

Ride Journal: Swan Falls -- January 28, 2007

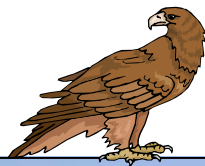
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Sunday, January 28 — Thirty-four riders made the trek in to the Snake River Canyon. We met at the parking area near the relay antennas overlooking Idaho Power's Swan Falls dam. We drove down the paved road to the dam. This area must be very popular for duck hunters. On the north side of the river, there must have been a million shotgun shell husks scattered along the river's edge and trail side.



After lunch, we went upstream about six miles to the old ferry crossing at Castle Creek near the old rotary water trammel that was used to filter for flour gold on the shore line. The gravel piles and sand are still there where they left it. I have been told that is where the Yankee Machine shop guys worked the mine for several years during the 1950s.



Side Note: Several years ago, my wife and I took a birds-of-prey class with the famous Raptorist, Morley Nelson. We came ashore here to watch the eagles from on the rim soar across the river and down onto the shore to pick up fish.