

Park Name: Eagle Island		Statute #: 67-4212(12)	First Established: 1977	Acres: 537
Classification: Recreation		Primary Attraction: Open space/Boise River		
Secondary Attractions: Small lakes, water slide, special events, local history				
Recreation Activities: Multi-use trails, non-motorized boating, swimming, fishing, volleyball, disc golf, water slide, playground, horseshoes				
History				
Local History: The land at the Eagle Island site was first settled in the 1860s. Truman C. Catlin received his homestead patent in 1869. The Eagle Island Property was first purchased in 1929. It was opened as a state prison farm until 1977.				
Park History: After 1977, the IDPR developed the site as a park to include a water slide, picnic areas, restroom, concessions, swimming area and trails. The park was officially dedicated on June 25, 1983. The Eagle Island State Park master plan was completed in September 2006. Among other things, the park development included creation of four large lakes through the extraction and sale of sand and gravel. Revenue from the extraction was to be used for park development purposes. Later in 2006, the Legislature authorized the sale of sand and gravel from the park. To facilitate the ingress and egress of gravel trucks, the legislature authorized 3 million dollars to build a bridge over the Boise River and to construct the initial phase of developing a new entrance. After the bridge was completed, all work was halted until the sand and gravel extraction could begin. In April 2011, the state auctioned its first 5 year gravel contract to Knife River. After the passing of eight years since the extraction of sand and gravel was authorized, due to a decline in demand for gravel resources, no further progress has been made and the new bridge leads to "no where." After 47 years, Eagle Island remains Idaho's most unfinished park.				
Natural Resources				
Types of Ecosystems Present: Black cottonwood forest, pond, river, riparian, wetlands			Environmental Quality: Poor	
Significant Fauna: Deer, beaver, otter, fox, muskrats, geese, ducks, herons, valley quail, pheasants, bald eagles, hawks, kestrels, magpies, trout, perch, bass, bluegill.				
Significant Flora: Black Cottonwood trees, black locust, silver maple, box elder, catalpa, goldenrod, milkweed, willows, grasses				
Invasive/Noxious Species: Agricultural hay species, spotted knapweed, purple loosestrife, Russian olive, poison hemlock			Elevation: 2,724	
% Developed: 10%	% Undeveloped: 90%		Non-conforming uses: Farming, agricultural storage, grazing, internal fencing, abandoned buildings, cell tower	
Visitation				
Day Use: 345,917	Camping: 0	Annual Total: 345,917 (2017)		
Economic Impact as provided in 2018 BSU Study: \$5,262,000				
Recreation Amenities				
Paved Roads (Miles): 1		Gravel Roads (Miles): 1		Day Use Areas: 2
Paved Parking Lots: 4	Gravel Parking Lots: 3	Boat Ramps: 0	Docks: 0	Group Shelters: 4

Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 1		Miles of Trail (unimproved): 5		Visitor Centers: 1
Entrance Stations: 1	Improved Restrooms: 2	Vault Toilets: 0	Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0	
Campsites Serviced (W, E, or W&E): 0		Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E,S): 0		Dump Stations: 0
Companion Campsites Serviced (W,E): 0		Campsites Primitive/ Standard: 0	Group sites (including equestrian): 0	
Camping Cabins: 0	Deluxe Cabins: 0	Yurts: 0	Cottages: 0	
Future Plans				
<p>The Eagle Island State Park Master Plan was completed in September 2006. The only parts of the master plan that have been completed are the acquisition of lands needed for the new entrance, completion of a bridge over the Boise River, and a gravel approach road from State Street to the new bridge. The master plan calls for, among other things, the development of: (1) four large lakes; (2) hike-in, RV, and group camping sites; (3) an education center and separate visitor center; (4) an amphitheater; (5) additional roads (both paved and gravel); (6) additional picnic areas; and (7) additional trails, (both improved and primitive). There are immediate approved plans to use \$250,000 to finish the new entrance road and connect it with the existing park facilities. Completion of this project is expected in the summer of 2015. There are also immediate approved plans to use \$400,000 to upgrade the sewer system and \$250,000 to upgrade the east restroom. This project is tied to a \$5 million request for LWCF funding for a sewage lift station.</p>				
Issues and Remarks				
<p>The park has 60 picnic tables available for individual day use. The park is adjacent to the Eagle Island fish hatchery. The western terminus of the Boise River greenbelt trail is now within ½ mile of the new entrance to the park, but connectivity has yet been achieved. Numerous events and concessions have been approved at the park that are resulting in crowds that are beyond the capabilities (especially the sewage system) of the park facilities. Park staff have already had to construct one gravel parking lot and are now parking cars on the grassy areas of the park.</p>				