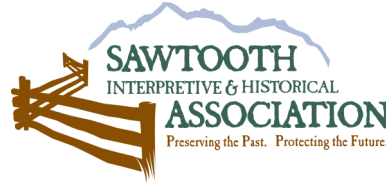


## Overview of Stops

1. **Sawtooth Overlook** (1.8 mi from Hwy 75)
2. **Will Paul Stage Stop** (1.5 mi from #1)
3. **Doc Day Cabin** (2.4 mi from #2)
4. **Gold Discovery site** (0.2 mi from #3)
5. **Dredge Site** (take a left at wye, 0.9 mi from #4)
6. **Franklin Cabin** (across the road from #5)
7. **Kelly Pond** (0.9 mi after a right at wye)
8. **Sturkey/ Weidman mining camp** (0.2 mi past #7)



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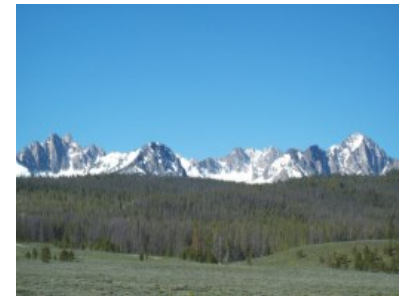


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## Stanley Basin

*An eight-stop tour of the beautiful and historic Stanley Basin, accessible by vehicle*



## Historic Driving Tour



## Did you know?

Nip and Tuck is an old phrase that means give or take. When travelling through the basin, folks would say that it was give or take if you would make the journey safely.

Most of the mining here was for gold. The mines are primarily placer mines (hydraulic, panning, and dredging) though there were a few hard rock mining locations.

Stanley was named for Captain John Stanley who was a member of the original party that discovered gold here in 1863. He wasn't really a captain, but he was the oldest member of the group was called "Captain" as a sign of respect.

Long before the miners arrived, the Shoshone and Bannock tribes came to this area in the summertime to hunt, fish, and harvest camas bulbs.

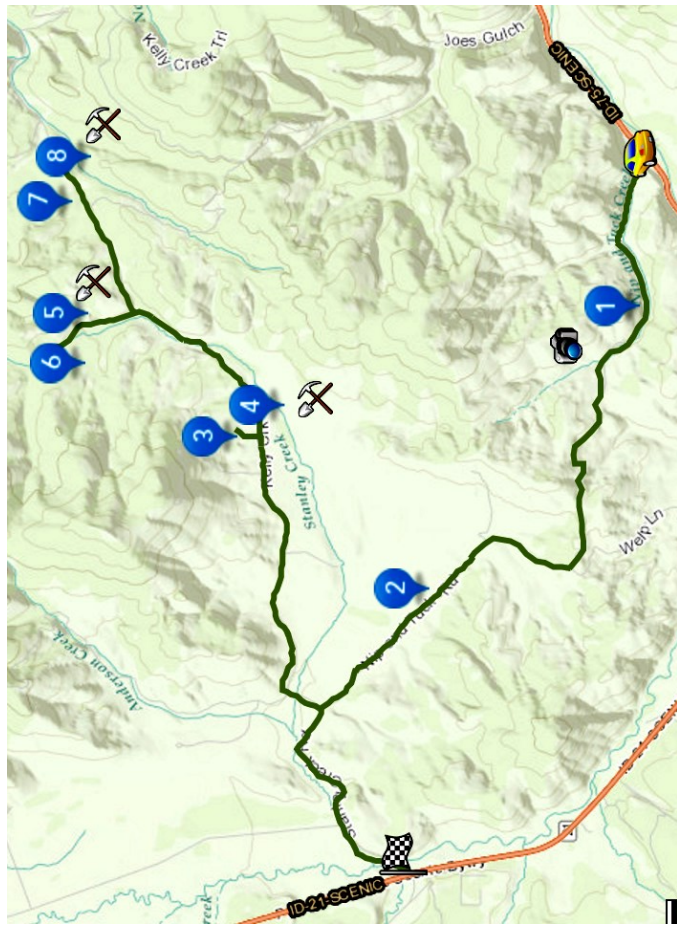
In order to get supplies, mail, and other sundries long treks over Galena pass were required, often on skis or dog sled.

1. **Sawtooth Overlook**— look familiar? You may have seen this view in the 1984 Clint Eastwood Film *Pale Rider*.
2. **Will Paul Stage Stop**— Will Paul was a miner in the region who located the Mayday mine group. William and his wife took in the Niece Family on their first tough winter in the Valley. Leslie Niece worked at the Valley Creek Mines and Edna Niece later Edna McGown was born that winter in the Will Paul Way Station
3. **Doc Day Cabin**— Doc Ivan Day a wealthy investor in the Stanley Creek Dredge was know for his Osteopathic Medical Practice and willingness to travel day or night throughout the Sawtooth Country by Horse and Buggy to attend to patients in need.
4. **Gold Discovery site**— The Captain Stanley crew of miners gave up on mining in less than a year and called the soil here Robbers Clay because they could not extract enough gold out of the decomposed granite.
5. **Dredge site**— dams and tailing piles tell the story of the dredges that were used to mine Stanley Creek.
6. **Charles Franklin Cabin**— Charles Franklin moved here from Bonanza and left this cabin soon after the murder of a local good time gal named Lizzy King and her new husband. Charles was known to have been in love with Lizzie and though it was never investigated, many speculate that it was Charles who shot Lizzy and her husband.
7. **Kelly Pond**— This manmade pond was built to supply water for hydraulic mining. Hydraulic mining was very labor intensive and required large immediate water sources.
8. **Sturkey/ Weidman Dredge Camp**— this was one of the larger mining camps in the area. Hydraulic pipes and hand dug canals are lasting remnants of gold mining activity. This dredge operated year round, even through bitter winters.

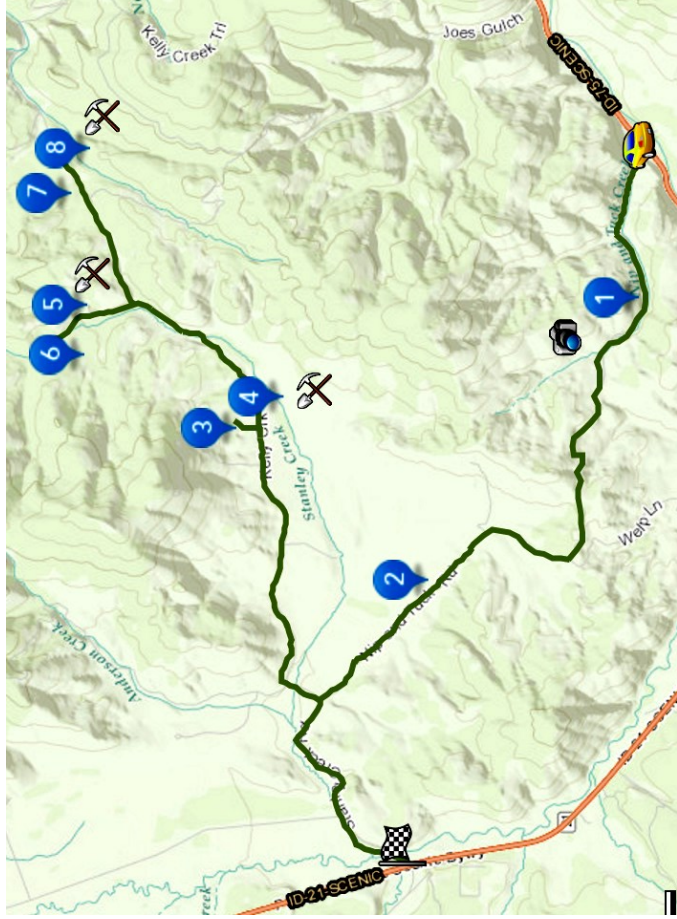
There were 3 different dredges in the Stanley Basin. Rumors swirled of mines rich in gold, but it was rare that anyone amassed a fortune from mining in the Basin. It was simply too expensive to extract the gold and most of the miners moved elsewhere. Those who stayed lived off the land's other riches.







To get to the start of the tour, go north on 75 out of Stanley. Drive 1.3 miles until you reach Forest Service road 633 (Nip and Tuck). The road is just past Lower Stanley. Take a left on Nip and Tuck to begin your trip! To end your trip, when you are headed back west on Kelly Creek Road, don't turn on Nip and Tuck, just keep going straight and you'll hit highway 21.



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