#### Recreation

The Snake River in Idaho Falls offers recreational opportunities like boating, kayaking, fishing, biking, and walking. The Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Department and Idaho Falls Power collaborate on projects to enhance access and preserve habitat. Idaho Falls Power operates hydroelectric plants at four locations along the river. This guide highlights activities and amenities to help residents and visitors make the most of what Idaho Falls has to offer.



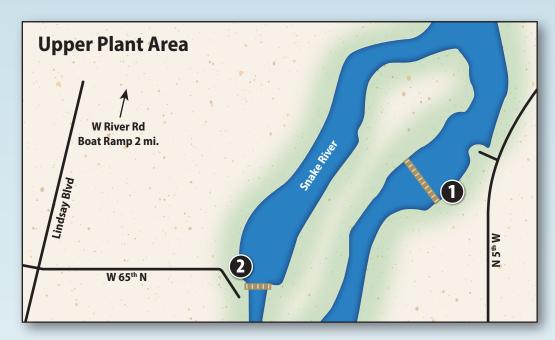
# Idaho Falls **Snake River Recreation Map**



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# East Upper Plant

This area off East River Road features a small boat ramp just above the Upper Plant diversion dam. It provides access for boating and fishing. There is a small ungraded parking area.



## 2 West Upper Plant

The West Upper Plant area provides access for fishing and hiking. Visitors can explore the large island in the Snake River. There is a parking area with restroom facilities.



# **3** Upper Gem Lake Marina

Located 2.25 miles upstream from the Gem State Plant. The area features three picnic shelters, a lawn area, boat launch, and restrooms. Boating, water skiing, and fishing are popular. The area also provides access to the Gem Lake Bike Park, which hosts a variety of technical features for the up and coming mountain biker.











#### 4 Lower Gem Lake Marina

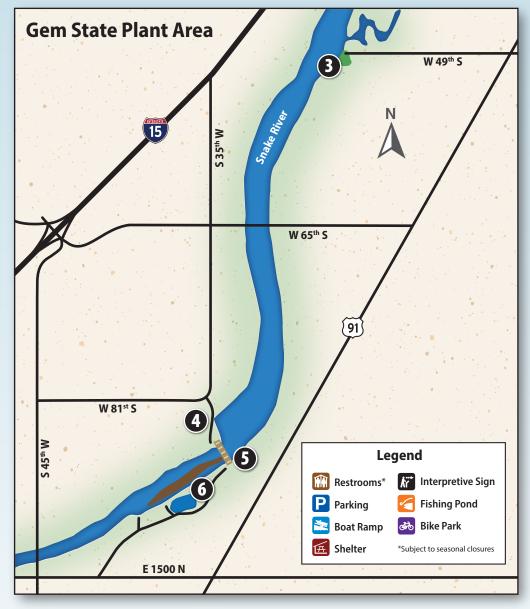
Gem Lake is formed by the Gem State Hydropower Plant. It is popular for boating, water skiing, personal watercraft, fishing, and ice fishing in the winter. The recreation area has a boat launch, docks, lawn area, picnic shelters and tables, and firepits.



## **5** Gem State Plant

Construction on the fifth city-owned hydroelectric plant began in 1985. The powerhouse uses a vertical Kaplan turbine, as opposed to bulb turbines at the city's other plants. Gem State Plant started generating electricity in October of 1988 and is the largest of the city-owned plants.







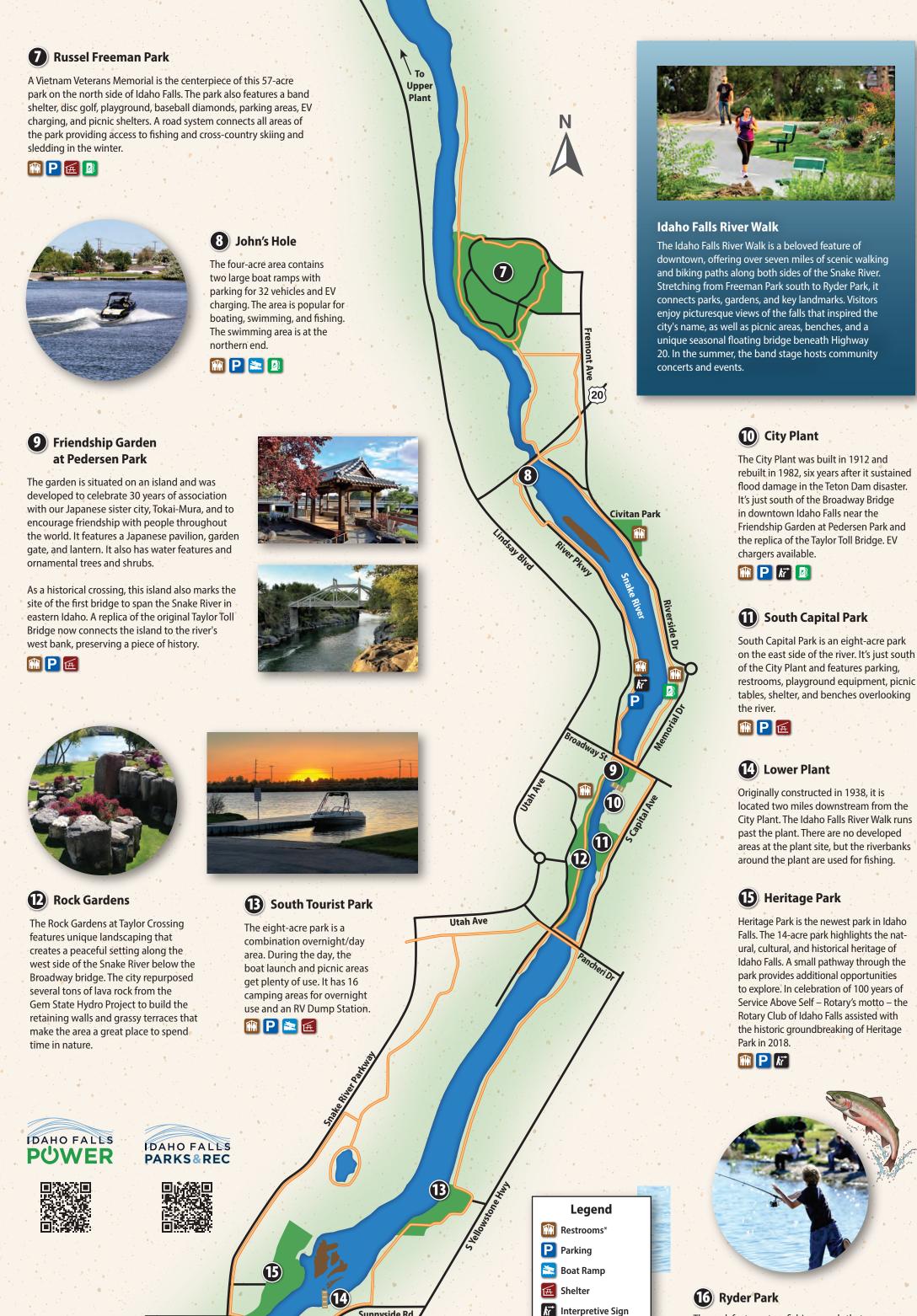
## 6 Gem State Fishing Pond

The five-acre pond is stocked with several varieties of fish. Idaho Falls Power and Idaho Fish and Game work in collaboration to manage fish populations in the pond. Nesting platforms, trees, and grasslands provide habitat for wildlife and waterfowl. The fishing pond also has several picnic tables and an ADA accessible fishing platform.









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To Gem Lake

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Fishing Pond

🚵 Bike Park

River Walk \*Subject to seasonal closures

EV Charging Station

The park features two fishing ponds that are open to the public and easily accessible. The ponds are frequently stocked by Idaho Fish and Game, allowing kids and adults a greater chance of catching fish. The nearby Ryder Bike Park offers adventure for BMX and mountain bikers.