



Chewelah

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Description of Place

Mining was the reason Chewelah prospered as a town in the early 1880s. In 1883 silver and lead deposits were discovered, it wasn't long and 20 such miners were operating in the area. In the early 1900s Chewelah's population was in the neighborhood of 1,500 people. Unlike other mining towns the mines in and around the area Chewelah kept producing well into the 1950s.





The year 2003 brought Chewelah its 100th anniversary. Chewelah sits between the Huckleberry and Selkirk mountains at an elevation of 1,671 feet. It lies 45 miles north of Spokane and 50 miles south of the Canadian Border. Chewelah enjoys a moderate climate and distinct seasons, including; Indian summers with autumn foliage rivaling New England. The general topography is mountainous bench land, forested with conifers, larch, fir and pine. Today Chewelah has approximately 2,260 residents and displays a pleasant blend of the past and future. The turn of the century brick buildings house an array of modern day shops and businesses. Manufacturing, agriculture, mining and logging are the primary industries in the area at the present.

Excellent medical facilities are available in Chewelah. St. Joseph's Hospital is a full service modern hospital, staffed with physicians and surgeons. There is a 40-bed Long Term Care Unit rated as one of the best in the state. Outstanding home healthcare allows seniors and others to safely stay in their homes and receive competent medical care. There are a number of other healthcare facilities with the ability to assist with your medical needs, including: optometry, dental clinics, chiropractic, and physical, medical and massage therapy.

The area is loaded with organized sports for the young and old alike. A 27 hole championship golf course, driving range, club house that is enjoyed by all. The recreational choices are endless, including a 50 mile bicycle tour, fun runs, tennis, antique car shows, fairs, rodeos and the annual Chataqua festival. Nearby is Lake Roosevelt, with hundreds of miles of shoreline, easy access, sandy beaches and secluded coves. Indoor activities such as: live theatre, concerts, card parties, bowling, casino gambling and square dancing. Chewelah is located approximately 8 short miles from the ski resort of 49° North Mountain Resort.

Wealth and Education

In 2000, Chewelah had a median family income of \$33,750. The Chewelah School District, in partnership with parents and the community, strives to provide a safe environment where all students learn and practice the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to be responsible citizens, productive members of society, and successful lifelong learners.

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
College Educated Adults		
People Above Poverty		

Chewelah School District #36

HomeLink Academy	509-685-6800 Ext. 3115
Alternative High School	509-685-6800 Ext. 2002
Gess Elementary	509-685-6800 Ext. 4002
Jenkins High School	509-685-6800 Ext. 2002
Jenkins Middle School	509-685-6800 Ext. 3002
Superintendent's Office	509-685-6800 Ext. 1002
All Others Call:	509-685-6800

Summit Valley School District #202

Summit Valley School 509-935-6362

Valley School District #70

Valley Elementary/Junior High	509-937-2413
District Office	509-937-2791

Chewelah Peak Learning Center 509-935-7400

www.awsp.org/Content/awsp/LearningCenters/ChewelahPeak/

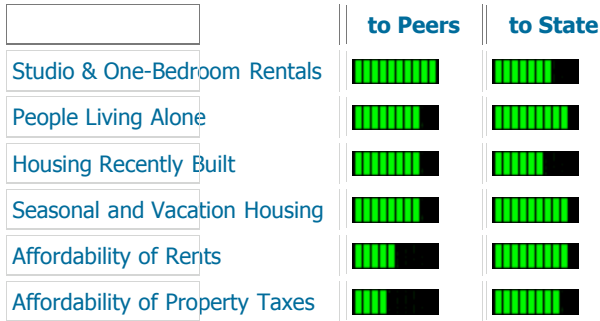
StageTime Theater School

Janet McLaughlin – 509-935-6075

Chewelah Housing

In Chewelah, 59% of the houses and apartments are occupied by the owners, not rented out. Landlords in the city rent a large number of single bedroom units. And yes, you can rent a place in Chewelah without breaking the bank.

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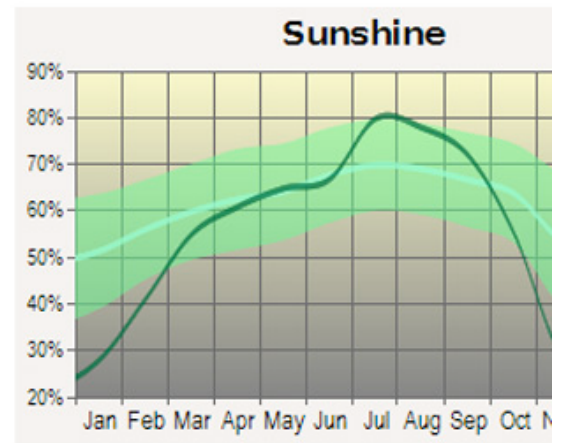
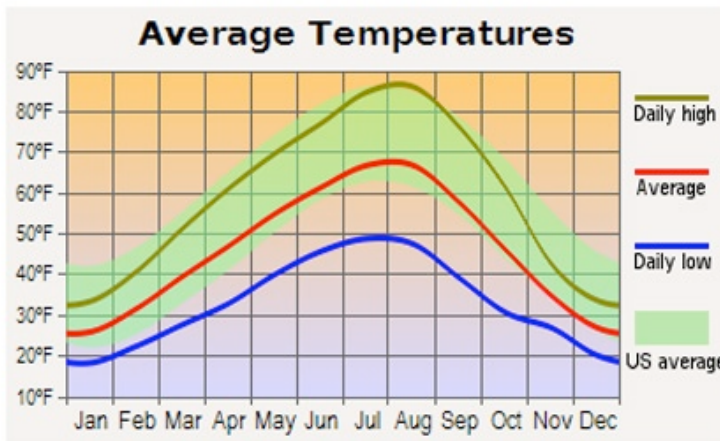


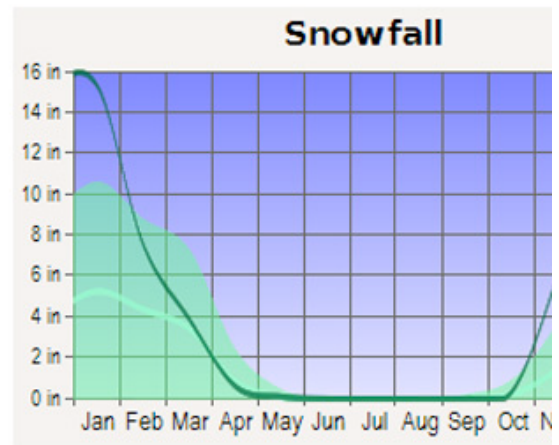
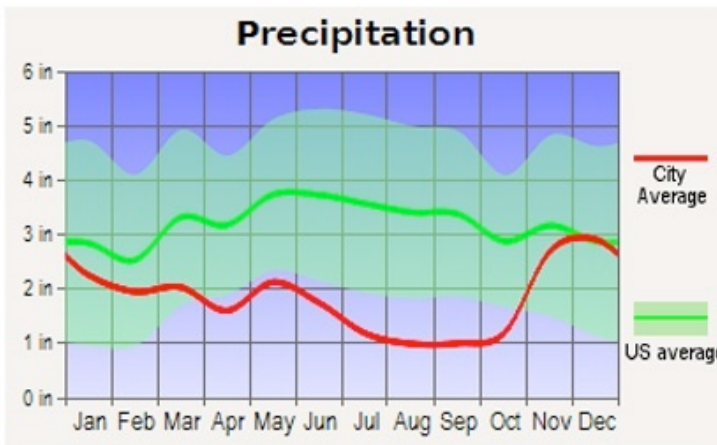
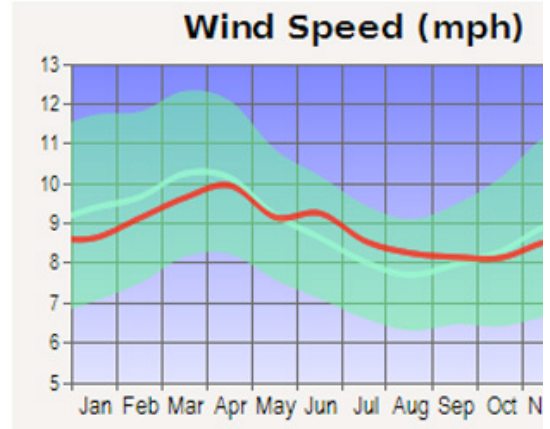
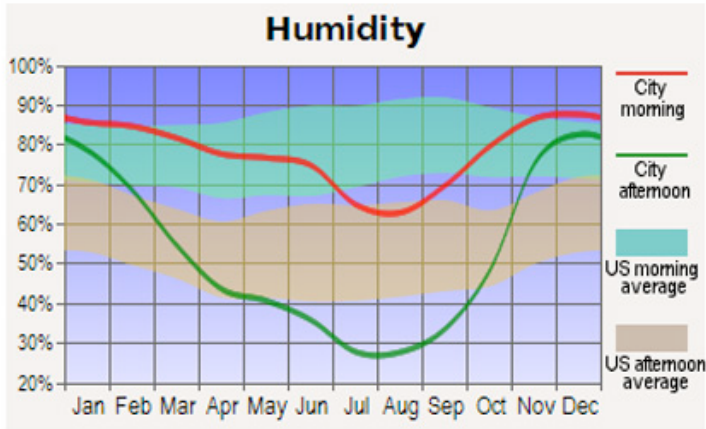
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Chewelah Almanac

Category	Value
Near Medium City	44 miles N of Spokane, Washington
Nearest Large City	218 miles E of Seattle, Washington
County	Stevens
Standard Zip Codes	99109
Phone Area Codes	509
Time Zone	Pacific (-8 hours from GMT)
Daylight Savings	The city observes Daylight Saving Time.
Latitude	48.276
Longitude	-117.713





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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chewelah Chamber of Commerce office is located at 214 East Main Street.
Contact us at (509) 935-8595

CLIMATE

Chewelah enjoys four distinct seasons. Late fall sees a return to warmer temperatures for a brief period known as Indian Summer. The temperature ranges from cold arctic blasts in the January near or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit to August heat spells near 100 degrees. The growing season lasts from 110 to 130 days. Average annual rainfall is 20 inches, while during an average winter, 50-90 inches of snow may fall (the usual accumulation of snow on the ground averages 8-20 inches at any one time). Summers are usually characterized by hot, dry days, and cool nights.

COMMUNICATIONS

Charter Communications, Cable Television; The Independent, Weekly newspaper; CenturyTel, Telephone; and several Internet Service Providers.

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Century of Relics Museum; StageTime Theater (children's drama school); Park Avenue Players (amateur theater company); Greenwood Institute D'Art (arts, crafts, dance instruction & gallery); David Govedare, Sculptor (studio)

tours/limited classes); Indian Agency Historical Site; Pavilion in the Park (seating for 800); Chewelah Civic Center (multi-purpose, seating for 200); Chewelah Public Library; Adult Education Courses (Jenkins High School).

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (including Valley & Addy)

American West Bank	Bank of America
49 Degrees North Ski Area	City of Chewelah
Chewelah Casino	Chewelah School District
49 Degrees North Ski Area	Hansen Logging
Lane Mountain Silica	N.E. Washington Health
Richmond Logging	Safeway Store
Steinbach Construction	St. Joseph Hospital & Long Term Care
Valley School District	

MEDICAL FACILITIES

St. Joseph Hospital - 25 beds, full service	Chiropractic -2
St. Joseph Long Term Care - 40 beds	Massage Therapists - 4
Chewelah Associated Physicians	Ambulance - 2 units/EMT staffed
Chewelah Community Clinic	Medical Equipment/Supplies - 1
N.E. Washington Health Programs - Clinic, Nursing Home	N.E. Washington Regional Support Network - Mental Health
Pharmacies - 2	DominiCare - Home nursing/care
Physician/Surgeon - Private practice	Medical Helicopter - on call
Dental Clinic - 1	Veterinary Clinics - 2

POPULATION

City of Chewelah (inside the city limits) = 2,340 Stevens County = 36,600.

SCHOOLS

See our [Area Schools](#) page

TRANSPORTATION

Chewelah Sand Canyon Airport:	Charter & Private 3,680 foot runway.
Spokane International Airport:	Major Carriers, Freight & Passengers

Rail: Burlington Northern Railroad (freight only).
Truck Freight Carriers: UPS, Federal Express, Colville Courier, Limousine Service, 395 Express, EFS Express

TRAVEL FACILITIES

Motels: [Nordlig Motel](#), [Chewelah Creek Inn](#), [49er Motel & RV Park](#).
Others: [Mountain View Lodge](#), Chewelah Peak Learning Center
RV Parks: [49er Motel & RV Park](#), [Winona Beach Resort](#), Chewelah Golf & Country Club, Silver Beach, Waitts Lake Resort.

UTILITIES

Water, Sanitary Sewer: Water and Sanitary Sewer operated by City of Chewelah.

Garbage: Garbage service to Chewelah is handled by City of Chewelah (inside city limits). Outside city limits is handled by Sunshine Disposal located in Addy, WA.

Electricity: Chewelah owns and maintains its own electric utility which provides service to customers within the city limits with the exception of the golf course/residential development and airport which is served by Avista Utilities. A full range of service is available. Power is supplied to the Chewelah Electric Utility by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Natural Gas: Avista Utilities services Chewelah and Stevens County with natural gas. Supply is unlimited.

Chewelah Church Directory

Abundant Life Fellowship	N. 203 2nd St. E & Clay	935-8029
Chewelah Baptist Church	W. 210 Main	935-8385
Chewelah Evangelical Free Church	W. 302 E. Main	935-7770
Chewelah United Church of Christ	10 E Webster	935-8046
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	2028 Steinmetz Rd.	935-4668
Crossroads Community Church	Valley	937-2383
Faith Community Church	4th & Colville	935-8505
Holy Ghost Catholic Church	Valley	937-2452
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	S. 205 Victoria	935-4220
New Life Christian Center	1472 Hwy. 395S, Addy	935-4369
St. Mary Of The Rosary	E. 504 Main	935-8028

St. Paul Lutheran Church	N. 202 2nd St. W	935-6311
Seventh-Day Adventist Church	Sand Canyon Rd.	935-6523
Summit Valley Community Church	2305 Summit Valley Rd.	935-4300
United Church of Christ	10 E. Webster	935-8046