

## Year-round fun in Eastern Washington



**RESORT TYPE:** Coast Deluxe

**LOCATION:** Newport, Washington

**SEASON:** Year-round

WEBSITE:

www.kmresorts.com/old-american-kampground/

If you love water and a great climate, then head your rig to Eastern Washington and check in to Old American Kampground in Newport, Washington. The water component is the nearby Pend Oreille River, which is one of the few U.S. rivers that flows north. The area around the river is home to

abundant wildlife and offers natural, historical, cultural, and scenic points of interest.

"It's a small campground and is right in the town of Newport," said Scott Abercrombie, director of park operations. "But once you pull into the campground, you don't even realize you're in town."

The proximity to Newport makes it perfect for exploring the town on foot-grocery shopping, dining at a restaurant, etc.

According to Abercrombie, nearby you can explore Lake Pend Oreille with a surface area of 148 square miles, which adds more opportunities for water sports. Since the resort is available year-round, snow skiing, sledding, and snow boarding is not so far away at Mount Spokane and Silver Mountain in Idaho. The campground is actually located on the border between Washington and Idaho. So finding recreation areas in either state is an option.

The river is one of the main points of recreation for Old American Kampground, complete with a marina and opportunities for all types of boating and river swimming. The area also offers miles of hiking and biking trails. Stop to pitch horse shoes, have a picnic, or plan to meet new friends at the clubhouse. Or you can just relax at your spacious campsite.

There's year-round fun on the river. Each summer the Pend Oreille River plays host to hydroplane races, snowmobile races, the Tri-town Float Down, and the infamous Pend Oreille Poke Paddle, which is now in its 32nd year.

