

Idaho Water Facts

State Water Surface Area

880 Square Miles

Number of Lakes

More than 2,000 — 1,228 of which have been named

Largest Lake

Pend Oreille — 148 Square Miles

Deepest Lake

Pend Oreille — sounded to a depth of 1,140 feet

Highest Waterfall

Big Fiddler Creek, South Fork Boise River — 600 feet

Miles of Streams and Rivers

93,000 miles

Number of Named Streams and Rivers

8,941 plus 1,478 named springs

Longest River

Snake River — 779 miles from entry at the Wyoming border to exit at Washington border.

Average Annual Precipitation

Varies from less than 10 to more than 60 inches.

Most Precipitation in 24-Hour Period

7.7 inches of rain — Rattlesnake Creek in 1909

Annual Stream Inflow to State

About 37 million acre-feet

Annual Stream Outflow from State

About 75 million acre-feet

Irrigated Area of State

3.3 million acres — of which about 3.0 million is irrigated from the Snake River system.

Highest Dam

Dworshak, North Fork Clearwater — 717 feet

Active Reservoir Storage Capacity

12,384,000 acre-feet

Largest Active Storage Reservoir

Dworshak — 2,016,000 acre-feet

Snake Plain Aquifer Storage

Top 100 feet of aquifer — about 100 million acre-feet