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Day Trips

Bayview: Located in the southern end of Lake Pend Oreille in a very scenic bay. It is a known haven for sail boaters and offers a public boat launch as well as numerous marinas. For dinner, try the **Buttonhook Inn** at **Boileau's Resort and Marina**. **Farragut State Park** is adjacent to the bay and has great picnic spots and hiking and mountain biking trails. Farragut was once a Naval Training Station during W.W.II. The Navy still has a research center and operates its submarine research from Bayview.

Priest Lake: A year round recreational community. The lake has 80 miles of shoreline. It is 2 lakes joined by a 2-mile long river. Resorts abound along the shore with cabin and hotel style accommodations. **Hill's Resort** offers cozy cabins of varying sizes, a fine dining restaurant and easy access to outdoor recreation. The trail system provides outstanding mountain biking and hiking in the summer with some of the best snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the winter. Marinas offer boat rentals and ramps for access to the lake.

Priest River: A scenic 20-mile drive along the Pend Oreille River west out of Sandpoint. The historic town offers explorers much to discover such as the **Charbonneau Hotel** which was built in 1912 and catered to the very wealthy until it was abandoned in 1989. This historic town was in its heyday during the lumber and railroad boom. Visit the Beardmore Block, one of five buildings in North America on the National Historic Register and with a LEED certification for green building.

Pend Oreille Scenic Byway to Hope: The Byway follows the shore of Lake Pend Oreille for the majority of its length, then continues along the Clark Fork River to the Montana State Line. The road is situated on the shore of the lake or river and against the backdrop of mountains that plunge straight down to the lake. Take advantage of the many pullouts along the way. You're sure to spot wildlife and waterfowl. Think about stopping in Hope for lunch and some boating or swimming at **Sam Owen State Park** on the Hope Peninsula. Restaurant suggestions in Hope include **Ice House Pizzeria** and **The Floating Restaurant**.

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Side Note: The Hotel Hope was built in 1887. There have been 5 owners since its establishment over 100 years ago. Some of the more prominent guests in the hotel have included Bing Crosby, Teddy Roosevelt, Gary Cooper and JP Morgan. The hotel overlooks Lake Pend Oreille and has been carefully preserved. It looks much as it did in the early 1900's.

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International Selkirk Loop

Designated an “All American Road” (National Scenic Byway’s highest designation) in 2005, and the only International Scenic Byway in North America. Named The Northwest’s Most Scenic Drive in Sunset Magazine in 2001, Sandpoint is a gateway community to the International Selkirk Loop. The loop is a 280-mile scenic drive that wanders through Idaho, Washington and British Columbia, Canada. Enjoy the scenery, stop and wander the streets of small towns like Bonners Ferry and Nelson, British Columbia. The loop was formed in 1999 to promote this beautiful area and to improve the economy through tourism. It is a nonprofit organization with the business owners and local Chambers making up its membership. Visit www.selkirkloop.org for additional information on what to see and do along the loop.

Pend Oreille Scenic Byway

Sandpoint is also the gateway for the Pend Oreille Scenic Byway. With 33.4 miles of spectacular water views on Highway 200, the route meanders east from Sandpoint to the Montana state line along the rocky shores of Lake Pend Oreille. Pend Oreille Scenic Byway has installed wayside interpretive exhibits at five different Points of Interest easily enjoyed in a several hour drive. These exhibits can be found in turnoffs at the Pack River Wildlife Area, Pend Oreille Geologic Site, Hope Community Historical Site, Denton Slough Waterfowl Area and Cabinet Gorge Interpretive Site. You can learn of local wildlife, unbelievable glacial forces at work, cultural significance of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and the history of the past 200 years while enjoying some magnificent scenery.

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