

Park Name: Bruneau Dunes	Statute #: 67-4212(16)	First Established: 1967	Acres: 4,800
Classification: Natural	Primary Attraction: Largest single structure sand dune in North America		
Secondary Attractions: Bruneau Dunes astronomy observatory, small lakes			
Recreation Activities: Fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, birding, hiking, horseback riding, star gazing, sand sledding and boarding.			
History			
Local History: Bruneau Dunes is within Eagle Cove that was formed by the Bonneville Flood about 14,500 years ago. The dunes are referred to as "Idaho's Sahara." With the completion of C.J. Strike Reservoir, flood irrigation began which raised the water table and formed the small lakes and wetlands.			
Park History: In 1967, 4,200 acres were acquired from the BLM. Construction then began on Wagon Wheel Campground and the Visitor Center. 600 additional acres were added in 1968. The park was opened as Bruneau Dunes State Park in 1970. The astronomy observatory was completed in 1998. The Eagle Cove Campground was added in 2001.			
Natural Resources			
Types of Ecosystems Present: Great Basin sagebrush steppe, pond, wetlands		Environmental Quality: Fair	
Significant Fauna: Coyotes, badger, rabbits, foxes, lizards, scorpions, sage grouse, ducks, geese, kestrels, hawks, night hawks, herons, owls, bass, bluegill, and dunes tiger beetle.			
Significant Flora: Sagebrush, bitter brush, rabbit brush, bull rushes, grasses			
Invasive/Noxious Species: Russian olive, tamarisk, puncture vine, rush skeleton weed, infested with cheat grass and Russian thistle (tumbleweeds)			Elevation: 2,470
% Developed: 5%	% Undeveloped: 95%	Non-conforming uses: Unknown	
Visitation			
Day Use: 74,234	Camping: 27,056	Annual Total: 101,290 (2017)	
Economic Impact as provided in 2018 BSU Study: \$2,382,000			
Recreation Amenities			
Paved Roads (Miles): 4.5		Gravel Roads (Miles): < 1	Day Use Areas: 3
Paved Parking Lots: 2	Gravel Parking Lots: 1	Boat Ramps: 0	Docks: 1
Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 0		Miles of Trail (unimproved): 22	Visitor Centers: 2
Entrance Stations: 0	Improved Restrooms: 4	Vault Toilets: 4	Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0
Campsites Serviced (W, E, or W&E): 81		Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0	Dump Stations: 1
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Camping Cabins: 2	Deluxe Cabins: 0	Yurts: 0	Cottages: 0
Future Plans			
There is no state park master plan available.			
Issues and Remarks			
<p>There are several individual picnic tables available with 2 at the visitor center, 4 at the lake day use area, and 6 at the observatory day use area. The park is adjacent to C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area and BLM Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. The Bruneau Canyon overlook is nearby. The pavement of roads and parking lots are in need of resurfacing. A segment near the lake/dunes parking lot is in poor repair.</p>			