Ernest Hemingway first visited Sun Valley in the fall of 1939, and he kept returning for the rest of his life. He worked on *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *A Moveable Feast* here in central Idaho, and he hiked and bird-hunted and dined with friends that he came to call “the family.”

For most of his time in Idaho, Hemingway stayed at the Sun Valley Resort or rented cabins in Ketchum. In 1959, he purchased a home along the Big Wood River. There he died by suicide in 1961. His widow, Mary, continued to own the house, dividing her time between Ketchum and New York City, until her death in 1986.

The Community Library holds an extensive Hemingway collection in the Jeanne Rodger Lane Center for Regional History, and the Library has been the custodian of the Ernest and Mary Hemingway House and Preserve since 2017.

The Hemingway House is managed as a private residence and as a contemplative, creative, non-commercial space. It is the site of ongoing research and a residency program for writers, scholars, and artists.

The Community Library, a privately-funded public library, offers a range of reading materials, online resources, self-guided walking tours, and rotating exhibits for exploring Hemingway’s literature and his life in Idaho.

The Hemingway Legacy Initiative is funded by donations. To support this work go online: [www.comlib.org/support](http://www.comlib.org/support).

**Recommended Reading**

*Ernest Hemingway in Idaho: A Guide*
by Marsha Bellevance
A short booklet containing a concise biography, chronology, map, and sketches of his favorite places.

*Hemingway in the Autumn*
by David Butterfield
A video featuring interviews with scholars, several of Hemingway’s Idaho friends, and his eldest son, Jack Hemingway.

*Hemingway’s Sun Valley*
by Phil Huss
A look at Hemingway’s code through the stories of the locals who knew him.

*Hemingway: The Final Years*
by Michael Reynolds
The fifth volume of a comprehensive Hemingway biography which encompasses the Idaho years.

*High on the Wild*
by Lloyd Arnold
Recollections and photographs by one of Hemingway’s closest Idaho friends.

*How It Was*
by Mary Welsh Hemingway
The autobiography of Hemingway’s fourth and final wife, who came to Idaho for thirty years.

*The Idaho Hemingway*
by Tillie Arnold
A biography by his friend about the time Hemingway spent in Idaho starting with his arrival in Sun Valley to his death.

*Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman: My Life With and Without Papa*
by Jack Hemingway
An intimate look inside the Hemingway family by his eldest son.

*Ernest Hemingway in Idaho: A Guide to*
Virtual Experiences

Use the QR codes below or go online at www.comlib.org to explore more.

**Hemingway in Idaho’s High Desert**
Download the TravelStoroes GPS App to your smart phone or tablet. Listen to the audio tour to learn more about Hemingway and his time in the Wood River Valley.

**Hemingway House Sessions**
Enjoy a series of music videos recorded in the living room of Hemingway’s Ketchum home.

**Idaho Experience: Hemingway House 360**
Explore the private Ketchum home through this video created by Idaho Public Television.

**The Community Library: Hemingway House Virtual Tour**
Walk through the Hemingway House private residence guided by library staff to learn local history stories. Filmed by Idaho Public Television.

**Idaho Experience: Idaho’s Hemingway Watch Idaho Public Television’s program about the untold story of Idaho’s influence on Hemingway’s life, loves, and literary output.**

**Hemingway and the Natural World**
View a special PBS conversation with Ken Burns, filmmaker; Sarah Botstein, producer; Terry Tempest Williams, author; and Jenny Emery Davidson, moderator.

**#HemingwayLife Learn about Hemingway as an Influencer through the interactive lens of social media. Contribute your own references and be a part of the exhibit.**

**Ketchum and Sun Valley Sites**

**The Community Library**
The Jeanne Rodger Lane Center for Regional History holds books, materials, and objects relating to Hemingway. 208.726.3493 x111.

**Ketchum Cemetery**
Hemingway’s grave can be found centrally located, under large evergreen trees, with family and friends buried around him.

**Sawtooth Club, Whiskey Jacques**
These restaurants and bars on the former site of the Alpine Club and Café offered slot machine gambling while it was still legal in Ketchum.

**Casino Bar**
This drinking establishment has undergone few changes since Hemingway’s visits.

**The Community Library Regional History Museum**
Located in Forest Service Park, the Museum contains rotating exhibits on local history, ski heritage, and Hemingway. Open: Wednesday – Saturday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. 208.726.8118.

**Sun Valley Resort**
Lodge Room #206, the Ram Bar, Duchin Room, and Trail Creek Cabin all have Hemingway connections.

**Hemingway Memorial**
A sculpture of Hemingway overlooks Trail Creek, 1.5 miles from Sun Valley Lodge.

**Ketchum Korral**
Originally named the MacDonald Cabins, Hemingway first stayed here in 1946.

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**Christiania Restaurant**
Hemingway had dinner here with his wife, Mary, on July 1, 1961, the night before his death.

**Silver Creek Preserve (25 miles south)**
One of the first places Hemingway visited in 1939, the preserve is open to the public for fishing, picnics, and nature walks. Operated by The Nature Conservancy, there is a visitor center and a Hemingway Memorial. 208.788.2203.