

overlooked by travelers on more major highways. But its remote and reclusive location actually serves to preserve a richness of history and natural beauty and poses a rare opportunity for a lucky traveler to catch a glimpse of an undeveloped remnant of the Old West. Established in 1896, the town of **Curlew** was centered around the original **Curlew Store**, as well as the Ansoorge Hotel in which Henry Ford once enjoyed a repass during a trip to personally deliver a Model-T to his niece. The area attracted gold miners and remains a site for gold exploration to this day.

Abundant opportunities exist for visits to local historic landmarks, such as Chief Tonasket's grave, one of the first prominent American Indian cattlemen.

Near the Canadian border is Ranald MacDonald's grave, a remarkable man of American Indian and Scottish descent who is remembered for his early travels to Japan during the 1840's in which he taught English and established enduring connections between the two countries. Other sites of interest include the historic Curlew Bridge, the Antique Car and Truck Museum and the Malo Store. Guided tours are also available to the Ansoorge Hotel Museum.

The surrounding area is a wonderland for sportsmen and nature-lovers. The Kettle River enters Ferry County from Canada in a southerly direction and reverses its direction as it makes a wide bend near **Curlew** and then flows north to again return to the Canadian border. The river follows the highway at all points, allowing easy access to sightseers, gold panners, fishermen, rafters and kayakers. A wide variety of birds and other wildlife are plentiful along the way. Dozens of species of birds are commonly seen, including bald eagles, osprey and heron. Mule deer and white-tailed deer abound, as well as bear, coyotes, cougar and bighorn sheep adorn the steep cliffs along the river. Mountain lakes, ponds and creeks complete the picture.

During the winter, the rugged landscape is transformed into a quiet and almost mystically serene world, entirely remote from big city cares and worries. Cross-country skiers are among those who seek a retreat into such a pristine environment.

Throughout the year, music and art festivals occur in rapid succession, drawing upon a wealth of local talent and people who have moved here to enjoy life. Visit soon. Contact the **Ferry County Chamber of Commerce** at (509) 779-4808, for more information, or visit their website at [www.ferry-county.com](http://www.ferry-county.com)

### CUSICK / USK

As you wind your way northward on State Highway 20, along the Pend Oreille River, you will find the opportunity to stop in and visit the towns of **Usk** and **Cusick**.

Both of these towns have the conveniences of stores, gas stations and a post office but whatever you stop for, take the time to look around and enjoy the area. **Usk** and **Cusick** enjoy the tourism trade and the sportsmen who use this area as their headquarters.

Close to **Usk** is the site of the St. Ignatius Mission and the Kalispel Indian Reservation. The reservation spans approximately 5,000 acres. Outside of town, you can continue your drive through the countryside.

### DAVENPORT

Traveling west from Spokane on Highway 2, you will come to the small friendly community of **Davenport**, and you will want to stop. Why? Because the Lincoln County Historical Museum is here. This museum is one of the finest.

History buffs will tell you that you will see some of the finest preservation of American History here. You will thrill to American Indian artifacts and outstanding photographs.

The old farm machinery will make you shudder to think what our forefathers went through to work the soil. Pioneer furniture, clothing and tools are among other fine displays at this museum.

We have an abundance of



City Hall (photo courtesy Deer Park Area Chamber of Commerce)

recreational opportunities, with 151 miles of fishing, water-skiing, pleasure boating and sailboarding in clean, clear blue water. Washington's largest lake, Lake Roosevelt, is only minutes from downtown **Davenport**. With sixteen public boat ramps, six sandy beach campgrounds all within a half-hour drive, Lake Roosevelt also means hiking, picnicking and sightseeing.

For more information, call toll free (800) 326-8148.

### DEER PARK

The Inland Northwest is a recreational paradise offering an abundance of lakes, streams and mountains all within easy reach. The **City of Deer Park** sits in the heart of it.

Located just 20 miles north of Spokane's business district and easily accessible by two main highways, **Deer Park** is surrounded by golden fields and pine forests and is completely surrounded by mountains including Mount Spokane to the east and the Huckleberry Mountains to the West.

In addition, two ski resorts are located within an hour's drive of this fair city offering year-round mountain activities.

**Deer Park** is now the home of the leading RV Golf Resort in the State of Washington. We are building a 400 space luxury RV Golf Resort at the fairways of an

eight year old 6,750 yard championship golf course. RV spaces are huge – up to 120 feet long with huge concrete pads.

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**Deer Park** is a fun place to visit and a great place to live. For more information please contact the **Deer Park Area Chamber of Commerce**, (509) 276-5900, and let them show you this beautiful community. Website: [www.deer-parkchamber.com](http://www.deer-parkchamber.com)

### IONE

If you follow Hwy. 20, North to Tiger and continue North on Hwy. 31, you will come to the town of **Ione**. Once a booming town of loggers and miners, **Ione** is now a quiet little town, located along the banks of the Pend Oreille River. But don't let this fool you; there is plenty to do there. If you love the outdoors, you'll find year-round activities such as: hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, boating, cross-country skiing, hiking, bird-watching, camping and sightseeing.

On the last weekend in July every year **Ione** has a festival called Down River Days with arts & crafts, food booths, a parade,

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an old-fashioned street dance, snowmobile races on the river, and the ever popular round-trip train rides to Metaline Falls, hosted by the **NPOV Lions Club**. The train leaves from the lone Station unless otherwise noted. The Historic Tiger Store located on the corner of Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 31 gives you a feeling of going back in time with their quaint building, local history and a display of one of the first post offices. You worked hard today, visit one of our hotels and restaurants for a relaxing evening.

For more tourist information on **lone** call the **Metalines Chamber of Commerce** at (509) 446-1721 or (509) 226-2601.

**KETTLE FALLS**

**Kettle Falls** is a delightful community with so much to do and located close to all of the wonders of nature and many recreational opportunities.

The **Kettle Falls Area Chamber of Commerce** will be the first to say "We encourage you to visit, spend a day or two with us or more. We will make it worth your while." They do indeed.

When you visit **Kettle Falls**, you'll enjoy learning about the region and the history of this nice town. Through archaeological excavations, diaries and ledgers, the lives and culture of the first people to live at **Kettle Falls** has been discovered. Over 9,000 years of habitation in and around the falls have been documented. There are many unique and fine accommodations in **Kettle Falls** along with great food and shopping, but the fun is in the events and activities and recreational opportunities that will keep you busy year-round.

Make **Kettle Falls** your out-of-the-way destination next vacation.

**MARCUS**

**Marcus** is a pleasant little town nestled in a pine forest on a plateau above the old town site on Lake Roosevelt. **Marcus** has a town hall, community computer center, and post office.

The big celebration in **Marcus** is the "Cider Fest" which is held in October. The celebration is a lot of fun for everyone who attends.

**METALINE & METALINE FALLS**

Year-round recreational activities make **The Metalines** a great choice for your vacation. The area is ideal for sightseeing, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and touring or having a picnic to relax at one of the many parks along the river.

**The Metalines**, with its snowy winter's offers our visitors snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing as popular activities. Historic displays of the area can be seen at the Lake Vista Historic Site, the **Cutter Theatre** and the Metaline Falls Visitor Center. From Memorial Day to Labor Day take a tour of the Box Canyon Dam and Boundary Dam or The Gardner Cave, the second longest limestone cave in Washington State. An excursion train ride hosted by the **NPOV Lions Club** is a relaxing way to see the back country with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and the Pend Oreille River, not to mention the Autumn Colors. The 280-mile International Selkirk Loop goes north on SR 31 into Canada and Idaho and returns; with developed sites displaying interpretive and historical information. Sight seeing at it best; scenery, animals and eagles.

Tour the Kirtland Cutter Art Gallery or the Rural School Museum, housed in a 1912 school



20-mile Round Trip Rides between lone and Metaline Falls, crossing the Pend Oreille River (photo courtesy North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club)

house now known as **The Cutter Theatre** in **Metaline Falls**. During Down River Days (last weekend in July) and The Affair on Main Street (the first weekend in September) the Cutter Players host a musical or comedy performance at the **Cutter Theatre**. To end the year join us for Deck the

Falls, a tree lighting ceremony on Friday at Busta Park and a Craft Faire on Saturday at the **Cutter**, with a visit from Santa, all hosted by the community.

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