY SALMON, ID – VIA BOI

LONG/LAT 44.905321, -113.929747

DIRECTIONS

From Salmon, drive south on US Route 93 for about 23 miles, then turn left onto Warm Springs Road. If coming directly from Boise, take ID-55 34 miles north to County Highway 17, County Highway 17 33 miles east to ID-21, ID-21 58 miles east to ID-75, ID-75 55 miles east to US-93, and US-93 38 miles north to Warm Springs Road. The trailhead is a half mile down the road. From the trailhead, hike about three miles to the springs.

WEATHER

Cold winters (with snow in the mountains) and reasonably hot summers. Spring is ideal.

HISTORY

The springs are located just outside the unincorporated community of Elk Bend, a small community that was seldom developed until after 2000, when many of the area's landowners reached retirement age and began settling. Notable for being the home of the now-deceased Dugout Dick, cave-dwelling developer.

RISKS, HAZARDS, OBSTRUCTIONS

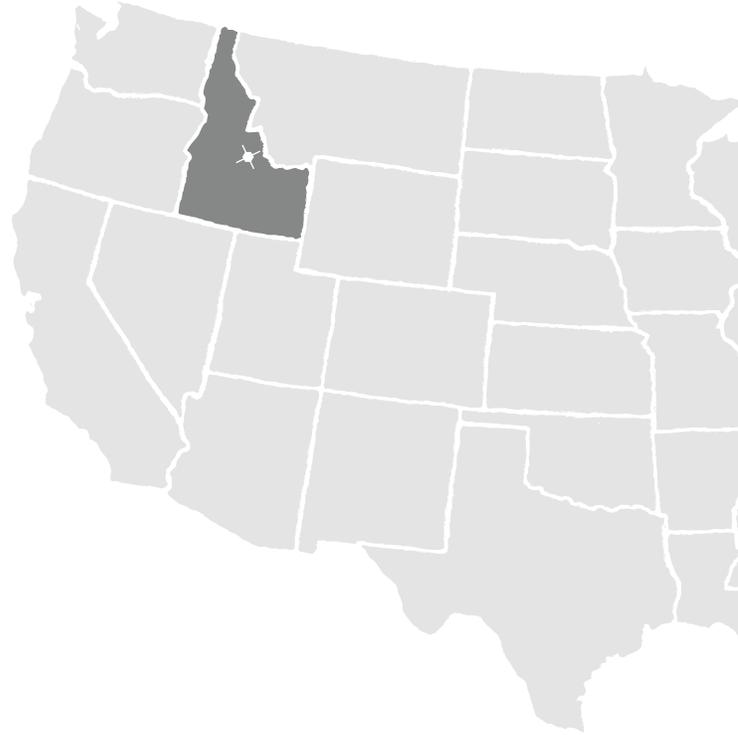
Winter road conditions vary; state highways from Boise may become dangerous or impassable (check with Idaho Transportation Dept.). In colder months, trail may become slippery.

CONTACT

Salmon/Cobalt Ranger District (208) 756-5200

HOURS, ACCESS

Free, open year-round but access is seasonal due to winter conditions (hot springs are at over 5,400 feet. No overnight camping at the springs.



FLORA

Douglas fir
Lodgepole pine

FAUNA

Mule deer
Black bear

COMMENTARY, NOTES & DATA

The cascading springs are natural, and vary in temperature depending on the distance from source. Cold spring water may be present/mixed in with the spring water. Note that access trail briefly crosses onto private property and that the springs are very popular.