DAY TRIP

MESA FALLS

To experience Mother Nature at her finest, buckle up for this spectacular ride in eastern Idaho. Your destination may be Mesa Falls, but along the way you’ll enjoy picture-perfect views of the Grand Teton Mountains against lush farmland, the legendary Henry’s Fork of the Snake River shimmering in the sunlight, and trumpeter swans gliding in Harriman State Park’s Silver Lake.

Plan a full day to experience Mesa Falls and its visitor center, take a leisurely walk in Harriman State Park, and hike up a few sand dunes. Pack binoculars, sneakers, water shoes, and a fly rod.

Fort Henry Scenic Byway – from Island Park to Kilgore – is an unpaved, hard-packed dirt road. Drive slowly but enjoy the rustic solitude this route provides.

Total Drive Time: 5 Hours 10 Minutes
Total Mileage: 215
Best Time to Travel: Mid April-October

Scenic Byways:
+ Teton Scenic Byway
+ Mesa Falls Scenic Byway
+ Fort Henry Historic Byway

Good For:
+ Finding Self Seekers
+ Experience Seekers
+ Frugal Boomers
+ Go For It Families

Eat:
+ Big Hole Bagels & Bistro, Driggs
+ Connie’s, Island Park
+ Forage Bistro and Lounge, Driggs
+ Teton Thai, Driggs
+ Knotty Pine Supper Club, Victor
BLUE RIBBON WATERS
A mecca for fly fishermen the world over, Henry's Fork of the Snake River is prized for its trout and meandering, picturesque waters. Box Canyon is one of the more accessible fishing areas, and the waters in Harriman State Park offer some of the best dry fly fishing anywhere.

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Along Henry’s Fork of the Snake River, Upper and Lower Mesa Falls tumble dramatically over volcanic rock that’s more than a million years old. Experience the beauty of the Upper Falls from a viewing platform near the Mesa Falls Visitor Center. Hike a mile to the Lower Falls or drive south on the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway to the Grandview Overlook.