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1	Calispel Lake	Swans, Migrant shorebirds, all three Nuthatches, Pygmy owl, Several species of Geese, Raptors, Bobolinks, Waterfowl	private, PUD		From Newport, take SR 20/W. Walnut St. for approx. 15.7 miles to McKenzie Road. Turn left on McKenzie Road. After about 1 mile, turn right, still on McKenzie for approx. 2 miles. After 1.5 miles, turn left on Westside Calispell Rd. The lake will be on the left in about .25 mile. It is private property. Viewing with scopes and binoculars is available from the narrow road.
2	Flying Goose	Eagles, Osprey, Waterfowl, Redstarts, Swans, Woodpeckers, Spotted sandpipers, Grebes, Shorebirds	KT	P	From Usk crossroads, drive into Usk and cross the Pend Oreille River Bridge. Take left on Leclerc Rd. Travel north approximately 9 miles. The Ranch (now part of the Kalispel Reservation) to the entrance on the left with the two large green buildings (Bass Hatchery). Parking is available there with foot access from there. Second entrance approximately .5 miles further on Leclerc Rd. Turn left into parking area with foot access from there.
3	Tacoma/Trimble	Kinglets, Tanagers, Osprey, Eagles, Tree Swallows, Yellowthroat, Chat, Marsh wrens, Rails, Blackbirds, Swifts, Swallows, Terns, Waterfowl, Migrant shorebirds, Bobolinks, Raptors, Grebes, Mergansers, Vireos, Warblers, Sparrows	KT, PUD, USFWS	P	From Cusick travel north on Highway 20 approximately 3.5 miles to entrance on right at the intersection with W. Calispell Road. W. Calispell Road at this point is on the Tacoma Creek dike. The access to the Kalispel Tribe managed lands is another mile north on Hwy. 20. Parking available with foot access from there. The PUD land is on the east side of Hwy. 20 between the dike and Tacoma Creek and extending east out to the Pend Oreille River.



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4	Big Meadow Lake Campground	Swallows, Snipes, Rails, Flycatchers, Waterthrush, Red-winged blackbirds, Common yellowthroat, Loons, Waterfowl, Owls	USFS	P, C, F, H, O	From Ione, take the Smackout Pass Road (County Road 2714) west approx. 2.5 miles to the Big Meadow Lake Road (County Road 2695). Turn left on the Big Meadow Lake Road, drive west approx. 5 miles to Big Meadow Lake.
5	Cusick Wetland Ed Site	Geese, Osprey, Ducks , Cormorants, Sparrows, Waxwings, Hummingbirds	Cusick city		In Cusick, take either of the 2 right turns off the highway and they will both lead you to the railroad crossing. In 2 more blocks, the boat launch and Wetland site will be on the left.
6	Jared Rd wetlands	Black-necked stilts, Wilson's Phalaropes, Teal, Waterfowl, Marsh wren, Black Tern	private (Kelley)		From Usk crossroads, take Hwy. 211 south for 2 miles and turn right on Jared Road. The cattail swamp will be on both sides of the road in .5 mile. The swamp is on private land, viewing from the road is okay.
7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
8	Usk Bridge	Osprey, Cormorants, Blue heron, Waterfowl, Cliff swallows, Bullock's oriole, Pygmy nuthatch	WDOT		From Newport, follow SR 20/W. Walnut St. for approx. 16 miles to W. 5 th /Kings Lake Rd. Turn right and follow the road to the Usk Bridge. (Both roads from Hwy. 20 leading into Usk will take you to the River bridge.) There is parking in the town of Usk. Viewing from the bridge deck is possible, though extreme caution is advised.



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9	Salmo Loop trailhead	High-elevation forest birds - Clark's nutcracker, Boreal and Chestnut-backed chickadees, White-winged crossbill	USFS	P, C, H	From Metaline Falls, drive north approx. 1 mile on State Highway 31 to the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345). Turn right on the Sullivan Lake Road, drive east for approx. 4.5 miles to the Sullivan Creek Road (Forest Road 2200). Turn left on FR 2200, drive east for approx. 5 miles to FR 2220. Continue on FR 2220 for approx. 10 miles to trailhead at end of road.
10	Elk Creek Trail/Mill Pond	Warblers, Spotted towhee, Hummingbirds, Bluebirds, Woodpeckers, Dabbling ducks	USFS	P, C, F, H	From Metaline Falls, drive north approx. 1 mile on State Highway 31 to the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345). Turn right on the Sullivan Lake Road, drive east for approx. 3.5 miles to the Mill Pond Interpretive Site on right hand side of road.
11	Kirchan Rd slough	Waterfowl, Avocets, Phalaropes, Bobolinks	private		From Cusick, WA, drive north on Hwy. 20 about 1.25 miles to Kirchan Road and turn left. This is a 2 mile county road that leads through farmland with a couple wetlands/ sloughs on either side. Viewing is available from the road.
12	Sullivan Lake/Noisy Creek	Ruffed grouse, Eagles, Osprey, Loons, Waterfowl, Redstarts, Swans, Dippers, Woodpeckers, Spotted sandpipers, Grebes	USFS	P, C, F, H	From Ione, cross the Pend Oreille River on the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345), Drive northeast for approx. 9 miles to Sullivan Lake



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13	Sullivan Creek Road	Harlequin ducks, Dippers, Flycatchers, Kinglets, Ruffed grouse	USFS	P, C, F	From Metaline Falls, drive north approx. 1 mile on State Highway 31 to the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345). Turn right on the Sullivan Lake Road, drive east for approx. 4.5 miles to the Sullivan Creek Road (Forest Road 2200).
14	Pend Oreille County Park	Woodpeckers, Warblers, Thrush, Upland forest birds, Owls, Cooper's hawk	County	P, C, H	From the south end of Pend Oreille County, take the four-lane divided Newport Highway/US 2 north for approx. 2.5 miles. Watch for the Pend Oreille County Park sign on the shoulder. Be prepared to turn left across the median, to access the Park's entrance.
15	Pioneer Park Campground	Eagles, Osprey, Waterfowl, Hammond's flycatcher, Townsend's warbler, Orange-crowned warbler, Red-naped sapsucker, Vaux's swift	USFS	P, C, F	From Newport, drive east across Pend Oreille River on State Highway 2. On the east shore of the river, make an immediate left turn on the LeClerc Road (County Road 9325). Drive north for approx. 2 miles to CG on left hand side of road.
16	Little Spokane (Scotia Road pond)	Goldfinches, Warblers, Waterfowl, Gray catbird	private		The intersection of Hwy. 2 and Scotia Road is about 1 mile west of Diamond Lake. From here, travel on Scotia Road to the east about 3 miles. The pond will be obvious on the right. Viewing from the county road.
17	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



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18	Sacheen Lake Boat Launch	Bittern (sometimes) Waxwings, Goldfinches, Yellow-rumped warblers, Common yellowthroat	WDFW	P,F	From the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 211 (about 35 miles north of Spokane on Hwy. 2), drive north on Hwy. 211 about 4 miles. When you can see Sacheen Lake on your left, take Terrace Dr. on the left and this leads to the public boat ramp on the left and inside a chain link fence.
19	Power Lake	Dabbling ducks	PUD		From Usk crossroads, drive south on Hwy. 211 4.25 miles to Westside Calispell Road. Turn right and drive about 5 miles on Westside Calispell Road and turn left on Middle Fork Calispell Road. This is an access into the National Forest. Drive about 1.25 miles to a 3 way intersection and take the left fork onto the 3520 Road. Power Lake will be on the left after about 1.25 miles.
20	Newport Geophysical	Dry forest birds, Cassin's finch, Black-backed woodpecker, Goshawk	USFS	P, H	From Newport, drive east across Pend Oreille River on State Highway 2. On the east shore of the river, make an immediate left onto the LeClerc Road (County Road 9325). Drive north approx. 3 miles to Bead Lake Road (County Road 3129). Drive northwest for approx. 3.5 miles to Indian Creek Road (County Road 3025). Drive due west for approx. 1 mile. Trailhead is on right hand side of road.



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21	Davis (Mallard) boat ramp	Waterfowl, Eagles, Swans, Bullock's oriole	County		From the south end of Pend Oreille County, take the four-lane divided Newport Highway/US 2 north for approx. 4 miles to SR 211 and turn left. Follow SR 211 to Hwy. 20. Turn right on Hwy. 20. for about 4.25 miles to Davis Road on the left. There are two P.O. River boat ramps off of this road. After about .5 mile, the first boat ramp will be on the right. Drive another mile along Davis Rd. to the boat ramp at the end of the road. This is near the mouth of Davis Creek.
22	Tiger Meadows / Nile / Frater Lake	Sandhill crane (rarely), Common yellowthroat, Swallows, Goldeneye, Osprey, Snipe, Sora rail, Bluebirds, Three-toed woodpecker	USFS	P, C, F, H	From Tiger, take State Highway 20 approx. 4 miles west to Tiger Meadows / Nile Lake on left side of road, Frater Lake on right side of road.
23	Skookum Creek Campground	Waterfowl, Nesting ducks	DNR		From the south end of Pend Oreille County, take the four-lane divided Newport Highway/US 2 north for approx. 4 miles to SR 211 and turn left. Follow SR 211 for approx. 15 miles to SR 20 and turn left for .4 mile then right onto W. 5 th Street/Kings Lake road crossing the Usk Bridge for approx. .9 mile. At the end of the Bridge turn right onto LeClerc road south for approx 3.2 miles. Turn left at Bear Park for .1 mile and left again at Skookum Creek Campground.
24	Yergens public lot	Waterfowl, Eagles, Swans, Snipe, Hummingbirds	County		



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25	Wolf Trails- Newport	Woodpeckers, Kinglets, Mixed conifer forest birds	USFS	P, H	Located on the north side of the town of Newport.
26	Panhandle Campground	PO River birds (Eagles, Osprey, Waterfowl), American redstart	USFS	P, C, F	From Newport, drive east across Pend Oreille River on State Highway 2. On the east shore of the river, make an immediate left turn on the LeClerc Road (County Road 9325). Drive north for approx. 25 miles to CG on left hand side of road.
27	Eagle Site s. of Selkirk HS	Eagles, Waterfowl, several Swallow species	WDOT	P	From Ione head north on N. 2 nd Avenue/SR 31 for approx. 6 miles to Selkirk Junior-Senior High School, 10372 SR Hwy. 31. Parking is available in the High School parking lot.
28	Sportsman's Pond	Dabbling ducks, Rednecked grebe, Goldeneye	USFS	P, F	From Newport, drive approx. 21 miles north on State Highway 20 to the Tacoma Creek Road (County Road 2389). Turn left on the Tacoma Creek Road and drive northwest approx. 4 miles to Sportsman's Pond on right side of road.
29	River Road/Black Rd drive	Greater and lesser scaup, Goldeneye (winter), Migrant terns, Waterfowl, Eagles, Osprey, Cormorants	private, PUD, PVN		From Newport, drive north on SR 20/W. Walnut street for approx. 15 miles. Turn right onto W. 5 th Street/Kings Lake Road for approx .4 miles and left onto River Road. Follow River Road for approx. 1.5 miles along the Pend Oreille River. Viewing is possible from the road with some limited places to park. From W. 5 th Street/Kings Lake Road, turn right onto Black Road



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30	Boundary Dam/Peewee	Spotted sandpiper, several Swallow species			
31	Box Canyon Park/viewpoint		PUD		
32	Metaline Park	Dabbling ducks, Red-winged blackbirds	City		
33	Manressa Grotto		KT	P,H, bathrooms	From Usk, cross bridge turn left on Leclerc Rd. Travel north approximately 5.5 miles to area with parking and bathrooms visible from the road. Walking trail to Maressa grotto from parking area. Small picnic facility across Leclerc Rd. from grotto parking area.
34	Crescent Lake	Goldeneye, Hooded merganser, other ducks, Forest birds around lake	USFS	P, C, F	From Metaline Falls, take State Highway 31 north for approx. 10 miles to Crescent Lake on left hand side of road.
35	Edgewater Campground	Pileated woodpecker, PO River birds (Eagles, Osprey, Waterfowl)	USFS	P, C, F	From Ione, cross the Pend Oreille River on the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345). On the east shore of the river, make an immediate left turn on the Box Canyon Road (County Road 3669). Drive north for approx. 2 miles to the campground on the left side of the road.
36	Sweet Creek Falls	Mixed conifer forest birds	County		



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37	Ruby Ferry Site (east bank)	PO River birds	USFS	P, C, F	From Newport, drive east across Pend Oreille River on State Highway 2. On the east shore of the river, make an immediate left turn on the LeClerc Road (County Road 9325). Drive north for approx. 27 miles to the old ferry launch on left side of road.
38	David Thompson Site	PO River birds (Eagles, Osprey, Waterfowl)	WDOT		
P1	Harvey Creek/ Bunchgrass/ Monumental Mountain	Excellent for Boreal and Montane species such as Three-toed woodpecker, Spruce grouse, Dusky grouse, Ruffed grouse, Dipper, Harlequin duck, Olive-sided flycatcher, White-winged and Red crossbills, Bohemian waxwing, four species of Chickadees, Kinglets, and Warblers	USFS	primitive	From Ione, cross the Pend Oreille River on the Sullivan Lake Road (County Road 9345). Drive approx. 7 miles northeast on the Sullivan Lake Road to the Harvey Creek Road (FR 1935). Drive southeast on the Harvey Creek Road for approx. 9 miles to Bunchgrass Meadows on the left. Monumental Mountain is another two miles south.
P2	Hobbs property (east side of PO river 3 miles south of Ione bridge, park by barn)	Downy, hairy, Pileated woodpeckers, Jays, Mountain bluebirds, Grosbeak, Waterfowl	Private (Matt and Susan Hobbs)	Canoe & kayak launch okay.	E. side of Pend Oreille River 3 miles So. of Ione bridge on LeClerc N. Turn at Heritage Lane (park by barn). Call ahead 509-442-3578 - a respite retreat www.tohonor.org setting. Dog needs to be contained so he won't follow birders.