

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE TO UNCOMMON PLACE NAMES IN IDAHO**



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Pend Oreille  
(PAHN doh RAY)**

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# PLACE NAMES OF IDAHO

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## Pronunciation Guide

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As a service of the University of Idaho, the staff and students of the Radio-Television Center have prepared this pronunciation guide. It has been designed primarily to benefit the broadcaster who has a desire to know the accepted pronunciation of Idaho place names.

We felt this guide would be of value in two major ways: it will give pronunciation for unfamiliar names, and also will supply proper syllable stress. The words are divided into syllables with the stress printed in caps (i.e. Lorenzo loh REN zoh).

You will note that some names have not been included in this booklet. In order to conserve space, and thus make this guide a more practical reference work, we have not included the more obvious names such as Twin Falls, Island Park, and Lakeview. Also, in order to facilitate rapid usage, we have refrained from dividing the names into categories such as counties, rivers, etc., and instead have listed all words together in alphabetical order.

The recommended pronunciations were supplied by various broadcasters throughout the six major divisions of the state. We are grateful indeed to those men who took time to aid us.

Additional copies of the guide may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Radio-Television Center of the University of Idaho.

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## KEY TO PUNCTUATION

a	as in	stand, mad
ah		on, copper
ai		air, hair
ay		pay, rain
aw		saw, awful
e		pet, said
ee		evil, ream
eye		sign, dye
g		gone, gust
i		it, simple
j		George, join
o		good, foot
oo		stoop, suit
oh		sold, sew
oi		oil, coy
ow		brown, mount
s		see, fuss
u		wood, bush
uh		mesa, ton
yu		you, view
z		sews, sends

Syllables which are underlined on the following pages are ones which appear misleading, and warrant double-checking on this key.

Aberdeen	A br deen
Acequia	uh SEEK we uh
Ada	AY duh
Addie	AD ee
Ahsahka	uh SAHK uh
Alameda	al uh MEED uh
Albeni	AWL ben ee
Albion	AWL bee uhn
Aldridge	AWL dridj
Almo	AL moh
Alturas	al TUR uhs
Amsterdam	AM str dam
Arbon	AHR bin
Arco	AHR koh
Arimo	AR uh moh
Artesian	ahr TEE zhuhn
Ashton	ASH tuhn
Athol	ATH uhl
Auburn	AW brn
Avery	AYV r ee
Avon	a VAHN
Bancroft	BAN krawft
Banida	buh NEYE duh
Bannock	BAN ik
Basalt	buh SAWLT
Beaverhead	BEE vr hed

## (B-C)

Bellevue	BEL vyu
Benewah	BEN uh wah
Bennington	BEN ing tuhn
Berger	BR gr
Bern	BRN
Bingham	BING uhm
Bitterroot	BIT r root
Blaine	BLAYN
Blanchard	BLAN shrd
Bogus	BOH guhs
Boise	BOI see
Bonneville	BAHN uh vil
Boles	BOHLZ
Bonanza	boh NAN zuh
Bovill	BOH vil
Bowmont	BOH mahnt
Boyles	BOI uhlz
Brownlee	BROWN lee
Bruneau	BROO noh
Buhl	BYUL
Bungalow	<u>BUHNG</u> uh loh
Burgdorf	BRG dorf
Burke	BRK
Butte	BYUT
Cabinet	KAB nit
Cache	KASH

(C)

Calder	KAWL dr
Caldwell	KAWLD wel
Camas	KAM uhs
Cambridge	KAYM brij
Cameron	KAM r ahn
Canfield	KAN feeld
Carey	KA ree
Careywood	KAIR ee wud
Caribou	KAR uh boo
Carmen	KAHR muhn
Cascade	kas KAYD
Cassia	KA shee uh
Castleford	KAS uhl frd
Cataldo	kuh TAL doh
Caton	KAT ahn
Cavendish	KAV en dsh
Cedars	SEE drz
Challis	TCHAL is
Chamberlin	TCHAYM br lin
Chatcolet	shat koh LET
Chester	TSHES tr
Chesterfield	TSHES tr feeld
Chilco	TSHIL koh
Chilly	TSHIL ee
Clagstone	KLAG stohn
Clarendon	KLAIR en duhn
Clarkia	KLARK ee uh

(C-D)

Cleft	KLEFT
Cobalt	KOH bahlt
Cocolalla	koh koh LAH lah
Coeur d' Alene	kor duh LAIN
Colburn	KOHL brn
Combe	KOHM
Conda	KAHN duh
Coolin	KOO lin
Corral	koh RAL
Council	KOWN suhl
Crags	KRAYGZ
Craigmont	KRAYG mahnt
Crossport	KRAWS port
Crouch	KROW tsh
Culdesac	KOL di sak
Cuprum	KUHP ruhm
Dahlonga	duh LAHN uh guh
Dalby	DAHL bee
Dayton	DAY tin
Deary	DEER ee
Declo	DEK loh
De Lamar	de luhMAHR
Desmet	dis MET
Dietrich	DEE trik
Dingle	DING guhl
Donnelly	DAHN uh lee

(D-E-F-G)

Downey	DOWN ee
Driggs	DRIGZ
Drummond	DRUHM uhnd
Dubois	DOO bois
Eden	EE duhn
Edgemere	EDJ meer
Elba	EL buh
Elmira	el MEYE ruh
Elmore	EL mohr
Emida	e MEYE duh
Emmett	EM et
Enaville	EEN uh vil
Fairfield	FAIR feeld
Fairylawn	FAIR ee lawn
Fenn	FEN
Ferdinand	FR di nan
Fernan	fr NAN
Filer	FEYE lr
Firth	FRTH
Flossie	FLAHS ee
Frazier	FRAY zr
Galena	guh LEEN uh
Gannett	GAN et
Gardena	gahr DEEN uh



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## (G-H)

Garfield	GAHR feeld
Garwood	GAHR wud
Geertson	GERT <u>suhn</u>
Genesee	jen i SEE
Geneva	juh NEE vuh
Gibbonsville	GIB uhnz vil
Gifford	GIF frd
Gilmore	GIL mohr
Givins	GIV uhnz
Gooding	G <u>OD</u> eeng
Grace	GRAYS <u>U</u>
Grangemont	GRAYNJ mahnt
Grangeville	GRAYNJ vil
Grasmere	GRAS meer
Grouse	GRO <u>WS</u>
Hagerman	HAY gr muhn
Hailey	HAY lee
Hamer	HAY mr
Hammett	HAM it
Harpster	HAHRP str
Hauser	HOW zr
Hawley	HAW lee
Hayden	HAY duhn
Hazelton	HAY zuhl tuhn
Hegler	HEG lr
Heise	HEYE zee

(H-I-J-K)

Helmer	HEL mr
Henrys	HEN reez
Heyburn	HAY brn
Holbrook	HOHL bruk
Humphrey	HUHM free
Huston	HYU stuhn
Hyndman	H <u>I</u> ND mn
Illinois	il i NOI
Inkom	EENK uhm
Iona	eye OH nuh
Irwin	ER wuhn
Jarbridge	JAR brij
Jerome	juh ROHM
Joel	JOH l
Julietta	JOO lee etuh
Kamiah	KAM ee eye
Kaniksu	kuh NIK soo
Kelso	KEL soh
Kendrick	KEN drik
Ketchum	KET shuhm
Keuterville	KYOO tr vil
Kilgore	KIL gohr
Kimberly	KIM br lee
Kooskia	KOOS kee

(K-L-Mc)

Kootenai	KOOT nee
Kuna	KYU nuh
Laclede	<u>Luh</u> KLEED
Lago	LAY goh
Laidlow	LAYD loh
Lamont	<u>Luh</u> MAHNT
Lane	LAYN
Lapwai	LAP way
Latah	LAY tah
Lawyers	LOI rz
Leadore	LED or
Leesburg	LEEZ brg
Lemhi	LEM heye
Lemni	LEM neye
Lenore	li NOHR
Leonia	lee OH nuh
Letha	LEE thuh
Lidy	LID ee
Lochsa	LAHK saw
Lolo	LOH loh
Lorenzo	loh REN zoh
Lowell	LOH l
Lucile	loo SEEL
McCammon	muh KAM uhn

MacKay	muh KAY
Malad	muh LAD
Malta	MAWL tuh
Maries, Saint	MAIR eez
Marion	MAIR ee uhn
Marsing	MAHR shing
Marysville	MAIR eez vil
Mashburn	MASH brn
Meade	MEED
Medimont	MED i mahnt
Melba	MEL buh
Melrose	MEL ROHZ
Menan	me NAN
Meridian	mr ID ee uhn
Mesa	MAY suh
Meyers	MEYE rz
Milner	MIL nr
Minidoka	mi ni DOH kuh
Minkcreek	MEENK KREEK
Minnetonka	minuh TAHN kuh
Moccasin	MAHK us sin
Mohler	MOH lr
Monasterio	mahn uh STAIR ee oh
Monida	muh NEYE duh
Monteview	MAHNT ee vyu
Montpelier	mahnt PEEL yr
Montour	mahn TOOR

## (M-N-O)

Moore	MOR
Moores	MOORZ
Mora	MOHR uh
Moravia	mohr IV ee uh
Moreland	MOHR luhnd
Moscow	MAHS koh
Moyie	MOI yay
Muldoon	muhl DOON
Mullan	MUHL uhn
Murray	MR ee
Murtaugh	MR taw
Myrtle	MR tl
Naf	NAF
Nampa	NAM puh
Napias	NAP ee uhs
Naples	NAY puhlz
Newdale	NOO dayl
Nez Perce	nez PRS
Nordman	NOHRD mn
Nounan	NOO nuhn
Notus	NOH tuhs
Oakley	OHK lee
Obsidian	ahb SID ee uhn
Onaway	AHN uh way
Oneida	oh NEYE duh

Oreana	ohr ee ANAUH
Orofino	ohr oh FEEN oh
Orogrande	ohr oh GRAND
Osburn	AHZ brn
Ovid	AH vid
Owyhee	oh WAH hee
Palisades	PAL i saydz
Palouse	puh LOOS
Pardee	PAHR dee
Paris	PAR is
Parma	PAHR muh
Pauline	paw LEEN
Pashimeroi	pah SIM r oi or pah SIM r eye
Payette	pay ET
Pegram	pee gruhm
Pend Oreille	PAHN doh RAY
Pettit	PET it
Picabo	PEEK uh boo
Pierce	PEERS
Pingree	PING ree
Placerville	PLAS r vil
Pocatello	pohk uh TEL oh
Pollock	PAH luhk
Porthill	port HIL
Portneuf	POHRT nif

## (P-R-S)

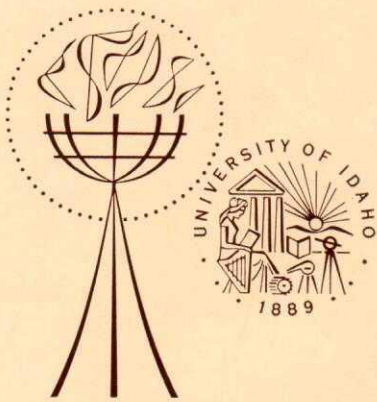
Potlatch	PAHT latsh
Prairie	PRAIR ee
Prichard	PRIT shrd
Ramshorn	RAMZ hohrn
Rathdrum	RATH druhm
Red Ives	RED eyevz
Reubens	ROO benz
Reynolds	REN uhldz
Rhodes	ROHDZ
Richfield	RITCH fee uhld
Riddle	RID uhl
Rigby	RIG bee
Riordon	REER duhn
Ririe	REYE ree
Roseworth	ROHZ wrth
Roswell	RAHZ wel
Roy	ROI
Rupert	ROO prt
Sagle	SAY gl
Saint Maries	SAYNT MAIR eez
Salmon	SAM uhn
Samaria	suh MAIR ee uh
Samuels	SAM yulz
Sanders	SAN drz
Santa	SAN tuh



Selway	SEL way
Setters	SET rz
Sheepeater	SHEEP eetr
Shelley	SHEL ee
Shoshone	shoh <u>SHOHN</u>
Shoup	SHOOP
Siwash	SEYE <u>wawsh</u>
Smelterville	SMEL tr vil
Snyders	SNEYE drz
Spaulding	SPAHL ding
Springston	SPRING stuhn
Starkey	STahr kee
Sterling	STR ling
Stein	STEEN
Stites	STEYETS
Sublett	SUHB let
Taber	TAY br
Thatcher	THAT tshr
Targhee	TAHR gee
Tendoy	TEN doi
Tensed	TEN sed
Terreton	TAIR i tuhn
Teton	TEE tuhn
Tetonia	tee <u>TOHN</u> yuh
Thama	THAY muh
Thornton	THOHRN tuhn

(T-U-V-W)

Tindall	TIN duhl
Toxaway	TAHX us way
Tuttle	TUH tuhl
Ucon	YOO kahn
Viola	veye OH lah
Waha	WAH hah
Walcott	WAWL kaht
Wasatch	WAH satsh
Wayan	way AHN
Weippe	WEE eyep
Weiser	WEE zr
Wendell	WEN duhl
Westmond	west <u>MUHND</u>
Whitney	WIT nee
Wickahoney	wik uh HOHN ee
Wilder	WEYEL dr
Winona	wi NOH nuh
Winsper	WIN spr
Worley	WOHR lee



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