

Park Name: Coeur d'Alene Old Mission	Statute #: 67-4212(4)	First Established: 1975	Acres: 34
Classification: Heritage	Primary Attraction: Oldest still standing building in Idaho		
Secondary Attractions: Coeur d'Alene Tribe history, Catholic Church history, natural area			
Recreation Activities: History study, picnicking, special events, hiking, nature study			
History			
Local History: In 1848, Father Peter De Smet began building the Old Mission. It was completed in 1853. It soon became a "station of hospitality and supplies" for those passing through the area. The Coeur d'Alene Reservation was established in 1877. Father Joseph Cataldo made it his headquarters for ministering to the Couer d'Alene people.			
Park History: On July 4, 1961, the Old Mission was designated a National Historic Landmark. In 1975, the Old Mission became a state historic park under the care of IDPR through a long-term lease with the Catholic Diocese of Boise. In 1976, IDPR obtained a lease to a parcel of land that surrounds the Old Mission site. On August 15, 2001, the diocese conveyed ownership of the Old mission site to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The parcel of land that surrounds the Old Mission site is sold. The Sacred Encounters Visitor Center was opened in 2009. The new owner of the parcel of land that surrounds the Old Mission site asks for an increae in the lease rate in 2012 and IDPR declines. This causes the loss of the lower parking lot and several surrounding historical sites.			
Natural Resources			
Types of Ecosystems Present: Ponderosa-Douglas fir forest, meadow, river, pond, wetlands		Environmental Quality: Very good	
Significant Fauna: Moose, osprey, eagles, herons, otters, beavers			
Significant Flora: Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, grand fir, western white pine, huckleberry, willows			
Invasive/Noxious Species: Unknown			Elevation: 2,200
% Developed: 60%	% Undeveloped: 40%	Non-conforming uses: None	
Visitation			
Day Use: 86,729	Camping: 0	Annual Total: 86,729	
Economic Impact as provided in 2018 BSU Study: \$771,000			
Recreation Amenities			
Paved Roads (Miles): <1		Gravel Roads (Miles): 1	Day Use Areas: 1
Paved Parking Lots: 1	Gravel Parking Lots: 1	Boat Ramps: 1	Docks: 2
Miles of trail (paved/gravel): 1		Miles of Trail (unimproved): 0	Visitor Centers: 1
Entrance Stations: 1	Improved Restrooms: 1	Vault Toilets: 2	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:	Group sites (including equestrian): 0

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Camping Cabins: 0	Deluxe Cabins: 0	Yurts: 0	Cottages: 0
Future Plans			
The Old Mission State Park Master Plan was completed in 1999.			
Issues and Remarks			
The park has frontage on the Coeur d'Alene River. The park is near the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes State Park. Land tenure issues are causing some dysfunction. There are 10 picnic tables available for day use.			