

The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness



Established by Congress in 1980, the River of No Return Wilderness was renamed in 1984 to honor former Idaho senator Frank Church. At 2.3 million acres, this is the largest wilderness area outside of Alaska – it is the “Crown Jewel” of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The Main and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River run through this pristine area, and both are premier whitewater rivers in the United States.

Wilderness provides opportunities for primitive recreation – hiking, river rafting, horseback riding, fishing and hunting, cross-country skiing, camping and just enjoying the solitude, the wildlife and the scenery.

No mechanized transport or motorized equipment is allowed, such as motorcycles, snowmobiles, mountain bikes, chainsaws or game carriers. Wheelchairs are permitted for persons with disabilities.

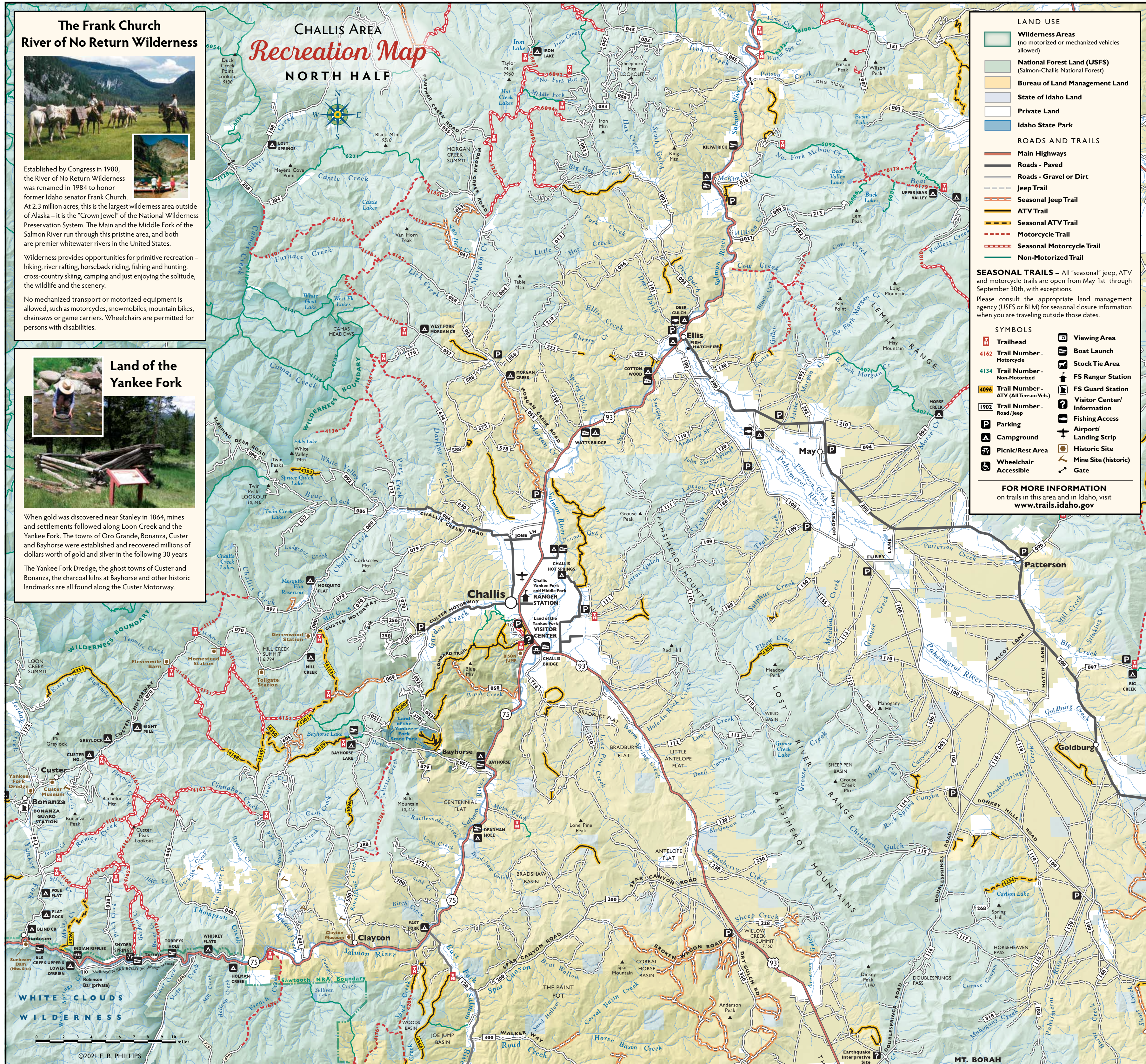
Land of the Yankee Fork



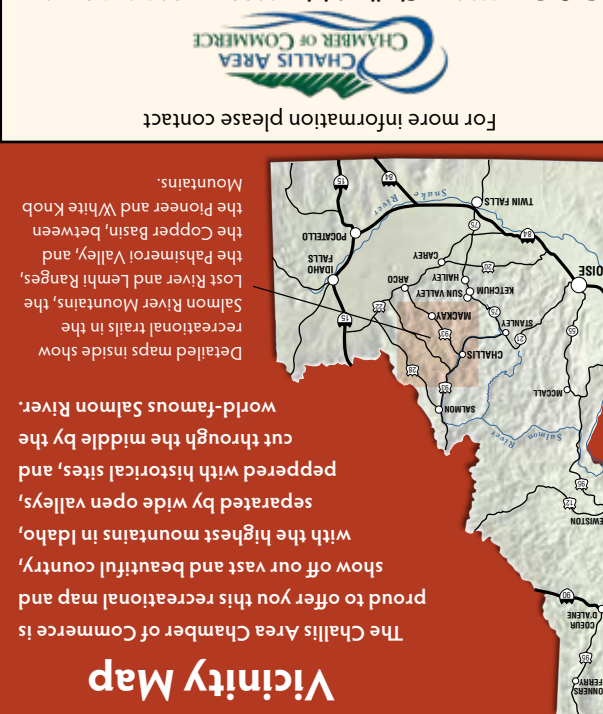
When gold was discovered near Stanley in 1864, mines and settlements followed along Loon Creek and the Yankee Fork. The towns of Oro Grande, Bonanza, Custer and Bayhorse were established and recovered millions of dollars worth of gold and silver in the following 30 years.

The Yankee Fork Dredge, the ghost towns of Custer and Bonanza, the charcoal kilns at Bayhorse and other historic landmarks are all found along the Custer Motorway.

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The Challis Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to offer you this recreational map and show off our vast and beautiful country, separated by wide open valleys, peppered with historical sites, and cut through the middle by the world-famous salmon river.



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• Obtain free Travel Maps from the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); check with them for travel regulations and current conditions. Learn the rules and follow them.

• Avoid running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses – damaging or killing them.

• Stay off soft, wet roads, and trails readily torn up by vehicles (particularly during hunting seasons). Repairing the damage is expensive.

• Travel around meadows, steep hillsides, or stream banks and lake shores easily scarred by churning wheels.

• Resist the urge to pioneer a new road or trail, or to cut across a switchback.

• Stay away from wild animals that are rearing young – or suffering from food shortage. Stress can sap scarce energy reserves.

• Obey gate closures and regulatory signs. Vandalism costs tax dollars.

• Motorized Users: Stay out of wilderness areas. They're closed to all vehicles. Know where the boundaries are.

• Get permission to travel across private land. Respect landowner rights.

Much of the Yankee Fork and the Lost River and Pahsimeroi ranges is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular phones do not work in many areas. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

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