



PLACES TO VISIT

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL
PARK
39063 US HIGHWAY 95
LAPWAI, IDAHO 83540

CLEARWATER RIVER CASINO & LODGE
17500 NEZ PERCE ROAD
LEWISTON, IDAHO 83501

ANNUAL LOCAL EVENTS

MARCH
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APRIL
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION (WEEK LONG EVENT)
"PLAY IN YOUR MOCCASINS" BASKETBALL
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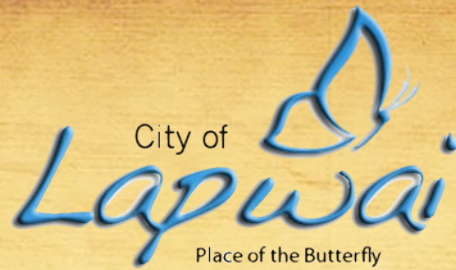
JUNE
CHIEF JOSEPH WARRIOR MEMORIAL POW WOW

JULY
LAPWAI DAYS

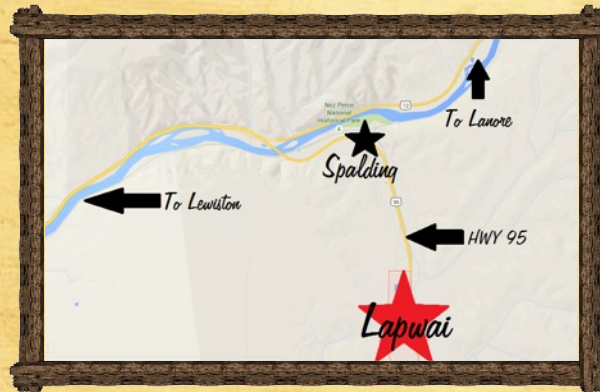
OCTOBER
"HIITEM 'WAQ'ISWIT "DANCE FOR LIFE" POW WOW

NOVEMBER
YOUNG NATIONS YOUTH POW WOW

DECEMBER
NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BEAD
BAZAAR
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
NEW YEAR'S EVE POW WOW



LAPWAI IS LOCATED IN NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO,
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF BOTH THE NEZ PERCE
INDIAN RESERVATION AND NEZ PERCE COUNTY. A
SHORT 20 MINUTE DRIVE FROM LEWISTON, IDAHO,
LAPWAI HAS THE SMALL TOWN FEELING WITH BIG CITY
CONVENIENCE.



THANK YOU FOR VISITING LAPWAI!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
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LAPWAI IDAHO



WELCOME!

THE NAME LAPWAI COMES FROM THE NEZ PERCE
WORD "THLAP-THLAP" AND REFERS TO THE SOUND
MADE BY THE WINGS OF A BUTTERFLY. AS A RESULT
OF THE ABUNDANCE OF BUTTERFLIES IN TIMES PAST,
THE AREA HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE "PLACE
OF THE BUTTERFLY." A SMALL RURAL TOWN WITH A
UNIQUE HISTORY, LAPWAI IS FULL OF CULTURE AND
CHARACTER. THE COMMUNITY IS SURROUNDED BY
MEADOWS, ROLLING FARM LANDS, VINEYARDS,
RUGGED BACK COUNTRY, NUMEROUS RIVERS, AND
LAKES. COME VISIT US AND EXPERIENCE THE GREAT
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES LAPWAI HAS TO OFFER.

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HISTORIC LAPWAI

THE LAPWAI VALLEY IS HISTORICALLY CONNECTED TO THE NIMIIPUU PEOPLE, WHO HAVE LIVED IN AND UTILIZED THE AREA FOR AS LONG AS CAN BE REMEMBERED. THAT RICH HISTORY CONTINUED IN 1805, WHEN CAPTAINS MERIWETHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK PASSED THROUGH THE AREA ENROUTE TO THE PACIFIC WITH THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY. IN 1836, PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER HENRY SPALDING FOUNDED THE NEZ PERCE INDIAN MISSION IN THE LAPWAI VALLEY. AT THIS SETTLEMENT, REVEREND SPALDING FOUNDED IDAHO'S FIRST SCHOOL, BUILT AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM, AND GREW THE STATE'S FIRST POTATOES.

LAPWAI HAS BEEN WITHIN THE NEZ PERCE INDIAN RESERVATION SINCE THE NEZ PERCE TREATY OF 1855. THE AREA ALSO BECAME PART OF THE OREGON TERRITORY IN 1848, AND LATER IDAHO TERRITORY. IN 1863, WHEN THE U.S. ARMY WAS ORDERED TO THE LAPWAI VALLEY, FORT LAPWAI WAS ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO LAND DISPUTES DURING THE LOCAL GOLD RUSH. ON JANUARY 11, 1911, THE NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSION RATIFIED A PETITION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LAPWAI. THERE WERE OVER 200 RESIDENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED VILLAGE AT THAT TIME.

LAPWAI TODAY

LAPWAI IS PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE. THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, NORTHERN IDAHO INDIAN AGENCY IS ALSO LOCATED IN LAPWAI. THE TOWN'S POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1100 PEOPLE IS PREDOMINATELY NATIVE AMERICAN, WITH 23 TRIBES REPRESENTED.

...AND NOW

