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# IDAHO

2026 Area Guide

## LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

Activities, Arts, Entertainment,  
Dining, Outdoors

## INSIDER'S GUIDE

Cities, Neighborhoods,  
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# IDAHO'S TREASURE VALLEY

## Fall in Love with Life in Idaho.

Idaho's Treasure Valley has become one of the most desirable places to live in the country. From wide open spaces and stunning mountain backdrops to a vibrant downtown core and countless family-friendly activities, this region truly has it all. Residents enjoy a unique balance of urban amenities and outdoor access — with hundreds of parks, rivers, and trails just minutes from city centers for hiking, biking, skiing, floating, and more.

The area maintains a strong community spirit and quality lifestyle that draws people from across the United States, particularly from higher-cost coastal markets looking for a more affordable alternative without sacrificing opportunities or culture.

Arts and culture play an important role as well, with museums, theaters, botanical gardens, and year round events adding depth and creativity to daily life. From established neighborhoods to fast growing communities across the Treasure Valley, it is easy to feel connected, welcomed, and at home from the very beginning.





## A Superior Business Climate

The Boise Metro is one of the fastest-growing economic hubs in the Northwest, attracting companies across industries with its pro-business climate and lifestyle advantages.

- **Highly Skilled Workforce**  
Fueled by Boise State University, College of Idaho, and a strong pipeline from regional tech and trade schools.
- **Leading Employers**  
Micron Technology, St. Luke's Health System, Boise Cascade, Albertsons, Amazon.
- **Growth Industries**
  - Technology and semiconductor manufacturing
  - Outdoor recreation products
  - Food production and agriculture innovation
  - Healthcare and medical research
  - Construction and building services
- **Infrastructure and Long Term Investment**  
Significant public and private investment continues across transportation, utilities, and mixed use development. Ongoing expansion supports long term economic stability and positions the region to accommodate sustained growth across multiple sectors.

## A Natural Training Ground

The Treasure Valley's location and amenities make it a prime environment for sports, outdoor recreation, and active lifestyles.

- Home to Boise State University athletics (famous blue turf and a national draw).
- Training base for Olympians in cycling, skiing, and track & field.
- Year-round outdoor access  
Ski Bogus Basin in the morning, bike the Boise River Greenbelt by afternoon.

## A Connected & Accessible Region

Boise offers a balance of convenience and connectivity that supports both business and lifestyle needs.

- Boise Airport (BOI) – just minutes from downtown, offering nonstop flights to major U.S. hubs. Ongoing expansions include terminal upgrades, security improvements, and new direct routes.
- Central Location – quick access to the Pacific Northwest and Mountain West regions.
- Quality of Life Advantage – shorter commutes (avg. 22 minutes), affordable living compared to coastal metros, and a reputation for safety and community.

## TREASURE VALLEY KEY STATS

826,521

PEOPLE IN THE BOISE CITY  
METRO AREA

200+

AREA PARKS

2,020+

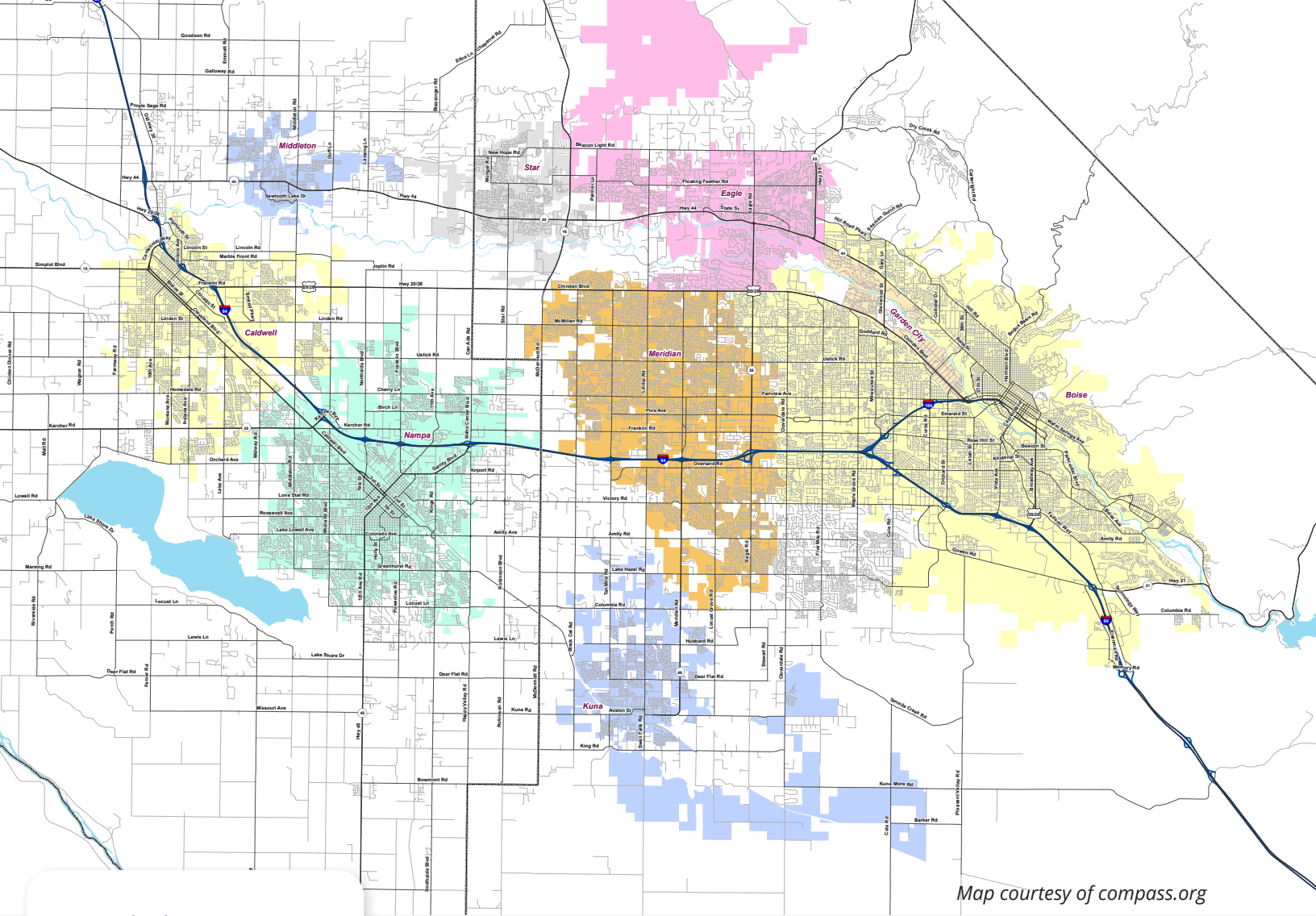
MILES OF TRAILS, PATHWAYS,  
AND GREENBELT

4,990,885

TRAVELED THROUGH THE  
BOISE AIRPORT (BOI)

6,000+

ACRES OF PARKS  
AND OPEN SPACES



Map courtesy of compass.org

- Interstate
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Boise
- Garden City
- Eagle
- Meridian
- Kuna
- Star
- Nampa
- Caldwell
- Middleton
- Melba
- Notus
- Greenleaf
- Parma
- Wilder

# Treasure Valley at a Glance

Welcome to the heart of Idaho’s scenic beauty—The Greater Treasure Valley. This expansive region encompasses several cities, each with its own unique charm and character. At the core is Boise, the state’s bustling capital, known for its energetic downtown, extensive park system, and a thriving arts scene. Surrounding Boise are the cities of Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell, forming a metropolitan area with plentiful amenities, shopping, and dining options.

To the northeast, Eagle offers a more laid-back atmosphere with luxury homes, golf courses, and access to the Boise River, ideal for those seeking a quieter retreat within close proximity to urban conveniences. Just south of Boise, Kuna appeals to those looking for a small-town feel with easy access to the great outdoors, including the nearby Snake River birds of prey area.

Further west, Star and Middleton present a more rural lifestyle with opportunities for agriculture and spacious, scenic living. Each city within The Greater Treasure Valley is linked by efficient transportation routes, ensuring that whether you’re traveling for work or leisure, you’re never too far from your destination.



# FACTS ABOUT IDAHO



The Great Seal of Idaho was designed by Emma Edwards Green in 1890, making it the only Great Seal in the United States designed by a woman.

Idaho was established in 1890

CAPITAL

**Boise**

POPULATION

**2.05 Million**

Land Area

**83,557**

Sq. Miles



ELEVATION

Highest **12,662 ft.** (Mt. Borah)  
Lowest **738 ft.** (Lewiston, ID)

STATE GEM

**Star  
Garnet**

STATE FLOWER

**Syringa**

STATE BIRD

**Mountain  
Bluebird**

**3,500**

River  
Miles

STATE FRUIT

**Huckleberries**



STATE FOOD

**Potato**

(with fry sauce)

STATE HORSE

**Appaloosa**

STATE TREE

**Western  
White Pine**

## WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT

# BOISE



### OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Treasure Valley is surrounded by natural beauty, offering abundant opportunities for outdoor activities. We love hiking in the foothills, exploring scenic trails, and taking advantage of nearby rivers for fishing, exploring along the greenbelt, and floating the river.

### COMMUNITY CHARACTER

The Treasure Valley maintains a friendly and close-knit community atmosphere. Idahoans often appreciate the strong sense of community and the welcoming nature of their neighbors. You'll always find a friendly face.

### CULTURAL EVENTS

Boise hosts a variety of cultural events, festivals, and local fairs throughout the year. These events provide opportunities for residents to come together, celebrate, and enjoy the vibrant local culture.

### LOCAL FOOD SCENE

From farmers' markets to food truck parks to diverse dining options, the Treasure Valley is known for its thriving local food scene. Residents enjoy access to fresh, locally grown produce and a range of culinary experiences.

### QUALITY OF LIFE

The Treasure Valley offers a high quality of life with a relatively low cost of living compared to some other parts of the country. This, coupled with a strong job market and good schools, makes it an attractive place for families.

### BOISE'S URBAN AMENITIES

Boise, the capital city of Idaho located in the Treasure Valley, provides urban amenities without the congestion of larger cities. Residents appreciate the vibrant downtown, cultural institutions, and recreational opportunities Boise offers.

### FOUR SEASONS

We enjoy experiencing all four seasons, from snowy winters, blooming springs, warm summers, and crisp autumns. Each season brings its own charm and a variety of outdoor activities, contributing to a well-rounded and enjoyable living experience.

### PROXIMITY TO NATURE

The Treasure Valley is surrounded by mountains, forests, and rivers. We value the easy access to outdoor adventures, whether it's a weekend camping trip or a day exploring scenic landscapes.

### SENSE OF SAFETY

Many residents appreciate the overall sense of safety and security in the Treasure Valley. The area is known for its low crime rates and the feeling of being in a secure environment.

### STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY

The area has experienced economic growth, and those living here appreciate the job opportunities and economic stability.



# Beyond the Potato



## TALK LIKE A LOCAL

Locals lovingly correct the common mispronunciation "BOY-zee" to "BOY-see," reflecting pride in Boise, the City of Trees. This nickname, from the French word for "wooded," highlights the area's lush, tree-lined beauty.

Pronunciations can be tricky: Ustick Road is "You-stick," Chinden Boulevard is "Chin-din" (from "Chinese garden," honoring early settlers), and Kuna is pronounced "Q-na."

## COMMUNITY OF COURTESY

The Treasure Valley is characterized by its friendly and warm atmosphere, where manners, mutual respect, and kindness are deeply embedded in the community's culture. This welcoming nature is expressed through everyday interactions like smiles, eye contact, holding doors, and friendly conversations, reinforcing the Valley's reputation as being hospitable and congenial.

With growth comes a shared responsibility to preserve the environment by keeping cities clean, protecting wildlife, and safeguarding natural habitats to sustain Idaho's quality of life.

## TATER KINGS

Idaho isn't just famous for potatoes; it's the U.S. champion, producing a whopping one-third of the nation's spuds. Talk about being a potato powerhouse!



# TRANSIT TIPS

Driving culture is marked by courtesy and cooperation, evident by smooth merging and efficient roundabout use.

A car is recommended for Boise residents, especially outside the city, as Valley Regional Transit's public transport may not cover all travel needs, especially outside of Boise city limits.

### ALL ABOUT ROUNDABOUTS

In Boise's roundabouts, yield to traffic already in the circle. When entering, choose the correct lane early: right lane for right turns or straight ahead, left lane for left turns or U-turns. The essentials:

**Lane Choice:** Select your lane before entering and stick to it throughout.

**Yield:** Yield to both pedestrians and oncoming traffic when entering and exiting the roundabout. Don't stop once inside; incoming traffic should yield to you.

**Caution and Speed:** Slow down for safety, staying alert for pedestrians, unexpected lane changes, and large or emergency vehicles.

### ZIPPERING 101: A QUICK OVERVIEW

The zipper merge, used correctly, counters the issues of early merging at "lane closed ahead" signs, which can cause traffic jams and frustration. Using both lanes fully until the merge point, then alternating turns to merge, much like a zipper's teeth. This technique balances lane speeds, cuts traffic backup by up to 40%, and smooths out congestion at freeway interchanges, ensuring a fair and efficient flow for all lanes.

- Use both lanes until the merge point.
- Alternate turns merging for fairness and efficiency.
- Best used in heavy, slow-moving traffic.

# The Treasure Valley's Four Seasons

Life here comes with four true seasons—snowy winters, blooming springs, warm sunny summers, and crisp, colorful autumns.

ELEVATION  
2,730 feet



**200+**  
SUNNY DAYS  
PER YEAR

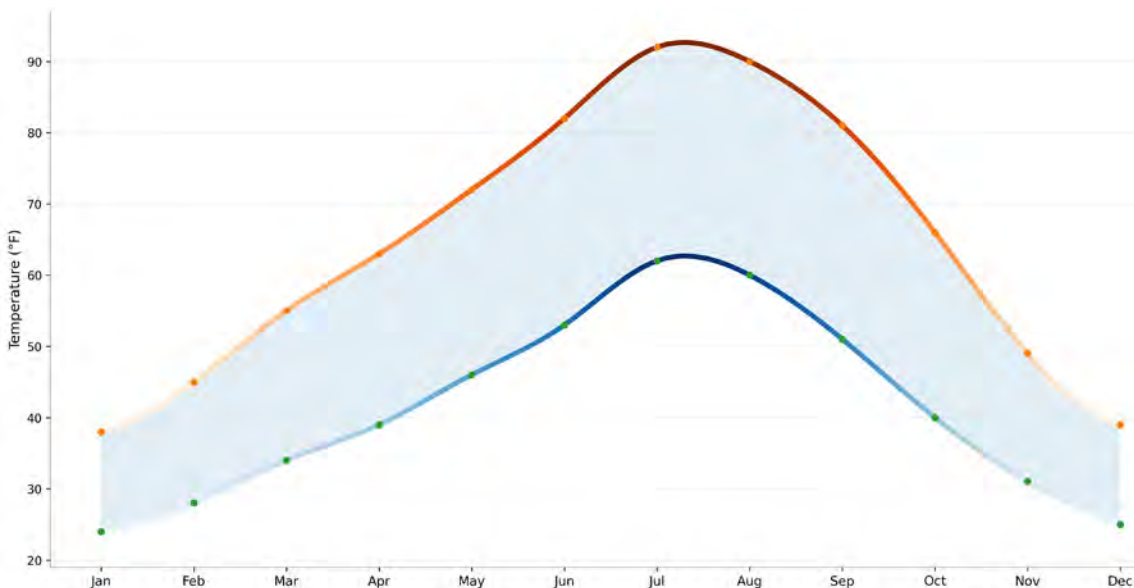


**12 inches**  
OF AVERAGE  
RAINFALL



**18 inches**  
AVERAGE  
SNOWFALL

## AVERAGE MONTHLY HIGHS AND LOWS



### Summer

Average High: 87°F  
Average Low: 57°F

### Spring

Average High: 63°F  
Average Low: 39°F

### Autumn

Average High: 64°F  
Average Low: 40°F

### Winter

Average High: 40°F  
Average Low: 25°F

## OTHER WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

### True Four Seasons

Boise truly experiences all four seasons. Winters bring snow but are generally moderate. Summers are warm and dry, spring arrives quickly, and fall tends to be long and mild with crisp mornings and sunny afternoons.

### Low Humidity Year Round

One of the most noticeable differences for newcomers is the low humidity. Summers are warm but rarely feel sticky, and winters are cold without the damp chill. This makes outdoor activities more comfortable throughout the year.

### Outdoor Friendly Climate

Because extreme weather is relatively rare, residents enjoy year round access to outdoor activities. Hiking, biking, fishing, and river recreation are popular from spring through fall, while winter sports are easily accessible.

### Shoulder Seasons Are a Highlight

Spring and fall are often considered the best times of year. Spring brings quick warming temperatures and blooming trees. Fall is typically dry, sunny, and mild, with colorful foliage and comfortable daytime highs.



# RETIREMENT

## Retiring in Idaho: Active Living Made Easy

The Treasure Valley is a retirement haven offering affordability, quality healthcare, outdoor recreation, and a welcoming community. With a cost of living below the national average, no tax on Social Security benefits, and accessible amenities like the Boise River Greenbelt and top-rated hospitals, retirees enjoy an active, fulfilling lifestyle. Mild winters, senior-focused housing options, and lively cultural events make Boise an ideal choice for a relaxed and engaging retirement.

Explore these thoughtfully designed 55+ neighborhoods offering modern homes to thrive in your next chapter.

### **Trilogy® Valor, Kuna, ID** (just southwest of Boise)

A gated 55+ community by Shea Homes. New construction, resort-style amenities, social club. [sheahomes.com](https://sheahomes.com)

### **Prairiefire at Heritage Grove, Meridian, ID**

A 55+ community with single-story homes, low maintenance, walking paths, green spaces, and shared amenities. [hubblehomes.com](https://hubblehomes.com)

### **Cadence, Meridian, ID**

Marketed as a maintenance-free 55+ active adult community in Meridian. [cadence.brighton.co](https://cadence.brighton.co)

### **Affinity at Boise**

Active 55+ community offering amenities, social engagement, with all inclusive pricing (rent + utilities) model.

### **The Terraces of Boise**

A life plan / senior community, but frequently listed among 55+ options. Independent living + continuum of care.





# Welcome to Boise: Your Guide to Year-Round Fun!

The Treasure Valley's seasonal activities highlight the community's warmth and the stunning beauty of the region. Whether you're seeking family fun or a memorable date night, Boise and its surrounding areas have something for everyone to enjoy!

## JANUARY

### Treasure Valley Flea Market

January 3-4 | Expo Idaho

### Drop-In Hours at Wassmuth Center

Every Friday from 12-4pm for art, conversation and connection.

### The Ultimate RV Show

January 8-11 | Ford Idaho Sports Center

### Make-A-Wish 23rd Annual

### Gebert-Arbaugh Polar Bear Plunge

January 10 | Lucky Peak State Park Spring Shores Marina

### City of Trees Invitational

January 16-18 | Idaho Central Arena

### Idaho Remodeling & Design Show

January 17-18 | Boise Centre

### Canyon County Kids Expo

January 24 | Ford Idaho Center Arena

### Idaho Job & Career Fair

January 29 | Courtyard by Marriott 1789 S Eagle Rd

### PBR Velocity Tour Finals

January 30-31 | Ford Idaho Center

### Museum After Dark: Get Folk'd Up

January 30 | Idaho State Museum Arts Idaho | 21+

### McCall Winter Carnival

January 30 - February 8 | McCall, Idaho

Snow sculptures, live music, lakeside vendors, winter activities, and the signature Mardi Gras Parade.

# FEBRUARY

## Wine 101

February 3 | House of Wine, 1008 W Main St

## Skijor Boise

February 6–7 | Ford Idaho Center

Skijoring comes to the Treasure Valley for the first time ever, combining fast horses and fearless skiers in a high speed winter competition.

## Boise Golf Show

February 5–7 | Expo Idaho

## Yoga for Good

February 7 | Payette Brewing Co

10:00 AM–11:00 AM

## Fare Field to Fork Festival

February 12 | JUMP Boise

## Women's Lifestyle Expo

February 14 | Expo Idaho

Free admission, sip and shop

## Disney's The Lion King

February 18 – March 7 | Morrison Center for the Performing Arts

# MARCH

## Idaho Sportsman's Show

March 5–8, 2026 | Expo Idaho

Outdoor event showcasing hunting, fishing, boating, and camping gear along with seminars and demonstrations.

## 53rd Annual Boise Roadster Show

March 13–15 | Expo Idaho

One of the longest running car shows in the Northwest featuring classic hot rods, customs, and vintage vehicles.

## Idaho Artistry in Wood Show

March 21–22 | JUMP Boise

## Treefort Music Fest

March 25–29 | Downtown Boise

A multi day music and arts festival featuring hundreds of artists, talks, comedy, food events, and community programming across downtown venues.

## 2C Wild West Spring Fest

March 27–28 | O'Connor Field House

## Boise Flower and Garden Show

March 27–29 | Boise Centre

Garden displays, workshops, and vendors offering plants, decor, and gardening tools for garden lovers.

## Cars and Coffee

March 28 | Indian Creek Plaza, Caldwell

## Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince in Concert

March 28 | Morrison Center for the Performing Arts

## Firebird Raceway and Meridian Speedway

March–October | Firebird Raceway and Meridian Speedway  
Firebird Raceway hosts NHRA drag racing events and car shows, while Meridian Speedway opens its NASCAR sanctioned oval racing season with family friendly race nights.

*McCall Winter Carnival*



# APRIL

## Fairy and Gnome Exhibit

April–May | Idaho Botanical Garden

Handcrafted fairy houses and whimsical displays.

## Easter Eggstravaganza

April 4 | Zoo Boise

## YMCA Easter Run

April 4 | Ann Morrison Park

## Race to Robie Creek

April 18 |

Challenging 13.1 mile spring race and a long standing tradition in the Boise running community.

## Revive Fashion Show

April 25 | JUMP Boise

Sustainable fashion show hosted at JUMP.

## Farmers Markets

April–May | Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Eagle, Caldwell

Outdoor farmers markets across the Treasure Valley begin their seasonal schedules, offering local produce, food vendors, and live music.

Boise Farmers Market



## Motorsports in the Treasure Valley

Fuel your need for speed with these top racetracks and motorsport venues around Boise and the broader Valley. Check each venue's website for the latest 2026 event calendar and ticket info.

### Meridian Speedway

A 1/4-mile NASCAR-sanctioned oval track with sprint cars, late models, street stocks, and themed nights. 2025 featured Diamond Cup (June) and Pink Lady Classic (Sept); expect a similar spring–early fall cadence in 2026.

### Firebird Raceway

A premier NHRA-sanctioned drag strip with bracket series, specialty nights, and marquee events (e.g., Nightfire Nationals ran Aug. 1–3, 2025). 2026 typically runs March/April through October; check for street-legal "Run What Ya Brung" dates.

### Owyhee Motorcycle Club Raceway

Historic private club with summer and winter MX tracks, peewee track, trials area, and a clay oval heritage. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places; public races and select events run most of the year.

### Snake River Region SCCA (Boise Autocross)

Timed autocross events at rotating venues; typical season April–October, weather dependent.environment. Typically April through October, depending on venue and weather.



Firebird Raceway

# MAY

## Experience Idaho

May | Expo Idaho

Idaho made products, outdoor experiences, local brands, and live entertainment.

## 2026 World Jet Boat Championship

May 8–17 | Roadhouse at the Mill, Emmett

## Outlaw Field Summer Music Series

May - August | Idaho Botanical Garden

## Mother's Day Garden Market

May 9–10 | Victory Gardens

## Gem State Comic Con

May 15–17 | Expo Idaho

Idaho's longest running comic con with family friendly fandom events.

## Idaho Shakespeare Festival

Late May | Idaho Shakespeare Festival Amphitheater

Outdoor theater featuring professional productions with lawn seating, picnics, and pre show performances.

## Boise Greek Food Festival

May 30–31 | Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

# JUNE

## Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live

June 6 | Albertsons Stadium

A live performance featuring monster trucks on Saturday at 6:30 PM.

## Savor Idaho – Idaho's Premier Wine and Cider Event

June 7 | Idaho Botanical Garden

## Snake River Stampede

June 16–20 | Ford Idaho Center

## Emmett Cherry Festival

June 17–26 | Emmett City Park

A historic, four-day community celebration held every June in Idaho to honor the local harvest with free concerts, parades, and traditional events like cherry pie eating contests and pit spitting.

## Boise Music Festival

June 27 | Expo Idaho

## Meridian Dairy Days

June 25–27, 2026 | Storey Park

Celebrating the area's dairy heritage with a carnival, parade, live shows, and a golf tournament. It's a family friendly festival full of activities.

## Alive After Five

The Grove | June-August

A free summer concert series held every Wednesday evening from mid June through the end of July at The Grove Plaza. This long-standing community tradition offers great music, local food, and craft beverages.



# JULY

## God and Country Festival

July 1 | Ford Idaho Center  
Dusk

## Museum After Dark: Revolutionale

July 17 | Idaho State Museum

## Boise Twilight Criterium

July 11 | Starts at Boise Capitol

## 208 Tattoo Fest

July 17-19 | Expo Idaho

## Canyon County Fair

July 23–26 | The Center at Canyon County Fair

## Ironman 70.3

July 25 | Lucky Peak Reservoir, Boise River

Greenbelt, and Downtown Boise

All day event with a race week schedule released closer to race day.

## Festival of San Inazio Basque Festival

July 31 – August 2 | Basque Block, Downtown Boise



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Boise

Ann Morrison Park

## Meridian

Independence Day Celebration; Storey Park

## Garden City

Boise Hawks Memorial Stadium

## Nampa

God and Country Festival; Ford Idaho Amphitheater | July 1st

## Caldwell

4th of July; Brothers Park

## Middleton

Foote Park

## Star

Hunter's Creek Park

## Kuna

Bernie Fisher Park

## Melba

"Olde Tyme" 4th of July

## Emmett

Gem Island Sports Complex

## McCall

Payette Lake

## Tamarack

Tamarack Resort hosts a variety of events through Fourth of July weekend



# Floats, Fun, and Sunshine: Treasure Valley Parades

## **Nampa Parade America**

Friday, June 12 | Downtown Nampa

## **Emmett Cherry Festival Parades**

June 19 at 6:30 PM | Emmett City Park and Main Street

Second full week of June. Part of the Emmett Cherry Festival, this parade showcases floats, bands, and cherry-themed decorations.

## **Meridian Dairy Days Parade**

June 20 | Downtown Meridian

Held the third weekend of June at Storey Park, featuring the popular Dairy Days Parade.

## **Eagle Fun Days Wet and Wild Parade**

June 27 | Downtown Eagle

## **Melba Olde Tyme 4th of July Parade**

July 4 | Downtown Melba

## **Caldwell 4th of July Parade**

July 4 | Downtown Caldwell

## **Star Hometown Celebration Parade**

July 4 | Downtown Star

## **Middleton 4th of July Parade**

July 4 | Middleton

## **Kuna Days Parade**

August 1 | Kuna

# Rodeos and Professional Bull Riding

The Treasure Valley is home to many nationally-recognized professional bull riding events and traditional rodeos.

## **Professional Bull Riders**

### **Unleash the Beast**

January 30–31, 2026

Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

## **Eagle Rodeo**

June 11–14, 2026 | Eagle

Rodeo Grounds, Eagle

## **Snake River Stampede**

June 16–20, 2026 | Ford

Idaho Center, Nampa

## **Treasure Valley Rodeo**

June 26–27, 2026 | Meridian

Rodeo Grounds, Meridian

## **Caldwell Night Rodeo**

August 11–16, 2026 | Caldwell

Night Rodeo Grounds

## **Kuna Stampede Rodeo**

Late August – Early Septem-

ber 2026 | Crooked 8 Event

Center, Kuna.



# AUGUST

## Nampa Festival of the Arts

August 8–9 | Lakeview Park, Nampa  
Free two day art festival with vendors, food, and family friendly activities.

## Kuna Days

First Weekend in August | Bernie Fisher Park

## Boise Soulfood Fest

Early August | Julia Davis Park

## Western Idaho Fair

August 21–30 | Expo Idaho

## Zoobilee

August 28 | Zoo Boise  
Zoo Boise's premier event of the year for guests 21+.

## Winefest 2026

August 29 | Basque Block

## Sunnyslope Wine Festival

August 31 | Ste. Chapelle Winery

## Boise Baroque Summer Music Festival

Late August | Château des Fleurs

## Spirit of Boise Balloon Festival

Late August – Early September | Ann Morrison Park

# SEPTEMBER

## Art in the Park

September 11–13 | Julia Davis Park

## Boise Fall Festival

September 12 | Expo Idaho

## Eagle Jazz and Blues Fest

September 18–19 | Downtown Eagle

## Hyde Park Street Fair

September 18–20 | Camel's Back Park

## Interplanetary Life

September 26 | JUMP Boise

## FitOne

September 26 | Downtown Boise

## Boise Oktoberfest

September 26 | Official Oktoberfest Bar Crawl, PubCrawls.com

## Boise Entrepreneur Week

Late September | JUMP Boise

Idaho's largest entrepreneur-focused event, with pitch competitions, workshops, and networking opportunities to support and celebrate the local entrepreneurial community.

*Spirit of Boise*



*Hyde Park Street Fair*





## Pumpkin Farms and Harvest Attractions

Late September - November

### Pumpkin Palooza – Meridian

An urban-style pumpkin patch with rides, inflatables, games, and lots of photo ops.

### Low Family Farmstead – Kuna

A full fall farm day with a pumpkin patch, tractor hayrides, and a well-known corn maze.

### Shindig Farms – Nampa

A fall festival farm with a pumpkin patch, mazes, slides, tractor rides, and seasonal treats.

### Jordan's Pumpkin Patch – Boise

A family-friendly pumpkin patch at Jordan's Garden Center with kid activities and plenty of pumpkins.

### Ten Mile Farms – Meridian

A newer fall stop with a pumpkin patch, corn maze, hayrides, and classic farm play areas.

### Lovely Hollow Farm – Caldwell

Pumpkins, vendors, and fall market days in a scenic farm setting.

### Pony Express Ranch – Meridian

A ticketed pumpkin patch experience with a petting zoo and hands-on kid activities.

### Cherry Hill Farms Fall Festival – Caldwell

A corn maze, pumpkin patch, and family attractions with food and fall activities.

### Jeremy's Pumpkins – Star

A longtime Star pumpkin patch stop for pumpkins, fall decor, and a simple family outing.

### The Berry Ranch – Nampa

Pick-your-own pumpkins with walk-to-the-patch options and occasional hayrides.

### Cabalo's Orchard & Gardens – Kuna

A seasonal orchard stop with pumpkins and fall visits.

### Wissel Farms – Nampa

A historic farmstand and u-pick spot that carries pumpkins and fall favorites in October.

# OCTOBER

## Dogtober Fest

Early October | Indian Creek Plaza, Caldwell

## Witches Night Out

Early October | Village Meridian

## Boo at the Zoo

October 24–25 | Zoo Boise

## Eagle Harvest Fest

Mid October | Eagle City Hall

## Taste of Downtown Boise

Late October | Multiple restaurants, Downtown Boise

# NOVEMBER

## Boise Co Op Harvest Festival

November 7 | North End Boise Co op

## Ice Skating at the Village

Mid November – Mid January | Village Meridian

## St. Alphonsus Festival of Trees

November 25–29 | Boise Centre

## Canyon County Festival of Trees

November 27–29 | Ford Idaho Center

## Boise Holiday Parade

November 28 | Downtown Boise

## Caldwell's Winter Wonderland Festival

Late November – December | Indian Creek Plaza

## Winter Garden Aglow

Late November – December | Idaho Botanical Garden

Holiday lights, fire pits, and seasonal extras inside the garden.

## Winter Wonder Market

November 28 | Riverside Hotel

Local artisans, crafters, and small businesses.

# DECEMBER

**Breakfast with Santa at Zoo Boise**

Date TBD | Zoo Boise

**2026 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**

December TBD | Albertsons Stadium

**Eguberriko Azoka**

December 6 | Basque Block

**The Nutcracker**

Date TBD | Morrison Center

**14th Annual Idaho Potato Drop**

December 31 | Cecil D. Andrus Park

Free New Year's Eve celebration downtown.

*Idaho Potato Drop*



## THE GREAT HOLIDAY GLOW UP

**Downtown Boise Holiday Tree Lighting (The Grove Plaza)**

Date TBD | The Grove Plaza, Downtown Boise

**Boise Holiday Parade**

Date TBD | Starts near 10th St and Jefferson St, Boise

**Winter Garden Aglow**

Date TBD | Idaho Botanical Garden

**Scentsy Christmas Lights**

Date TBD | Scentsy Commons, Meridian

**Christmas in Meridian Winter Lights Parade**

Date TBD | Downtown Meridian

**Tree Lighting and Santa Arrival and Ice Skating**

Date TBD | The Village at Meridian

**Christmas in Color Drive Thru Light Show**

Date TBD | Roaring Springs area, Meridian

**Eagle Country Christmas and Tree Lighting**

Date TBD | Heritage Park, Eagle

**Night Light Parade**

December 5 | Bernie Fisher Park, Kuna

**Nampa Christmas Tree Lighting**

November 28 | Nampa Train Depot

**Treasure Valley Night Light Parade**

Date TBD | Downtown Caldwell

**Indian Creek Plaza Winter Lights Season and Ice Skating Ribbon**

Date TBD | Indian Creek Plaza, Caldwell

**Christmas at the Riverhouse and Tree Lighting**

Date TBD | Star Riverhouse, Star

**New Year's Eve Star Drop**

December 31 | Star Riverhouse, Star



# IDAHO'S SMALL BUSINESS EDGE

Idaho continues to stand out as one of the nation's most business-friendly states. Low taxes, affordable overhead, and a strong sense of community make the Treasure Valley a natural place for entrepreneurs to put down roots.

Idaho saw over 31,000 new business applications in 2023, up 10% from the year before, with small firms making up about three-quarters of all employers. Startup growth stayed strong through 2024 and is projected to remain steady into 2026.

Support networks like the Idaho Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Trailhead Boise, and the Boise Metro Chamber connect new owners with resources and mentorship. Kiln Meridian remains a popular coworking hub for small teams and remote professionals, with a new Boise location opening in 2026 to meet growing demand for flexible workspace.

Idaho's accessible licensing process and affordable costs make the region one of the easiest and most rewarding places to start a business in the West.



## MODERN WORKSPACES in the Treasure Valley

Co-working spaces provide shared professional environments with flexible options that include open work areas, dedicated desks, private offices, and reservable conference or board rooms. Most locations offer high-speed internet, shared amenities, and short-term commitments, making them well suited for remote professionals and entrepreneurs who want flexibility.

### **Kiln (Meridian & Boise)**

Modern co-working spaces expanding in the area, with a Meridian location and a planned Boise opening in 2026.

### **Trailhead Boise**

A long-established Boise workspace supporting entrepreneurs, startups, and small teams through flexible offices.

### **Boise Main Co-Working Space**

A downtown option offering professional offices and meeting rooms for independent professionals and growing businesses.

### **The Harper Building (Boise)**

A centrally located professional workspace featuring private offices, collaborative areas, and conference rooms.

### **Regus (Boise area)**

Flexible office solutions offering shared workspaces, private offices, and meeting rooms at multiple local locations.



# Major Employers in the Treasure Valley

## Boise

**Micron Technology:** Global semiconductor manufacturer headquartered in Boise. Broke ground on a second fabrication plant in 2025, one of Idaho's largest private investments.

**Exyte:** Engineering and technology company supporting semiconductor manufacturing. Opened a Boise office in 2024, creating about 100 engineering jobs.

**St. Luke's Health System:** Regional healthcare network and top employer in the state.

**HP Inc:** Boise campus focused on printing and imaging technology. Invested in new 3D-printing and sustainability initiatives.

**Albertsons Companies:** National grocery retailer headquartered in Boise. Expanded its digital commerce and logistics divisions.

**Boise School District:** Educates more than 25,000 students with a strong workforce in academics and support roles.

**Alturas:** Eagle-based investment and property management company. Leased the former Intuit campus in 2025, consolidating roughly 250 employees.

**State of Idaho:** Government agencies employing thousands in Boise.

**J.R. Simplot Company:** Global agribusiness headquartered downtown. Added R&D space at its headquarters campus in 2024.

**Boise State University:** Major higher-education and research institution.

**Amazon:** DID2 Delivery Station, expanding last-mile operations throughout the area.

## Meridian

**Blue Cross of Idaho:** Health insurance provider with a large corporate campus. Continuing to expand data and claims technology teams as health sector demand grows.

**Scentsy:** Headquarters for the international home fragrance company. Added new warehouse automation and expanded corporate roles in 2025.

**West Ada School District:** Idaho's largest school district, employing thousands across teaching, transportation, and administration.

## Nampa

**Amalgamated Sugar:** Processes sugar beets for domestic and export markets.

**Lactalis American Group:** Cheese and dairy production facility on Franklin Road. Underwent equipment modernization and capacity upgrades in 2024.

**Plexus Corp:** Advanced electronics manufacturing. Announced workforce expansion in late 2024 tied to new contracts.

**GoGo Squeeze:** Produces packaged fruit snacks. Increased production capacity and hired additional staff in 2025.

**Saint Alphonsus Medical Center (Nampa):** Regional hospital and specialty-care campus.

**Amazon – BOI2 Fulfillment Center**  
Large fulfillment facility employing thousands. Expanded shift operations and added a new delivery hub in 2025.

## Eagle

**PetIQ Headquarters:** Corporate headquarters for the national pet-care company. Added lab and analytics staff in 2025.

**Lamb Weston Global Headquarters:** Corporate headquarters for the potato and food-processing leader. Invested in sustainability initiatives and digital operations in 2024.

**Alturas:** Eagle-based investment and property management company. Leased the former Intuit campus in 2025, consolidating roughly 250 employees.

## Kuna

**Kuna Joint School District:** Primary education employer.

**Idaho Department of Correction Facilities:** Includes ISCC and MVTC near Kuna. Facility upgrades and technology improvements completed 2024–25.

**Ridley's Family Markets:** Regional grocery store and community employer.

## Emmett

**Emmett School District:** Local K-12 education provider.

**Gem County:** County administrative offices.

**Valor Health:** Community healthcare provider (formerly Walter Knox Memorial Hospital).

**Boise Cascade:** Manufacturing facility producing engineered wood products.



## Caldwell

**Vallivue School District:** Educates approximately 10,000 students.

**Caldwell School District:** Local K-12 district employer.

**West Valley Medical Center:** Hospital providing acute and specialty care.

**The College of Idaho:** Private liberal-arts college with 125-year history.

**J.R. Simplot Company:** Caldwell Operations – Processing facility supporting agribusiness.

**Darigold Inc.:** Dairy processing and packaging plant serving western markets.

## Mountain Home

**Mountain Home Air Force Base:** 366th Fighter Wing and related civilian support.

**Elmore County Government:** County administration and services.

**Mountain Home School District #193:** Local education employer.

**St. Luke's Elmore Medical Center:** Hospital and outpatient services.





# ACTIVITIES

## Explore Outdoor Lifestyle

**Welcome to the Treasure Valley, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking an active lifestyle!**

The Treasure Valley offers year-round outdoor recreation, from hiking and biking the Boise Greenbelt to paddleboarding, fishing, and golf. Families enjoy skiing, tubing, camping, and boating on nearby lakes, while fitness centers, seasonal food trucks, and live music events cater to every age and interest.

### First Thursday

**First Thursday** in downtown Boise is a monthly celebration where galleries, shops, and restaurants welcome visitors with art, live music, and culinary experiences from 5-9pm, offering a perfect way to connect with the city's creative community.

### Disc Golf in Boise Parks

The Treasure Valley's disc golf scene features courses for all skill levels:

- **Ann Morrison Park:** Free 18-hole course designed for both recreational and competitive play.
- **Veterans Memorial Park:** New 18-hole course under construction, scheduled to open in 2026

Local clubs such as the Gem State Disc Golf Club and Treasure Valley Disc Golf play a pivotal role in organizing seasonal leagues and tournaments, welcoming players of all levels.





Map courtesy of the City of Boise

## Boise's Greenbelt: A Riverfront Escape

The Boise River Greenbelt is a 25-mile linear park and pathway that winds along the Boise River, connecting parks, neighborhoods, and downtown Boise. This scenic trail system is popular for walking, running, biking, and wildlife viewing, offering year-round access.

**Julia Davis Park:** A central access point with nearby attractions like the Boise Art Museum, Zoo Boise, and the rose garden.

**Ann Morrison Park:** Main entrance off of American Blvd, additional West side access near disc golf with pathways.

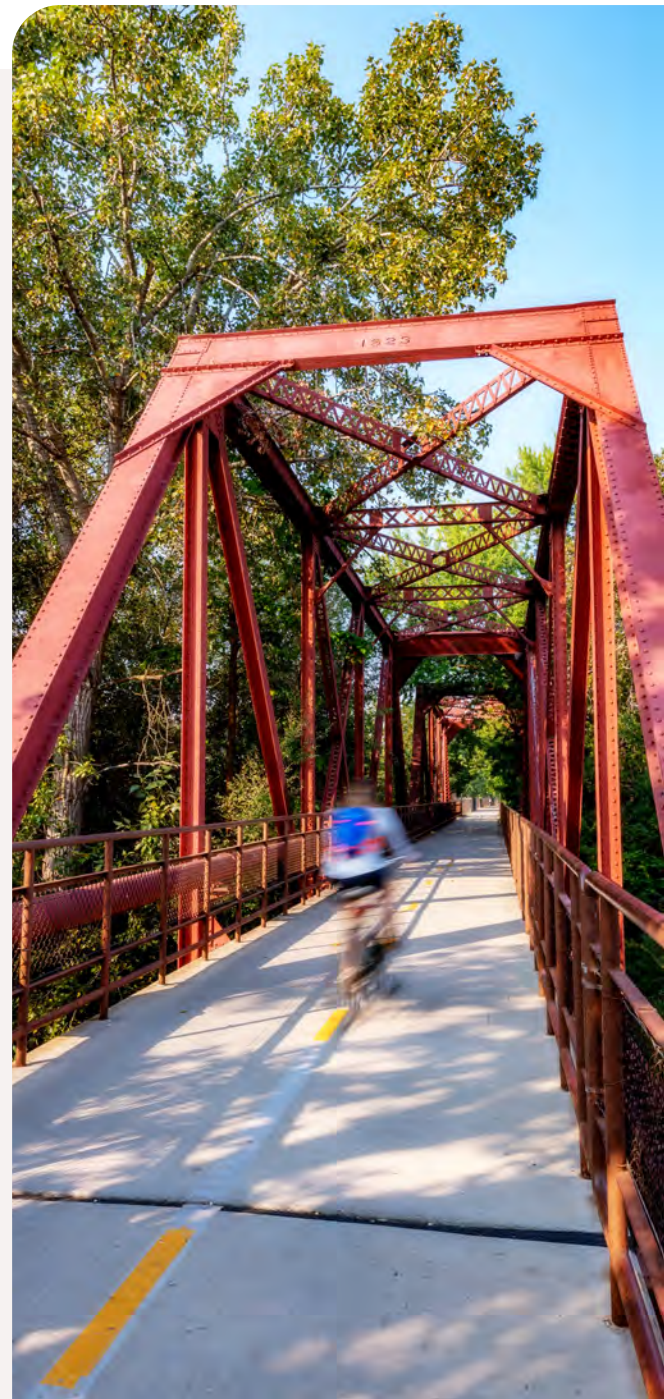
**Barber Park:** Main access at event center, second access off the park's eastern edge. Ideal for those seeking a nature-focused walk.

**Esther Simplot Park:** Offers interconnected ponds for paddleboarding, fishing, and relaxing by the water.

**Veterans Memorial Park:** A serene area for picnics and access to the river's natural habitats.

**Downtown Boise:** Access the Greenbelt near Capitol Boulevard for scenic views and proximity to local eateries and shops.

**Bown Crossing:** A quieter entry point with nearby dining options and ample parking.



# Dinks and Drops: Local Pickleball

Pickleball continues to flourish in the Treasure Valley, with premier venues and clubs catering to enthusiasts of all levels:

## **S2 Pickleball (Boise)**

A premier indoor facility featuring nine courts, offering memberships, open play sessions, leagues, and clinics.

## **The Flying Pickle (Meridian)**

Idaho's largest indoor pickleball facility with 18 state-of-the-art courts, on-site restaurant "The Kitchen," pro shop, lounge, and lessons with expert instructors. A second Flying Pickle location is opening soon in Nampa.

## **Treasure Valley Athletic Center (Meridian)**

Hub for youth sport development and adult recreation with 9 indoor pickleball courts, offering opportunities among other sports.



Pickleball clubs in the Treasure Valley, including Canyon County Pickleball Club, Boise Pickleball Club, and Boise Area Pickleball Association, support the sport through events, tournaments, player development, and year-round opportunities to grow skills and connect with the community.



*Bogus Basin*

## **Music on the Mountain**

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and experience this energetic summer scene with the Music on the Mountain free concert series at Bogus Basin.

## **Summer Activity at Bogus Basin Ski Resort**

Bogus Basin becomes a summer playground (May–September) with chairlift rides, hiking, disc golf, mountain biking, and family fun at the Mountain Adventure Park, featuring the Glade Runner coaster and gem panning.

## **Boise Bike Bar**

Boise offers standout ways to explore the city with a group. **Boise Bike Bar** runs pedal powered or electric assist rides through downtown with planned bar stops, while **The Wagon Boise** offers an enclosed party trolley and bus for bar crawls and private events with music and onboard drinks. **Boise Trolley Tours** provides narrated sightseeing tours of downtown and historic neighborhoods.

## **Green Acres Food Truck Park**

Located along the Boise Greenbelt off Shoreline Dr., featuring rotating local food trucks, live music, yard games, and family-friendly atmosphere. Open seasonally (May through October) Wednesday through Sunday.



# Paddle, Float, Explore

Boise's Whitewater Park, near Quinn's Pond, offers kayaking, paddleboarding, and surfing with engineered waves, scenic views, and rentals.

## Floating the Boise River

Floating the Boise River is a summer tradition in the area. The float spans roughly 6 miles and offers a self-guided experience lasting 2-3 hours. The journey starts at **Barber Park**, offering convenient raft and tube rentals, along with a shuttle bus service for accessibility, concluding at **Ann Morrison Park**.

Boise River's float season and Barber Park's services, equipment rentals, and shuttle operations are contingent on suitable river and weather conditions, typically available from late June through Labor Day. *Persons 14 years-old and under must wear a life jacket.*

## Boating and Watersports

Boating, waterskiing, and wakeboarding are popular summer activities in the Treasure Valley. **Lucky Peak Reservoir** is a standout, featuring over 45 miles of shoreline, 80 picnic/camping sites, and unique boat-in areas for picnics, group camping, or stargazing.

**Lake Lowell** (Nampa) provides opportunities for boating, swimming, and fishing amidst southwest Idaho's serene landscape. **Black Canyon Reservoir**, northeast of Emmett, spans 1,100 acres with 12 miles of shoreline, featuring amenities like restrooms, boat ramps, picnic tables, and camping facilities.

## Other Places to Splash

Popular water spots include the **Lucky Peak Reservoir**, **Quinn's Pond**, and **Esther Simplot Park** for easy paddling. For a scenic retreat, visit **Lake Lowell at Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge**, **Celebration Park on the Snake River**, or **Robie Creek Park** and nearby **Morse Park** for tranquil waters and greenery.





# Whitewater Rush

The Boise area offers a variety of whitewater rafting experiences suitable for all skill levels. Here are some reputable outfitters to consider:

## Cascade Raft & Kayak

Approximately 45 minutes from Boise on the Payette River, Cascade Raft & Kayak has been providing rafting adventures since 1985. They offer trips ranging from family-friendly floats to thrilling whitewater experiences, as well as kayaking and zip-lining. Their facility includes a café and gift shop.

## Bear Valley Rafting Co.

Situated less than an hour from downtown Boise, and offers half-day and full-day trips on the Payette River, catering to various skill levels. Their trips include guided services and meals, ensuring a comprehensive rafting experience.

## Boise River Outdoor

Provides guided, relaxing rafting trips on the Boise River, suitable for all ages, including children and seniors. Their all-inclusive services cover equipment, snacks, water, and photos, making them a great option for family-friendly rafting.

# Wild Game & Water: Boise's Best Hunting & Fishing

In Idaho, hunting is a significant part of the culture, offering a range of game and outdoor experiences across various seasons. The state's terrain, including the Sawtooth Mountains and Clearwater National Forest, provides ideal settings for big game hunting in the fall, and bird hunting in late fall and early spring. Idaho also offers excellent fishing opportunities throughout the year in places like the Snake River and Henry's Lake, targeting trout, salmon, bass, and catfish.

For both hunting and fishing, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game provides essential information on regulations, licenses, and permits, accessible on their official website.



Visit [idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov)

The Cutthroat Trout is the official state fish of Idaho, home to 3 distinct subspecies. The name "cutthroat" refers to the red coloration on the underside of the trout's lower jaw.





# Peace in the Pines: Top Camping Spots Near Boise

Explore the natural beauty of Idaho, one campsite at a time.

## Lucky Peak State Park

*Near Boise (10 miles from Boise)*

Close-in option for tent camping by lake. Offers scenic views, swimming, boating, and fishing access.

## Macks Creek Campground

*Near Boise (22 miles from Boise)*

Hand-pump water, lakeshore access, picnic areas, and good for boating/fishing at Lucky Peak's edge.

## Boise National Forest

*(30-80 miles from Boise)*

Offers rustic and secluded camping options, including **Ten Mile** and **Willow Creek Campgrounds**, which feature drinking water, vault toilets, and trail access for hiking and ATV, and Big Trinity Lake and Pine Flats Campgrounds, perfect for fishing and non-motorized boating. Also includes **Big Trinity Lake & Pine Flats** for quiet sites, non-motorized boating, fishing.

## Warm Lake

*Cascade, ID (90 miles from Boise)*

Fishing, boating, hiking, scenic forest setting. Campground includes paved access and forested sites.

## Silver Creek Campground

*Cascade, ID (85 miles from Boise)*

Located near Peace Valley, includes creek access, trails, and natural hot-spring pool nearby.

## Lake Cascade State Park

*Cascade, ID (1.5 hours from Boise)*

Year-round camping with lakeside

## Bruneau Dunes State Park

*Mountain Home, ID (64 miles)*

Home to the tallest sand dunes in North America. Activities include sandboarding, hiking, birdwatching, and stargazing. Campground includes sites with water/electric hookups, restrooms, and showers.

## Ponderosa State Park

*McCall, ID (108 miles from Boise)*

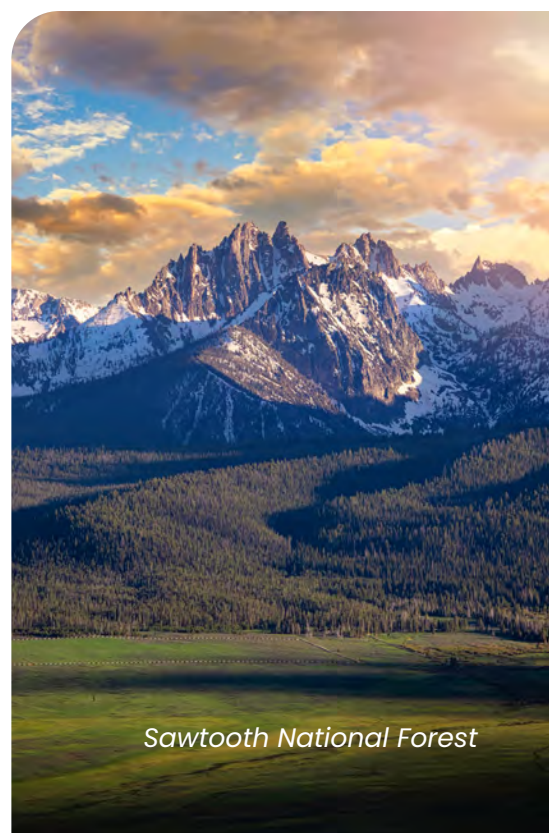
Located on Payette Lake with hiking, biking, water sports, and RV and tent sites. Offers cabins, restrooms, and summer wildflower displays.

## Sawtooth National Forest

*Near Boise (110 miles from Boise)*

Offers multiple camping options, including **Outlet Campground at Redfish Lake**, which provides stunning natural beauty, water activities, fishing, hiking, fire pits, flush toilets, and drinking water.

Other campgrounds in the area include **Point Campground**, which offers tent sites with lake views, flush toilets, and drinking water. Additionally, the **Salmon River Campground** provides first-come, first-served sites near the river.



Sawtooth National Forest



For detailed maps and current trail conditions, visit Ridge to Rivers online.

# Ridge to Rivers Trail System: Boise's Backyard Trails

The Ridge to Rivers trail system spans over 190 miles in the Boise Foothills, connecting outdoor enthusiasts to hiking, biking, running, and horseback riding trails for all skill levels. This multi-use network, managed through a partnership led by the City of Boise, offers convenient access points that are reachable by foot or bicycle from downtown.

## Camel's Back Park Trails

Family-friendly trails near downtown leading to Lower Halls Gulch, a scenic 2.5-mile path following Halls Creek. The first 1.5 miles are relatively flat and accessible for families.

## Table Rock Trail

Boise's iconic 3.4-mile hike behind the Old Penitentiary, gaining 994 feet with panoramic city views. Moderately steep but family-friendly.

## Oregon Trail Reserve

Historic 77-acre site in Southeast Boise with the 1.8-mile Rim Trail Loop alongside actual 1840s wagon ruts. Easy, family-friendly with interpretive signs.

## Polecat Loop Trail

6-mile moderate loop with scenic views, suitable for hiking and mountain biking. Various cutoff trails allow for shorter routes.

## Hulls Gulch Interpretive Trail

This 3.6-mile trail offers an educational experience with interpretive signs along the way. It's moderately challenging and popular among hikers and mountain bikers. Access the trail from the Lower Halls Gulch Trailhead off 8th Street.

# TRAILS



## Trail Etiquette

Practicing good etiquette helps ensure everyone can enjoy the trails safely and responsibly.

**Yielding:** Bikers yield to hikers, and everyone yields to horses. Uphill users have the right of way.

**Stay on Trails:** Avoid creating new paths or shortcuts to prevent erosion and protect habitats.

**Control Your Pets:** Keep dogs leashed where required and pick up after them.

**Respect Wildlife:** Observe animals from a distance without disturbing their environment.

**Leave No Trace:** Carry out all trash and leave the trails as you found them.



# LIFE IN THE SADDLE

**Discover the best spots for riding, boarding, and equestrian living. Life is better with a horse by your side!**

## Riding Lessons

**Laughing Horse Boarding** (Meridian) offers expert instruction, **SS Ranch 77** (Boise) specializes in Western riding and horsemanship, **Rocking H** (Eagle) provides holistic horsemanship training, **Wasatch Sport Horses** offers premium sport horse breeding, professional training, and quality horse sales. **Burk Equestrian** (Eagle) offers private and group lessons with haul-in options, and **Autumn Hills Equestrian Center** (Middleton) features hunter-jumper training and equine therapy.

## Boarding Facilities

For boarding, **Eagle Ridge Ranch** has short-term boarding in a scenic setting. **5 Star Boarding and Equine** in Star provides a variety of boarding services, from heated indoor stalls and outdoor stalls with shelters, to automatic waterers and dedicated feeders. **High Desert Station** in Star features an equestrian center with indoor and outdoor arenas, open riding sessions, boarding options, and training services.

## Equestrian Neighborhoods

**Dry Creek Ranch** (Northwest Boise) offers trails and a community equestrian center, **Thoroughbred Ranch** (Middleton) features homesites with **Willow Creek** trail access, and **Bridle Ridge** (Kuna) has large lots for stables near city conveniences.





# Drive, Chip & Putt

You'll find an impressive collection of golf courses in and around the Boise area.

## Boise Area

Shadow Valley Golf Course (Garden City), Indian Lakes, Quail Hollow, and Warm Springs (Boise) features a scenic 18-hole layout surrounded by natural beauty. Pierce Park Greens is a Boise par-3 course, ideal for a relaxed round with friends or family.

## Meridian and Eagle Courses

Lakeview Golf Course (Meridian) provides a relaxed, family-friendly environment perfect for golfers of all ages.

BanBury (Eagle) and Eagle Hills are both known for their championship course, well-defined fairways, and scenic views.

## Kuna and Star Courses

Falcon Crest (Kuna) is celebrated for its scenic views and high-quality greens. River Birch (Star) provides a peaceful setting with well-kept greens, ideal for a tranquil day of golf.

## Caldwell and Nampa Courses

TimberStone and Purple Sage (Caldwell) are known for their friendly layout, well-designed holes, and stunning valley views.

Centennial (Nampa) combines affordability with a classic course design, while RedHawk features a championship layout with breathtaking views of the Owyhee Mountains.

## The Indoor Advantage

Topgolf in Meridian delivers family-friendly and high-tech games in all-weather hitting bays.

X-Golf Boise provides state-of-the-art indoor golf simulators, allowing golfers to play year-round.

The Back Nine Golf (Boise) State-of-the-art indoor golf simulators with 24/7 access, play iconic courses worldwide, memberships or walk-in tee times, plus tournaments and lessons.





# DOWNHILL THRILLS

## Skiing, Snowboarding, And Tubing

### **Bogus Basin Ski Resort (40 minutes from Boise)**

2,600 acres of terrain, 88 runs, 10 lifts, Nordic skiing trails, tubing hill, and fat tire biking.

### **Tamarack Resort (95 miles north)**

Known for its vertical drop, runs for all skill levels, three terrain parks, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, and guided ice fishing on Lake Cascade. Includes a village retail area, daycare, dining, and lodging.

### **Brundage Mountain (9 miles north of McCall)**

Wide groomed runs, six lifts, two terrain parks, Snowcat tours, snowmobile rentals, and snowshoeing trails. Family-friendly with daycare, dining options, and snow tubing at the McCall Activity Barn.

### **Little Ski Hill (2 miles north of McCall)**

A historic hill with night skiing, a terrain park, and four runs. Perfect for beginners or those honing tricks.

### **Soldier Mountain (90 minutes from Boise)**

With a rich history including ownership by Bruce Willis, boasts 36 runs over 1,142 acres and a vertical drop of 1,400 feet. The resort is known for its affordability and offers a variety of skiing options.

### **Sun Valley (2.5 hours from Boise)**

Sun Valley Ski Resort is a world-renowned destination, offering luxury skiing experiences. **Bald Mountain** for advanced skiers, **Dollar Mountain** for beginners, with over 3,400 vertical feet and extensive family-friendly amenities.

### **Gateway Park (Eagle Island)**

Snow tubing with a magic carpet lift and easy access, ideal for family fun.



Gateway Park



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see more  
Idaho Ski  
Resorts

Treasure Valley is home to a multitude of parks that cater to a range of outdoor activities and interests.



## Boise

### **KATHRYN ALBERTSON PARK**

Lush greenery, ponds, wetlands, and walking paths, ideal for birdwatching, picnics, or quiet nature walks.

### **JULIA DAVIS PARK**

Boise's oldest park featuring cultural attractions like the **Boise Art Museum**, **Zoo Boise**, and the **Idaho State Historical Museum**, along with a rose garden, open green spaces, and Greenbelt access.

### **ANN MORRISON PARK**

A multi-use park with sports fields, playgrounds, a splash pad, courts, a disc golf course, and an **off-leash dog area** with a pond, hosting many community events.

### **CAMEL'S BACK PARK**

Located in **Hyde Park**, with trails to the Foothills, an outdoor gym, a playground, and open areas for picnics and relaxation.

### **CHARLES F. MCDEVITT SPORTS COMPLEX**

Sports fields, play areas, fishing pond, and skate park, new amenities to include a dog park and pump track—to be completed in 2026.

### **SETTLERS CANAL PATH (BOISE'S 100TH PARK)**

A new 3-acre "linear park" across from Capital High School, features an accessible pathway, pollinator gardens, and a shade pavilion.

## Garden City

### **ESTHER SIMPLOT PARK**

This 55-acre park features ponds for fishing, wading, and paddleboarding, plus open play areas, walking paths, a playground, reservable shelters, and Friendship Island with scenic views and **Greenbelt access**.

### **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

Honors veterans with a memorial plaza. Open spaces, play equipment, fishing areas, and picnic spots.

### **WILLOW LANE ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

Facilities for soccer, softball, and baseball, plus a playground and **Greenbelt access**.

### **HERON PARK**

A riverside spot along the **Greenbelt** with picnic areas, river access, a bike repair station, and artistic seating for visitors to enjoy.

# Meridian

## SETTLERS PARK

Various sports fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis and pickleball courts, splash pad, and fishing pond. The park hosts **free family movies** in the summer.

## STOREY PARK

A playground, open spaces and picnic area. Adjacent to the community pool, softball fields and **Story Bark Park**.

## TULLY PARK

Sports fields, playgrounds, walking paths, and skateboarding features. SnoCone shack in the summer.

## JULIUS M. KLEINER PARK

A hub for community events and amphitheater concerts. Water features, fishing ponds, paths, and extensive sports area and playground, picnic areas, sand volleyball, pickleball, basketball, and disc golf. Makes for a great sledding spot in winter.

## DISCOVERY PARK

Sports fields, skatepark, basketball and pickleball courts, extensive playground, pumptrack, splash pad, sand and water play area, shelters with WiFi, walking paths, off-leash dog park, and an "American Ninja Warrior" inspired course designed by and dedicated to local 11-year-old Evangeline "Eva" Brighten Plimmer.

## HEROES PARK

Sports fields, skatepark, basketball and pickleball courts, playground, pump track, splash pad, a sand and water play area, shelters with WiFi, walking paths, and an off-leash dog park.

# Caldwell

## BROTHERS PARK

Sports complex with soccer fields, walking paths, playground equipment, and drinking fountains.

## MALLARD PARK

Handicap-accessible playground, picnic shelters, an amphitheater, walking paths, a basketball court, and an 18-hole disc golf course.

## MEMORIAL PARK

Playgrounds, tennis courts, a recreation center, museum, bandshell, basketball courts, skatepark, picnic areas, lighted ballfields, restrooms.

# Eagle

## ORVAL KRASEN PARK

Open areas, playground, covered picnic shelter, and restroom facilities.

## REID W. MERRILL SR. COMMUNITY PARK

Basketball courts, large playground, splash pad, footpaths, observation gazebo, open fields, picnic areas, a pond, volleyball courts, and wetland areas.

## STEPHEN C. GUERBER PARK

Large play structure, splash pad, soccer and baseball fields, picnic shelters, and a hill that's perfect for sledding in the winter or fitness training in warmer months.

## ADA/EAGLE BIKE PARK

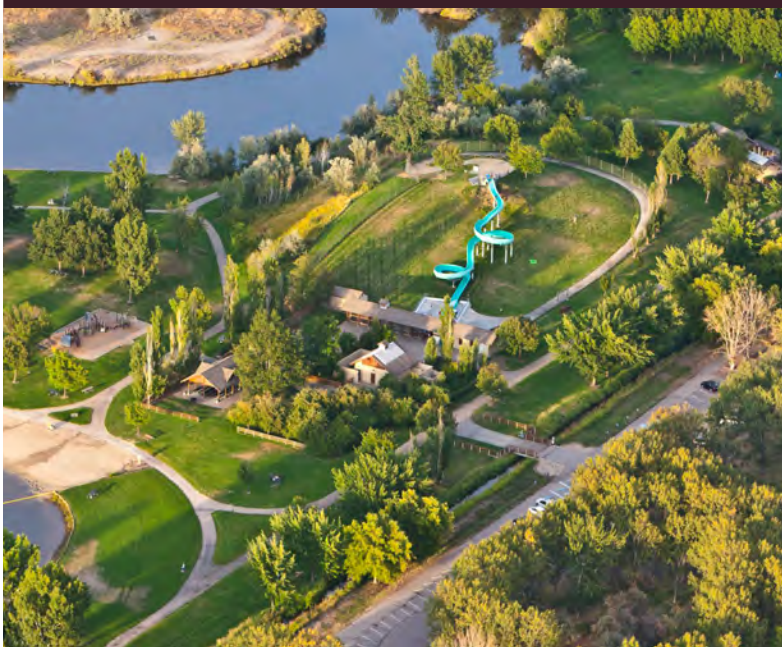
For biking enthusiasts of all skill levels, offering trails, BMX courses, skill areas and extensive biking terrain with scenic views.

## PETIQ DOG PARK

A spacious dog park offering two dog runs, public restrooms, a picnic shelter, and a drinking fountain for both dogs and their owners—an ideal spot for off-leash fun.

## Eagle Island State Park

A 545-acre park near Boise, Idaho, offering year-round recreation like swimming, hiking, disc golf, fishing, and winter tubing, all bordered by the Boise River with diverse trails for activities like horseback riding and dog walking.



# Meridian

## LIONS PARK

Swimming pool, multiple sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic shelters.

## OPTIMIST PARK

A 15-acre sports complex with football, soccer, and baseball fields, a playground, picnic shelters, and open play areas.

## WEST PARK

Softball complex, inclusive playground, sand volleyball court, basketball court, horseshoes, and a fitness path.

## LAKEVIEW PARK

Nampa's oldest park features a swimming pool, sports fields, a duck pond, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, picnic shelters, a rose garden.

## LAKE LOWELL PARK

Located near Lake Lowell, this 20-acre park with picnic tables, BBQ grills, and restrooms.

# Kuna

## WINCHESTER PARK

Downtown Kuna, walking paths, tennis courts, picnic areas, playgrounds.

## BUTLER PARK

Sports fields, playground, walking trails, picnic areas, and a pond with a pier.

## KUNA PARK

Features a splash pad, summer movie showings, disc golf, shelters, and a Greenbelt walking path. Near Kuna skatepark and BMX dirt bike park.

# Middleton

## MIDDLETON PLACE PARK

Playground, walking paths, tennis courts, a baseball field, sand volleyball, and a sledding hill.

## PICCADILLY PARK

Skate park, splash pad, playground, zip line, seasonal farmers market, and amphitheater.

## ROADSIDE PARK

Playground, walking paths, a shelter, horseshoe pits, and restroom.

# Star

## BLAKE HAVEN PARK

Playgrounds, swings, horseshoe pits, open spaces, a gazebo, shaded areas with electricity.

## HUNTER'S CREEK SPORTS COMPLEX

Baseball, soccer, football, skatepark, and picnic areas. Hosts the city's annual **Hometown Celebration Fireworks Show**.

# Lucky Peak State Park

Lucky Peak State Park is a popular recreational area with three distinct units.

**Discovery Park**, at the base of Lucky Peak Dam, offers a peaceful setting for fishing and picnics, while **Sandy Point** is known for its sandy beach, perfect for swimming and sunbathing. **Spring Shores**, at the reservoir's upper end, caters to boating and water sports enthusiasts with its marina and rental services. The park as a whole provides stunning views and opportunities for wildlife observation.



# HOT SPRINGS

Idaho boasts the most soakable geothermal pools in the U.S., offering everything from curated resort experiences to secluded natural springs. Here are some top hot springs near Boise.

## **THE SPRINGS** (Idaho City) – 1hr

A high-end soaking experience, scenic views, and private soaking tubs. Ideal for a relaxing day trip or an overnight stay with nearby lodging options. *Reservations required*

## **GOLD FORK HOT SPRINGS** (Donnelly) – 2hrs

Smooth, natural rock pools of varying temperatures in a scenic forest setting. Open year-round, it's especially magical in winter.

## **MIRACLE HOT SPRINGS** (Hagerman) – 1.75hrs

Communal and private pools with mineral-rich water. Camping, dome rentals, and nearby attractions- a perfect year-round retreat.

## **TRINITY HOT SPRINGS** (Featherville) – 1.75hrs

Emerald-green, mineral-rich waters with mountainside views, an attached resort, and pools staying above 90°F year-round.

## **PRIMITIVE SPRINGS**

### **BONNEVILLE HOT SPRINGS** (Lowman) – 1.5hrs

Rock-walled pools with sandy bottoms and a unique soak shack with a cast iron bathtub, reached by a short 0.25-mile forest trail.

### **TRAIL CREEK HOT SPRINGS** (Banks-Lowman) – 1.5hr

Natural pools surrounded by pine forests and mountain views, accessible right off the main road yet feels fully immersed in nature.

### **ROCKY CANYON** (Garden Valley) – 1hr

Riverside pools ranging from warm to steaming hot, requiring a cold river crossing for a more adventurous and secluded experience.

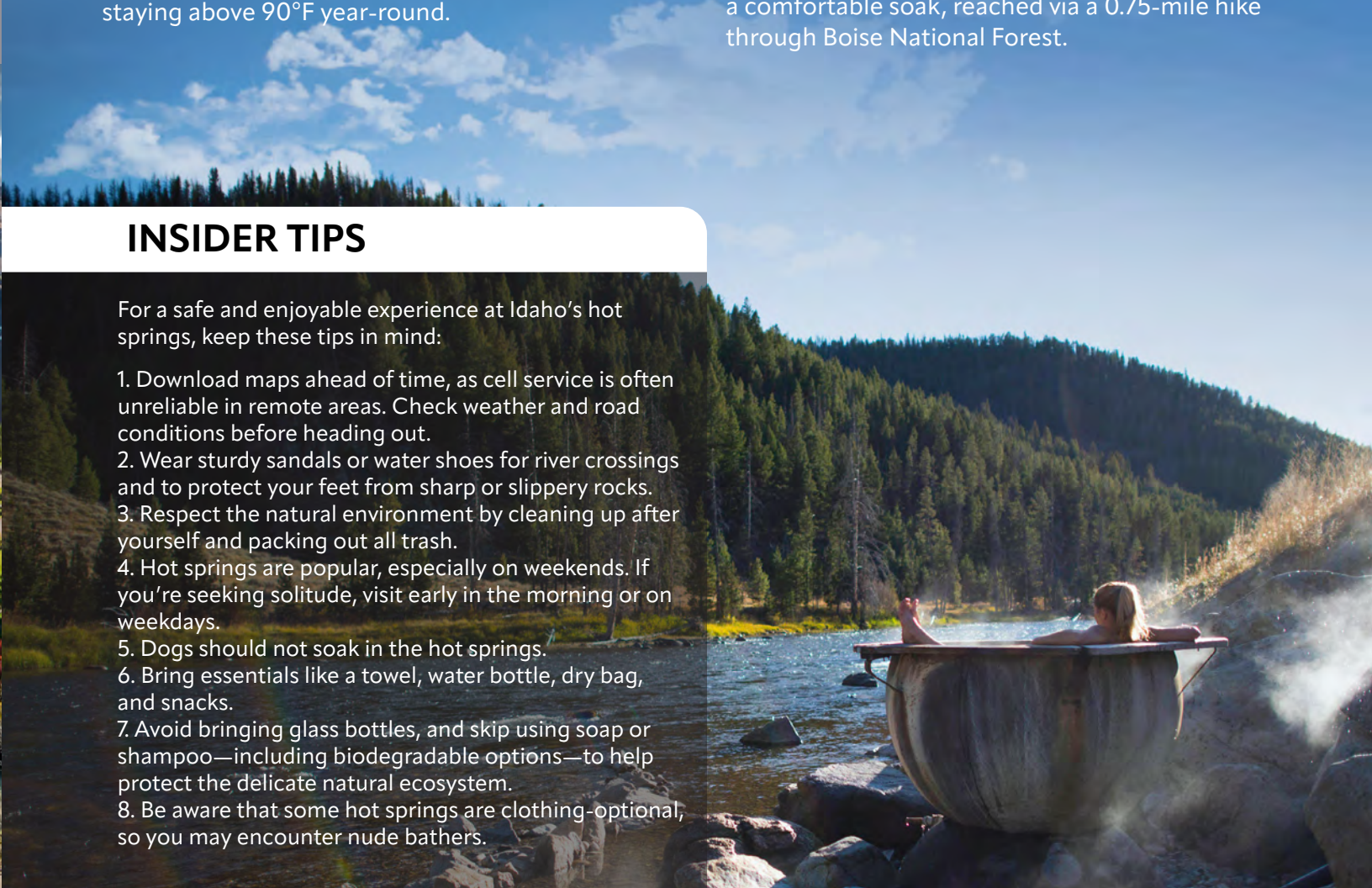
### **VULCAN HOT SPRINGS** (Cascade) – 1.75hrs

Large emerald-green geothermal pool cooled to a comfortable soak, reached via a 0.75-mile hike through Boise National Forest.

## **INSIDER TIPS**

For a safe and enjoyable experience at Idaho's hot springs, keep these tips in mind:

1. Download maps ahead of time, as cell service is often unreliable in remote areas. Check weather and road conditions before heading out.
2. Wear sturdy sandals or water shoes for river crossings and to protect your feet from sharp or slippery rocks.
3. Respect the natural environment by cleaning up after yourself and packing out all trash.
4. Hot springs are popular, especially on weekends. If you're seeking solitude, visit early in the morning or on weekdays.
5. Dogs should not soak in the hot springs.
6. Bring essentials like a towel, water bottle, dry bag, and snacks.
7. Avoid bringing glass bottles, and skip using soap or shampoo—including biodegradable options—to help protect the delicate natural ecosystem.
8. Be aware that some hot springs are clothing-optional, so you may encounter nude bathers.





## Culture & Creativity in the Treasure Valley

The Treasure Valley's creative scene continues to evolve, connecting local heritage with a growing contemporary edge.

### Performing Arts & Music

#### Morrison Center for the Performing Arts

Boise's premier performing arts venue hosts Broadway shows, concerts, and local productions, and serves as the home of Ballet Idaho and the Boise Philharmonic.

#### Ballet Idaho

Idaho's professional ballet company performs classic and contemporary works. The 2025-26 season includes *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, and new contemporary premieres.

#### LED Boise

A contemporary dance and multimedia company redefining performance art in the Treasure Valley. LED creates original productions combining movement, music, and film—performed in its own venue, **The Dixon in Garden City**, a 150-seat theater and creative studio hosting shows, residencies, and community arts events.

#### Velma V. Morrison Ballroom at JUMP

An emerging downtown event venue hosting live music, film, and cultural showcases year-round.

#### The Egyptian Theatre

Historic art-deco venue featuring live shows, film festivals, and community events.

#### Visual Arts Collective (VAC)

Warehouse-style venue for concerts, theater, drag, and visual arts events.

#### Boise Philharmonic

A cornerstone of the Treasure Valley's music culture, offering classical and pops concerts, plus community outreach and educational programming.



Idaho has the second largest Basque population in the United States, mostly residing in Boise.



Boise Art Museum



Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center

## Museums & Cultural Centers

### Boise Art Museum (BAM)

Downtown institution known for contemporary and regional art. 2026 highlights include Jeffrey Gibson: They Teach Love (Jan 31 – Jul 26, 2026).

### Idaho State Museum

Explores Idaho's people, landscapes, and heritage with immersive galleries and rotating exhibits.

### Idaho Black History Museum

Located in the historic St. Paul Baptist Church at Julia Davis Park. Offers exhibits, talks, and cultural programming celebrating Black contributions to Idaho's history.

### Basque Museum & Cultural Center

Preserves Basque heritage through exhibits, dance performances, and the annual San Inazio Festival each July.

### Warhawk Air Museum

Honors veterans and aviation history with a large aircraft collection and special events such as Veterans Breakfast 2026.

### Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center

Interactive aquariums and nature trails showcase Idaho's fish and river ecosystems; free admission and kid-friendly programming.

### Discovery Center of Idaho

Hands-on STEM exhibits and rotating science displays. A \$6.4 million expansion is underway for 2026, adding new exhibit halls.

### Children's Museum of Idaho

Play-based exhibits for kids to explore creativity and science; now features expanded sensory and art zones for 2025-26.

### World Center for Birds of Prey

Home to The Peregrine Fund's raptor conservation programs. Visitors can meet eagles, hawks, and falcons up close and learn about global wildlife efforts.

### Boise Aquarium

Offers marine life exhibits and interactive touch tanks. Recently added expanded coral reef displays and educational sessions for 2025-26.



# FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Treasure Valley is filled with spaces where families can play, learn, and connect—from creative studios and science centers to animal encounters and gaming cafés.

## Interactive Play and Adventure

### **Leap Years** (Boise & Eagle)

Montessori-inspired indoor playground and café for ages 0–5 with sensory-friendly hours and memberships.

### **Café + Play** (Meridian)

Family café pairing espresso, snacks, and a safe play zone for little ones.

### **Planet Kid at Wings Center** (Boise)

Idaho's largest indoor playground for kids up to 12.

### **Jabbers** (Meridian)

5,000 sq ft play zone with climbing structures and a parent lounge.

### **Urban Air Adventure Park** (Meridian)

Trampolines, obstacle courses, and zip lines for all ages.

### **Defy Boise** (Boise)

Extreme sports park with trampolines, foam pits, and aerial activities.

### **Bodies in Motion** (Boise)

Indoor playground, ninja course, and ropes adventures for kids and adults.

### **The Sensory Playce** (Boise)

Inclusive sensory gym designed for children with special needs.

### **The Little Gym of Eagle** (Eagle)

Gymnastics and dance programs for children 4 months –12 yrs.

### **Children's Museum of Idaho** (Meridain)

Play-based exhibits for kids to explore creativity and science; now features expanded sensory and art zones for 2025-26.

### **Treasure Valley Institute for Children's Arts (TRICA)**

A Boise nonprofit arts organization offering a preschool of the arts, after-school programs, and summer camps in a historic North End building.



Zoo Boise

## Animal Encounters & Aquatic Adventures

### **Zoo Boise** (Julia Davis Park - Boise)

Features animals from around the world, interactive exhibits and engaging educational experiences for all ages.

### **Aquarium of Boise** (Boise)

Interactive exhibits and touch tanks highlighting marine and freshwater life.

### **Idaho Reptile Zoo** (Garden City)

A 10,000-square-foot facility dedicated to education and interaction, allowing visitors to engage with over 400 reptiles and learn about their unique characteristics.

### **Babby Farms** (Caldwell)

A non-profit seasonal exotic petting zoo where families can meet and learn about exotic and domestic animals in an engaging and interactive environment.

## Tech, Gaming & Esports Fun

### **VR1 Arcade** (Meridian)

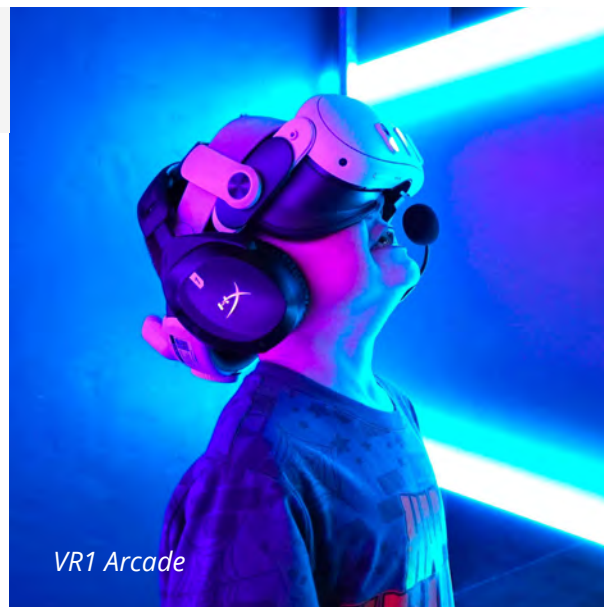
A modern virtual reality arcade offering immersive multiplayer and solo VR games, experiences, and events for all ages.

### **Tea Won Boba & PC Café** (Meridian)

Combines bubble tea, coffee, and high-end gaming PCs for casual or competitive play.

### **BattleSpace Idaho** (Boise)

A nonprofit esports and cyber-education arena providing team gaming, tournaments, and youth tech camps focused on STEM.



VR1 Arcade



K1 Speed

## Sports, Games & Active Fun

### **K1 Speed** (Meridian)

Indoor electric go-kart racing for families.

### **Big Al's** (Meridian)

Bowling, arcade games, and casual dining under one roof.

### **Nerfed** (Boise)

Indoor Nerf-gun arena with safe, high-energy play zones.

### **Treasure Valley Skate** (Boise)

Classic roller-skating rink and family events.

## Creative & Hands-On Experiences

### **The Hot Spot Studios** (Meridian)

Paint-your-own pottery, candle making, mosaics, and crafts for all ages.

### **A Way with Clay Studio** (Meridian)

Family pottery and ceramics workshops.

### **Season + Taste** (Boise)

Cooking classes designed for kids and parents.

### **Hammer & Stain Treasure Valley** (Meridian)

DIY wood-and-paint studio hosting guided family workshops.



## Art, Dance & Performance for Kids

### **Fort Boise Community Center** (Boise)

Affordable art, dance, and teen programs year-round.

### **Treasure Valley Children's Theater** (Boise)

Youth theater training and community performances.

### **Artistic Dance Company** (Boise)

Ballet, tap, hip hop, lyrical, and ballroom for ages 16 months–18 years.

### **Treasure Valley Family YMCA** (Boise)

Youth arts and specialty camps.

### **Encore Creative Center** (Eagle & Meridian)

Art, music, and acting lessons for all ages.

## Classic Entertainment & Seasonal Fun

### **Pojo's Family Fun Center** (Boise)

Arcade, carnival games, and family rides.

### **Wahooz Family Fun Zone** (Meridian)

Go-karts, mini golf, ropes course, and laser tag.

### **Roaring Springs Waterpark** (Meridian)

Idaho's largest waterpark, expanded in 2025 with new slides, splash zones, and family cabanas.



*Downtown Boise Library*



## Inspiring Minds and Building Community

The Treasure Valley's libraries are key destinations for learning, creativity, and community engagement.

The **Boise Public Library** anchors the city with its extensive book collections, digital tools, and children's programming. Hillcrest and Collister provide convenient access to workshops, book clubs, and interactive learning zones.

The **Garden City Public Library** hosts tech classes, family programs, and hands-on workshops.

In Meridian, the **unBound Library** is a tech-focused maker space with 3D printing, laser cutting, CNC machines, large-format printing, and business/tech consultations. The **Pinnacle** branch offers 24-hour material pickup, community rooms, and a shared courtyard with a coffee shop and amphitheater. The **Orchard Park** branch features a sensory room, early learning section, and event spaces. **Cherry Lane** is closed for renovations, reopening Winter 2026/2027.

The **Nampa Public Library** combines literacy programs, cultural events, and a dedicated teen area. The **Eagle Public Library** hosts storytimes and art activities, while the **Kuna Library** emphasizes family engagement and learning spaces.

The **Middleton Public Library** offers community programs and resources.

*Orchard Park*



*Unbound Library*



## Spotlight on Treasure Valley

# ENTERTAINMENT

The Treasure Valley's entertainment scene hits every note—from arena shows and Broadway tours to intimate concerts, festivals, and local stand-up. The Treasure Valley brings something new to the stage year after year.

### **FORD IDAHO CENTER (Nampa)**

The Valley's largest event complex, hosting top-tier concerts, rodeos, and sporting events. 2026 highlights include major national tours and the annual Snake River Stampede.

### **EXTRAMILE ARENA (Boise State University)**

A prime stop for major artists and collegiate events. The 2026 schedule includes Journey, Luke Combs, and Boise State's Blue & Orange Gala Concert.

### **MORRISON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (Boise)**

Boise's flagship venue for Broadway tours, symphonies, and local performances.

### **THE KNITTING FACTORY (Downtown Boise)**

Beloved for its intimate sound and proximity to the city's nightlife, hosting national and regional acts.

### **REVOLUTION CONCERT HOUSE (Garden City)**

A large indoor venue known for high-energy concerts, EDM nights, and major touring artists.

### **THE EGYPTIAN THEATRE (Downtown Boise)**

A historic art-deco landmark showcasing live music, comedy, and film events.

### **TREEFORT MUSIC HALL (Downtown Boise)**

A live music venue featuring national tours, local artists, themed events, and year-round Treetfort-style programming with all ages shows.

### **SHRINERS SOCIAL CLUB (Downtown Boise)**

One of Boise's newer nightlife and performance spaces, combining live music and community-driven entertainment. All ages venue.

### **LOUNGE AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE (Boise Bench)**

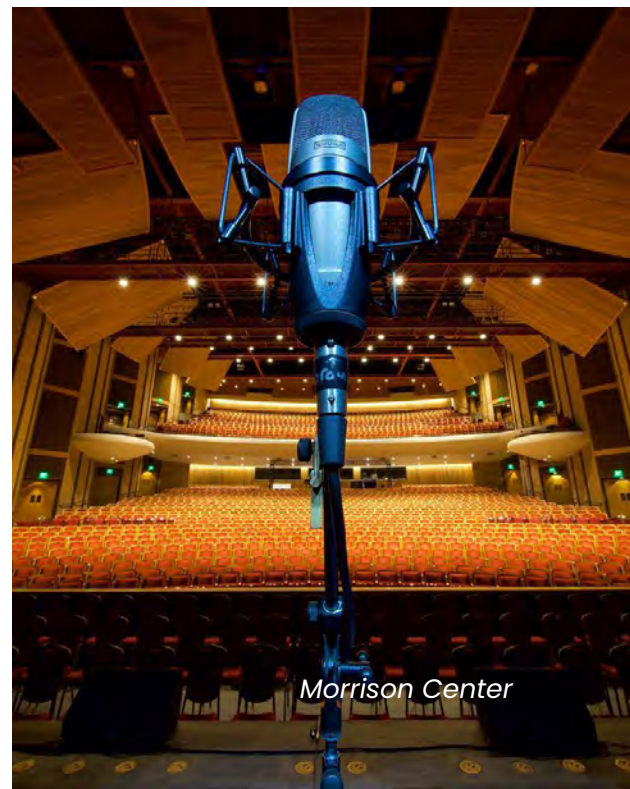
Venue for comedy, live music, and immersive shows; host of the annual Boise Comedy Festival.

### **NEUROLUX (Downtown Boise)**

Iconic small venue and bar known for its strong local and touring indie lineup.



*Ford Idaho Center*



*Morrison Center*



Vertical View Climbing Gym

# LIVE WELL – MOVE WELL

## **LIFE TIME** (Eagle)

Life Time Eagle opened Phase 1 in 2025 with indoor pickleball and tennis courts. The complete 135,000-square-foot athletic country club opens summer 2026, featuring fitness facilities, Beach Club with outdoor pools, five specialized studios, group training programs, Kids Academy, LifeCafe, and luxury recovery amenities.

## **VillaSport Athletic Club** (formally Axiom)

Full-service fitness club with indoor pools (check locations), group fitness, and child care.

## **Vertical View Climbing Gym** (Meridian)

World-class climbing facility with bouldering, top rope, lead climbing walls, yoga classes, fitness areas, youth programs, and a four-story outdoor ropes course featuring over 80 obstacles, zip lines, and a thrilling free fall finale.

## **Barre3** (Boise and Eagle)

Full-body workouts combining strength, cardio, and mindfulness, designed to empower and balance individuals of all fitness levels.

## **CycleBar** (Meridian)

Premium indoor cycling classes with state-of-the-art equipment and dynamic instructors.

## **HOTWORX** (Meridian)

Multiple locations throughout the valley offering 24-hour access to infrared sauna workouts, hot yoga, Pilates, barre, and HIIT training.

## **2C Yoga** (Caldwell and Nampa)

Inclusive wellness studio specializing in trauma-sensitive, accessible yoga for all body types.

## **The Gym** (Star)

24/7 access, cardio equipment, free weights, machines, and tanning services.

## **Oasis Yoga Studio** (Kuna)

Yoga and fitness classes, and wellness modalities aimed at fostering community and positive intentions.

## **Middleton Fitness Center**

24/7 access, spin classes, tanning, locker rooms, and a kids' room.

## **The Treasure Valley Family YMCA**

Discover a wide range of fitness, wellness, and community programs at the Treasure Valley YMCA—visit [ymcatvidaho.org](http://ymcatvidaho.org)

## **Studio Pilates, Club Pilates, BODYBAR Pilates, and Tone Fitness Studio**

New and expanding Pilates studios in Meridian, Eagle, and Boise offering reformer classes, group training, and low-impact full-body workouts for all fitness levels.





# Sweets & Treats

## Around the Valley

Small-batch ice cream, macarons, cakes, and pastries — these local spots are where people actually go when they want something sweet.

### Boise & Garden City

**The STIL** is a local favorite for custom-crafted ice cream with playful flavors, vegan options, and 21+ options, now with multiple locations.

**Flourish Bakery** is a boutique bakery known for macarons, naked cakes, tarts, and cake-in-a-jar, tucked along Chinden in Garden City.

**Dusty Miller Goods** is a new Main Street bakery and stone-ground mill offering from-scratch pastries, breads, and house-milled flours, open Friday–Sunday.

**Caffè Sorrento**, an Italian café known for cannoli, gelato, granita, and focaccia sandwiches, is a go-to for European-style dessert and coffee.

**Granny C's Baker** features cakes, pastries, and "granny roll" cinnamon rolls plus espresso and casual breakfast/lunch.

### Eagle

**Stella's Ice Cream** is an Idaho-born creamery scooping house-made ice cream, cookies, and brownie treats just off Eagle Road.

**Bella Biscotteria** is an Artisan Italian bakery in downtown Eagle specializing in handmade biscotti, cookies, and pastries.

**One Haute Cookie** is known for beautifully decorated, custom sugar cookies made for celebrations, events, and special occasions.

### Meridian

**Sunflower Bakery & Café** is an Eastern-European-inspired bakery and café serving pastries, cakes, coffee, and from-scratch breakfast and lunch at its Meridian location.

**Churro Bros** offers fresh-made churros and sundaes topped with sweets and unique blends. Now in Meridian and regular pop-ups around the valley.

**Reed's Dairy** is a beloved Treasure Valley staple serving classic ice cream, milkshakes, and dairy treats made on site, with a true old-school feel.

### Kuna

**Fat Kid Cake Company** is a local bakery on Main Street specializing in custom cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and other sweets, often used for events and weddings.

### Middleton

**The Rustic Oven Co.** is a small-town bakery and café on Main Street known for cinnamon rolls, pies, scones, and house-baked breads alongside breakfast and lunch.

**Middleton Munchies** offers cakes, stuffed cookies, brownies, cake pops, cupcakes, and gluten-free options, with pickup and local delivery.

### Star

**Sea Salt Creamery + Bakeshop** is a family-owned ice cream and bakery making small-batch ice cream and daily baked treats in house.

# Coffee Time

## Beloved Local Roasters & Hangouts

**FLYING M COFFEEHOUSE** (Downtown Boise, Nampa, and Caldwell) Quirky and inclusive, with rich coffee and an eclectic gift shop.

**PUSH & POUR** (Downtown Boise, Nampa, and Caldwell) A cozy spot for on-site roasted coffee, ideal for brunch or remote work.

**SLOW BY SLOW** (Downtown Boise) Highly rated espresso bar known for great pours and a minimalist vibe.

**BROADCAST COFFEE** (Boise) Known for inventive drinks and traditional favorites in a welcoming setting.

**ALCHEMIST COFFEE** (2 Boise Locations) Spacious cafés with a Renaissance-inspired vibe, in-house roasts, and specialty drinks.

**FORM & FUNCTION** (2 Boise locations + Eagle) A modern café offering farm-to-cup coffee, educational classes, and a curated food menu.

**JAVA** (Downtown Boise and Hyde Park) Warm and inviting, with flavorful coffee blends and delicious food.

**DAWSON TAYLOR COFFEE ROASTERS** (2 Boise Locations) A Boise staple with expertly roasted coffee and a laid-back vibe.

**NECKAR COFFEE** (Boise) Minimalist and precise, crafted espresso drinks and pour-overs.

**THE DISTRICT COFFEEHOUSE** (Boise) Community-focused with sustainably sourced coffee and all-day breakfast sandwiches.

**HYDE PERK COFFEE HOUSE** (Boise) Family-owned with inventive drinks and fresh baked goods.

**CAFFEINA COFFEE ROASTING** (Boise and Garden City) Organic, fair-trade coffee with cozy patios at all locations.

**LUCKY PERK** (Meridian and Eagle - Avimor) A convenient drive-thru and cozy seating, great coffee and friendly service.

**ROAST & VINE** (Boise) Newer Boise coffee spot with a social, community-oriented atmosphere.

**COFFEE WITH A TWIST** (Boise) A newer coffee shop with elevated specialty drinks and playful offerings.

**SYRINGA LOUNGE** (Nampa) A stylish lounge serving up coffee in the AM and cocktails in the evening.

**JOVINO'S COFFEE** (Eagle) A cozy local café serving classic coffee drinks and pastries, popular with Eagle residents for casual mornings and quick meetups.

**BOND & BEVEL** (Eagle) A café-style space paired with cocktails and coffee, offering a refined but approachable atmosphere in downtown Caldwell.

**BORDERTOWN COFFEE & BAKE SHOP** (Star) A cozy spot with fresh coffee and homemade baked goods.



*Push and Pour*



# WHERE LOCALS EAT



## BOISE

### Alyonka Russian Cuisine

An Eastern European comfort food restaurant with handmade dumplings, soups, and more.

### Red Feather Lounge

Seasonal American plates and craft cocktails with a long-standing reputation as a downtown favorite.

### Barrio

Favorite in Bown Crossing for fresh tacos and a creative cocktail menu.

### The Lively

A chic restaurant offering elevated French-influenced American dining, featuring bold flavors and locally sourced ingredients.

### Barbacoa

A popular local restaurant with tableside flair and a sizzling lava rock steak, a must visit.

### House of the Little Pig

A Mediterranean-inspired, family-style restaurant in Boise's Barber Valley focusing on open-fire cooking and whole-animal butchery.

### Saltbrush

Emphasizes locally sourced, seasonal ingredients, creating inventive dishes.

### KIN

Fine dining by Chris Komori, a James Beard award-winning chef, features a reservation-only tasting menu experience with evolving five-course dinners.

### The Wylder

A local favorite for Sourdough pizzas, fresh salads, and shareable plates.

### Tavolàta

Dishes out Italian flavors with rich pastas and hearty entrees.

## MERIDIAN

### Epi's Basque Restaurant

A loyal, family-run traditional Basque dishes.

### Eight Thirty Common

A downtown Meridian gastropub serving shareable plates, scratch food, & great cocktails.

### Grant's Neighborhood Grill

A small neighborhood eatery focused on Northwest-inspired dishes.

### Kinya Ramen

Modern Japanese ramen shop with rich broths, customizable bowls, & bao buns.

### Las Calaveras

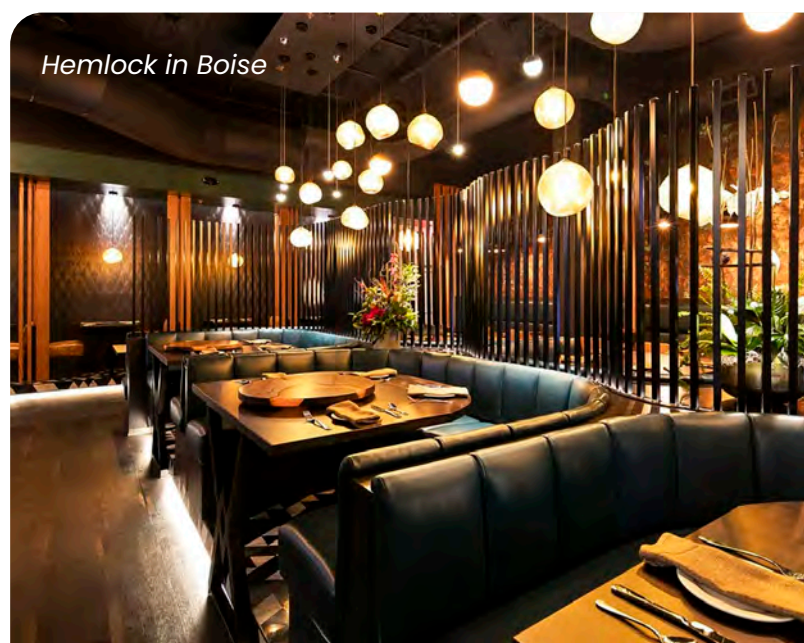
Tacos, enchiladas, scratch salsas, crafted cocktails, and weekend brunch.

### The Matador

A stylish agave bar + Mexican eatery known for its tequila and mezcal selection.

### Vintage 61 Wine Bar & Kitchen

Wine bar serving seasonal small plates, flatbreads, and mains.



*Hemlock in Boise*

## EAGLE

### **Bardenay Restaurant & Distillery**

House-distilled spirits, American plates, and one of the best patios in the area. Eagle and Boise location.

### **Coa Del Mar**

Beautifully crafted eafood-forward Latin cuisine.

### **Coyne's Restaurant & Bar**

Creative American cooking, cocktails, and a cozy indoor/outdoor atmosphere.

### **Crave**

An upscale, modern restaurant known for its innovative American cuisine and stylish atmosphere.

### **Spitfire Tacos + Tequila**

Standout tacos, burritos, fresh salsas, & a strong tequila/margarita program.

### **Pig Latin**

Latin-fusion plates, creative tacos, burritos, "Latin-street" style bowls, and rotating specials.

### **Rembrandts**

A longtime Eagle classic for breakfast, brunch, coffee, and laid-back lunches.

### **Roghani's at Château des Fleurs**

Elegant, European-influenced dining with Persian and French touches.

## NAMPA

### **Brick 29 Bistro**

A highly-regarded, upscale-casual restaurant known for its comfort food, seasonal menu, and cocktails.

### **Messenger Pizza**

Creative pies, large slices, and downtown-friendly atmosphere.

### **Holy Cow! Idaho**

Burgers from Idaho-raised beef, fresh ingredients, and generous portions.

## CALDWELL

### **Amano**

Nationally recognized for heirloom corn tortillas, regional Mexican dishes, and chef-driven menus.

### **Grit 2C**

Modern American comfort food with creative twists & strong cocktails.

### **The Orchard House**

Scratch breakfasts, lunches, and baked goods, set near Caldwell's Sunnyslope-area.

### **Indian Creek Steakhouse**

Casual steakhouse offering steaks and seafood.

## KUNA

### **Enrique's Mexican Restaurant**

Traditional Mexican dishes & house-made salsas.

### **Lima Limón**

A popular Peruvian spot offering ceviche, lomo saltado, and Latin comfort dishes.

### **Big Mic's Saloon & BBQ Smokehouse**

Serving smoked meats, classic sides, and hosts regular live music.

### **Hudson Baking**

House-made sourdough breads & bagel sandwiches, alongside pastries and baked goods.

## STAR

### **Rare Steakhouse**

Prime cuts, seafood, and house-made sides.

### **El Mariachi Loco**

Street tacos, enchiladas, and generous plates.

## MIDDLETON

### **Casa Mexico**

Family-owned Mexican restaurant serving classic plates, a combination of one of the town's main sit-down options.

### **Rustic Oven Bakery & Café**

A well-loved local bakery and café with hearty breakfast and lunch options.



# Sipping Through the Treasure Valley: Exploring Cocktails and Speakeasies

The Treasure Valley's cocktail scene has grown quickly, with thoughtfully designed bars, skilled mixologists, and a focus on quality ingredients. From hidden speakeasies to lively lounges, the area offers great options for both casual nights out and special occasions.



*Thick as Thieves*

**Press and Pony (Boise):** A cozy bar specializing in handcrafted cocktails with house-made tonics and sodas.

**Thick as Thieves (Boise):** Intimate speakeasy with 'secret' blacklight menus, accessed via a rotary phone.

**Ampersand (Boise):** Idaho's highest bar with no menu, offering bespoke cocktails tailored to guests' tastes.

**Gatsby (Boise):** 1920s-themed speakeasy with a hidden entrance and daily password.

**Suite 104 (Boise):** Hidden downtown spot with a rotating menu of craft cocktails.

**Water Bear Bar (Boise):** Modern and classic cocktails served with fresh oysters and snacks.

**Craft Lounge (Nampa and Caldwell):** Inviting space with house-made syrups and personalized cocktails.

**The Roosevelt (Meridian):** Rustic whiskey bar with a prohibition-era vibe and expert mixologists.

**Syringa (Nampa):** Upscale lounge in Nampa with a wide variety of spirits.

**Bar, Please! (Boise):** Elevated cocktail bar focused on fresh, real ingredients, house-made juices, and thoughtfully crafted seasonal drinks.

**The Mode Lounge (Boise):** Stylish downtown lounge with creative cocktails, DJ nights, and a late-night social scene.

**Hap Hap Lounge (Boise):** Modern Basque District cocktail bar blending classic techniques with inventive flavors in a sleek, intimate space.

**The Sick Stag (Nampa):** Intimate cocktail bar with a dark, moody atmosphere, creative seasonal drinks, and a strong neighborhood following in downtown Nampa.

**Bardenay Restaurant & Distillery (Boise):** America's first restaurant-distillery, serving house-distilled spirits alongside craft cocktails in a lively downtown setting.



*Bar, Please!*



*The Sick Stag*



# LOCAL SPORTS

## **Boise State Broncos**

Boise State athletics are a major local draw, with nationally recognized football on the blue turf at Albertsons Stadium, a competitive men's basketball program, and a move to the Pac-12 in 2026.

## **Boise Hawks Baseball**

The Boise Hawks offer family-friendly summer baseball at Memorial Stadium in Garden City.

## **Idaho Steelheads Hockey**

The Idaho Steelheads bring fast-paced professional hockey to Idaho Central Arena in downtown Boise.

## **Athletic Club Boise Pro Soccer**

Athletic Club Boise is launching professional men's and women's soccer, with remodeled stadium at Expo Idaho and play beginning in 2026.

## **Idaho Horsemen**

The Idaho Horsemen deliver high-energy indoor football at the Idaho Center in Nampa.



# PINTS & BREWS



*Payette Brewing*

## **Payette Brewing Company (Boise)**

Flagship brewery with rotating beers and large dog friendly patio.

## **Boise Brewing (Boise)**

Small-batch craft beers in downtown Boise. Dog friendly patio.

## **Sockeye Brewing (Boise)**

Longtime brewery serving approachable beer and pub fare. Patio seating.

## **Edge Brewing Company (Garden City)**

Experimental beers with food and river-area access. Dog friendly patio.

## **Barbarian Brewing (Boise)**

Known for unique sour and barrel-aged beers. Select patio locations. 21+

## **Mother Earth Brew Co. (Downtown Boise and Nampa)**

Broad tap list from IPAs to dark beers. Dog friendly patio.

## **Mad Swede Brewing Company (Downtown Boise)**

European-inspired beers in a walkable downtown location. Patio seating.

## **The Bruery Taproom (Meridian)**

Barrel-aged and specialty beers in a modern taproom. Patio seating. 21+

## **Loose Screw Beer Co. (Meridian)**

Easygoing with crowd-pleasing styles. Patio, dog friendly outdoors.



Boise Population 238,000  
Median Home Price: \$528,300

## The Heart Of Idaho

Boise is Idaho's capital city with an easy mix of downtown life and quick access to the outdoors. The **Boise River Greenbelt** runs about 29 miles through the city, linking parks and neighborhoods for walking, biking, and weekend strolls. From local restaurants and shops to major employers like healthcare and tech, Boise stays busy without feeling overwhelming—especially with the foothills and Bogus Basin close enough for after-work trails and winter turns.

**Boise's culinary scene** caters to all tastes, from classic diners to international cuisine and health-conscious eateries. Its **shopping** options include malls, local boutiques, and unique retailers. For dog lovers, the city features **pet-friendly** parks, trails, and businesses.

**Healthcare** is a standout, with several top-rated hospitals and medical centers ensuring residents have access to quality care.

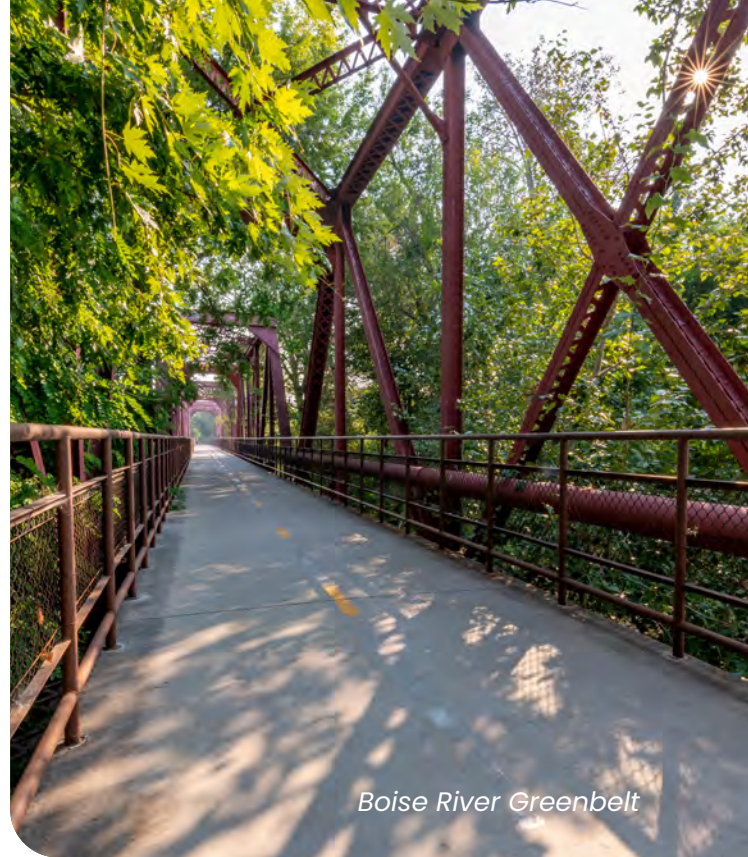
Families benefit from excellent educational opportunities, including highly regarded public and private schools, as well as higher education at **Boise State University**.



The local economy is robust, driven by industries such as technology, healthcare, and agriculture, contributing to low unemployment. Boise is also recognized as one of the safest cities in the nation, with a strong sense of **community**.

Cultural attractions include museums like the **Idaho State Museum** and the **Discovery Center of Idaho**, as well as theaters and performance venues. Public art and galleries enrich the city's cultural landscape, and annual events keep the community engaged.

Whether enjoying outdoor adventures, pursuing career opportunities, or raising a family, Boise combines natural beauty, excellent amenities, and a welcoming atmosphere, making it an exceptional place to call home.



*Boise River Greenbelt*



### **Life in the State Capital**

Boise, established in 1863, serves as the capital of Idaho. The Idaho State Capitol, completed in 1920, is distinguished by its neoclassical architecture and prominent dome, symbolizing the state's political heritage. Visitors can explore this historic building through guided tours, which offer insights into Idaho's legislative processes and history.

### **Boise Airport (BOI)**

Located southeast of downtown, is the region's primary gateway for commercial travel. Serving over 4.5 million passengers annually, it provides nonstop flights to 27 destinations across the United States, connecting the Treasure Valley to major cities and global hubs. With its efficient layout and close proximity to the city center, the airport is a convenient choice for both business and leisure travelers.



### **Gowen Field and Cargo Operations**

Adjacent to Boise Airport, Gowen Field supports military and cargo operations. It is home to the **Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Fighter Wing** and plays a critical role in defense and logistics. The cargo facilities facilitate the movement of goods across the region, contributing to Idaho's economy and supply chains.



## JUMP (Jack's Urban Meeting Place)

Located in downtown Boise, JUMP is a creative gathering space offering workshops, interactive exhibits, and event venues. It's a place where individuals and families can explore new skills in areas like cooking, technology, and the arts while enjoying hands-on experiences and play areas.

### Boise Train Depot

Perched on a hill overlooking the city, a historic landmark featuring Spanish-style architecture and panoramic views of Boise and the foothills.

### Old Idaho Penitentiary

Operating from 1872 to 1973, with a glimpse into the state's penal history with well-preserved buildings and exhibits. Visitors can explore through self-guided tours or join guided tours.

### Table Rock

One of Boise's most iconic hiking destinations, with panoramic views of the city and foothills. A must-visit spot for outdoor enthusiasts. Access is available from the Old Penitentiary Trailhead.

### Idaho Botanical Garden

This nonprofit garden connects people with nature through plant collections, educational programs, workshops, and community events. It's a year-round destination, hosting seasonal activities like concerts and cultural celebrations.

### The Egyptian Theatre

Idaho's oldest theater, showcases Egyptian Revival architecture and hosts concerts, operas, film festivals, and movie premieres. Built in 1927, it remains a cherished historical landmark.



## Zoo Boise

Located in Julia Davis Park, featuring wildlife exhibits, family-friendly activities, and animal encounters. The zoo is dedicated to conservation and supports global efforts to protect endangered species.



## Freak Alley

An outdoor art space in downtown Boise, featuring a rotating display of murals and street art by local and international artists. It's a must-see destination for art lovers, with a constantly evolving collection.

## Wineries and Breweries

Idaho's wine industry is thriving, with over 70 wineries now operating across the state, supported by more than 1,300 acres of vineyards. The **Sunnyslope Wine Trail** and Boise's **Urban Wine District** are popular destinations where you can explore a variety of locally produced wines. Idaho's unique climate, characterized by warm days and cool nights, along with its rich volcanic soil, makes it an ideal location for grape cultivation. The state's wine production has seen significant growth, with many of its wineries earning prestigious awards, reflecting the industry's expanding reputation.

Idaho is also home to over 50 craft breweries, many in the Garden City area, with new ones opening regularly. The state's robust production of barley and hops—key ingredients in beer—has made it a vital supplier for breweries nationwide. Whether you're enjoying a glass of wine or a pint of beer, there's plenty of opportunity to support local producers who contribute to Idaho's growing reputation in the beverage industry.



# Notable Neighborhoods

## North End

The North End is one of Boise's oldest residential neighborhoods, known for its tree-lined streets, historic architecture, and strong sense of community. Hyde Park features local shops, restaurants, and coffee houses, making it a popular destination for residents and visitors alike.

## Highlands

Situated east of Bogus Basin Road, the Highlands neighborhood features well-maintained mid-century homes with beautiful views and proximity to downtown Boise. Residents enjoy easy access to Ridge-to-Rivers trails and a close-knit community, making it a desirable area for outdoor enthusiasts.

## Southeast Boise (Warm Springs and Harris Ranch)

Encompassing areas around Warm Springs Ave. and Harris Ranch, is known for upscale homes near the Boise River. The Greenbelt, a scenic pathway along the river, offers recreational opportunities, while the proximity to downtown and natural landscapes.

## Barber Valley

Located southeast of downtown, Barber Valley offers foothills access, scenic parks, and proximity to the Boise River Greenbelt. This growing neighborhood balances urban amenities with natural beauty.

## East End

Characterized by views of the Boise Foothills and a mix of historic homes and newer developments. Residents have easy access to hiking and biking trails, as well as top-rated schools and cultural attractions like the Idaho Botanical Garden.

## Downtown Boise

As the cultural and economic center of the city, Downtown Boise features a mix of restaurants, shops, theaters, and art galleries. With various housing options, including apartments and condominiums, it appeals to those seeking an urban lifestyle with events and festivals throughout the year.

## Northwest Boise

Bordering the Boise Foothills to the north and State Street to the south, Northwest Boise offers a blend of old and new neighborhoods. With proximity to downtown, Veteran's Memorial Park, and the Boise Greenbelt.



North End



Downtown Boise



Barber Valley

## The Bench

Situated just south of downtown, the Boise Bench is known for its elevated position and panoramic views. The area offers a mix of housing styles, including mid-century homes and new developments, providing residents with a balanced urban-suburban environment and easy access to transportation and schools.

## Hidden Springs

Located on Boise's northern outskirts, a distinctive community promoting an active lifestyle with extensive trails, parks, and open spaces connecting to the foothills. The village center serves as a focal point for community events, blending urban amenities with natural surroundings.

## West Boise

A large and varied area, West Boise combines commercial and residential spaces. It offers more affordable housing options compared to some other parts of the city, with shopping centers like Boise Towne Square Mall providing convenient amenities.

## Southwest Boise

Southwest Boise features a serene residential ambiance with a mix of well-established homes and new subdivisions. Tree-lined streets and easy access to local amenities, parks, schools, and shopping create a comfortable and family-friendly environment.



The Boise Bench



Southwest Boise

# New Communities to Explore

### Midtown Heights (Boise Bench)

Tresidio Homes | \$689,880+

Boutique townhome community on Federal Way featuring 35 three-story residences minutes from Downtown Boise with lock-and-leave lifestyle.

### Palouse Townhomes (Boise Bench)

Tradewinds | Coming February 2026

30 townhomes, 3-bed, 2 & 2.5 bath plans, modern design, perfect for students and young professionals.

### Barber Vista (East Boise - Barber Valley)

Biltmore | \$715,000+

44-lot luxury community in East Boise foothills with modern architecture, panoramic views of river and foothills, walking distance to Bown Crossing.

### Harris Ranch (Multiple Phases)

Multiple Builders including Brighton Homes, Boise Hunter Homes, Black Rock Homes, Alturas Homes | \$600,000 - \$3,000,000+

Master-planned community with access to Boise River Greenbelt, pools, clubhouse, and trails. Multiple neighborhoods including Harris North, Dallas Harris Estates, and Harris East.

### Polecat Gulch Lofts (Northwest Boise - Foothills)

Shiloh Builders | \$1,499,900+

10-home luxury view community featuring oversized 3-car garages, multiple decks, large windows, open floor plans.



# Higher Education in Idaho: A Comprehensive Guide

## Boise State University

Located along the Boise River, Boise State University is Idaho's largest public university, enrolling over 27,000 students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. BSU offers nearly 170 academic programs, including unique fields like raptor biology, alongside extensive graduate and research opportunities, solidifying its role as a leader in higher education.

Boise State is widely recognized for its Broncos athletic teams, particularly the football team, which plays on the iconic blue turf at Albertsons Stadium. The success and visibility of its athletic programs foster a strong sense of pride and connection among students, alumni, and the local community.

Combining a wide range of academic programs, research initiatives, and campus life set against Boise's natural beauty, Boise State University continues to attract students seeking a comprehensive and engaging educational experience.



## University of Idaho

Located in Moscow, the University of Idaho spans 1,585 acres in the scenic Palouse region. It offers over 300 undergraduate and graduate programs and is home to the Idaho Vandals, competing in NCAA Division I athletics. With additional centers in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls, the university provides educational opportunities statewide.

## Idaho State University

Idaho State is a comprehensive institution offering a range of programs from technical certificates to graduate and professional degrees. Located primarily in Pocatello with additional campuses in Meridian, Idaho Falls, and Twin Falls, ISU is known for its strong focus on healthcare education, pharmacy, and business programs.

## The College of Western Idaho

Idaho's largest community college, offers associate degrees, technical programs, GED prep, and dual credit options. In 2024, CWI introduced its first bachelor's degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration, tailored for career-focused students and adult learners.

## Northwest Nazarene University (NNU)

Founded in 1913, is a comprehensive Christian university located in Nampa, Idaho. The university offers a range of academic programs, including over 60 bachelor's degrees, 11 master's degrees, and doctoral programs in fields like education and clinical psychology. NNU's campus extends beyond Nampa with online programs and branches in Boise, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls.

## College of Idaho

This Caldwell college offers a comprehensive liberal arts education through its PEAK program, fostering academic diversity in a supportive community. It also features a competitive NAIA sports program, including successful basketball, soccer, and skiing teams, known as the Yotes, with strong community support.

## Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Idaho's first medical school, in Meridian, is dedicated to training osteopathic physicians with a focus on primary care and rural medicine. It emphasizes hands-on learning and community-based experiences to prepare graduates for successful healthcare careers.



# Treasure Valley's Most Charming Stays

From modern getaways to unique experiences, the Treasure Valley offers one-of-a-kind lodging options.

## The Avery Hotel

A beautifully renovated 120-year-old property in downtown Boise featuring 39 individually designed rooms, a French-inspired restaurant, and a gastrotavern.

## Modern Hotel & Bar

Located in Boise's Linen District, this sleek, minimalist hotel features sophisticated and locally inspired dining.

## The Riverside Hotel

Spanning 14 scenic acres along the Boise River, this full-service hotel offers resort-style amenities, on-site dining, pools, and a concert venue.

## Hotel Renegade

A modern luxury boutique hotel that embodies Boise's character, offering a rooftop bar, supper club, and coffee shop.

## The Grove Hotel

A downtown Boise landmark offering upscale accommodations, a full-service spa, on-site dining, and convenient access to the city's top attractions.



*Hotel Renegade*



*The Avery Hotel*



## Special Stays

### The Boise Urban Farmhouse

A private 1-acre retreat just 6 miles from downtown Boise, perfect for groups of up to 18. With 5 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, and outdoor amenities like a heated pool, hot tub, fire pit, and garden-fresh produce.

### The Lofts at 35th & Clay

Boutique rentals in Garden City with rooftop hot tubs, outdoor kitchens, and cozy fireplaces. Just steps from the Boise River Greenbelt, they offer luxury and easy access to local dining and breweries.

### The Big Idaho® Potato Hotel

A whimsical giant spud turned cozy retreat, set on 400 acres of farmland with mountain views, a spa-like bathroom, and a resident cow named Dolly.



*Fresh & Local*  
**FARMER'S  
MARKETS**  
ACROSS THE VALLEY

**CAPITAL CITY PUBLIC MARKET** Saturdays, April–October

Downtown Boise near 8th & Main, this market features fresh produce, artisanal goods, local crafts, art, live music, and food from over 100 Idaho small businesses.

**BOISE FARMERS MARKET** Saturdays, April–October

Off Shoreline Drive, this market focuses on locally grown and crafted products, seasonal produce, proteins, baked goods, honey, jams, sauces, coffee, and ready-to-eat foods. The Mobile Market delivers fresh produce to Boise neighborhoods throughout the week.

**EAGLE SATURDAY MARKET** Saturdays, April–October

Held in Heritage Park in downtown Eagle, this handmade market brings arts and crafts, local produce, herbs, flowers, woodwork, specialty foods, and freshly prepared dishes.

**MERIDIAN MAIN STREET MARKET** Saturdays, April–October

Located on Main Street at Meridian City Hall, with local produce, handmade crafts, specialty goods, and a youth vendor program supporting young entrepreneurs.

**CALDWELL FARM TO FORK MARKET**

Tuesday evenings, May–September

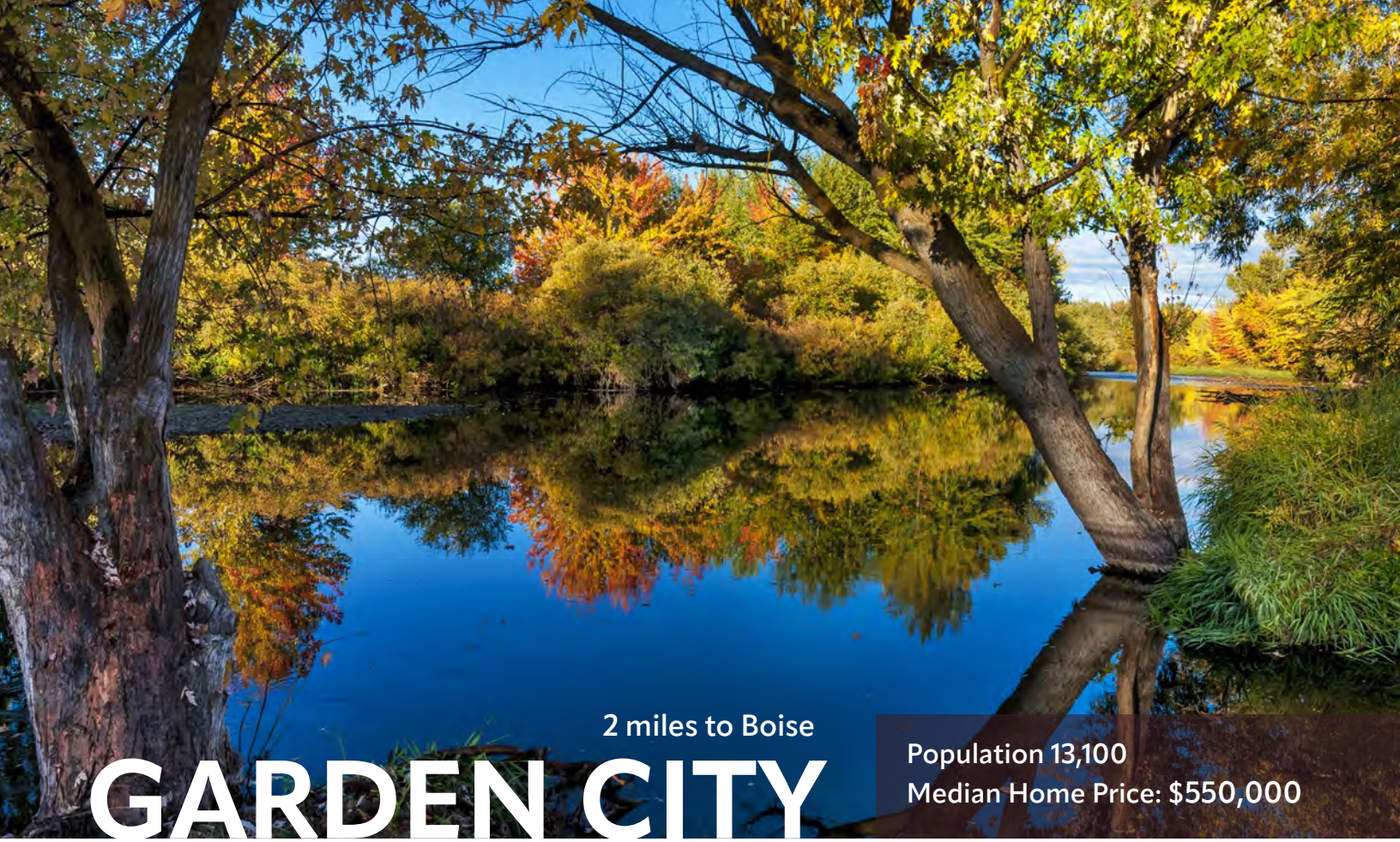
Held at Indian Creek Plaza, featuring award-winning fruits, vegetables, grains, and spices, along with crafts and specialty foods. It coincides with the Tuesdays on the Creek Concert Series for a lively evening experience.

**NAMPA FARMERS MARKET** Saturdays, Spring–late November

A cherished downtown tradition since 1989, held in Lloyd Square Park, featuring locally grown and locally made products, within a 100-mile radius.

**MIDDLETON MARKET** Third Saturdays, June–August

Held monthly at Middleton Place Park, showcasing local farmers and food crafters offering fresh produce, artisanal cheeses, baked goods, and more.



2 miles to Boise

# GARDEN CITY

Population 13,100

Median Home Price: \$550,000

## An Urban River Retreat

Positioned just north of Boise along the Boise River, Garden City blends urban charm with natural beauty. Known for its revitalized neighborhoods, the city features a mix of local businesses, art galleries, craft breweries, and recreational spaces. Sustainability initiatives including community gardens and enhanced riverfront access highlight its focus on community engagement.

Family-friendly activities abound, with **The Reuseum** offering STEM workshops and **Westy's Garden Lanes** providing bowling and entertainment for all ages. **Asana Climbing Gym** features indoor climbing, fitness facilities, yoga classes, and a social space with an on-site bar. The Boise River enhances the city's appeal with scenic views and outdoor activities.

### Artisans and Makers

A creative haven for artisans and makers specializing in visual arts, furniture design, glass sculpture, and ceramics. Key attractions include the **Visual Arts Collective**, **Zion Warne Studios**, and **Surel's Place**, offering immersive experiences through galleries and workshops.



## Cruise the Craft Beverage Corridor

A highlight of Garden City is its impressive concentration of wineries, cideries, and breweries. With its high density of such establishments, Garden City boasts the most per square mile in Idaho, providing a unique opportunity to taste and enjoy locally-produced drinks.

**Barbarian Brewing, Bert's Brewing, Western Collective, Powderhaus, and Twisted District** are just a few of the many breweries in the area. For cider lovers, **Merriweather Cider** is a must try location. Wineries such as **Cinder Wine, Coiled Wines, Telaya Wine Company,** and **Split Rail** satisfy any connoisseur.

Garden City is perfect destination for those looking to spend a day exploring and savoring some of the best beers, ciders, and wines the region has to offer.

## Garden Growth

Garden City is experiencing significant growth with developments like **The Boardwalk Apartments**, a mixed-use complex along the Boise River combining upscale residential apartments with curated retail and dining spaces. Featuring restaurants like **Laissez Faire Wine Co** and **Chicken in a Barrel BBQ**, The Boardwalk enhances the local living and dining landscape.



Bert's Brewing



Boardwalk Apartments

## New Communities to Explore

### Casino Beach

Bourbon Loft condos starting at \$1,499,900  
Homes \$899,000 - \$2,895,000

32-lot waterfront community on 34th Street featuring townhomes, condos, and single-family homes with modern design and timeless finishes.

### Life Tree Subdivision

Matson Homes | Mid-\$600,000s

Seven pre-approved, build-ready floor plans or custom options. Just a short walk to the Boise River.

### Fairview Acres

Mid-\$600,000s

Live-Work-Create District featuring mix-use developments, walking paths, underground parking garages, pet areas, pedestrian and bike areas.

### Mountain View Townhomes

Titan X / Hale Development | \$439,000 - \$450,000  
61 modern townhomes, lock-and-leave lifestyle directly across from future professional soccer stadium and new Expo Idaho Park.

### Perch Meadows

\$900,000+

Riverside community nestled between the Foothills and Boise River featuring 3+ bedroom luxury homes.

### Flourish

\$400,000 - \$600,000

20 Energy Star single-family homes and townhomes in Garden City's Live-Work-Create District with industrial farmhouse aesthetic.



# EAGLE

9 miles to Boise

Population 33,450

Median Home Price: \$900,000

## Where Luxury Lives

Blending small-town charm with upscale living in a picturesque setting along the Boise River, Eagle is a sought-after destination for families and individuals seeking a balanced, elevated lifestyle.

Residents enjoy easy access to outdoor activities including fishing, biking, and hiking, with the **Boise River Greenbelt** weaving through the area. **Heritage Park** hosts the **Eagle Farmers Market**, summer concert series, and seasonal celebrations like **Eagle Fun Days** and **Winter Wonderland**, bringing the community together with parades, fireworks, local vendors, and holiday-themed festivities.

Eagle is known for its recreational spaces, including the expansive **Eagle Sports Complex** spanning 250 acres with BMX tracks, skateboarding facilities, pump tracks, basketball courts, and trails connected to the **Ridge to Rivers** system. **Eagle Island State Park** offers swimming, hiking, fishing, and sledding during winter months.

**Downtown Eagle** features boutique shops and locally-owned eateries. The **Chocolat Bar** delights visitors with handmade confections and decadent treats, while **Two Rivers Spa** provides premium wellness and relaxation services. For golf enthusiasts, nearby **Banbury Golf Club** offers an impeccably maintained course surrounded by serene landscapes.

Eagle's housing options range from modern luxury subdivisions to traditional and rural-style homes, with newer communities like **Arrano Farms** and **Bald Eagle Point** showcasing custom-built estates alongside established family-friendly neighborhoods.



# Notable Neighborhoods

## Creekside at The Preserve

A friendly community with parks, walking paths, and access to outdoor activities.

## Legacy

A serene neighborhood featuring open spaces, water features, and recreational amenities.

## Ashbury

A luxurious area near downtown Eagle and the foothills, offering upscale homes and proximity to dining and recreation.

## Two Rivers

A picturesque community with scenic water features and luxury homes in a tranquil setting.

## The Shores

An exclusive neighborhood with waterfront properties, a clubhouse, and private courts.

## Lakemoor

A gated community blending nature and sophistication, with waterfront properties and walking trails.



# New Communities to Explore

## Valnova

**Townhomes; Single-family; Luxury homes**  
6,000-acre foothills community with clubhouse, pools, spas, pickleball, tennis courts, and beach activities on Valnova Lake.

## Avimor

**\$600,000s**  
840-acre community 15 minutes from downtown Eagle. Indoor pool, fitness center, library, community parks, outdoor pool, catch-and-release fishing pond, 100+ miles of trails.

## Millstone Farm

**\$600,000s**  
245 custom and semi-custom single-family homes on minimum 8,000 sq ft lots, resort-style pool, multiple amenities with future trail access.

## Kingfisher Cove Townhomes

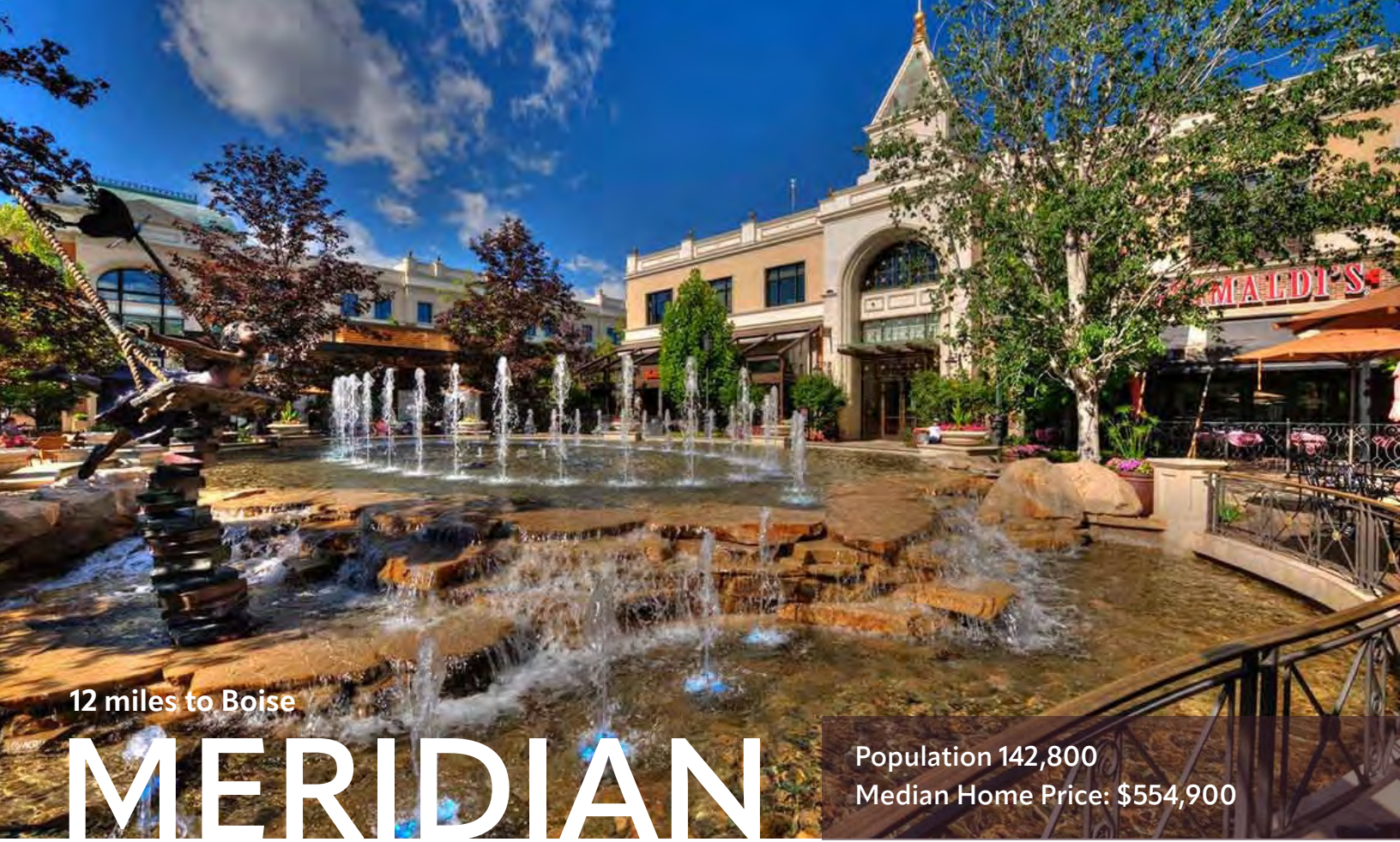
**\$499,900+**  
63 luxury two-story townhomes featuring mountain modern exteriors, community pool with cabana, walking distance to downtown Eagle.

## Skyview

**Lennar | \$373,900+**  
Two-story townhomes, open-concept, quartz countertops, washer/dryer, refrigerator, window blinds included. Community pool, pool house, tot lot.

## Estrada Village

**Blackrock Homes | \$624,900+**  
Eagle's premier gated community, custom homes, high-end finishes, custom cabinetry, quartz countertops. Walking distance to downtown Eagle.



12 miles to Boise

# MERIDIAN

Population 142,800  
Median Home Price: \$554,900

## Building Connections, Inspiring Growth

Meridian is Idaho's second-largest city and fastest-growing boomtown, offering a balance of small-town warmth and urban conveniences. Known for excellent schools, outdoor recreation, a thriving local economy, and welcoming neighborhoods, it's a top choice for families, professionals, and retirees alike.

Meridian features abundant parks and green spaces perfect for outdoor activities. **Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park**, a 60-acre gem, includes a fishing pond, playgrounds, and picnic areas, making it a family favorite. Dog owners enjoy **Storey Bark Park**, providing dedicated space for pets to play and socialize.



## The Village at Meridian

The Village at Meridian is a premier shopping, dining, and entertainment destination featuring European-inspired architecture surrounding a choreographed fountain and children's play area. Visitors explore retail, dining, and an on-site cinema. Adjacent to Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park, The Village recently added In-N-Out Burger and hosts regular concerts, movie nights, and seasonal festivities.

## Orchard Park

Orchard Park, at Linder Road and Chinden Boulevard, is a growing commercial complex anchored by **WinCo Foods** and the **Orchard Park Library**. The complex includes **Olive Garden**, **Wendy's**, and **Chipotle**, with additional local restaurants planned for future development.

## Ten Mile Crossing

Ten Mile Crossing features Scheels, a massive sporting goods store with a Ferris wheel, sports simulators, and aquarium. Surrounding businesses include Blaze Pizza, Chick-Fil-A, and local boutiques, making it a destination for shopping, dining, and family entertainment.



The Village



Scheels



## Downtown Meridian

Downtown Meridian serves as the community hub. Main Street hosts restaurants and shops like **Loose Screw Beer Co.** with its patio (dog and family friendly), **Truffles, Etc.** for handmade chocolates and coffee, **44 East Boutique** for fashion, and **Eight Thirty Common's** gastro pub menu.

**Generations Plaza** anchors downtown with live music, seasonal decorations, and a water feature. The **Meridian Farmers Market** keeps downtown buzzing year-round.

# Notable Neighborhoods

Meridian neighborhoods are known for family-friendly environments, amenities, and convenient locations.



## North Meridian

### Paramount

A master-planned community with parks, pools, walking paths, and close proximity to schools and local amenities.

### Bridgetower

A well-designed neighborhood with pools, playgrounds, and walking paths.

### Saguaro Canyon

A southwestern-inspired community with resort-style living, pools, playgrounds, and native landscaping.

### SpurWing Greens

An upscale community centered around Spurwing Golf Course, with access to golf, tennis courts, and walking paths.

### The Oaks North

A serene neighborhood with open green spaces, a pool, picnic areas, playgrounds, and a fishing pond.

## South Meridian

### Pinnacle

Modern homes with parks, playgrounds, a pool, and walking paths, near schools and shopping.

### Sky Break

Luxury custom homes with spacious lots, upscale amenities, and stunning views.

### Tuscany

Established neighborhood with four pools, parks, walking paths.

### Sky Mesa

Master-planned community featuring contemporary homes, infinity pools, open spaces, and walking trails.

### Gran Prado

Newer subdivision with single-family homes, parks, a pool, and easy access to shopping and dining.

## New Communities to Explore

### Gran Prado

CBH Homes | \$300K

Move-in ready homes with energy-efficient designs, open-concept layouts, and stylish finishes.

### Prescott Ridge

Hubble Homes | \$400k+

320 semi-custom homes and townhomes in North Meridian with open layouts, stylish finishes, and modern amenities.

### The Oaks North

Toll Brothers | \$479k+

Single-family homes, energy-efficient construction, amenities include pool, sport court, walking paths, green spaces, basketball court, playgrounds, fishing pier, and pond.

### Skybreak

Blackrock Homes | \$450k+

80-acre community near Eagle and Lake Hazel Roads in Southeast Meridian featuring multiple neighborhoods with pickleball courts, dog parks, playground, acres of common area, walking/biking paths.

### Shafer View Terrace

Eaglewood Homes | \$500K+

49-home community in Southeast Meridian, featuring quarter- to three-quarter-acre lots, high end-homes, community amenities include pickleball court, picnic area with gazebo, and playground.



## Space & Simplicity

Located just south of Boise, Kuna has become a desirable destination for those seeking a serene lifestyle close to urban conveniences.

### Outdoor Recreation and Natural Attractions

Kuna's nearly two-mile Greenbelt runs along **Indian Creek**, creating a scenic path ideal for walking, running, or cycling. South of town, the **Kuna Caves**—a unique underground lava tube system—plunge over 50 feet for those ready to explore an exciting adventure. The **Kuna Butte Trail** provides stunning panoramic views of the surrounding area. For outdoor family fun, **Bernie Fisher Park** is a central community space where residents gather for events and recreation.

For wine enthusiasts, **Indian Creek Winery** creates a relaxing setting to enjoy award-winning wines crafted in Kuna's peaceful countryside. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts can also visit **Black's Creek Public Shooting Range**, a nearby facility offering a safe and well-maintained space for target shooting and firearm practice.

### Family-Friendly Destinations and Local Favorites

**Idaho Pizza Company** is a go-to for families, serving fresh pizzas and hearty comfort food in a casual setting. **Hudson Baking Co.** delights locals with its scratch-made pastries, fresh sourdough bread, and coffee, creating a cozy atmosphere for breakfast or a midday treat.



## New Communities to Explore

### Paloma Ridge

Toll Brothers | \$515K+

New-home community with modern single-family designs and current inventory.

### Arroya Vista

CBH Homes | \$399K+

New homes with CBH's energy-efficient builds, open layouts, and a range of floor plans for growing households.

### Medallion Greens (at Valor)

Tresidio Homes | \$449K+

Patio-home neighborhood within Valor, with low-maintenance floor plans and community amenities tied to the larger Valor area.



20 miles to Boise

# NAMPA

Population 117,400  
Median Home Price: \$415,000

## Rich Roots, Rising Future

Nampa, the largest city in Canyon County and Idaho's third most populous, was established in the late 19th century along the Oregon Short Line Railroad.

### Recreation and Family-Friendly Activities

Nampa offers a variety of parks and recreational areas, including **Lake Lowell Recreation Area**, ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Golfers enjoy courses like **Ridgecrest Golf Club**, **RedHawk Golf Course**, and **Centennial Golf Course**. The **Nampa Harward Recreation Center** is a destination for fitness activities and community gatherings.

For family entertainment, the city features venues including **Rollerdrome Nampa** for roller skating, **The Reel Theater** for movies, and **Nampa Bowl** for bowling. **Jabbers** provides a playful environment for children, and the weekly **Nampa Farmers Market** (April-November) offers local produce and crafts.

### Cultural and Educational Attractions

The **Nampa Public Library** serves as a cultural resource for residents with programs and materials. The **Warhawk Air Museum** delves into aviation history with displays of vintage aircraft and artifacts, while the **Nampa Train Depot Museum** showcases the city's railroad heritage.



## Economic and Housing Overview

Nampa's economy thrives on agriculture, manufacturing, and healthcare sectors. The city's affordable cost of living attracts individuals and families seeking housing options from starter homes to custom-built residences. Northeast Nampa is experiencing growth due to new commercial activities and convenient access to shopping, dining, and Interstate 84. South Nampa is gaining popularity with recent developments enhancing its appeal.

## Dining and Unique Local Spots

**Messenger Pizza & Brewery**, known for its handcrafted pizzas and local brews, and **The Tower Grill**, for dining with a unique view of the Nampa Municipal Airport runway.

**The Sick Stag** is an underground speakeasy adorned with taxidermy and quirky artwork, serving carefully crafted cocktails made from high-quality spirits, along with intentional small bites. **Flying M Coffee Garage** provides a cozy, community-focused atmosphere where visitors can enjoy board games and other activities while sipping their coffee or enjoying a snack.



Flying M Coffee

## New Communities to Explore

### Sunnyvale

Hubble Homes | Mid \$300s+

Value-focused new construction near the Karcher and Middleton corridor with a mix of single-family and multi-family options, plus multiple floorplans actively selling.

### Solano Place

CBH Homes | \$389,990+

New construction with lots of "grab-it-and-go" availability, including move-in ready and under-construction options in north Nampa.

### Silver Star

Toll Brothers | \$569,000+

Higher-end new construction with personalization options (and some quick move-ins), including RV garage options in select plans.

### Heron Ridge

SI Construction | \$400s+

New construction with spacious, modern layouts and current resale/new-build listings, with homes commonly landing in the mid-\$500s to \$600s range depending on plan and finishes.

### Almond Cove

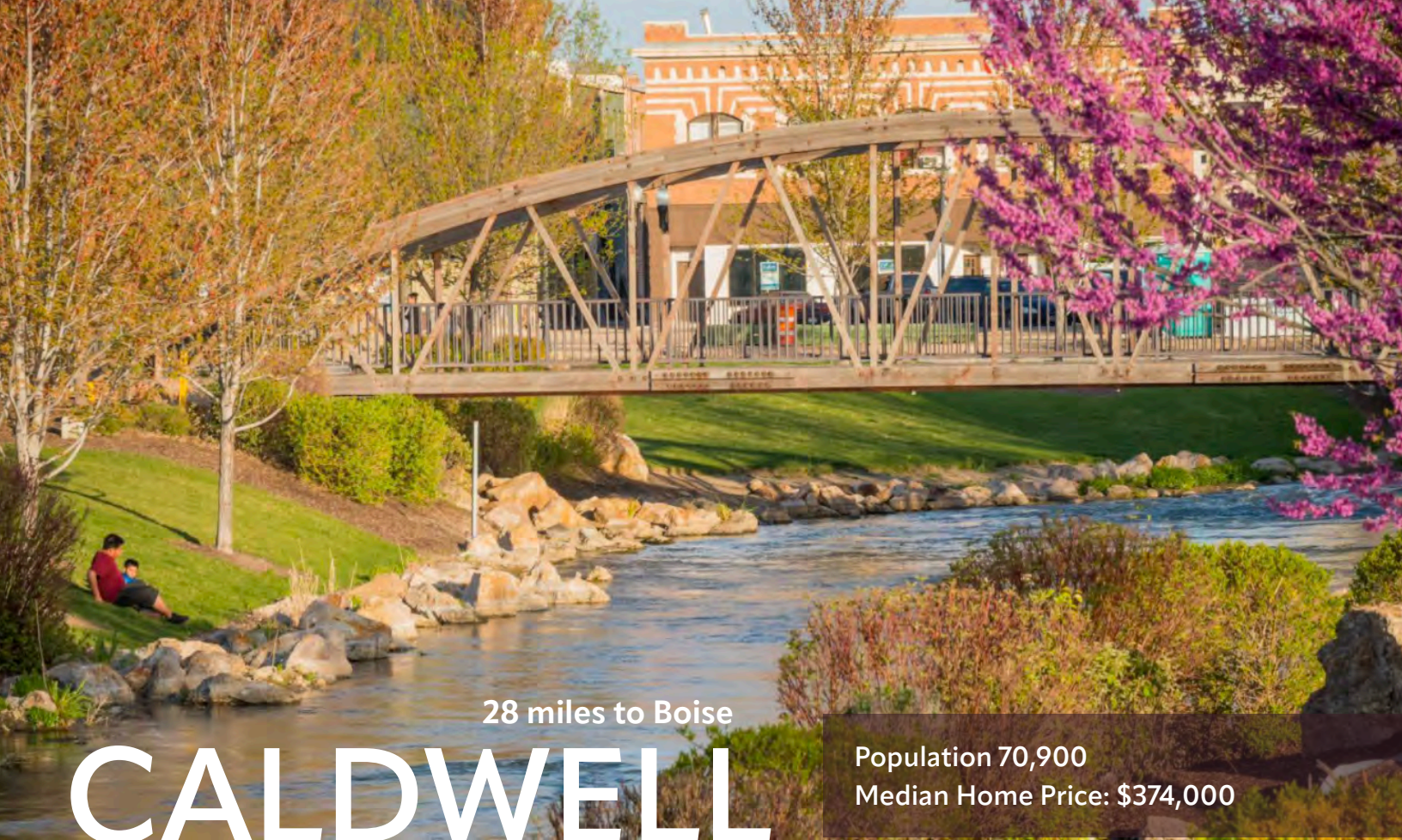
Heritage Homes | \$700s+

Higher-end builds and unique product types (including large duplex-style layouts).

### Lone Star Ranch

Custom builders (multiple) | \$1.5M+

Luxury, custom new construction on 1-acre lots near Lake Lowell, with multiple builders and high-end listings currently on the market.



28 miles to Boise

# CALDWELL

Population 70,900  
Median Home Price: \$374,000

## Sunnyslope & Small City Vibes

Caldwell balances deep agricultural roots with a steadily growing downtown, creating a city that feels grounded, welcoming, and easy to settle into. Long known for farming and food production, Caldwell continues to expand in healthcare, manufacturing, and education, with The College of Idaho adding cultural energy through lectures, performances, and campus events.

### Dining and Local Favorites

For dining, **Amano** stands out with its authentic Mexican cuisine and award-winning dishes, while **Flying M Coffeeshop** is cherished for its handcrafted coffee, treats, and cozy atmosphere.



# Indian Creek Plaza

At the heart of downtown, Indian Creek Plaza is a community focal point, hosting over 200 annual events such as concerts, farmers markets, and holiday festivals. During the summer, splash pads and live music draw families, while winter transforms the plaza with an ice ribbon, fire pits, and dazzling light displays. Caldwell Farm to Fork Farmers Market, highlights local produce, crafts, and food vendors, fostering a strong sense of community.



## Family-Friendly Highlights

The Whittenberger Planetarium at The College of Idaho features engaging star shows for all ages, while Babby Farms creates interactive experiences with exotic and domestic animals. The Caldwell Night Rodeo, held each August, brings exciting entertainment to the community. Downtown Caldwell also features a movie theater, shops, and local eateries that make it a favorite destination year-round.

## Sunnyslope Wine District

Just outside town, the Sunnyslope Wine District stretches across the Snake River Valley with rolling vineyards and more than a dozen wineries. St. Chapelle, Idaho's oldest winery, anchors the area alongside well-known producers like Huston Vineyards and Koenig Vineyards, making Caldwell a central hub for Idaho wine country.

*Passero Ridge*

## New Communities to Explore

### Passero Ridge

Toll Brothers | \$384,995+

North of Lake Lowell with multiple home collections, community amenities, and quick move-in options.

### Pradera

Toll Brothers | \$445K+

Larger homesites with open-concept plans and quick move-in availability just outside wine country.

### Solstice

Tresidio Homes and Berkeley Building Co.

Fresh, newer community with expansive green space and pickleball courts, featuring modern single-family plans.

### Oakridge Estates

McCarter-Moorhouse | From about \$1.1M+

New construction on one-acre lots with luxury custom-style builds and limited availability. featuring modern single-family plans.





For more information about the Sunnyslope Wine Trail, scan here

# A Tour of Wine Country

The Sunnyslope Wine Trail, located in Caldwell, Idaho, is a premier destination in the Snake River Valley, featuring a collection of award-winning wineries and vineyards. This trail offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience Idaho's rich viticulture amidst stunning landscapes.

## 1. Bitner Vineyards

Family-owned vineyard known for its sustainable farming practices and views of the Snake River Valley.

## 2. Cuesta Sol Vineyards

A micro boutique winery producing Barbera and Rhone varietals; visits by appointment only.

## 3. Devil's Bedstead Winery

A boutique, limited-production winery focusing on high-quality reserve red wines.

## 4. Dunning Estates

Offers wine tastings with panoramic views.

## 5. Famici Wine Company

andcrafts small lots of premium wines from varietals like Primitivo, Graciano, and Vermentino.

## 6. Free Dog Wines

Provides wine tasting in a casual, dog-friendly atmosphere; dog-friendly atmosphere.

## 7. Fujishin Estate Winery

Produces small-lot, sustainably grown wines from the Snake River Valley.

## 8. HAT Ranch Winery | Vale Wine Co.

Produces a variety of wines and shares a tasting room with Vale Wine Company.

## 9. Hells Canyon Winery | Zhoo Zhoo Wines

Idaho's first solar-powered winery, offering estate-grown wines with sustainable practices.

## 10. Huston Vineyards

Known for their "Chicken Dinner" wines and as the gateway winery to the Sunnyslope Wine Trail.

## 11. Indian Creek Winery

Focuses on Rhône varietals and features beautiful gardens and art installations.

## 12. Kerry Hill Winery

Focuses on Rhône varietals and features beautiful gardens and art installations.

## 13. Kindred Vineyards

A family-owned vineyard producing quality wines reflecting the local terroir.

## 14. Koenig Vineyards

Offers a selection of premium wines and spirits, with a picturesque estate setting.

## 15. Parma Ridge Winery & Bistro

Provides a full gourmet tasting menu alongside their wines, with scenic views.

## 16. Sawtooth Estate Winery

Features a variety of wines with a focus on sustainability and quality.

## 17. SCORIA Vineyards

Focused on premium red wines from volcanic soil vineyards with stunning views.

## 18. Ste. Chapelle Winery

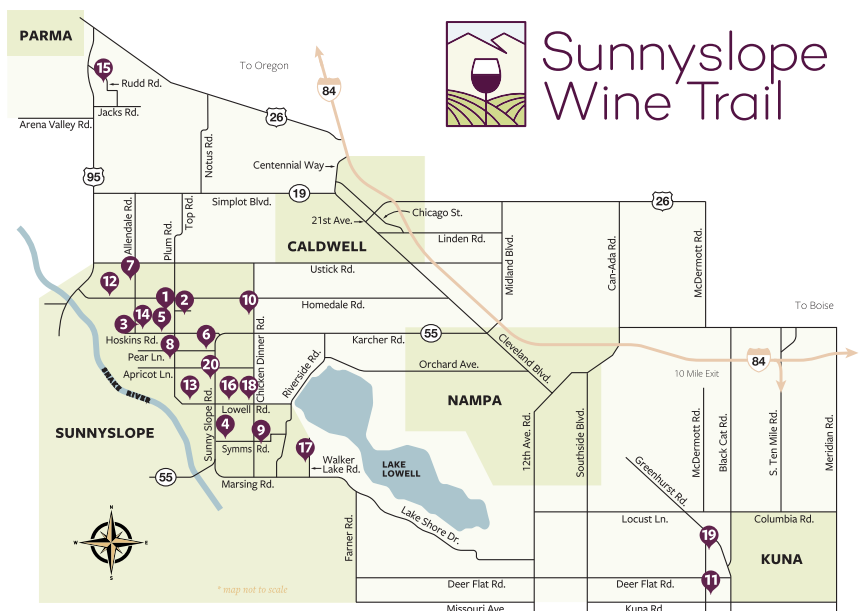
Idaho's oldest winery, known for award-winning wines and scenic valley views.

## 19. Vizcaya Winery

A boutique winery producing small-batch wines with a focus on quality.

## 20. Williamson Orchards & Vineyards

A family-owned vineyard producing estate-grown wines with a welcoming tasting room.



# From Berries to Blooms: Local U-Pick Farms

*Before visiting, check each farm's current hours and availability—seasonal conditions change, and some farms require pre-booking.*

## Fruit & Berry U-Pick

### **Wissel Farms - FarmStand, Nampa**

Farm-Fresh eggs, milk, and artisan cheeses and breads. Pumpkins, Corn Stalks, & Fall Items (October) Christmas trees (December)

### **The Berry Ranch, Nampa, ID**

Offers strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, and in fall: pumpkins and hayrides.

### **Cherry Hill Farms, Caldwell, ID**

Located at 19125 Apricot Lane. U-pick cherries, peaches, nectarines and apples. Events scheduled for 2026 include Tart Cherry Days (July) and Peach Days (August) with seasonal orchard rides.

### **Cabalo's Orchard & Gardens, Kuna, ID**

U-pick peaches, apples and seasonal fruit starting in July.

### **Gem Orchards, Emmett, ID**

Family-run orchard with cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines and apples.

## Flower U-Pick

### **Farmer's Pick, Boise, ID**

Established 1995; U-pick fresh-cut flowers including sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos. Open mid-May through mid-October.

### **Blue Sky Farm, Eagle, ID**

Family-owned flower U-pick and honey producer, open select days.

### **Hidden Hollow Farms, Caldwell, ID**

4-acre flower farm with U-pick flowers, located off SE 8th Ave.

### **Mason Creek Flower Farm, Nampa, ID**

Offers U-pick bouquet subscriptions and workshops; open June-October.

### **Lovely Hollow Farm, Caldwell, ID**

Flower and pumpkin farm offering seasonal blooms, U-pick in summer/fall.





# STAR

17 miles to Boise

Population 18,208

Median Home Price: \$610,000

## Peaceful Living, Easy Access

Star offers a quieter pace within the Treasure Valley, with newer neighborhoods, open space, and a strong sense of community. Growth has added amenities while preserving the town's calm, residential feel, and downtown Boise remains an easy drive away.

Outdoor space anchors daily life, with the Star Riverwalk Park providing access to walking, cycling, and river activities. Local gatherings often center around Hunter's Creek Park and the Star Riverhouse. Sol Invictus Vineyard adds a scenic destination for tastings and seasonal events, while annual traditions like the Star Chili Cook-Off highlight the town's close-knit character.

### Local Dining and Shopping

Bordertown Coffee & Bake Shop and Star Country Cafe are local staples, with El Mariachi Loco and Mountain Mike's Pizza rounding out casual dining. Grocery needs are met by Albertsons and Ridley's Family Market.



## New Communities to Explore

### Fallbrook Hubble Homes | Low-mid \$400s+

Efficient layouts and attainable pricing, popular for first-time buyers and move-up buyers.

### Norterra Toll Brothers | \$600K+

Upscale construction with larger floor plans, three-car garage options, and curated finishes.

### Trapper Ridge Tresidio Homes | \$700K+

Higher-end construction with modern architecture, spacious interiors, and elevated finishes, positioned near foothills.

### Iron Mountain Custom & semi-custom builders | \$1M+

Higher-end construction with modern architecture, spacious interiors, and elevated finishes, positioned near foothills.

### Sellwood Berkeley Building Co. | \$600K+

Design-forward construction with clean lines, thoughtful floor plans, and community green space.



# MIDDLETON

29 miles to Boise

Population 11,700

Median Home Price: \$510,000

## Country Comfort, City Close

Middleton is a welcoming small town along the north side of the Boise River, offering scenic landscapes and a peaceful environment, all within a 33-minute drive to downtown Boise's amenities. Surrounded by mountains, rivers, and lakes, Middleton provides ample opportunities for outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, and camping. **Footo Park** offers a playground, picnic areas, walking paths, and a splash pad for family enjoyment.

The **Middleton Public Library** serves as a center for educational programs, family events, and community gatherings. Residents participate in seasonal festivities including the annual Fourth of July celebration featuring a parade, festival, and fireworks. **The Trolley Station** is a museum, kitchen, and venue hosting multiple community events.

Dining may be modest but local favorites include **Casa Mexico** for authentic Mexican cuisine and **Garbonzo's Pizza** for family-friendly dining. Cozy cafes such as **The Original Sunrise Cafe** and **Middleton Espresso Cafe** provide inviting atmospheres for breakfast and coffee.

Middleton's real estate market offers a mix of move-in-ready and newly constructed homes, appealing to those seeking a friendly, close-knit community with a country lifestyle.



## New Communities to Explore

### Carlton Meadows

Lennar | \$379,900–\$571,000

Multiple collections (including Next Gen-style options in some releases), a wide spread of floorplans, and steady inventory.

### Kestrel Estates

CBH Homes | \$394,990+

Practical floor plans (3–5 beds), and consistent move-in ready/under-construction options.

### The Mill at Middleton

Generation Homes NW | Upper \$500s+

Semi-custom construction with greenbelt pockets, walking paths, and RV garage-friendly sites.

### Black Acres Estates

\$800s+ (higher-end new construction)

Luxury-leaning new builds with limited turnover.



# EMMETT

30 miles to Boise

Population 8,750

Median Home Price: \$499,000

## Scenic Living with Heart

Located along the Payette River, Emmett offers a peaceful environment with scenic surroundings and a variety of recreational activities.

**Black Canyon Reservoir** is a standout destination with views of the surrounding landscape with opportunities for boating, fishing, kayaking, or simply enjoying the serene waters.

**Little Gem Cycle Park**, a 2,000-acre area east of town offering trails, hill climbs, and motocross tracks suitable for all dirt bike enthusiasts.

**Sagehen ATV Trail System** provides forested single-track trails via Antelope Campground.

**Emmett City Park** has a playground, splash pad, tennis courts, and picnic areas. It is also home to the annual **Emmett Cherry Festival**, held every June, featuring a carnival, live music, parade, and local vendors.

**The Emmett Farmers' Market** runs from June to October at **Blaser Park**, offering fresh produce and handmade goods. The **Gem County Fair & Rodeo** is a family-friendly event with livestock shows, carnival rides, and a rodeo.

## Communities to Explore

### Skyhawk Community

Modern residences with open-concept designs, starting at \$354,990.

### Highland Subdivision

Community pool, park area, walking paths, and 6.5 acres of open space, homes start at around \$399,000.

### Toll Brothers at Highland

Quality craftsmanship, single family homes starting at \$439,995.



44 miles to Boise

# MOUNTAIN HOME

Population 16,912

Median Home Price: \$353,717

## Air Force Roots, High-Desert Living

Mountain Home sits about 45 minutes southeast of Boise and is closely tied to **Mountain Home Air Force Base**, which anchors much of the local economy and community identity. Growth continues with new construction options, including CBH Homes communities in Mountain Home like **Blue Yonder** and **Thunderbolt Landing**. Toll Brothers also markets new homes near Mountain Home / Mountain Home AFB.

Don't miss the Mountain Home Air Force Base air show for big sky flyovers and the community energy that comes with it. **Carl Miller Park** is a local favorite with shade, a playground, gazebo, and an F-111 display honoring the U.S. Air Force, plus it hosts **Air Force Appreciation Day** each September with a parade and free community BBQ.



# Idaho Adventures: Destinations in the Gem State

Idaho is home to world famous resorts, renowned recreational activities, and nationally-recognized mountain reserves and outdoor spaces.

## Stanley, Idaho and the Sawtooth Mountains

Stanley and the Sawtooth Mountains, surrounded by pristine lakes, rugged peaks, and lush forests, provide endless adventures like hiking, fishing, kayaking, rock climbing, and Salmon River rafting.

Redfish Lake is perfect for swimming, boating, and picnicking, with trails for all levels and remarkable stargazing at the **Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve**.

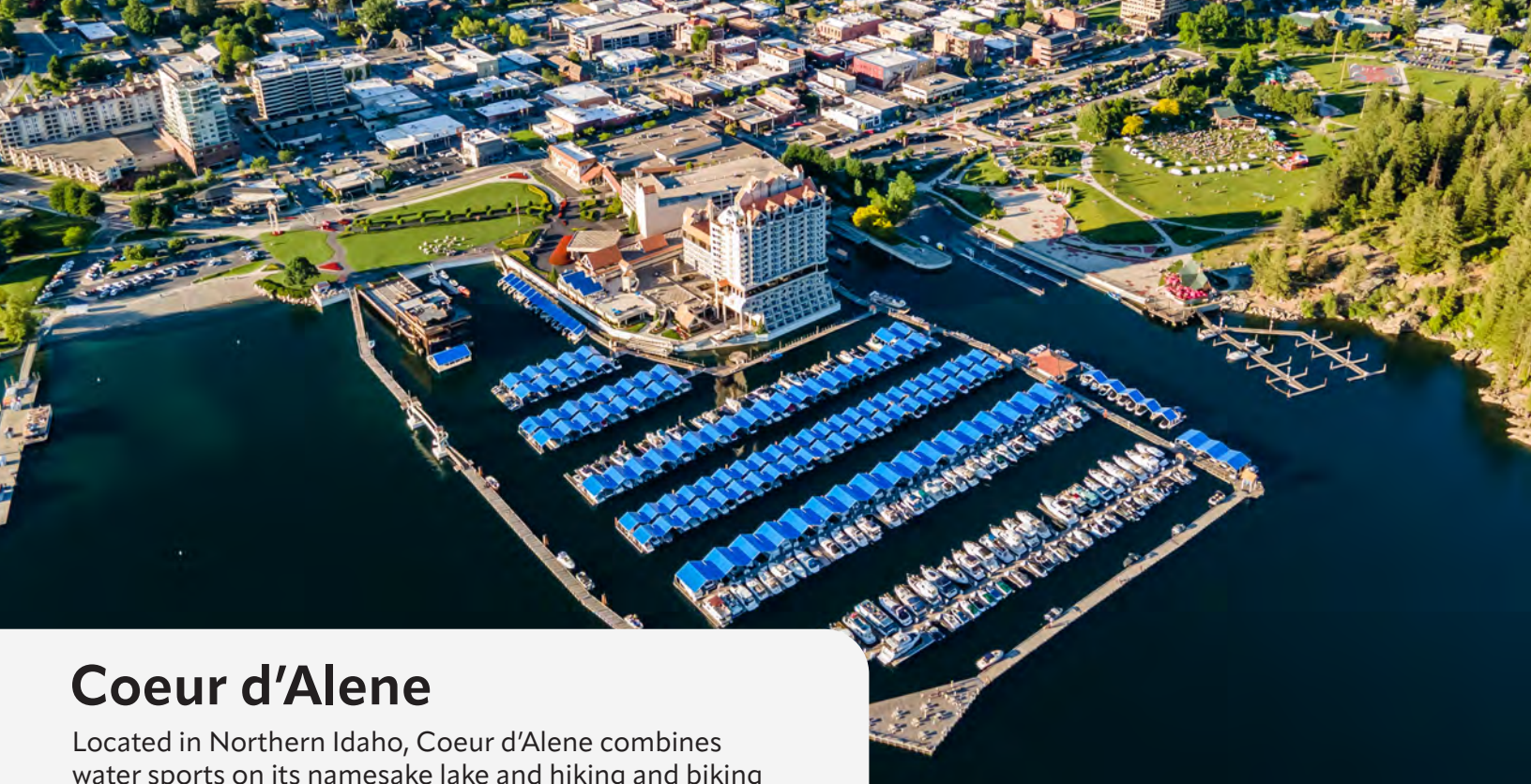


## McCall, Idaho

McCall is a peaceful escape for swimming, kayaking, and fishing. The surrounding mountains make for excellent hiking, mountain biking, and skiing at **Brundage Mountain** in winter.

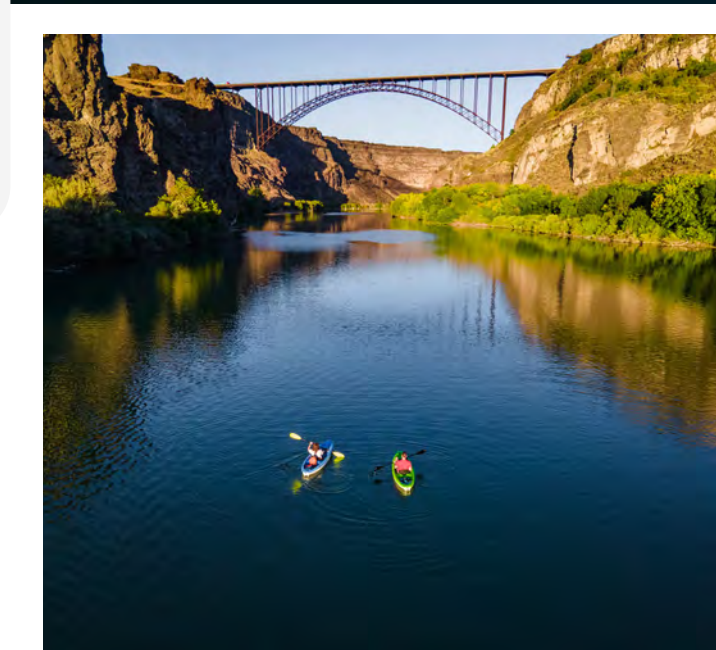
Downtown is a lively area filled with unique shops, local eateries, and annual events like the **Winter Carnival**, **Payette Lakes Fine Arts Fair**, and summer fireworks over the lake.

**Ice Cream Alley** is a must-visit summer destination offering mountain-sized scoops, and delighting visitors, as a McCall tradition, for nearly 40 years.



## Coeur d'Alene

Located in Northern Idaho, Coeur d'Alene combines water sports on its namesake lake and hiking and biking in nearby hills. Downtown includes shops, restaurants, galleries, and events like the Art on the Green festival. At the Coeur d'Alene Resort, guests can enjoy upscale amenities, highlighted by the renowned floating green golf course.



## Twin Falls, Idaho

Twin Falls blends natural wonders with history. Highlights include Shoshone Falls, a 212-foot waterfall, and the Perrine Bridge, known for stunning canyon views and BASE jumping. Enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, paddling, exploring Dierkes Lake, Rock Creek Canyon, and the Hagerman Fossil Beds.

## Craters of the Moon

Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve in Idaho spans over 750,000 acres of volcanic terrain shaped by eruptions along the Great Rift. Visitors can explore lava flows, cinder cones, and caves via scenic trails or with permits for lava tubes. Designated an International Dark Sky Park, it offers incredible stargazing alongside rugged landscapes that sustain resilient wildlife, making it a unique destination for hiking, camping, and discovering Idaho's volcanic history.



## Bruneau Sand Dunes

Bruneau Sand Dunes, near Mountain Home, is known for North America's tallest free-standing sand dune, reaching more than 470 feet. Visitors enjoy sandboarding, hiking, camping, stargazing at the observatory, and fishing or kayaking in the park's lake.



## Silverwood Theme Park

Located in Athol, Idaho, Silverwood Theme Park is the largest amusement park in the Pacific Northwest, offering over 70 attractions, including thrilling roller coasters like Aftershock and Tremors. The park also features Boulder Beach Water Park with slides, wave pools, and a lazy river, making it perfect for families and adventure seekers.



## Sun Valley, Idaho

Famed for world-class skiing, Sun Valley is a year-round destination for outdoor adventures. Winter draws skiers and snowboarders to Bald and Dollar Mountains, while summer is time for hiking, biking, and fishing. The Sun Valley Resort delivers luxury with fine dining, a spa, golf course, and outdoor ice rink. Events like the Sun Valley Film Festival add to the area's charm.



# EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-854-4000  
BoiseSchools.org

### WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-855-4500  
WestAda.org

### NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-468-4600  
NSD131.org

### CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-455-3300  
CaldwellSchools.org

### VALLIVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-454-0445  
Vallivue.org

### MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-585-3027  
MSD134.org

### KUNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

208-922-1000  
KunaSchools.org

## PRIVATE & CHARTER SCHOOLS

### BISHOP KELLY HIGH SCHOOL

208-375-6010  
BK.org

### CHALLENGER SCHOOL

Grades Pre K-8  
208-846-8888

### VISION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-12  
208-455-9220

### COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Grades K-12  
208-947-1212

### FOOTHILLS SCHOOL OF ARTS

Grades PreK-9  
208-331-9260

### SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOISE

Grades K-12  
208-343-7243

### GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Grades 9-12  
208-459-1627

### HEROES ACADEMY

Grades PreK-12  
208-991-4453

### INNOVATE ACADEMY

Grades K-12  
208-954-7671

### MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Grades PreK-6  
208-939-6333

### NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-12  
208-939-9600

### RIVERSTONE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Grades Pre-K-12  
208-424-5000

### ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Grades Pre K- 8  
208-888-4759

### NAMPA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grades Infant-12  
208-466-8451

### THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

Grades K-12  
208-323-3888

### COMPASS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades K-12  
208-888-5847

## VIRTUAL EDUCATION

### IDAHO TECHNICAL CAREER ACADEMY

Grades 9-12  
877-654-4854

### IDAHO CONNECTS ONLINE SCHOOL

Grades 6-12  
208-475-3093

### INSPIRE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

Grades K-12  
800-382-6010

### IDAHO VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Grades K-12  
866-339-9065

### ISUCCEED VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7-12  
208-375-3116

### GEM PREP ONLINE

Grades K-12  
866-447-1047

## HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES

### HOMESCHOOL IDAHO

HomeSchoolIdaho.org

### SELAH IDAHO

SelahIdaho.org

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

208-426-1000

### COLLEGE OF IDAHO

208-459-5011

### UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO BOISE

208-334-2999

### NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

208-467-8011

### IDAHO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

208-696-4266

### COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO

208-562-3000

### NORTHWEST LINEMAN COLLEGE

888-546-3967

## UTILITIES

### IDAHO POWER

208-388-2323

### INTERMOUNTAIN GAS

208-377-6840

## BOISE

### CITY OF BOISE

Boise City Sewer, Trash, Irrigation  
cityofboise.org  
208-608-7460

### CAPITOL WATER CORPORATION

208-375-0931

**VIOLIA WATER**  
208-362-7304

**GARDEN CITY  
WATER & SEWER**  
208-472-2930

**EAGLE  
EAGLE SEWER DISTRICT**  
208-939-0132

**HARDIN SANITATION  
(TRASH)**  
208-642-2629

**CITY OF EAGLE WATER**  
208-489-8777

**VEOLIA WATER**  
208-362-7304

**MERIDIAN  
WATER, SEWER & TRASH**  
208-888-4433

**REPUBLIC SERVICES INC.**  
208-345-1265

**IRRIGATION**  
208-466-7861

**SETTLERS IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT**  
208-344-2471

**KUNA  
WATER, SEWER & TRASH**  
208-922-5546

**BOISE / KUNA IRRIGATION**  
208-922-5608

**STAR  
STAR SEWER & WATER**  
208-286-7388

**REPUBLIC SERVICES (TRASH)**  
208-345-1265

**NAMPA  
NAMPA WATER WORKS**  
208-468-5711

**REPUBLIC SERVICES (TRASH)**  
208-345-1265

**IRRIGATION**  
208 468-7861

**CALDWELL  
WATER & SEWER**  
208-455-3000  
**REPUBLIC SERVICES (TRASH)**  
208-345-1265

**MIDDLETON  
CITY OF MIDDLETON**  
208-585-3133

**INTERNET / TELEPHONE**  
Century Link 866-963-6665  
Sparklight 855-463-8414  
Quantum Fiber 833-706-2227  
HughesNet 866-379-6320  
DISH Network 888-605-9563  
DirecTV 833-664-2612  
Starlink 855-753-2495  
Anthem Broadband 208-331-9822  
Rise Broadband 844-910-2642

**HOSPITALS (911 FOR EMERGENCIES)**  
**SAINT ALPHONSUS REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER BOISE**  
208-367-2121

**SAINT ALPHONSUS EAGLE -  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
208-367-5355

**SAINT ALPHONSUS NAMPA -  
GARRITY EMERGENCY**  
208-205-1100

**SAINT ALPHONSUS NAMPA - 12TH  
AVE EMERGENCY**  
208-205-0700

**ST. LUKE'S MERIDIAN EMERGENCY**  
208-706-5000

**ST. LUKE'S BOISE EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT**  
208-381-2222

**ST. LUKE'S NAMPA EMERGENCY**  
208-505-2000

**WEST VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER  
ER CALDWELL**  
208-455-3789

**ST. LUKE'S ELMORE  
MEDICAL CENTER  
(MOUNTAIN HOME)**  
208- 587-8401

## POLICE (911 FOR EMERGENCIES)

**IDAHO STATE POLICE**  
208-884-7200 (Patrol)

**ADA COUNTY SHERIFF**  
208-577-3000 (Primary)  
208-377-6790 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**BOISE POLICE**  
208-570-6000 (Primary)  
208-377-6790 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**MERIDIAN POLICE**  
208-888-6678

**EAGLE POLICE**  
208-938-2260 (Administration)  
208-377-6790 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**KUNA POLICE**  
208-577-3860 (Administration)  
208-377-6790 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**STAR POLICE**  
208 577-3840 Administration)  
208-377 6790 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**CANYON COUNTY SHERIFF**  
208-454-7510 (Primary)  
208-454-7531 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
208-465-2257

**CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
208-455-3115 (Primary)  
208-454-7531 (Non-Emergency  
Dispatch)

**MIDDLETON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**  
208-585-0008 (Non-Emergency)

## ANIMAL CONTROL

**BOISE ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL**  
208-343-3166

**NAMPA ANIMAL CONTROL**  
208-454-7531

**IDAHO HUMANE SOCIETY**  
208-343-3166



### **PLANNING AHEAD**

- Create a detailed moving plan with timelines.
- Notify utility providers, post office, and relevant contacts about your move well in advance.

### **DECLUTTER AND ORGANIZE**

- Start decluttering early; donate or sell items you don't need.
- Organize belongings by category for efficient packing.

### **PACKING ESSENTIALS**

- Gather packing supplies: boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and labels.
- Pack a "first-night" box with essentials like toiletries, clothes, and important documents.

### **HIRE PROFESSIONAL MOVERS**

- Research and hire reputable moving companies.
- Get quotes and schedule the move well in advance.

### **LOCAL SERVICES**

- Find local utility providers for water, electric, gas, internet, etc.
- Research local schools, healthcare providers, and emergency services.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

- Update your address with the post office, banks, DMV, and any relevant subscriptions.
- Ensure your new address is updated for online deliveries.

### **CHECKLISTS**

- Use checklists for each stage of the move: pre-move, packing, moving day, and post-move.
- Keep track of important documents and moving paperwork.

### **ESSENTIALS ON MOVING DAY**

- Pack a bag with essentials like snacks, water, and chargers.
- Have a moving-day toolkit with basic tools for any unexpected needs.

### **MOVING WITH PETS**

- Arrange for pet care on moving day.
- Update pet tags and information with the new address.

### **UNPACKING STRATEGY**

- Label boxes clearly to ease the unpacking process.
- Prioritize unpacking essentials for immediate use.

### **LOCAL ASSISTANCE**

- Connect with 2-1-1 for local resources or relocation services for guidance.
- Seek recommendations for local contractors or services you may need, your licensed Realtor will have recommendations.

### **EXPLORE THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Familiarize yourself with the new neighborhood.
- Identify nearby amenities, grocery stores, and healthcare facilities.

### **SETTLING IN**

- Attend local community events to meet neighbors.
- Join local social media groups and pages for insights and recommendations, such as Nextdoor and **This Is Boise**.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

- Know emergency evacuation routes and locations.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency services.

### **RELAX AND ENJOY**

- Take breaks during the move to avoid stress.
- Once settled, explore your new city and enjoy the experience.

Moving can be a challenging process, but with careful planning and these practical tips, your relocation to Idaho will be a smooth and positive experience.



Visit to get started!



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I'm excited to serve you on your real estate journey.

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