



City of Ketchum

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Beacon Park opens at Atkinson Park

KETCHUM, Idaho – On Friday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m., the city of Ketchum and Sawtooth Avalanche Center will host a ribbon cutting at the new Beacon Park.

The city and Sawtooth Avalanche Center partnered on this project, designed for backcountry enthusiasts to practice simulated avalanche searches.

Participants will use their own beacons, shovels and probes. The wireless beacon training park contains buried transmitters and targets that can be set up for single or multiple buried scenarios.

The Beacon Park is free and open to the public. It is located on the outfield of the lower softball field at Atkinson Park and is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the winter months.

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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. In 2018, Ketchum was awarded designation by the International Dark-Sky Association as a Dark Sky Community and is included in the Nation's first International Dark Sky Reserve, one of only 13 in the world. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.