



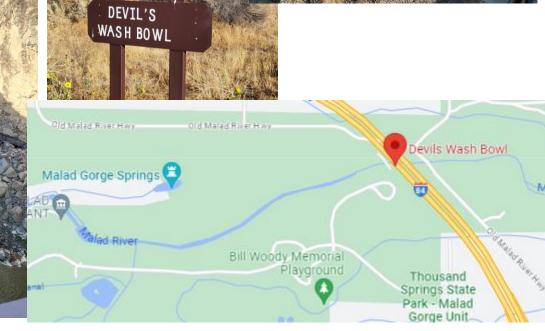
MALAD SPRINGS AND GORGE

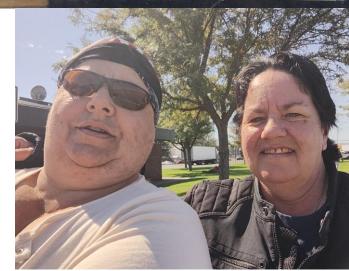
Malad Gorge with its numerous springs is part of the Thousand Springs area of the Snake River. The Snake River canyon area, between Twin Falls and Bliss, consists of numerous springs issuing from the canyon wall. As a consequence of spring activity, several lateral alcoves or small side canyons opening into the Snake River canyon have been carved. Malad Gorge is one such side canyon. The gorge was created by the combination cutting actions of numerous springs and the Malad River. Springs occur in this area because existing rivers cut below the water table. In most of the Snake River, springs cannot be seen because the spring-bearing formations occur at or below the level of the Snake River.

The main discharge from the Malad Springs can be seen from the footbridge spanning the gorge. Spring discharge can be seen down the gorge at water level, generally distinguished by the growth of bright green vegetation in the water. Underneath the footbridge at Devil's Washbowl, a spring can be seen issuing from the bottom of the north wall at the edge of the plunge pool. During droughts when the murky river subsides, the plunge pool in Devil's Washbowl will become crystal clear due to the bottom springs. As the Murky Malad River

flows toward the Snake River from the footbridge, the river will become crystal clear within a quarter mile due to the springs discharging into the river. About one million acre feet per year of ground water emerges as springs from beneath the steep walls of Malad Gorge. The yearly spring flow in this gorge represents enough water to cover one section of land approximately 1,700 feet deep. During subfreezing conditions, the warm vapors, from the near constant 58° spring water, rise through some of the fissures along the rim giving the appearance of steam vents cutting through the lava rock. During the winter months when the river is lower due to reduced upstream irrigation waste water, many springs can be seen entering the river. During the summer, the river level is too high to see most of the springs issuing from the rocks.

The entire gorge length, from the first group of springs at the footbridge to the Snake River, is about 2½ miles. Devil's Washbowl, approximately 250 feet deep and spanned by a steel footbridge, is high lighted with a 60 foot waterfall. The gorge width at Devil's Washbowl is approximately 140 feet with an elevation of 3,260 feet above sea level.



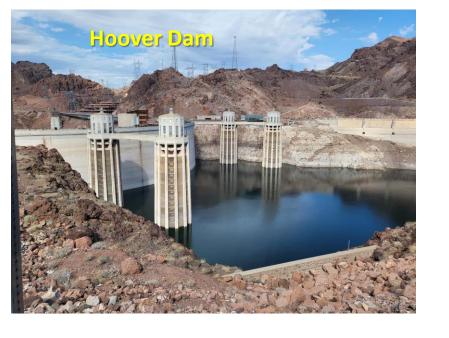






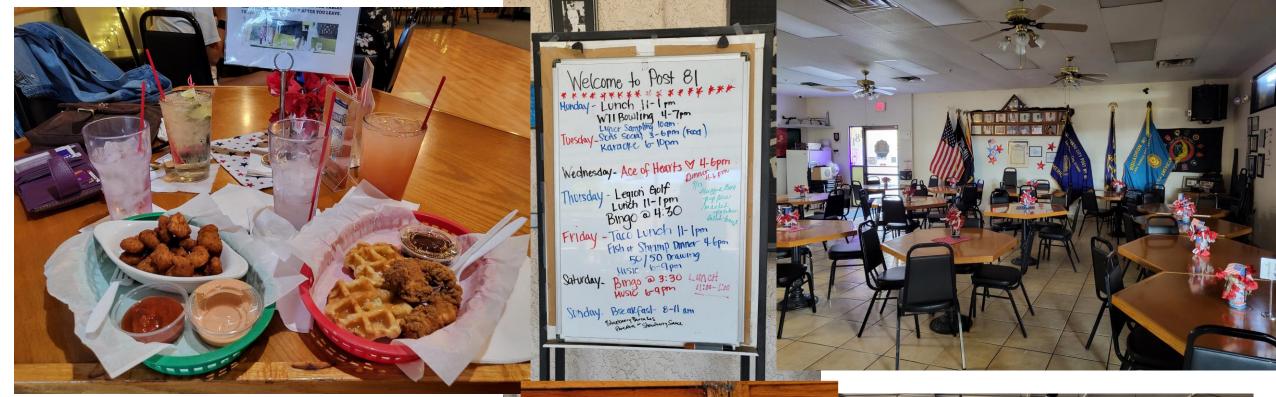












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