

*Experience*

# YOUR OWN BACKYARD

## THE LOST RIVER VALLEYS

### SINGLE TANK OF GAS ADVENTURES

*Hiking*

## The Natural Bridge/Arch

High on the shoulder of King Mountain in the Arco Pass area of the Lost River Range is one of the most unusual scenic features in Eastern Idaho. The huge limestone arch, or natural bridge, stands out from the high weather-eroded shoulder of the mountain, with its 80 foot span framing the weathered spruce and high pinnacles of the summit of King Mountain.

Several miles off US-20-26 east of Arco, the natural bridge/arch is accessible only to hikers. Well marked county roads take you several miles, to a primitive road which leads to trailhead known as Bridge Canyon. The trail is considered an easy to moderate walk and is approximately 1 mile. The Forest Service recommends that the trail only be followed up to the view point. Past the view point the unmaintained trail is a very steep ascent and across a steep talus slope to the natural bridge/arch. As you round the final shoulder of the mountain, the sudden view of the bridge/arch is breath taking.

The road to the Natural Bridge/Arch is unimproved and unmaintained. It is recommended for high clearance vehicles only. It is not recommended for RV's motor homes or low clearance vehicles.

The Natural Bridge is located several miles from Arco and it is recommended that you take water with you when you hike.

The elevation is over 7,000 feet. Please take the altitude into consideration when hiking.

Never hike alone.

Maps and more information on the many recreational opportunities in the Lost River Valley can be found at the following websites.

[www.mackayidaho.com](http://www.mackayidaho.com) · [www.cityarco.com](http://www.cityarco.com)

Or you can call the Lost Rivers Tourism Council at **208-588-2693**