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Letter From The Mayor



Welcome to the City of Trees!

My Boise story — like so many Boise stories — is a love story.

My husband, Scott, and I were lucky enough to discover this singular place right out of college, while out West to job hunt. I'll never forget my first glimpse of the Boise Foothills bathed in the afternoon sunlight of early spring: the hills aglow with pink, gold, and silver, the shadows long and deep purple.

In that one moment through the airplane window, my heart and imagination were captured. While Scott went to a job interview, I laced up my running shoes, ran past the river, through downtown and into those hills, just minutes from the heart of city.

I knew that afternoon we'd found our home. We built a life — one that included good-paying jobs, affordable houses in safe neighborhoods, incredible access to the outdoors, great schools for our kids — and, 22 years later, I still run in those Foothills every week.

A great deal has changed here in Boise since that first run in the hills. And change has brought some incredible things: a vibrant downtown, rich cultural opportunity, a bustling community of entrepreneurship and promise, and a continued commitment to our open spaces, river, and ribbon of parks.

As we continue to grow and change, it is my central charge as mayor to protect the special promise of this place, to ensure we still have opportunities, affordable homes, easy transit, open spaces and clean air for all residents; to ensure that anyone can come to our city, take a chance, find a home and a build a life, just like Scott and I did 22 years ago; to ensure that Boise is, truly, a city for everyone.

From the bottom of my heart: Welcome. I can't wait to hear your Boise story!

Best wishes,
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Facts at a Glance

The city of Boise is located in a broad basin along the Boise River valley. It is the state's capital city and the county seat for Ada County. Westward along the valley, the cities of Meridian, Eagle, Kuna, Nampa and Caldwell create a sprawling metropolitan area.

The Boise City-Nampa metropolitan statistical area comprises Ada, Boise, Canyon, Gem and Owyhee counties. These counties form the most densely populated area in the state of Idaho. This region is referred to as the "Treasure Valley," so named for the gold and silver once mined in the area.

Geography

The geological forces that created the area resulted in foothills that sweep up from the city to mountains 7,600 feet in altitude. The plain in which most of the greater Boise area is located is at 2,730 feet in elevation. A large concentration of geothermal wells, springs and hot springs is located throughout the foothills.

Tax structure

Idaho has one of the most balanced tax systems in the nation. Revenues are obtained from personal income tax, sales tax and property tax. This structure, coupled with moderate tax rates, provides a good climate for economic growth.

Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 2018

City of Boise	228,807
Ada County.....	435,117
Boise MSA.....	639,768
Canyon County	223,449
State of Idaho.....	1,754,208

Population growth

Source: US Census Bureau, 2018

1990-00	4.5%	2009-10	1.9%
2000-01	3.6%	2010-11	1.6%
2001-02	2.8%	2011-12	1.6%
2002-03	2.4%	2012-13	2.0%
2003-04	2.5%	2013-14	2.2%
2004-05	3.0%	2014-15	1.8%
2005-06	4.2%	2015-16	2.2%
2006-07	3.4%	2016-17	2.7%
2007-08	2.1%	2017-18	3.0%
2008-09	1.3%		

Ethnic/race breakdown

Source: US Census Bureau, 2018

White Alone	88.1%	Black Alone.....	3.2%
Hispanic	8.8%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific	
Asian Alone	4.9%	Islander.....	0.2%
American India/Alaskan		Two or more Races.....	2.8%
Native Alone	1.6%		

Topography and climate

Ada County

Land area	1,020 square miles
Boise elevation	2,730 feet
Mean temperature	52.5 degrees
Rain	11.66 inches per year
Snowfall	19 inches per year
Sunny days	206 per year

Housing – median home price

Intermountain MLS Statistics, 2019 Q3 Report

Ada County

New construction	\$331,450
Existing homes	\$394,858

Employment

Annual 2016, Idaho Department of Labor, October 2019

Total Employed

City of Boise	131,441
Ada County.....	248,018
Nampa City	42,854
State of Idaho.....	858,809

Unemployment Rate

City of Boise	2.4%
Ada County.....	2.5%
Boise MSA.....	2.7%
State of Idaho.....	2.9%
United States.....	3.6%

Per Capita Income

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2018

Ada County.....	\$52,958
Canyon County	\$32,680
Idaho.....	\$43,901

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Boise boasts a string of parks along the Boise River

Boise: City of Trees

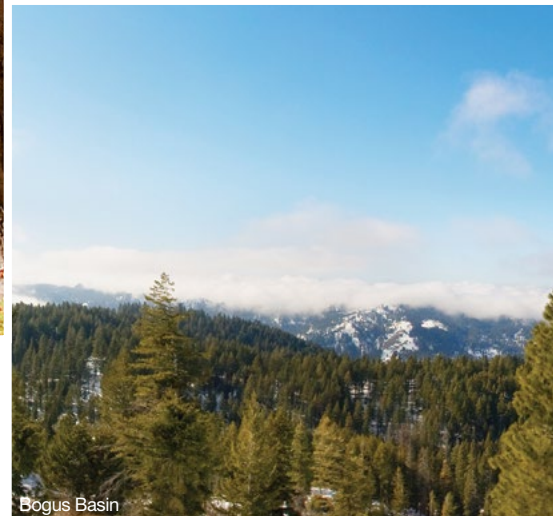
Boise is a big city with the heart of a small town. Nestled in Treasure Valley and surrounded by foothills, Boise has the wide-open feel of the Wild West with a walkable downtown, world-class amenities and a wealth of opportunities for fun and adventure. It is the state capital, Idaho's largest city and the third-largest city in the Pacific Northwest.

For many who live here, Boise is a dream come true. Housing is relatively affordable, whether you live in a downtown high-rise, in a bungalow or a stately Victorian in the historic North End, in a mid-century ranch house on the Bench or in the outlying bedroom communities.

There's little to no traffic; rush hours are over in minutes. But the great outdoors may be its greatest asset. Skiing is less than an hour's drive and just 16.5 miles away. Foothill trails by the hundreds skirt the city. A river runs right through town, with floating and boating in summer and prime opportunities for anglers all year long. Boise is also a center for culture, arts, finance and politics.



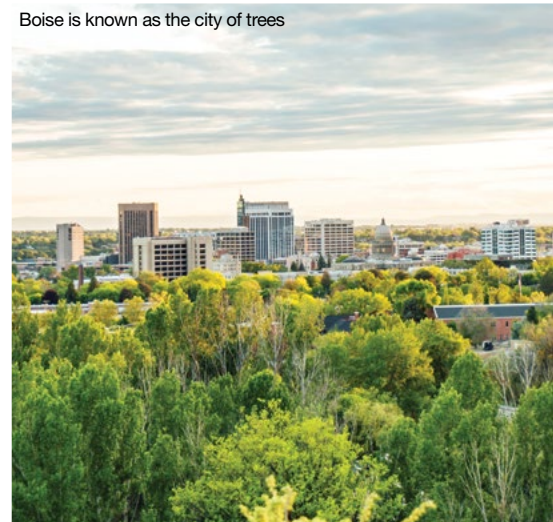
The view from Bogus Basin



Bogus Basin



A view of downtown Boise on winter



Boise is known as the city of trees

City of Trees

Yesterday

The Coeur d'Alene, Kalispell, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Paiute Indians lived in the Idaho territory long before the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived in 1805. That expedition opened the way for others, including fur traders, who followed La Rivière Bois. The river was named from the French "bois," which means woods, timber or forests. This is how the City of Boise got its name and its nickname: the City of Trees.

In 1863, Boise was incorporated and proclaimed the capital of the Idaho Territory.

In 1886, the Capitol building was completed, one year before Boise had its first streetcar. Since then, Boise has grown steadily.



An old-fashioned soda fountain



Cycling in style

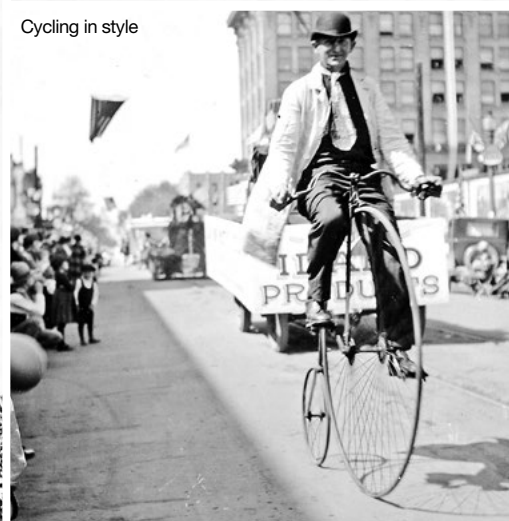




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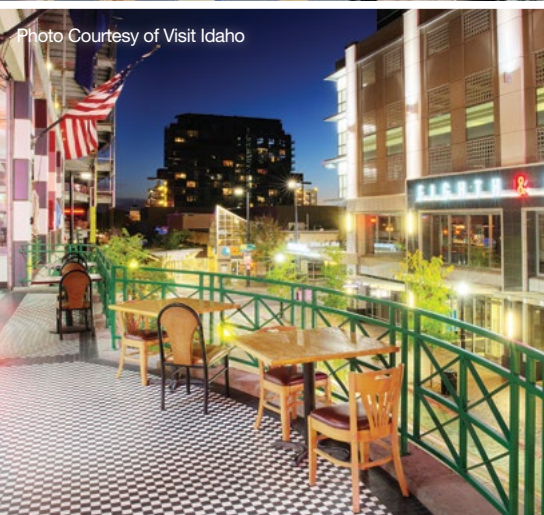
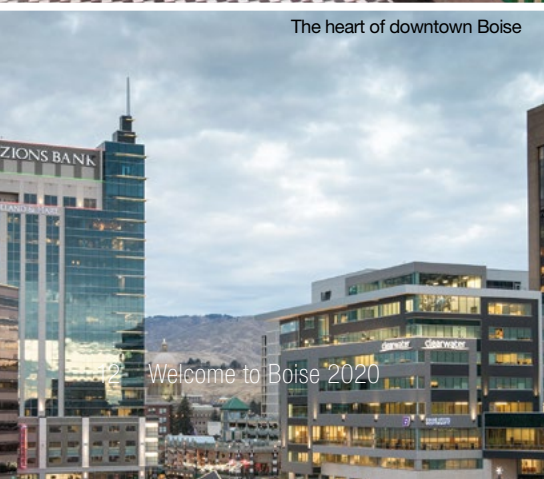


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The heart of downtown Boise

Boi-see Not Boi-zee

Boasting a low cost of living, Boise is part of Idaho's "banana belt" — it has a moderate climate and is pleasant year round.

There are more than 85 miles of trails and pathways for hiking, biking or jogging in the Boise foothills. And the area's 20 public golf courses get used often, with an average of 325 playable days a year. Beyond the foothills, the landscape is shaped with mountains, lakes, reservoirs and high-valley prairies, perfect for hunting, camping, fishing and boating.

Boise also has become a major regional center for business and education.



The Morrison Park fountain



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Boise regularly makes the top of the list as one of the best places to live, raise children and do business. Situated on the valley floor at the base of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, the city is alive and growing, offering a plethora of educational and career opportunities. And, literally within minutes, you can move from work to play, casting a line into the Boise River, hiking on a foothills trail or skiing on a cushion of powdery snow.

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Boise Attractions

The Boise River was the star attraction when fur trappers first arrived here in the early 1800s. Now, more than 100 years later, “La Rivière Bois” retains that status as it winds through the heart of the city.

And that is just the beginning – there are many more sights to see and experience here. City parks, each unique, line the Boise River as it flows through the city. Within walking distance of the river are many downtown points of interest, and more are outside city limits. We have included as many as we can think of here, in alphabetical order. Can you find more?

Ann Morrison Park

Ann Morrison Park, Boise's largest park, is a popular end point for Boise River floaters. It features athletic fields, a lighted fountain, picnic facilities, cycle and jogging paths and playgrounds. New in 2019, it also now features the Together Treasure Valley Dog Island, a 5.4-acre dog park in the southwest corner off Americana Boulevard.

Aquarium of Boise

The Aquarium of Boise on Cole Road has more than 250 species of animal and marine life. It is home to sharks and puffers, stingrays and reptiles, a bird aviary and tide pools and more. It's a hands-on experience, too – you can pet and feed sharks and rays. Aquariumboise.net

Barber Park

Barber Park is a county park located along the Boise River six miles upstream, and is the starting point for raft and tube trips down the Boise River, which offers year-round fishing for rainbow trout even in the middle of downtown.

Basque Block

Boise has one of the highest concentrations of Basques in the U.S. The Basque Block, on Grove Street between Sixth Street and Capitol Boulevard, houses several historical buildings, including the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. The museum comprises a complex of buildings including the original boarding house that was home to many Basque immigrants and sheepherders from 1910 through the 1970s. Basquecenter.com

BoDo

Located at the crossroads of Broad and Eighth Streets, BoDo is a four-block, multi-use shopping, dining and entertainment district that combines the renovated warehouses of the Eighth Street Marketplace with new construction. Businesses include several hotels, a multi-screen movie complex, fine and casual dining, coffee shops, wine shops, a concert venue, a dozen or more national and local retail and specialty shops, art galleries and two parking garages.

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Ski Resort

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Ski Resort, about 16.5 miles north of Boise, offers 2,600 acres of day skiing and 165 acres of night skiing, featuring 91 runs, seven chairlifts and a conveyor lift. Deep powder, short lift lines, nearly 23 miles of groomed Nordic ski trails and a children's tubing hill complete the recreation area. In the summer, the Deer Point chairlift takes people and bicycles up – you can come back down on the chairlift or by bicycle for a thrilling trail ride. The Glade Runner, a 4,330-foot-alpine mountain coaster, can take you on 25-mile-per-hour twists and turns.

Boise Art Museum

Boise Art Museum (BAM) features a range of exhibitions, from cutting-edge to historical. BAM also hosts one of the Northwest's most popular arts and crafts festivals, Art in the Park, held the weekend after Labor Day.

Boise Depot

Up Capitol Boulevard from downtown is the city's most photogenic landmark: the stately, mission-style Boise Depot, completed in 1925 when the railroads still ruled the West. Today, enhanced by the scenic nearby Platt Gardens, the depot offers one of the best views of downtown Boise. Open houses and tours are available Sundays and Mondays.

Boise River Greenbelt

The Boise River Greenbelt, a system of walking and biking paths along both banks of the Boise River, is about 25 miles long and has pathways for jogging, skating, cycling or just strolling. With towering trees, lush growth and abundant small wildlife – including eagles, deer and foxes – it is one of Boise's most popular features.

The Bown House

The Bown House lies along the Oregon Trail and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1879 by Joseph and Temperance Bown and features sandstone quarried from the local foothills. Today, it is used as a teaching classroom of a home of the 1800s, including furniture, kitchen and laundry items, toys, newspapers and more. It is on the site of the Riverside Elementary School and is open to the public on the first Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

City Hall Plaza

City Hall Plaza is in the heart of downtown in front of City Hall. It features a fountain, arboretum and historical artifacts and is a great place to sit and relax when exploring the city.



Capitol Building



Boise Art Museum



Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial

Cottonwood Park

In 2019, Boise City held a grand opening for an accessible and inclusive playground at this park, located in West Boise near Pioneer Elementary School. The park provides multisensory experiences for park users and encourages all children to play no matter their age, ability or stage of development.

C.W. Moore Park

C.W. Moore Park is a quaint city park at the corner of Fifth and Grove streets that features pieces of Boise's past architecture — recognizable pieces and parts of buildings that were razed and demolished — and one of Boise's original waterwheels (it still works). It's a great place to take a coffee or lunch break or to relax any time.

The Discovery Center of Idaho

At the edge of Julia Davis Park, the Discovery Center of Idaho is a participatory science and industry facility with a unique, hands-on learning environment fun for children and adults.

Downtown Boise

Downtown Boise offers shopping, urban parks, cultural facilities, sidewalk cafes and buildings of architectural interest. Self-guided walking tours are available through the Boise City Department of Arts and History and feature public art by local artists, including work on dozens of traffic boxes.

Eagle Island State Park

Eagle Island State Park, a few miles west of Boise in the city of Eagle, has a natural swimming area just off the Boise River, plus picnic grounds and a waterslide.

Esther Simplot Park

The Esther Simplot Park is an expansive, 55-acre site encompassing 23 acres of ponds suitable for fishing, wading and swimming. The park features include trails, docks, wetlands, boardwalks, shelters, grassy open areas, a playground, bridges and restrooms. The paths in the park total approximately 1 mile in length. The park is the most recent addition to the "Ribbon of Jewels," a string of riverside parks named for prominent local women.

Floating the Boise River

Floating the Boise River from Barber Park into the city is a popular summer-time activity for people of all ages. Tubes or rafts can be rented at Barber Park and parking or shuttle service is available for a small fee.

Freak Alley Gallery

What began as one painting on the alley side of a downtown establishment has blossomed to become "the largest outdoor gallery in the Northwest." Here, you can see open-air works by local artists, both professionals and students. The art changes season to season. Freak Alley is located between Eighth and Ninth and Bannock and Idaho streets.

The Grove

At the focal point of the downtown area lies The Grove, Boise's public plaza. The Grove is the venue for many community events, including Alive After Five, a weekly event during the spring and summer months that features live music, food and entertainment.

Historic buildings

Boise's pioneer heritage has been preserved in numerous historic buildings in the downtown area, including four shopping districts — Old Boise at Sixth and Main streets; the central downtown core at the corner of downtown at Eighth and Idaho streets; BoDo District at the crossroads of Broad and Eighth streets; and the Linen District along Grove between 14th and 15th streets. All feature specialty shopping in renovated and restored buildings that reflect Boise's past.

Other buildings of historic interest include the restored 1927 Egyptian Theater (Capitol Boulevard and Main); the French chateau-style Idanha Hotel, now converted into apartments (10th and Main); the Alexander Building (Ninth and Main); the Union Block (on Idaho between Seventh and Eighth); Pioneer Building (Sixth and Main); Fidelity Building (Eighth and Idaho); the Hoff Building (Eighth and Bannock); the old Central Fire Station (Sixth and Idaho) and the original U.S. Assay Office (between Idaho and Main, and Second and Third Streets). Near downtown, several churches are also of interest for history buffs.

Hyde Park

Hyde Park, on North 13th Street in Boise's historic North End neighborhood, has been a thriving commercial district since the turn of the 20th century. Today, it's a popular gathering place that includes a variety of restaurants, unique antique shops, boutiques and galleries.

Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial

A few blocks west of downtown at the intersection of Eighth Street and the Greenbelt is the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial. This educational park consists of the Human Rights Wall, inscribed with more than 60 quotations and stories from human rights heroes; two reflecting ponds; three waterfalls; an amphitheater; and a life-sized bronze sculpture of Anne Frank.

Idaho Black History Museum

The Idaho Black History Museum was established to preserve, enhance and display information regarding African-American culture as an essential part of Idaho's diverse heritage. Housed in the historic St. Paul Baptist Church building in Julia Davis Park, the museum presents exhibits and provides educational and community outreach programs including lectures, films, workshops, literacy programs and musical performances.

Idaho Botanical Garden

The Idaho Botanical Garden, located on the grounds of the Old Penitentiary, is a regional destination garden on 15 acres, featuring an ever-expanding range of horticultural offerings. It has 14 separate theme and display gardens, including the Lewis and Clark Native Plant Garden. Annual events include the Great Garden Escape concert series, National Public Garden Day in May, the Fall Harvest Festival and Winter Garden aGlow during the winter holidays. It also hosts outdoor summer concerts in its Outlaw Field and Bug Day in August.

Idaho State Museum

This completely rebuilt museum reopened in 2019 with space for national traveling exhibits. It is billed as a "fun, interactive experience where people of all ages and backgrounds come to explore



Jack's Urban Meeting Place



Memorial Rose Garden



Photo Courtesy of Wahooz Family Fun Zone



Freak Alley



The Grove

the story of Idaho,” and includes classroom and event space. History.idaho.gov/museum

Idaho Museum of Military History

The Idaho Museum of Military History, at Gowen Field south of the Boise Airport, is dedicated to Idaho military history and to those who served in America's conflicts from post Civil War to the present. It features displays and military memorabilia.

Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology

Next door to the Old Pen, as the locals call it (see the Old Idaho Penitentiary) is the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology, featuring the state's colorful history of mining and geology through historical photograph and artifact exhibits.

Idaho IceWorld

The Gem State's premier spot for indoor family ice skating and entertainment, this center offers adult and youth hockey leagues, figure skating programs, lessons, and public skate sessions on two NHL regulation-size ice rinks. The venue also features a large banquet/event facility, a catering kitchen, an arcade, restaurants and more. It's located just off I-84 at the Gowen Road exit next to the Boise Factory Outlet Mall.

Idaho State Capitol

Down Capitol Boulevard is the Idaho State Capitol, a smaller version of the nation's Capitol and the only statehouse in the country heated with natural geothermal hot water. Built from native sandstone quarried at nearby Table Rock, it was completed in 1920.

Julia Davis Park

Julia Davis Park is the site of several of Boise's main attractions. Named for a pioneer family, the 90-acre park lies along the Boise River in the center of the city. It includes picnic facilities, playgrounds, tennis and bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, public art, a playground, boat rentals (featuring swan-shaped paddle boats) and a bandshell. It is home to The Idaho Historical Museum, Boise Art Museum, the Memorial Rose Garden, Zoo Boise, the Idaho Black History Museum, the Discovery Center of Idaho and the Bloch Cancer Survivor Plaza.

J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation Boise Whitewater Park

This popular spot on the Greenbelt by

Esther Simplot Park is the place to surf, kayak and SUP in the heart of the city. It opened eight years ago, and in 2019, Phase 2 launched with a new mechanical wave that offers a challenging ride for experts.

Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park

The 60-acre Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park includes a band shell, Bocce ball, tennis courts, basketball, gardens, ponds, fishing, a playground, and volleyball, among other amenities. It is the site of the Meridian Senior Center and the Rock of Honor Memorial Monument for Veterans, adjacent to The Village at Meridian.

Jack's Urban Meeting Place (JUMP)

Jack's Urban Meeting Place is a “creative center and community gathering place” in downtown Boise. It was created in memory of J.R. (Jack) Simplot, the famous Idaho potato magnate. After his death in 2008, plans began to create a place to honor his legacy. The center, which is often open to the public, includes an antique tractor collection and ongoing classes to enrich, educate, entertain and delight. The center also includes a park with an outdoor amphitheater, play areas and climbing equipment for all ages, including two slides: One is a group slide, the other is a five-story slide. Jumpboise.org

Kathryn Albertson Park

Across Americana Boulevard from Ann Morrison Park, near the Boise River, is Kathryn Albertson Park featuring 41 acres of wildlife, ponds and a fountain, plus paved footpaths, restrooms and gazebos and a passive botanical and wildlife park. In 2019, construction was underway to refresh landscaping and turn open turf into meadows.

Lucky Peak State Park

Lucky Peak State Park, about eight miles east of Boise, offers year-round fishing and in the summer features water skiing and sailing in the reservoir, plus swimming at Sandy Point Beach below the Lucky Peak Dam. If you're lucky enough to be around in the spring when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers discharges water from the lake, you'll be able to see an amazing site called “the rooster tail.”

Memorial Rose Garden

The Memorial Rose Garden in Julia Davis Park is a favorite spot for flower lovers and is a lovely, fragrant place to stroll or relax. The garden has about 2,400 roses every year and is a popular site for weddings.

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Boise's Whitewater Park

Military Reserve Park

Military Reserve Park, located at Fort and Reserve streets, is a 466-acre historic and natural attraction that encompasses the Old Boise Barracks, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and hiking trails in the Foothills that offer spectacular views over the city. As of 2019, Boise City has opened a fenced dog park and a bike park with a variety of features and amenities.

Morrison Knudsen Nature Center

At the edge of Municipal Park is the one-of-a-kind Morrison Knudsen (MK) Nature Center, a living museum that, among other things, lets you see sturgeon and the life of a mountain stream through underwater viewing windows and interpretive signs.

Julius M. Kleiner Municipal Park

Heading upriver from Julia Davis Park is Municipal Park, on Walnut Street off Warm Springs Avenue. The park has playgrounds and picnic facilities adjacent to the Idaho Fish and Game headquarters (your source for hunting and fishing information and licenses). It is a favorite place for family reunions and company picnics (but no dogs allowed).

The O'Farrell Cabin

On the grounds of the Military Reserve Park is the O'Farrell Cabin, considered to be the city's first permanent residence and first place of Catholic worship. Limited tours are available.

Old Boise Historic District

Old Boise Historic District, located at Sixth and Main Streets, offers an array of businesses, including restaurants, unique

shops and nightlife. oldboise.com

Old Idaho Penitentiary

Toward the end of Warm Springs lies the Old Idaho Penitentiary, built in 1870 and used until 1973. The Old Pen held many Wild West desperadoes in its time, and many of their stories are told in a slide show and self-guided tour. In recent years, the Old Pen has been a popular site for paranormal investigations and has been featured on TV shows, including Ghost Adventures on the Travel Channel. At Halloween, the site hosts Frightened Felons, an event that attracts thousands and features the Thrill the World Boise zombie dancers. Today, the site also houses the Idaho Transportation Exhibit and the History of Electricity in Idaho Exhibit. history.idaho.gov/old-idaho-penitentiary-faq

Rhodes Skate Park

Located in west downtown near the Linen District, this skate park provides ramps, bowls and more for inline skating and skateboarding. E-scooters and motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial State Park, off of State Street, features 100-year-old cedars along the Boise River, a large fishing lake, extensive trails and a children's playground.

The Village at Meridian

The Village at Meridian, at the corner of Fairview and Eagle Roads in Meridian, features a plaza-like park dotted with trees, a dancing Bellagio-style fountain, live music in temperate months and an outdoor ice-skating rink in the winter. The plaza is rimmed by shops, restaurants and a 15-screen movie theater and is adjacent to the Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park.

Victorian mansions on Warm Springs Avenue

A number of stately Victorian mansions line Warm Springs Avenue, with grand front yards and driveways. Many are heated by Boise's geothermal resources.

World Center for Birds of Prey

Just south of Boise is the World Center for Birds of Prey, where you can see dozens of species of raptors up close. Managed by the Peregrine Fund, the site includes the Velma Morrison Interpretive Center, the Condor Cliffs and more. peregrinefund.org

Zoo Boise

Zoo Boise is a nationally accredited facility that safely and humanely exhibits living animals. It is home to more than 200 animals from more than 80 different species, including the largest display of birds of prey in the Northwest. Special features include Butterflies in Bloom, June to September; the Giraffe Encounter; the Sloth Bear Encounter; the Zoo Farm; the Small Animal Kingdom and, an African plains exhibit. In 2019, the zoo expanded the Gorongosa National Park exhibit and added crocodiles, baboons, hyenas and more. zooboise.org

More local area attractions

More attractions are outside of Boise, but still close by, including Roaring Springs Waterpark, Wahooz Fun Center and Pinz Bowling Center, the Meridian Speedway racetrack in Meridian, and in Nampa the RollerDrome indoor roller skating rink and Warhawk Air Museum, featuring aircraft from U.S. wars.



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Treefort Music Fest

Welcomes Springtime in Boise

Indie music event expands with a variety of subforts

The Treefort music festival was conceived in 2011 when the founders realized that bands they liked weren't stopping in Boise. They thought they needed to open a new venue.

Soon, however, the group realized they didn't need to go quite that far. Instead, they just needed to start booking shows.

Six short months later, in March of 2012, the first Treefort music festival kicked off with 180 bands and three days of shows, in venues all around the city.

Now in its ninth year, the festival has grown to upward of 300 bands performing in at least 27 venues, plus 11 specialized subforts. With these additions, there's something for almost anyone at Treefort. Subforts in 2020 will include:

- Alefort
- Artfort
- Comedyfort
- Filmfort
- Foodfort
- Hackfort
- Kidfort
- Skatefort
- Storyfort
- Yogafort
- Dragfort

The event sells about 25,000 tickets to individual attendees, and each visitor stays about 2.5 days on average, organizers say. Buy tickets and learn more at treefortmusicfest.com.

Insider tip: Download the Treefort app, available on iOS and Google Play, to start listening to the music of bands who will take the stage in March. You can build your own playlist or make one for a friend. The app also shows up-to-date news, scheduling and venue information.

Where to stay: Unlike music festivals such as Coachella or Lollapalooza, Treefort is not designed for camping. Instead, it's meant to be a little more comfortable and grown-up, said founder Drew Lorona. Visitors are encouraged to book downtown hotels and Airbnbs early.

What to wear: Come as you are, organizers say. Attendees are unlikely to see a lot of glitter, feathers and glow-in-the-dark costumes, but are encouraged to wear comfy layers and to bring their "coolest" jackets. Ear plugs, reusable stainless steel beer cups and walking shoes are also encouraged.

What to expect: For Treefort proper, attendees will find a wide variety of indie bands, in a variety of genres. There are many unknown artists, but few if any well-known touring groups, organizers say. Be prepared to find a new favorite!



Dates: July 28 - Aug. 2



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Jaialdi Highlights

Basque Culture

Global event attracts locals, international visitors alike

The Basque Festival is held each summer in downtown Boise, bringing dance, music and tasty dishes to Grove Street, between Capitol Boulevard and 6th Street. Attending is a must for anyone new to the Boise area. It's been held since the '70s

Once every five years, however, the festival expands dramatically to become Jaialdi, one of the biggest Basque festivals in the world. The five-day party lasts all day and into the night and welcomes upward of 30,000 visitors, said Julie Hahn, event spokeswoman.

Events and activities include:

- **Food, drink and music:** Head to the Basque Block to see strolling musicians and get a taste of Basque culture. Check out the sidewalks for Basque music notation, and don't miss the museum and market.
- **Sports night:** Venture inside the CenturyLink Arena to watch athletes perform traditional feats of strength, ranging from stone and wagon lifting to hay bale throwing and wood chopping. Tickets go fast.
- **Street dancing:** Join the crowd and sashay, stomp or sway to the beat, with live music from Basque and Basque-American bands.
- **Festara:** Watch as international dancers delight audiences at the Morrison Center with traditional Basque dancing and costumes. 2020 is slated to include performers from Euskal Herria and from Boise's famous Oinkari Basque Dancers.
- **Basque-ing at Expo Idaho:** For even more cultural dance and fun, head to the fairgrounds to watch dozens of groups from around the world perform.
- **Jaialdi Mass:** Attend this sacred event, celebrated in both Basque and English, to see a liturgical dance performance by the Boise Onati Dancers on the altar at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

The streets and sidewalks will be full of international visitors during the festival, but locals are more than welcome, Hahn says.

"I hope they use it as an entry point into the culture," she said. "You don't have to be Basque to realize how fun it is and how proud the Basque culture is."

Find tickets and information at jaialdi.com.

"Everyone is Basque during Jaialdi," - Julie Hahn, an active member of the Basque community in Boise and spokeswoman for Jaialdi




What to drink: Try Kalimotxo (pronounced cal-ee-mo-cho), a tasty summer drink of red wine and cola on ice.

What to eat: If you haven't tried Basque croquetas, the festival is your prime opportunity. These crunchy balls of fried dough give way to a soft, creamy center reminiscent of mashed potatoes. Look for different fillings and spices, and don't forget to let them cool before biting down!

Insider Tip: Organizers and locals agree that the dancing at Expo Idaho is not to be missed. Attendees are encouraged to jump on the shuttle bus from the Basque Block to the Expo, especially if they've been enjoying delicious adult beverages. Get your tickets early and bring cash for souvenirs and jewelry.





New Year's Eve in downtown Boise

Spuds, Skis & Ice Sculpting

at the Idaho Potato Drop

Downtown Boise lights up on New Year's Eve

Conceived seven years ago by Dylan Cline and a group of collaborators, the Idaho Potato Drop in downtown Boise has become an annual tradition.

The event brings light and laughter on one of the darkest days of the year — New Year's Eve. It takes up most of Cecil D. Andrus Park, located right in front of the Idaho Capitol building.

The event, which closes surrounding streets, is designed to be a safe option for revelers and friendly to families and children. In fact, the event features a 6 p.m. "pseudo New Year's" for families with young kids, Cline says.


In the evening, the event lights up with concerts on the main stage, an LED dance floor, a heated VIP room for ticketholders and a heated (and free) family tent.

The big potato drops from a crane at midnight, punctuated by a spectacular fireworks display. In 2020, guests were serenaded by the Cowboy Junkies, a rock and folk band from Ontario, Canada. Find tickets and more at idahopotatodrop.com.

Fun fact: The first Idaho Potato has been converted into a tiny rental bed and breakfast featuring a queen-size bed, a few chairs and a chandelier made of elk horns.

Is it a real Idaho potato?


This question is often asked by newcomers, but the answer is no. Now in its second iteration, the potato that gets dropped is made of fiberglass. The builders started with four blocks carved into a potato shape, then sprayed that mold with a material that would eventually become its shell. Eyes were cut out strategically to allow access and room for the glowing features, and perfectly balanced trusses were added inside to house electronics and rigging.




Boise is an easy drive to a number of ski areas

Other daytime activities include:


- ◆ 5k Run/Walk: Looking to warm up from the inside out? This race is the perfect way to get your blood pumping (and to work off some of those holiday indulgences).
- ◆ Urban Air 2020 Ski and Snowboard Exhibition: Watch skiers and snowboarders fly through the air as they twist, flip and spin on custom-built snow features.
- ◆ Ice Sculpting: Presented by the McCall Winter Carnival, sculptors create beautiful works of frozen art in the cold December air.
- ◆ Potato Belt Championship: Watch local professional wrestlers battle it out in the ring as they ring in the new year.
- ◆ Food court: Interested in suds to go with your spuds? Vendors offer beer, barbecue and, of course, crispy potato french fries!



Idaho celebrates its leading crop at the potato drop



An ice sculpture by the Capitol



The potato drops at midnight, welcoming the new year

Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic

Bright colors greet the morning sun

For five days in early September, Boise's morning skies are filled with brightly colored balloons and visitors from around the West. The event, now in its 30th year, includes inspiring music and announcements from local radio DJs. It is sponsored by CapEd Credit Union, which also offers the Read to Rise contest, bringing hot air balloons to local schools when students reach reading goals.

Kickoff for the main festival begins each morning at about 7:15 at Ann Morrison Park, and balloons can be seen throughout the city until about 9 a.m.

On the final evening of the Balloon Classic, all the balloon operators join together to light up their stationary balloons for a one-of-a-kind Nite Glo. Popular among families, couples and tourists, the event showcases the beauty and wonder of hot air balloons right in the center of the park. Learn more at spiritofboise.com.

Insider tip: Leave the dogs at home! Boise is known for having the most dogs per capita of any state in the U.S., and Ann Morrison Park is a favorite spot for dog lovers and pups alike. However, dogs aren't invited to the Spirit of Boise. It's not that the organizers don't love dogs. Instead, they want to protect their hearing. The burners that power the balloons make a very high-pitched sound that isn't audible to humans but that can damage the delicate ears of fur babies, organizers say.



Balloons soar above the Boise River.
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Spirit of Boise's popular balloon glow



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There are so many things to do and places to go in Boise, you'll never run out of options!

Boise is a routine stop on national tour itineraries. Elton John performed in 2019, and the Avett Brothers, Journey, Cher, the Doobie Brothers and Korn are set to play in 2020. Other legendary performers such as The Rolling Stones, Neil Young, Elton John, Sting, Snoop Dog, and many more have performed here, and Broadway shows light up the nights. Classical performers such as Josh Groban, Itzhak Perlman, the Boston Pops and the world-famous Vienna Boys and Mormon Tabernacle Choirs have treated sell-out audiences.

Like to go to the movies? Boise has a variety of choices, from the Edwards 21-screen multiplex and IMAX theater to the historic Egyptian Theatre, which features Boise Classic Movies, concerts, lectures and more. Or try The Flicks, Boise's art house theater, where you can wine and dine before, during or after your movie, inside or out on the patio. There also is a nine-screen Edwards Theater complex in BoDo; The Village Cinema 15 in Meridian, which features D-Box motion seats and

includes its own restaurant, The Backstage Bistro, which serves adult beverages; Meridian's Majestic Cinemas with 18 screens and several smaller discount cinema complexes (aka "dollar movies") scattered around the city.

Catch live music any day – or night – of the week at Boise concert houses, nightclubs, restaurants, coffeehouses and even on street corners. Live theater, concerts, slam poetry, storytelling, opera and dance round out the arts and entertainment scene in Boise.

After dark, Boise's downtown streets come alive as crowds of people roam from one place to another, taking in night life at coffeehouses and nightclubs with music, dancing and live comedy.

And, cheers! If you are a craft beer aficionado or an oenophile, you're in luck. We have breweries large and small, each one catering to its loyal following. In addition to a number of tasting rooms and wine bars scattered throughout the city and beyond, including those in wineries surrounding Nampa and Cardwell, you can tip a glass in Garden City at a variety of local wineries.

SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

First Thursday

This monthly event takes place on the first Thursday of each month, when downtown Boise businesses offer extended hours to give the public an opportunity to stroll through some of the city's unique galleries and stores while enjoying entertainment, events and restaurants. **208-385-7300 or downtownboise.org**

Treefort Music Fest

Get a taste of the local music and art scene with appearances from national and regional musicians. March 25 – 29. **treefortmusicfest.com**

Boise Flower & Garden Show

Now in its 24th year, this show includes garden displays, wine and jazz nights, gardening seminars, an exotic orchid sale, a bonsai exhibition and a judged flower show, among others. At the Boise Centre in downtown Boise. March 27 – 29. **gardenshowboise.com**

Capital City Public Market

Local farmers and producers set up along the Eighth Street corridor between The Grove and Bannock Street to sell their products to residents and visitors. April to December. **208-345-3499 or capitalcity-publicmarket.com**

Boise Farmers Market

This is every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. at 1500 Shoreline Drive in Boise from April to October, with an indoor market at the same location in November and December. **theboisefarmers-market.com**

Eagle Saturday Market

This local market is held at Heritage Park in Eagle, April to October.

Meridian Farmers Market and Bazaar

This takes place in the Ustick Marketplace II on Eagle Road, May to September.

Boise Pridefest

Founded in 1989, Boise Pride Fest is set to celebrate its 31st anniversary this year. It includes a full week of events plus booths, concerts and

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more. June. boisepridefest.org

Lavender Festival

Pick fresh, food-grade lavender, purchase plants, sample products and make your own crafts at this annual festival, held at the Lavender Merchant farms in Kuna. June 27-28. thelavendermerchant.net

Gene Harris Jazz Festival

Started by "Idaho's Musical Ambassador to the World," the Gene Harris Jazz Festival features great public jazz concerts by world-class musicians, competitions and jam sessions. April 1-2. geneharris.org

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Basque Festival

This event welcome travelers from around the world each year. Every five years, the festival hosts Jaialdi, which ups the ante with sports, dance, traditional music and more. In 2020, Jaialdi will be July 29-Aug 2. jaialdi.com

Knobby Tire Mountain Bike Series

The Knobby Tire Mountain Bike Series promotes mountain bike races throughout the state of Idaho, endorsing health benefits and team spirit. Events occur May through August. knobbytireseries.com

Boise Music Week

A Boise tradition for 102 years, this 10-day musical event includes choral and full-cast musical theater performances throughout the city. Boise is nationally recognized as the first city to observe Music Week; other cities throughout the country have followed suit. May 2-12. boisemusicweek.org

Race for the Cure

The Boise Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure joins more than a million survivors and activists around the world working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the local community. The 5K run/walk is followed by a survivor parade and an awards ceremony. May 9. **208-384-0013** or komenidahomontana.org

Paddlesports Rendezvous

Bring your paddling passion to Paddlesports Rendezvous, which promotes paddlesports, education and safety and supports the protection of water resources. There will be free paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing demonstrations and educational clinics on topics such as water safety, kayak paddling, paddleboard and dressing for cold water. May 2-3. idahoriversports.com

Russian Food Festival

Come enjoy stroganoff, piroshki, blini, manti, borscht and baklava for dessert at this annual event. Watch readings by professional actors of Chekhov plays or tour the St. Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox church while you enjoy all of the amazing food. May 17-18. **208-345-1553** or stseraphim-boise.org/festival

Alive After Five

Wednesday evenings come "alive" on The Grove in downtown Boise with musicians, entertainers and great food. June to August. **208-472-5251** or downtownboise.org

Great Garden Escape Concert Series

Enjoy live music every Thursday evening June through September at Idaho Botanical Garden. Food and drink vendors are available, or you can bring your own picnic. **208-343-8649** or idahobotanicalgarden.org

Outlaw Field Summer Concert Series

Idaho Botanical Garden partners with the Knitting Factory to bring world-famous performers to their outdoor concert venue. **208-343-8649** or idahobotanicalgarden.org

Greek Food Festival

Enjoy Greek dancing, music and entertainment by Greek Mediterranean dancers while you partake in delicious souvlaki, dolmathes, gyros, pastries and much more. There is a suggested donation of \$1. May 31-June 1. **208-761-6087** or

Thrill the World



Boise Flower & Garden Show



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Winter Garden Aglow Photo Courtesy of Idaho Botanical Garden

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Saint Alphonsus Capital Classic Race

This children's race is designed to encourage children to be healthy and have fun. It is still one of the largest "children-only" races in the country. June. saintalphonsus.org

Emmett Cherry Festival

The cherry capital of the state celebrates with a carnival, arts and crafts, concessions, parades, music and dancing and cherry pie-eating contests. June 12-15. **208-365-3485** or emmettcherryfestival.com

National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest

The best fiddlers in the nation gather in Weiser for a heated hoedown competition. Live entertainment, carnival, arts and crafts, food and workshops. The banjo contest is June 16, 17; the fiddle contest is June 18-23. **208-414-0255** or fiddlecontest.com

Meridian Dairy Days

Celebrate Meridian's rural heritage with a dairy show, petting zoo, carnival and parade. June. **208-318-3981** or dairydays.org

Twilight Criterium

Ranked by VeloNews as the third best Criterium in the U.S., this premier cycling event draws more than 20,000 spectators to the streets of downtown Boise. Racers compete for the \$20,000 purse in cash and merchandise. July 11. downtownboise.org

Albertsons Boise Open

This Pro-Am golf tournament is presented and sponsored by Kraft Albertsons and Hillcrest Country Club,

and brings big names and newcomers to town. August. albertsonsboiseopen.com

Art in the Park

Boise Art Museum's annual three-day arts sale in beautiful Julia Davis Park showcases juried arts and crafts and features a variety of food booths and entertainment. September. **208-345-8330** or boiseartmuseum.org

Fourth of July Liberty Day Parade

This Fourth of July parade through downtown Boise features marching bands, antique cars, floats, fireworks and flag-waving fun. libertydayparade.com

Eagle Fun Days

This is a two-day community party with live music, Friday family fun night, Saturday Fun Run, street vendors, fireworks, the Wet & Wild Parade and a corn hole tournament and car show. July. cityofeagle.org/fundays

Snake River Stampede Rodeo

The Snake River Dayz signature event, Nampa's Pro-Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo, is one of the top 10 regular professional rodeos out of about 800 in the PRCA and features one of the largest all-horse parades in the West, as well as clowns, barrel racers and cowboys. July 14-18. **208-466-8497** or snakerivestampede.com

Caldwell Night Rodeo

Voted as one of the Top 5 Large Outdoor Pro-Rodeos out of 700 and listed among the top 20 Pro-Rodeos in the nation, the Caldwell Night Rodeo draws more than 45,000 fans to watch world-class cowboys and cowgirls compete for one of Pro-Rodeo's richest purses. August. **208-459-2060** or caldwellnightrodeo.com.

Western Idaho Fair

Big-name entertainment, carnival rides, games, food and traditional country fair activities at Expo Idaho. August 21-30. **208-287-5650** or idahofair.com

FitOne

This three-day event put on by St. Luke's starts with a two-day Women's Show and ends with thousands of women of all ages gathering to participate in this 5K/10k/half marathon run/walk event and expo with a party in the park afterward. September 24-26. **208-381-2221** or fitoneboise.org.

Hyde Park Street Fair

Celebrating Boise's quaint Bohemian neighborhood in the North End, live rock music, a plethora of arts and crafts and a beer garden and food court highlight this three-day fair in Camel's Back Park. Held the third weekend in September. northendboise.org.

Fall/Winter Events

First Thursday

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Thrill the World Boise

This event has been a Halloween tradition in Boise for more than 10 years. A tribute to Michael Jackson, it's a worldwide simultaneous dance of Michael Jackson's Thriller for world records and charity, held at the Boise Spectrum. thrilltheworldboise.com

Holiday Parade

The holiday season is heralded each year with a parade of floats, bands and Santa Claus. End of November. boiseholidayparade.org

Winter Garden Aglow

This holiday lights display at Idaho Botanical Garden includes hot refreshments and cookies to help you revel in the cheery atmosphere. November to January. 208-343-8649 or idahobotanicalgarden.org

Saint Alphonsus Festival Of Trees

Elaborately decorated trees are displayed and sold each year, with proceeds benefiting Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center's special programs. Thanksgiving weekend. saintalphonsus.org

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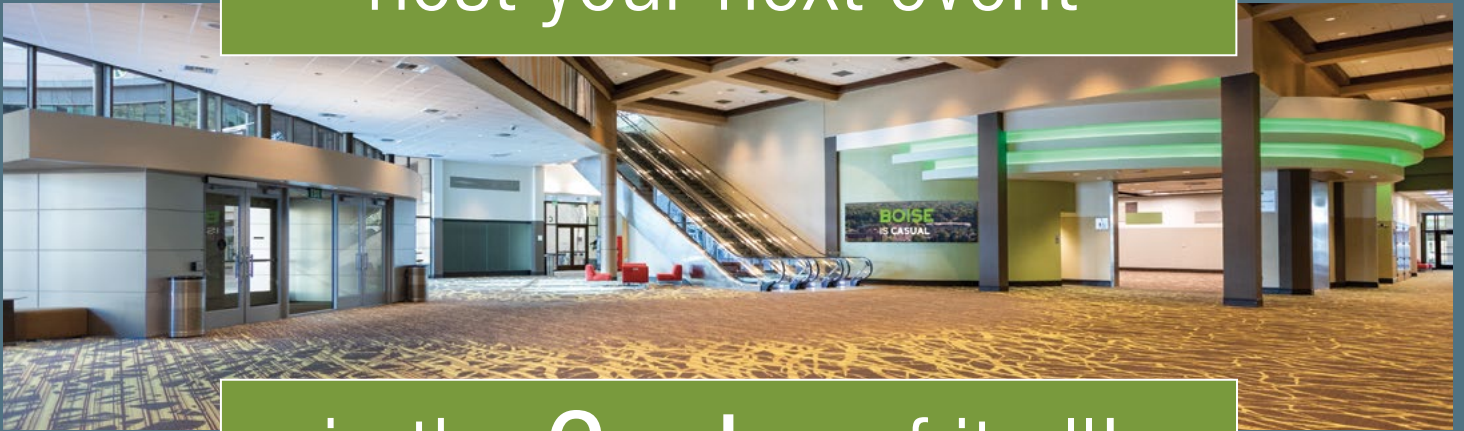
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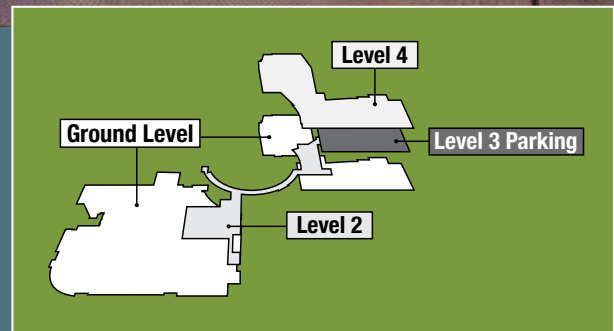
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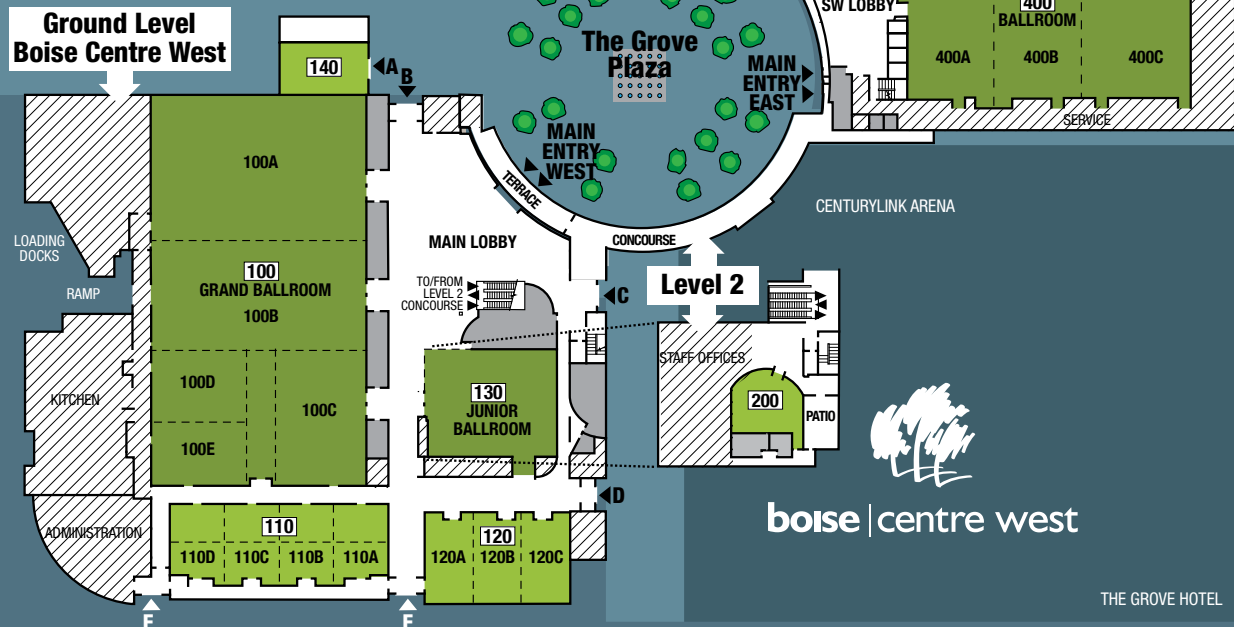
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Know Your Neighborhoods

Finding a home in Boise

Boise is a small but quickly growing city, and experts estimate that the population here has grown by almost 20% in the last decade.

As the city grows and welcomes thousands of new residents each year, housing prices are skyrocketing and neighborhoods are coming into their own.

Parks, amenities and schools are widely available in any neighborhood you choose, but each area offers local flavor that makes it unique.



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The quaint Hyde Park neighborhoods boasts historic homes and shops

The North End

The North End has long been one of Boise's premier neighborhoods, and it's known for its historic flair, active communities and proximity to downtown.

The area includes single-family homes dating back to the turn of the 20th century, unique shops and cafes in the Hyde Park district and the stunning Cathedral of the Rockies.

It also includes half of the city's 10 historic districts and a very active neighborhood association.

Look for fully matured trees and carefully pruned gardens, bicycles around every corner and a mix of housing types, ranging from small apartment buildings to luxurious homes and state-of-the-art condos.

The neighborhood sits right up against the Foothills and is the entrance to many hiking and biking trails. It is also home to Esther Simplot Park, Quinn's Pond and Boise Whitewater Park.

DON'T MISS:

Outdoors: Camel's Back Park/Hull's Gulch Reserve, 1200 Heron Street

This 11-acre park is complete with a playground, open fields, an outdoor gym and tennis courts. Hike to the top of the camel's back for stunning views of downtown Boise, especially during sunset hours. The rear side of the hill is home to Hull's Gulch Reserve, which was preserved for wildlife and native plants in the 1990s by a group of local residents.

Shopping: Boise Co-op, 888 W. Fort Street

For more than 45 years, this community-owned grocery store has been a major draw for locals and visitors alike. It offers everything from fresh deli favorites to gourmet cheese, local meats and even wine classes.

Dining: Hyde Park District, located on N. 13th Street

The Hyde Park District is home to a variety of shops, including two for coffee and one just for candy. You can also find bicycle repair, pizza, pubs, Mexican food and a breakfast cafe.



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Downtown

Boise's downtown is full of offices, shops, public plazas and community gathering spots, but is also home to some of the Treasure Valley's most elite multi-family housing for sale. It also offers a selection of apartment rentals, often in modern mixed-use buildings such as the Fowler, which offers units above a pizza parlor.

Warm Springs and the Foothills

The adjacent Warm Springs area is within walking distance of downtown but has a much more residential feel. The neighborhood is centered around Warm Springs Avenue, home to some of Boise's most iconic residences. Look for homes from different eras in a variety of styles, from Spanish Mission to Queen Anne, Mid-Century and Tudor. The street is also home to the famous Old Idaho Penitentiary and Idaho Botanical Gardens, which welcomes touring musical acts in the Outlaw Field Summer Concert Series.

University

The University area, just south of downtown, is chockfull of apartments and student housing. In the Lusk district, residents can choose fully furnished apartments, private dorms or one- and two-bedroom units within a 10-minute walk of the heart of downtown. Down Boise Avenue, additional options are available, including small apartment buildings and single-family homes divided into smaller rental spaces.

DON'T MISS:

Outdoors: Freak Alley, 210 N. 9th Street

This free outdoor art gallery features graffiti-style public art, and has been a must-see spot in Boise's downtown since 2002. Many of the murals are painted over every two years.

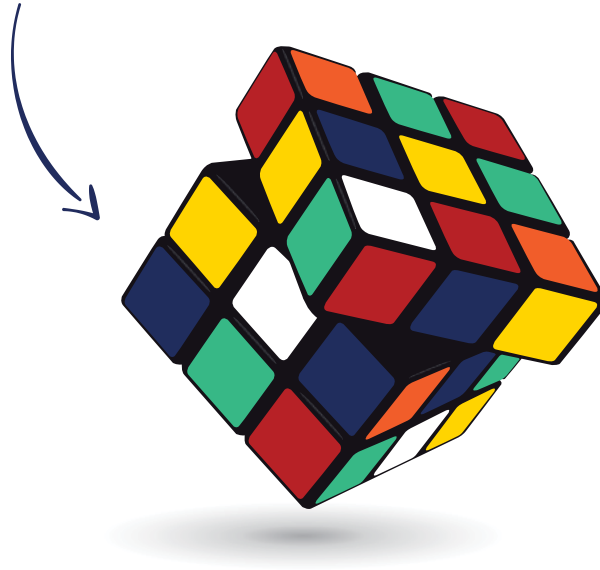
Dining: The 8th Street Marketplace

The best of Boise's quirky nightlife is to be found on 8th Street downtown, between Main and Bannock. The spot features 16 locally owned retailers, restaurants and bars including the Balcony, a gay-friendly club, and premier restaurants Fork and Red Feather Lounge.

Shopping: Specialty Shops Aplenty

Visitors can shop 'til they drop in downtown Boise, with locally owned hotspots for used books, pet supplies, knives, tea, Idaho-centric apparel, vinyl records, fine art and more. See a full list at downtownboise.org.

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Southeast Boise

This friendly, down-to earth neighborhood is welcoming and accessible, bounded by Federal Way and the Foothills on the east. This area is home to both starter homes and million-dollar mansions, with options ranging from condos to large lots.

Schools are highly rated, most residents own and many new Idahoans and young professional families call it home.

Southeast Boise, home to the Harris Ranch master planned community, is situated between the river and the Foothills. It's within walking distance of bars, eateries, community pools and more, plus a variety of outdoor activities.

Further south, you will find modern subdivisions in Craftsman and Contemporary styles, developed in the last three decades. The Micron complex is located at the far southern edge, featuring multiple professional buildings that offer employment to thousands of local residents.

DON'T MISS:

Dining: Tavern At Bown Crossing, 3111 S. Bown Way

This cozy neighborhood spot offers a huge menu including sushi, steak, brunch and more. Nearby, you'll find a public library, Boise Fry Company and Lucky 13 Pizza.

Shopping: Cravin's Candy Emporium, 3064 S. Bown Way

This adorable, nostalgic candy shop plays music from the movie "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on a loop.

Outdoors: Barber Park: 4049 S. Eckert Rd

This beautiful park is the kick-off point for Boise River floating in the summer and is a popular venue for events and weddings. If you plan to float, bring a little cash for parking and a shuttle trip back. You'll need slightly more if you plan to rent tubes or rafts.

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Boise Bench

This neighborhood overlooks downtown Boise and features a diversity of property types and price ranges. Crescent Rim, which looks down on Ann Morrison Park, includes homes and condos worth millions of dollars.

Other spots offer smaller houses built in styles ranging from English Cottage to Colonial Revival and Midcentury Modern. The area hasn't seen significant new construction in decades, but is starting to see property value increases due to its proximity to downtown. This region is popular among young families and professionals looking for starter homes.

DON'T MISS:

Outdoors: Boise Depot and Platt Gardens, 2603 W. Eastover Terrace

This former train station overlooks the city and the gardens, located directly in front, are among its most popular spots for photography. The gardens include benches, ponds, a monument and carefully manicured greenery.

Shopping: Ishtar Market, 4516 Overland Road

Mom and pop stores with international flair can be found in abundance on the Boise Bench. This particular spot offers a variety of Middle Eastern groceries, including everything from labneh (a tangy yogurt-style cheese) to whole pickled lemons and stuffed cucumber.

Dining: Campos Market, 413 N. Orchard St.

This Mexican restaurant is hailed as the most authentic in Boise and widely lauded for its street tacos. While diners wait for their orders, they can visit the butcher in the back to take home a selection of hard-to-find meats.

Garden City

Garden City is an independent municipality surrounded by Boise proper, and it's one of the valley's most up-and-coming locations for everything from housing to shopping and small industry. The area sits at a lower elevation than the rest of Boise.

New mixed-use condo and apartment developments are in the works, and the area is home to artisans and craftsmen. Garden City's unique government means lower taxes and cheaper home prices, but it's still five minutes from just about anywhere in Boise by car. That commute time may be even shorter by bicycle, for people willing to travel by way of the Boise Greenbelt.

West Boise

West Boise, which surrounds Garden City, is a mature neighborhood known for its affordability and laid-back nature. It's home to the Boise Towne Square Mall and dozens of big-box stores, plus a variety of subdivisions and apartment complexes. Home prices are lower here than in some other parts of Treasure Valley, but may not stay that way for long.

DON'T MISS:

Outdoors: Memorial Stadium, 5600 N. Glenwood Street

Home to the Boise Hawks, this 30-year-old stadium offers ample parking and is easily accessible from the Boise Greenbelt.

Dining: Riverside Grill, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd.

Neighbors on the Boise Greenbelt, the Riverside Grill and Telaya Winery are local favorites for brunch and beyond. The grill, attached to the Riverside Hotel, offers brunch and a variety of American fare. Diners on the outdoor patio are serenaded by local bands during summer months.

Drinking: Telaya, 240 E. 32nd Street Garden City

Wine is the name of the game in West Boise and Garden City, starting with Telaya, located on the Boise Greenbelt. visitors can enjoy a tasting room, a cozy patio and classes. Oenophiles should also visit Split Rail Winery, at 4338 W. Chinden Blvd. They will find Idaho-centric wines and a selection of Rhone varietals.

Shopping: Roots Zero Waste Market, 3308 W. Chinden Blvd.

Billed as the only truly zero-waste market in the city, this delightful market offers a variety of products, from laundry detergent to lotion bars and fresh, local produce and meats and coffees, but without the plastic packaging. Shoppers can use repurposed glass jars donated by other customers or can bring their own containers and can dine at the cafe inside the store.



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Surrounding Communities

Meridian

Meridian is located about 10 miles west of Boise, and is known for being family-friendly. The city, Idaho's second-largest, is growing quickly and adding new communities, businesses and residents year round.

It was once a less expensive alternative to its neighboring capital city, but properties have gone up 12% in value since the opening of the Village at Meridian, said Matt Bauscher, a founding partner at Amherst Madison Real Estate Advisors. The shopping center and theater concept is home to major retailers including H&M, Urban Outfitters and Anthropologie. The area is part of West Ada School District, and that means lower property taxes than in neighboring Boise.

From most locations in Meridian, the commute to downtown Boise is just 20-30 minutes. For Boise natives, that can seem like a lot of travel. But for people relocating from big cities in California or Seattle, it's a breath of fresh air.

"People from the big city think a 20-30 minute drive is nothing," Bauscher said.

Nampa

Another 10 miles further west on I-84 is the municipality of Nampa, Idaho's third-largest city. The area is adjacent to the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge on the west and features a charming downtown, complete with historic building facades, a train depot museum, art galleries and unique shops.

Caldwell

A little farther northwest sits the city of Caldwell, home to the College of Idaho. In 2019, the city unveiled a remodeled Indian Creek Plaza in the heart of downtown. The walkable spot features an ice ribbon for skating in the winter and outdoor concerts, cultural events, festivals, movies, urban markets and other community activities in the summer.



Other Treasure Valley communities

For people who want a little more space, the communities of Kuna, Eagle, Star and Middleton may be a good fit. The good news is, builders are taking notice. About a third of the deals in these areas are new construction, Bauscher said.

"Towns will start exploding," he predicts.



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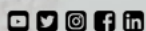
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Shopping

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Mall shopping

Boise Towne Square mall, located on the western edge of the city, is Boise's largest retail center. With more than 150 shops and restaurants, the mall offers a selection of big-name department stores, local boutiques, a food court and sit-down dining. It is easy to access and has convenient and abundant parking. At the eastern edge of Boise, just off Interstate 84 at Gowen Road, Boise Factory Outlets have brand-name products at bargain prices. Smaller malls and shopping centers serve neighborhoods throughout the city with department, discount and outlet stores, as well as specialty shops, consignment shops and thrift stores.

Downtown Boise

Boise has a vibrant and eclectic downtown with shopping and dining as well as cultural, live music and athletic events in the heart of the city. An increasing number of people make it their home, and shopping opportunities are growing with the residential population.

You'll find fashion, furnishing and accoutrements for you and your home. A variety of specialty shops add to the mix. Women's and men's clothing stores include a mix of styles and price ranges. Jewelry retailers also offer a mix of higher-cost and affordable jewelry, watches and decorative items. Shops feature trendy and contemporary clothes and accessories as well as sporting goods and attire. Browse local galleries for an art treasure or a special, one-of-a-kind gift.

Regular and seasonal events bring throngs to downtown: the Capital City Public Market (every Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from April through December); Alive After Five, a weekly summer concert series on Wednesday evenings and First Thursday evenings every month, with gallery and shopping strolls.

Park and shop

There are thousands of spaces to park in downtown Boise, both on the street and in garages. Be on the lookout for a Boise public parking garage in the Downtown Parking System close to your shopping destination. There are seven of them, with 3,395 spaces, and the first hour of garage parking is free. For on-street parking meters downtown, you get the first 20 minutes free with the push of a button. The parking meters are enforced in some areas from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; in other zones, the times are different and Saturdays are not included. You can pay for parking using a convenient mobile app, ParkMobile.

New in 2019, you can also find secure and convenient bicycle parking downtown. Located in the 8th & Main garage, BikeBOI offers monthly rates as well as lockers, keycard access and a bike repair station. Daily bikers can find spots to secure their bicycles throughout the downtown. Strong U-lock bike locks are recommended, and bikes can be registered with the Boise Police using the city's Bike Index.

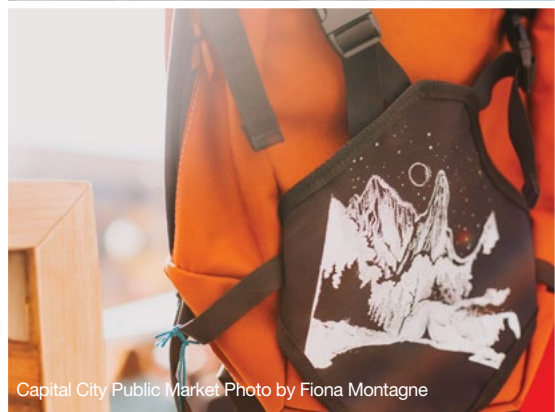
South Eighth Street Historic District

A stroll through this district is not only charming, it also provides a brief history lesson. Look for relics of the past in the form of the original owners' names on many of the buildings. This was the city's first commercial/industrial subdivision and is home to BoDo, a development that includes a nine-screen theater, a hotel, parking garages, retail shops, restaurants, a concert hall, Jack's Urban Meeting Place (see Attractions), and other nightlife entertainment.

The individual businesses are the heart of this area and offer a unique diversity and character. If you are in



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The Village at Meridian

doubt about what gifts to buy, explore a little further.

Old Boise Historic District

The east end of Boise's downtown commercial district, now known as Old Boise Historic District, has a heritage that goes back to the founding of the City of Trees in 1863.

A variety of building types there include dwellings, fraternal halls and commercial structures. Most are two-story brick buildings with stone trim. Historic buildings include the 1879 Perrault Building, on the southeast corner of Seventh and Main; the 1892 Masonic Temple, between Sixth and Seventh on Main Street; the 1892 Spiegel Building/Night Grocery (Pengilly's Saloon), at 513 W. Main St.; the 1904 Belgravia Apartments, at Fifth and Main and the 1906 Boise City Turnverein Building, at Sixth and Main. The area peaked in 1910 with the development of the Statesman and Pioneer Tent & Awning Buildings, kitty-corner from one another at Sixth and Main, with the last major historic building, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall, at 602 W. Idaho St., constructed

in 1917.

Bown Crossing

Located in southeast Boise, Bown Crossing features restaurants and specialty shops and is easily accessible by automobile or via the Boise Greenbelt, which accommodates foot traffic, bicycles, inline skates and skateboards.

Beyond Boise

The nearby communities of Eagle and Meridian are constantly expanding retail selections and have many additional shopping and entertainment opportunities. Eagle Road, for instance, from its Meridian intersection at Interstate 84 through State Street in Eagle, has shopping options at each intersection and also along the way.

At the intersection of Eagle Road and Fairview is The Village at Meridian, a one-two punch that delivers several shopping centers in one location. The center features a handful of quick-service restaurants and medical options along Eagle Road, backed by a handful of big-box stores. At the corner's apex is The Village at Me-

ridian's lifestyle shopping center, anchored by Big Al's and Cinema West (with four IMAX-sized screens and a dozen regular screens). Also, on the second floor of the theater is the Backstage Bistro, a restaurant and bar for 21+ film buffs. The shopping center includes more than 100 upscale specialty shops, boutiques and restaurants, with a plaza in the center featuring ice-skating in the winter and terrace-lined patio seating with bocce courts and live music in the summer. With outdoor heating, heated pavement and valet parking that accommodates the surrounding free parking areas year-round, shopping is comfortable and convenient.

There also are retailers whose off-the-beaten-path locations make them a destination stop (Cabela's, Boise Army-Navy Store, and more). Fashionistas and bargain hunters can also keep an eye out for the many consignment and thrift stores throughout the community, many of which support at-risk youth and support local charitable efforts.

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Sports & Recreation

What to do? Do it all! Head up to Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area for a half-day's skiing or boarding, and make it back in time for a 3 p.m. round of golf. Or maybe you'd rather go for a jog or bike ride? Boise's Greenbelt has more than 25 miles of paved and graveled paths, and that's just for starters. Take a walk on the Greenbelt that meanders along the Boise River before work, and get in some fishing – in the river on your lunch hour.

The mild “banana belt” climate encourages outdoor activities here year-round.

Drop the kids off at one of the public swimming pools, then meet your tennis date, or go for a hike in the foothills, or get the camping gear out for a night under the stars with the whole family. Short day drives to the mountains around Boise make one-night camping a fun weekend trip.

Biking

In addition to miles of paved paths along the Greenbelt, bike trails in the Foothills at the edge of town offer thrills and spills for the most avid mountain bikers. Dirt bikers and ATV enthusiasts will also discover miles of varied terrain and tracks for their passion. Boise has earned a Silver bicycle friendliness rating from The League of American Bicyclists multiple times since 2015, when it first applied.

Boating, sailing and water skiing

Lucky Peak Reservoir, Arrowrock Dam and many scenic mountain lakes are just a short drive from Boise, providing opportunities to enjoy boating, sailing, paddle boarding or water skiing.

The Boise River Greenbelt

This runs along both banks of the Boise River and provides more than 25 miles of paved and graveled paths to accommodate walkers, bikers, skaters, joggers and runners. Anglers

line the banks, and wildlife can be seen along the length of the Greenbelt year-round.

Floating the Boise River

People of all ages dot the river in brightly colored apparel and shouts of joy each summer, traveling on inner tube, raft or kayak from Barber Park to Ann Morrison Park in the heart of the city. Floating the river is a popular summertime activity in Boise, and it's a great way to cool down and enjoy a couple of hours of total relaxation. Tubes and rafts can be rented at Barber Park, and parking and a shuttle service are available for a small cost.

Camping

Southwestern Idaho's scenery offers virtually endless opportunities for camping, and Boise is the gateway to hundreds of developed and primitive public and private campgrounds within one or two hours' drive from the city.

Golfing

There are 20 public and five private courses in the greater Boise area, and they include every degree of difficulty and affordability. Area golf courses offer an average 325 playable days a year, and all are within an hour's drive from Boise.

Hiking

With hundreds of miles of trails, many starting in the Foothills at the very edge of the city, hiking is a popular, almost year-round activity. Trails offer a variety of endurance levels, from short and easy to rugged mountain trails. The Ridge to Rivers Trail System weaves through the Boise Foothills with more than 190 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and some motorized vehicles. ridgetorivers.org

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Kayaking

Kayakers can enjoy surfing the waves at the Boise Whitewater Park, inside Esther Simplot Park. State-of-the-art wave shapers can create an approximately 20-foot-wide primary wave and a 25-foot secondary wave, suitable for green wave surfing.

Skating

Long, smooth stretches of the Greenbelt are perfect for roller and in-line skating. Boise's skate parks also offer ramps, pipes, slide rails, pyramids and bowls that offer challenges for skateboarders and inline skaters. Idaho Ice World offers two indoor ice skating rinks, or you can join a hockey league if you're up for some competition. In the winter, you can also skate at The Village at Meridian's ice skating rink or on the new Ice Ribbon at the Indian Creek Plaza in Caldwell.

Skiing and snowboarding

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area, 16.5 miles from Boise, has more than 2,600 acres of skiing and snowboarding terrain, a vertical drop of 1,800 feet, a lift capacity of 9,980 skiers per hour, and a popular 800-foot-drop tubing hill. Bogus Basin has more night skiing terrain than any other ski area in the Northwest.

Nordic skiing and snowshoeing are also available at Bogus Basin. Park and ski trails are abundant in the mountains outside of Boise.

Snowmobiling

Within three hours of Boise in Idaho's Heartland, amid some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the nation, lay more than 1,500 miles of groomed trails with many more miles

of untracked powder. Nordic skiing and snowshoeing routes are also accessible, and trails are abundant in the mountains outside of Boise.

Whitewater rafting

Idaho has more than 3,100 miles of whitewater rivers, the most of any state in the lower 48, with opportunity for adventure on nearly every mile. While the Middle Fork of the Salmon in central Idaho is the most famous and offers the most adventurous river running, some of the best whitewater rafting is less than an hour's drive north of Boise on the Payette River. Outfitters and guides have trips available to suit every taste for adventure, from mild to wild.

Adventurers can also enjoy indoor and outdoor climbing facilities, equestrian facilities, kayaking classes, swimming pools, tennis courts, sky-diving outlets and more.

Boise State sports

Boise State football is the biggest spectator draw in Idaho. Albertsons Stadium, home of the famous Blue Turf, seats 36,387, and the football team regularly plays in front of crowds at or near capacity throughout the fall. The team is consistently ranked among the top teams in the country, won the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in overtime against Oklahoma in "one of the greatest college football games ever played," and is regularly featured in post-season bowl games.

ExtraMile Arena is the home of the BSU men's and women's basketball teams, and several of the Bronco teams regularly place among the nation's top programs.

Professional sports

Boise Hawks Baseball Club is a minor league team and Northwest League Affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. For all local games, you can join fans at Memorial Stadium on Glenwood Street.

The Idaho Steelheads ice hockey team is another local favorite. Watch their home games at CenturyLink Arena where you can get close to the action and there is no such thing as a bad seat.

Firebird Raceway, located between Boise and Emmett, hosts several drag racing events each summer, including the NHRA Nightfire Nationals. The Meridian Speedway also has a full program of short-track racing.

The Snake River Stampede in Nampa and the Caldwell Night Rodeo are annual rodeo events that bring professional competitors from all over the nation.

The Albertsons Boise Open is a popular annual golf tournament that brings well-known professional golfers to the city. Downtown Boise is also host to the Twilight Criterium, which brings professional cyclists from around the world.

Community sports

Several community organizations specialize in helping singles, families, the young and the not-so-young get involved in sports in Boise.

Youth programs abound, and lessons are available in virtually every sport. Boise has a large number of sports complexes and facilities, in-

cluding the Fort Boise Community Center, Simplot Sports Complex and two Treasure Valley Family YMCAs with aquatic centers. In addition, numerous city and neighborhood parks offer a variety of amenities that ensure residents and visitors alike won't lack for recreational facilities.

To learn more about all the classes, leagues and activities offered by Boise City Parks and Recreation, from mobile recreation van programs to activities for toddlers, visit the city website and download the semi-annual activity guide.

The Southern Idaho Soccer League is an adult soccer league and has 51 teams for men and women, organized in both competitiveness and age groups. The league is open to all levels of play without any restrictions and provides the adult community with one of the lowest cost-per-player participation in any organized sport.

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A healthy lifestyle is the name of the game in Boise. Nestled at the base of the mountains and along the banks of the Boise River, the city invites you to walk, hike, and bike. City parks, athletic fields, golf courses and the Greenbelt along the river have opportunities for all kinds of physical activity. Less than an hour from the city limits, you can bask in the surrounding mountains, lakes, reservoirs and high-valley prairies.

The healthy living that abounds here has added benefits: According to figures from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Idahoans have a longer life expectancy than the U.S. average.

Alternative Health Care

If you enjoy yoga, you'll find a variety of classes here to suit your needs – even hot Bikram Yoga classes. Other alternative health practices, classes and disciplines available in the Treasure Valley include a variety of massage therapy choices, from Swedish to Thai. Deep tissue, sports, hot stone, cranio-sacral, reiki healing and Amma bodywork massage and more are available.

In addition to massage options, other available alternative therapies include acupuncture, traditional Chinese medicine, holistic nutrition, naturopathic medicine and chiropractic medicine.

Fitness and wellness classes include

Pilates, Zumba, tai chi, BodyPump, boot camp classes and more. Check with the local gym, fitness center or the Treasure Valley Family YMCA to see what's available. Boise residents can also receive discounts through programs offered by Boise Parks and Recreation, which offers a variety of classes at varying skill levels.

There also are a number of specialty centers to treat a variety of ailments, including The Humphreys Diabetes Center and a number of infusion centers.

Hospitals

Boise has state-of-the-art hospitals, medical specialists and health professionals to offer a complete range of diagnostic,

medical, dental, surgical and mental health services for the entire family.

Boise's health facilities cover specialized and acute care. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center is a Level 4 trauma center and home to Life Flight, the area's first air medical transport program. Saint Alphonsus specializes in neuroscience, orthopedic, surgery, rehabilitation, cancer, heart, vascular, and emergency services for the critically ill and injured. It also offers services to personalize the birthing experience, such as the maternity center and neonatal intensive care unit, plus a variety of health and wellness classes.

St. Luke's Health System is Idaho's largest health care provider. Its Boise locations are home to St. Luke's Heart, St. Luke's



Mountain States Tumor Institute's largest clinic, St. Luke's Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery and St. Luke's Children's Hospital, the only children's hospital in Idaho. A new building in the work since 2015 is set to open in downtown Boise in 2020.

Both medical centers have fully staffed emergency departments open 24/7. Other local medical institutions include the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the St. Luke's Rehabilitation centers, which provide treatment for the physically disabled.

Treasure Valley Hospital is a private general medical and surgical hospital. Also available are short- and long-term acute care facilities, mental and psychiatric care centers, public health services, minor emergency centers, surgeons, specialists, family physicians, dentists, and retirement and assisted living facilities throughout Boise that provide medical services to the area.

Medical Research

St. Luke's Cancer Institute is the region's largest provider of cancer treatment.

Public Health Services

In addition to the hospitals and clinics in the community, public health services are offered through the Central District Health Department. Low-cost immunizations, screening services, and maternal and infant care programs are available.

Senior Lifestyle Options

Boise has many professionally staffed senior lifestyle facilities. Different life care choices cater to resident needs.

Skilled nursing facilities provide 24-

hour nursing care for people recovering from injuries or recuperating from surgery. Hospice and respite care are often offered in these facilities.

Assisted living facilities fill a niche between skilled nursing care and home care for individuals needing less medical attention. Assistance is provided for daily living activities such as bathing, grooming, eating and medication management, along with entertainment activities and social interaction.

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For the past nine years, Boise, Borah, Capital and Timberline high schools have ranked among the top 11 percent of The Washington Post's list of America's most challenging high schools. boiseschools.org.

A little more than 11 years ago, neighboring Meridian School District, now West Ada School District, surpassed BSD as Idaho's largest school district. Today, the district provides education to more than 38,000 students in 32 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, nine high schools, one online school, and one K-8 school. westada.org.

More than a dozen private schools (parochial and non-church-affiliated) through the high school level are available in Boise and Meridian, and a slightly smaller number of private facilities offer tutoring and enrichment options. There also are charter schools. sde.idaho.gov/site/charter_schools/idaho_charter_schools.htm.

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University of Idaho

Founded in 1889, the University of Idaho is the state's land-grant institution. University of Idaho Boise Center is the university's gateway to the Treasure Valley, serving the community with academic programs, research, alumni relations, new student services and additional outreach. Also, students can now start and finish their law degree education in Boise through the University of Idaho College of Law Boise.

idaho.edu/law/moscow-boise

Idaho State University

Established in 1901, Idaho State University is the state's leader in health sciences education. The Sam and Aline Skaggs Health Science Center at Idaho State University-Meridian, located off Interstate 84 west of downtown Boise, serves approximately 1,000 university and high school students as well as health care professionals. The campus offers 30 undergraduate and graduate programs, including online degrees. isu.edu

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Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho in Caldwell is one of the West's top liberal arts colleges. The school's approximately 1,000 students enjoy small class sizes, a close-knit community, a competitive NAIA athletics program and a beautiful residential campus. The C of I has a tradition of

educating some of Idaho's most accomplished graduates, including seven Rhodes Scholars. It is also home to four Carnegie Foundation Idaho Professors of the Year. The College's distinctive PEAK curriculum, which offers 26 majors and 58 minors, challenges students to attain competencies in the four knowledge peaks in four years. collegeofidaho.edu

Private Universities & Community Colleges

Northwest Nazarene University, a comprehensive Christian university, offers more than 60 areas of study, master's degree programs in seven disciplines, accelerated degree programs, concurrent credit for high school students and a variety of continuing education credits. Founded in 1913, the university now serves more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 6,000 continuing education students, and 2,300 high school students through the

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Founded in 1891, Stevens-Henager College has eight campuses – three in Idaho (Boise, Nampa and Idaho Falls) and five in Utah. The college offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in the areas of health care, business, technology and graphic arts. stevenshenager.edu

The College of Western Idaho offers associate degrees and certificates, with many online available programs. In 2017, the number of total students served was more than 28,000. CWI has more than a dozen campus locations throughout Boise and Nampa, including a 178,000-square-foot building for professional technical education, plus hundreds of classes online. cwidaho.cc/

Treasure Valley Community College, founded in 1962, is located in Ontario, Oregon, with a satellite center in Caldwell. Currently, about 7,500 students attend classes each year, either on a full-time or part-time basis.

The school is dedicated to high-quality, up-to-date instruction; a low student/instructor ratio; effective, low-cost education; and a pleasant college atmosphere. tvcc.cc

Boise's Carrington College offers degree and diploma programs in nursing, medical, dental, veterinarian and criminal justice. Online programs are also available.

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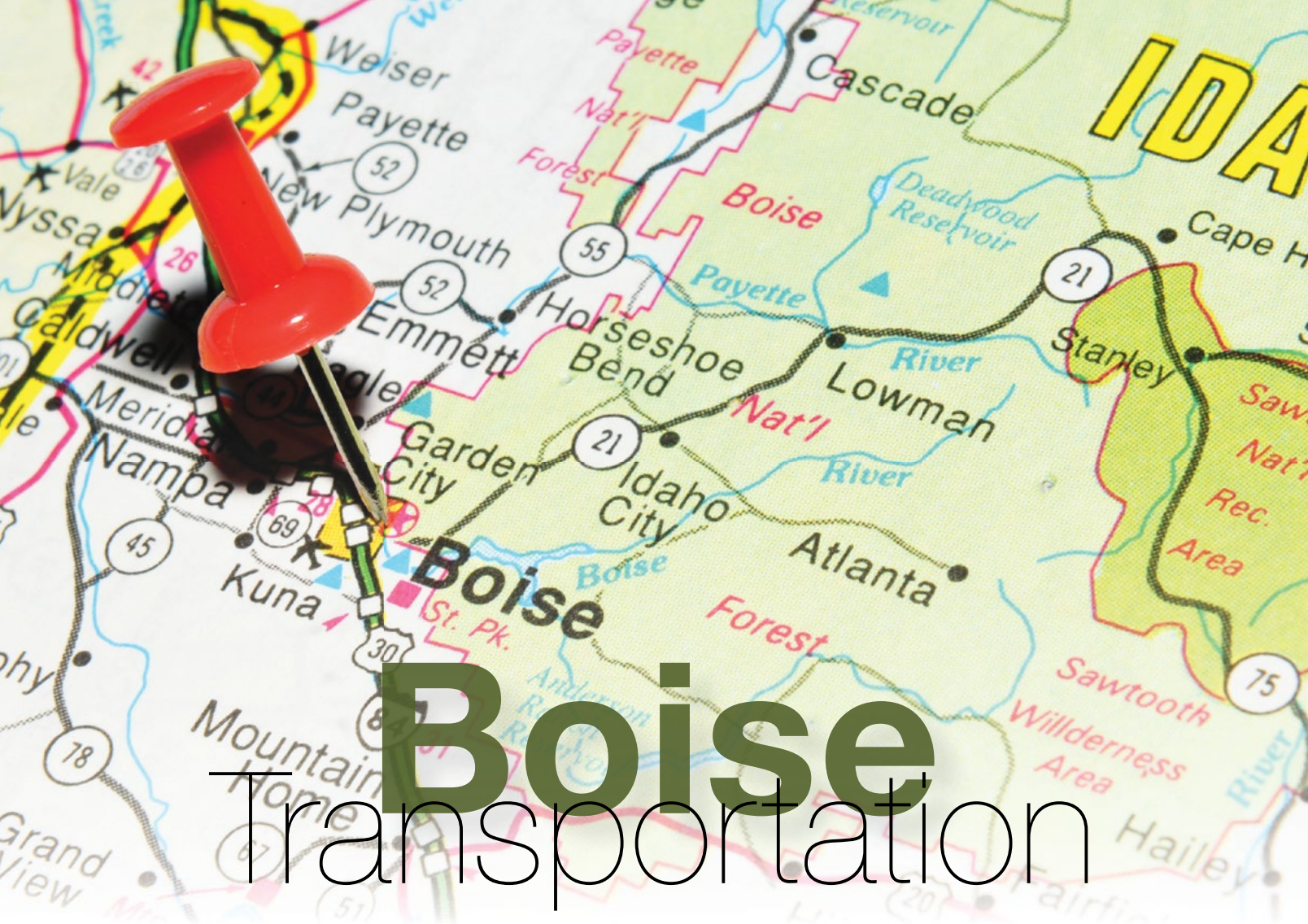
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Major national airlines, regional airlines and private air charter companies, as well as motor-freight trucking companies, airfreight and package-express companies, service Boise. The city is also home to a major regional office for NYK Line (North America) Inc., an international ocean shipping line. Union Pacific Railroad services the area as well. Bus/charter service includes Greyhound Bus Lines, Boise-Winnemucca Stages and Northwestern Stage Lines.



The highway system

The major highways that connect Boise to the region are Interstate 84 and U.S. 95. These routes also connect Boise to Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Spokane and Seattle. Locally, I-84 provides a freeway connection between the four largest cities in the metropolitan area. The average commute time from home to work or whatever your destination in the Boise metro area is less than 30 minutes.

The airport

Boise's airport is served by Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest and United airlines. These airlines provide nonstop service to U.S. cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, Phoenix, Denver, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Portland, Reno, Houston, Oakland, Chicago,

Atlanta and Minneapolis. More than 14,000 passengers travel through the airport on its busiest days, with up to 4 million passengers each day.

Regional airlines and private air charter companies include Gem Air, Idaho Helicopters, Jackson Jet Center, McCall Aviation, and Turbo Air. Learn more at iflyboise.com.

Commuter services

Valley Regional Transit operates an extensive citywide bus system called Valley Ride. It also offers VRT Late Night, which provides \$3 Lyft rides to and from work after busses have stopped running, and City Go, a new program that combines mobility options from bus to GreenBike to carpool to Lyft so people can use multiple options. Visit CityGoBoise.com or valleyride.org for details.

Within the metro area, there are several alternatives for suburban commut-

ers. ACHD Commuteride, a rideshare agency coordinated by the Ada County Highway District, serves a large number of residents and employers with alternatives to single occupancy vehicles. ACHD Commuteride manages a vanpool program called Club Red as well as a rideshare platform called MyCommuterCrew.com. MyCommuterCrew.com connects individuals to all the valley's options for smart commuting. A Park & Ride system is available with free parking areas for commuters to catch the bus or meet up with vanpool or carpool partners.

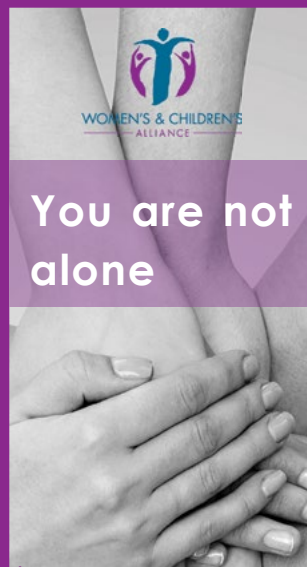
Taxicabs are also abundant throughout the city, and most provide service between all of the cities in the metro area. Boise Shuttle Service contracts with select area hotels to provide a free shuttle from the airport to the hotels. And, of course, if you have the Uber or Lyft app on your smartphone, you can get a ride that way.

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Idaho also boasts more whitewater than any other state in the continental U.S. The Salmon River, stretching 425

miles, is the largest river contained within a single state outside of Alaska. Lake Pend Oreille, located just south of Sandpoint in northern Idaho, is 43 miles long, six miles wide and more than 1,000 feet deep. It is the largest natural body of freshwater in the West, one of 2,000 lakes in Idaho. Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in North America, and a waterfall taller than Niagara Falls (Shoshone Falls) are both in Idaho.

The state also has areas of high desert, rolling hills, irrigated farmlands, lava flows and rock formations. Idaho's landscape – with timbered forests, majestic mountains, lakes and rivers of

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Around the State

Idaho is divided into seven distinct regions, each with its own scenery,



South Fork of the Snake River.
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Hot air ballooning above the Foothills



Idaho boasts world-class fishing

lifestyle and recreational opportunities. Northern Idaho has more lakes than any other western state. For centuries, north central Idaho was home to the Nez Perce American Indians. In 1805, the Lewis and Clark expedition rediscovered this region on the "Voyage of Discovery," describing the area as "paradise."

Southwestern Idaho is a land of diversity characterized by snow-capped peaks in the north, desert canyons in the southernmost part and a rich agricultural valley, home to about one-third of the state's population, in between. It also is home to the Bruneau Sand Dunes and the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Some remarkable geographical phenomena highlight the south central region. The 250-foot-deep Malad Gorge is there, and irrigation has turned its desolate lands into a utopia of beauty and richness, producing crops consumed by millions all over the world.

The essence of the southeastern Idaho region can be captured with two tours: one, a visit to the Idaho Museum of Natural History on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello, and the other, of the full-scale replica of Fort Hall, once a famous trading post along the Oregon Trail.

Eastern Idaho showcases the view of the Grand Teton mountains of Wyoming, grazing herds of moose and elk, and what many say is some of the best

fly fishing in the world.

Finally, central Idaho is the whitewater-rafting mecca of the world at Salmon and Challis. The Sawtooth National Recreation Area includes Redfish Lake; Idaho's highest peak, Mount Borah, at 12,662 feet; volcanic formations at Craters of the Moon National Monument; and the world-famous Sun Valley Resort. The Salmon River, also called "The River of No Return," is one of the few undammed waterways left in America.

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Our guide features local fare rather than chain restaurants and on culinary delights rather than spots for drinking and dancing. However, many of the local spots you'll find here offer a variety of beverages and activities in addition to delicious eats.

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Trillium



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Tin Roof Tacos

Fresh Off the Hook
Boise / 507 N. Milwaukee St.
208-322-9224

The Funky Taco
Boise / 801 Bannock St.
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Gil's K-9 Bar
Boise / 2506 Main St.
208-345-4420

Golden Wheel Drive-In
Boise / 11100 W. Fairview Ave.
208-323-7849

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Boise / 108 S. Capitol Blvd.
208-345-4100

Good Burger
Boise / 1003 W. Main St.
208-908-0904
Boise / 350 N. Milwaukee St.
208-908-0904
Boise / 7609 W. Overland Rd.
208-908-0904
Boise / 7610 W. State St.
Meridian, 3143 E. Magic View Dr. Ste. 130
208-912-1871

Gramercy Park Pizza and Grill
Meridian / 1626 Wells Ave., Ste. 115
208-854-7979

Grant's Neighborhood Grill
Meridian / 1835 W. Cherry Lane
208-884-4278

The Griddle
Boise, 404 E. Parkcenter Blvd., No. 200
208-297-7615
Eagle / 177 Eagle River St.
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Meridian / 2310 E. Overland Road
208-288-1848
Nampa / 1124 Caldwell Blvd.
208-461-7835

Grit American Cuisine
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208-576-6666

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208-629-3922

Hawkins Pac-Out
Boise / 2315 N. Bogus Basin Road
208-338-9627

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208-343-6820

High Note Café
Boise / 225 N. Fifth St.
208-429-1911

Hilltop Station
Boise / 12342 E. Idaho Highway 21
208-338-8859

Homestead Bar and Grill
Meridian / 6275 N. Linder Road #100
208-898-9595

Hooligans Pub
Boise / 10704 W. Overland Road
208-376-9800

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Boise / 211 N. Eighth St.
208-342-1142

Kahootz Steak and Alehouse
Meridian / 1603 N. Main St.
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Boise / 2661 Airport Way
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208-385-9943

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Owyhee Tavern Steak & Sea \$\$\$
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208-639-0440

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208-345-2929
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Sarah's Bagel Cafe

208-424-8211

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Boise / 12598 W. Fairview Ave.
208-207-2400

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Riverside Grill at the Riverside Hotel

Garden City / 2900 Chinden Blvd.
208-343-1871

Rockies Diner

Boise / 3900 Overland Road
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208-884-4453
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208-887-3721

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208-433-5598

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208-343-1871

Sarah's Bagel Cafe

Nampa / 509 12th Ave Road
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Boise / 840 W Idaho St.
208-336-5186
Meridian / 450 S Meridian Road
208-895-1767

The Shed

Boise/ 1010 S. La Pointe St.
208-344-2176

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Boise / 3019 N. Cole Road
208-658-1533
Boise / 12542 W. Fairview Ave
208-322-5200

Solid Grill & Bar/ Liquid Lounge

Boise / 405 S. Eighth St.
208-345-6620

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Garden City / 3132 Chinden Blvd.
208-342-4161

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208-336-7882

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Boise / 6767 W. Fairview Ave.
208-376-6767
Boise / 7135 W. State St.
208- 853-7400
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208-343-2044
Meridian / 805 N. Main St.
208- 888-4517
Meridian / 2032 E. Overland Road
208-888-1506

Sun Ray Cafe

Boise / 1602 N. 13th Street
208-343-2887

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Meridian / 3675 E. Overland Road
208-999-2830

Taphouse Pub & Eatery

Boise / 760 W. Main St.

208-336-6991

Tasso

Boise / 401 S. 8th St.
208-336-2555

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208-345-2277

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Meridian / 2483 E. Fairview Ave.
208-887-1133

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Nampa / 1331 12th Ave Road
208-606-2891

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Boise / 1821 Warm Springs Ave.
208-345-9255

Trillium

Boise / 245 S. Capitol Blvd.
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4022 W. State St.
208-963-1284

Twig's Bistro and Martini Bar

Meridian / 3690 E. Monarch Sky Lane
208-895-0029

Twisted Timber Pub and Grill

Boise / 4563 S. Cloverdale Road
208-362-7157

Uncorked! Wine Bar

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208-472-4546

Varsity Pub

Meridian / 1441 N. Eagle Road
208-906-0658

Viking Drive-In

Boise / 3790 W. State St.
208-342-7289

Waffle Me Up

Boise / 204 N. Capitol Blvd.
208-412-7253

Westside Drive-In

Boise / 1939 W. State St.
208-342-2957

Boise / 1113 Parkcenter Blvd.
208-424-0000

Wild Root Cafe and Market

Boise / 276 N. Eighth St.
208-856-8956

Wild West Home of Mamma Italia

Eagle / 83 E. State St.
208-939-5677

Willowcreek Grill

Boise / 2273 S. Vista Ave.
208-343-5544

WilliB's Saloon

Garden City / 12505 W. Chinden Blvd.
208-331-5666

Zee's Rooftop

Boise / 250 S. 5th St.
208-381-0034

Zeppole Baking Co.

Boise / 983 E. Parkcenter Blvd.
208-338-1499
Boise / 217 N. Eighth St.
208-345-2149

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208-338-5000

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Boise / 701 N. Orchard
208-322-3090

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#1 Mongolian BBQ

Boise / 8249 W. Overland Road
208-321-1240

208 Pho & Vegan

Eagle / 812 W. Fort St.
208-810-3358

Ahi Sushi Bar

\$\$ Eagle / 1193 E. Winding Creek
208-938-3474

Baguette Deli (Vietnamese)

Boise / 5204 W. Franklin Road
208-336-2989

Bangkok Thai

Boise / 477 N. Milwaukee St.
208-375-0946

China Grand Buffet

Boise / 10498 W. Fairview Ave.
208-321-9888

Chiang Mai House Thai Restaurant

Boise / 4898 W. Emerald St.
208-342-4051

China Palace

Eagle / 625 E. State St.
208-939-8938

City Buffet

Boise / 8049 W. Fairview Ave.
208-888-8897
Nampa / 2102 Caldwell Blvd. Ste. 104
208-466-9099

Dharma Sushi & Thai

Boise / 624 W. Idaho St.
208-392-2834

Dong Khanh Vietnamese Restaurant

Boise / 2137 S. Broadway Ave.
208-345-0980

Fujiyama

Boise / 283 N. Milwaukee St.
208-672-8227

Gangnam

Boise / 303 N. Orchard St.
208-323-8822

Golden Star

Boise / 1142 N. Orchard St.
208-336-0191

Guang Zhou Chinese Restaurant

Boise / 7609 W. Overland Road
208-378-5888

Golden Wok

Garden City / 3948 W. Chinden Blvd.
208-336-3399

Great Wall Restaurant

Boise / 10398 Overland Road
208-376-3260
Eagle / 2590 N Eagle Road
208-376-3260

Happy Fish Sushi & Martini Bar

Boise / 855 Broad St.
208-343-4810

Island Sushi and Ramen

Boise / 8716 W. Fairview Ave.
208-378-0088

IOU Sushi

Boise / 1517 N. Milwaukee St.
208-672-7223
Nampa / 2107 N Cassia St.
208-461-5203

K-Fusion Korean BBQ & Grill

Boise / 1716 S. Broadway Ave.
208-336-5959

Kyoto Japanese Restaurant

Boise / 6002 Fairview Ave.
208-378-8808

Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill

Meridian / 3210 E. Louise Drive
208-888-5000

Lost Shack

Boise / 3724 S. Eckert Road #110
208-286-2945

Lucky Palace Chinese Restaurant

Boise / 8630 W. Overland Road
208-376-2828

Magnificent Garden

Boise / 980 N. Milwaukee St.
208-658-8899

Mai Thai

Boise / 750 W. Idaho St.
208-344-8424

Maru Sushi

Boise / 9140 W. Emerald St.
208-639-5563

Mandarin Palace

Boise / 5020 Franklin Road
208-345-6682

Mongolian BBQ

Boise / 1808 Broadway Ave.
208-387-0393

Mongolian Barbecue Grill

Boise / 6920 W. State St.
208-853-7964

Mongolian Bistro

Boise / 5234 W. Overland Road
208-345-0339

Mongolian Grill

Meridian / 519 E. Fairview Ave.
208-288-2288

Mongolian of Eagle

Eagle / 362 S. Eagle Road
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Mongolian Stir Fry

Boise / 8037 W. Fairview Ave.
208-376-3662

Mr. Wok

Boise / 650 S. Vista Ave.
208-336-7771

New Garden Chinese Restaurant

Boise / 4624 W. State St.
208-345-3159

North End Chinese

Boise / 1806 W. State St.
208-343-1080

Pad Thai House

Boise / 10038 W. Overland Road
208-375-6014

Pat's Thai Kitchen

Boise / 577 E. Park Blvd. No. 110C
208-345-0026

Pho Bac

Garden City / 7700 W. Goddard Road

208-319-0160

Pho Le (Vietnamese)

Boise / 2146 S. Broadway Ave.
208-807-2341

Pho Nouveau

Boise / 780 W. Idaho St.
208-367-1111

Pho Tay

Boise / 10548 W. Fairview Ave.
208-377-1775

Quik-Wok

Boise / 4858 W. Overland Road
208-342-2626
Meridian / 3055 E. Fairview Ave.
208-888-361
Kuna / 361 W. Main St
208-922-4088

RamaPong

Boise / 204 N. Capitol Blvd Suite 10
208-972-0344

Ramen Sho

Meridian / 520 S. Main St.
209-922-6433

Raw Sushi

Boise / 2237 Vista Ave.
208-343-0270

Rice Contemporary Asian Cuisine

Eagle / 228 E. Plaza Dr.
208-939-2595

Rice Works

Meridian / 3635 E. Longwing Lane
208-855-5977
Kuna / 482 W Main St.

Rotary Sushi

Boise / 10506 W. Fairview Ave
208-375-3758

Sa-Wad-Dee Thai Restaurant

Meridian / 1890 E. Fairview Ave.
208-884-0701

Sakana Japanese Sushi and Steak

Boise / 925 Vista Ave.
208-367-1688

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Sakana Japanese Sushi Bar and Grill

Garden City / 7107 W. State St.
208-853-4993
Meridian / 1718 S. Eagle Road
208-888-6278

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Sakura Sushi

Eagle / 3210 E. Chinden Blvd.
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Season Wok

Boise / 2775 Broadway Ave.
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Boise / 3640 S. Findley Ave.
208-336-2122

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Boise / 2275 W. Main St.
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Sushi Sushi

Nampa / 16734 N Marketplace Blvd.
208-899-8607

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208-377-2000

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Boise / 1473 S. Five Mile Road
208-202-2912

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Tepanyaki Japanese Steak House

Boise / 2197 N. Garden St.
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Thai Basil Restaurant

Boise / 590 E. Boise Ave.
208-506-7830
Meridian / 3161 E. Fairview Ave.
208-888-5797

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Thai Cuisine

Boise / 6777 W. Overland Road
208-658-0516

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Top Wok

Boise / 12375 W. Chinden Blvd
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Trillium

Vina Vietnamese Restaurant

Meridian / 1534 N. Main St.
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Wasabi Sushi

Boise / 2325 S. Apple St.
208-343-0071

Wok-Inn Noodle

Boise / 4912 Emerald St.
208-343-7262

Yen Ching

Boise / 305 N. Ninth St.
208-384-0384

Yoi Tomo Sushi & Grill

Boise / 405 S. Capitol Blvd.
208-344-3375

Yokozuna Teriyaki

Boise / 824 S. Vista Ave.
208-377-3064
Meridian / 2031 E. Fairview
208-888-9699

Zen Bento

Boise / 1000 W. Main St.
208-388-8808
Boise / 2454 S. Apple
208-343-2643
Eagle / 342 E. State St.
208-938-4277

BARBECUE

BBQ 4 Life

Boise / 930 S. Vista Ave.
208-639-0568

Big Daddy's BBQ

Boise / 10659 W. Fairview Ave.
208-202-2494
Meridian / 1551 W. Cherry Lane
208-898-5924

Big K BBQ

Garden City / 3409 W. Chinden Blvd.
208-488-9527

Big Mic's BBQ Smokehouse

Kuna / 467 W Main St. 459 W. Main St.

208-922-9494

Bodacious Pig

Eagle / 34 E. State St.
208-514-0068

Goodwood Barbecue Company

Boise / 7849 W. Spectrum St.
208-658-7173
Meridian / 1140 N. Eagle Road
208-884-1021

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Garden City / 5163 N. Glenwood St.
208-391-6363

BASQUE

Bar Gernika

Boise / 202 S. Capitol Blvd.
208-344-2175

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208-433-1208

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Boise / 117 S. 6th Sixth
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Epi's A Basque Restaurant

Meridian / 1115 N. Main St.
208-884-0142

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Boise / 1388 S. Entertainment Ave.
208-343-4300

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208-338-1299

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Boise / 10650 W. Overland Road
208-323-5578

Big City Coffee

Boise / 1416 W. Grove
208-345-3145

Caffe Capri

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Boise / 2596 N. Bogus Basin Rd
208-473-5671

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Boise / 4979 E. Warm Springs Ave.
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208-336-5633

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Meridian / 112 E. Idaho Ave.
208-957-6442

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Boise / 219 N. 10th St.
208-343-1089

Flying M Coffeehouse

Boise / 500 W. Idaho St.
208-345-4320
Nampa / 1314 Second St. S.
208-467-5533

Form & Function

Boise / 511 W. Broad St.
208-922-7824

Goldy's Corner

Boise / 625 W. Main St.
208-433-3934

Hyde Perk Coffee House

Boise / 1507 N. 13th St.

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Boise / 1111 W. Jefferson St.
208-982-1140

Java Downtown

Boise / 223 N. 6th St.
208-345-0777

Java Hyde Park

Boise / 1612 N. 13th St.
208-345-4777

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Boise / 208 N. Ninth St.
208-342-2900

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Potter's Tea House

Meridian / 917 N. Main St.
208-258-7197

Push and Pour

Garden City / 214 East 34th St.
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Rembrandt's Coffee House

Eagle / 93 S. Eagle Road
208-938-1564

River City Coffee and Cafe

Boise / 3201 W. Airport Way
(inside the Boise Airport)

Roastere Express

Boise / 6103 W. Fairview Ave.
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Thomas Hammer

Boise / 298 N. Eighth St.
208-433-8005

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Boise / 11875 President Dr.
208-377-8488

Village Coffee

Meridian / 3635 E. Longwing Lane
208-995-7008

Zero Six Coffee Fix

Boise / 404 E. Parkcenter
208-424-9463

CUBAN

Casablanca Cuban Grill

Boise / 5506 Overland Road
208-331-2370

DESSERTS

Amaru Confections

Boise / 217 S. Roosevelt St.
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Blue Cow Frozen Yogurt

Boise / 2333 S. Apple St.
208-338-1000

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Boise Juice Company

Boise / 5628 W. State St.
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Boise Pie Co. & Eatery

Boise / 1216 N. Orchard St.
208-343-3101

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208-639-2447
Meridian / The Village
208-584-2834

Cinn-nom-nom Bakery & Cafe

Meridian / 2845 E. Overland Road Ste. 100
208-888-8175

Chocolat Bar

Boise / 805 W. Bannock St.
208-338-7771

Country Donuts

Boise / 10358 W. Overland Road
208-327-9867

Delsa's Ice Cream Parlour

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208-377-3700

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Boise / 1402 W. State St.
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Meridian / 1750 W McMillian Road
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Goody's Soda Fountain

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208-336-3641

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Boise / 2870 W. State St.
208-344-8996

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Boise / 4846 Emerald St.
208-433-9955

Europe Delicious \$
Boise / 9958 W. Fairview Ave.
208-367-9109

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Boise / 6935 W. Overland Road
208-375-7424
Boise / 5602 W. State St.
208-853-2684
Boise / 777 W. Main St.
208-918-0004
Meridian / 1050 E. Fairview Ave.
208-918-0011
Meridian / 5038 N. Linder Road
208-888-2880

The Harp Irish Pub \$\$
Meridian / 1435 N. Eagle Rd, Ste. 110

208-297-2856

Mazzah \$\$
Boise / 1772 W. State St.
208-333-2566
Boise / 404 E. Parkcenter Blvd.
208-333-2223

Meraki Greek Street Food \$
Boise / 345 S. Eighth St.
208-639-1693

Richard's \$\$
Boise / 500 S. Capitol Blvd.
208-472-1463

Romio's Pizza & Pasta \$\$
Boise / 8125 W. Fairview Ave.
208-658-1550

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Garden City / 6748 N. Glenwood St.
208-853-0844

Sofra Bosnian Grill \$
Boise / 3665 E. Overland Road
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FRENCH

Petite 4 \$\$
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208-345-1055

GERMAN

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208-426-0773

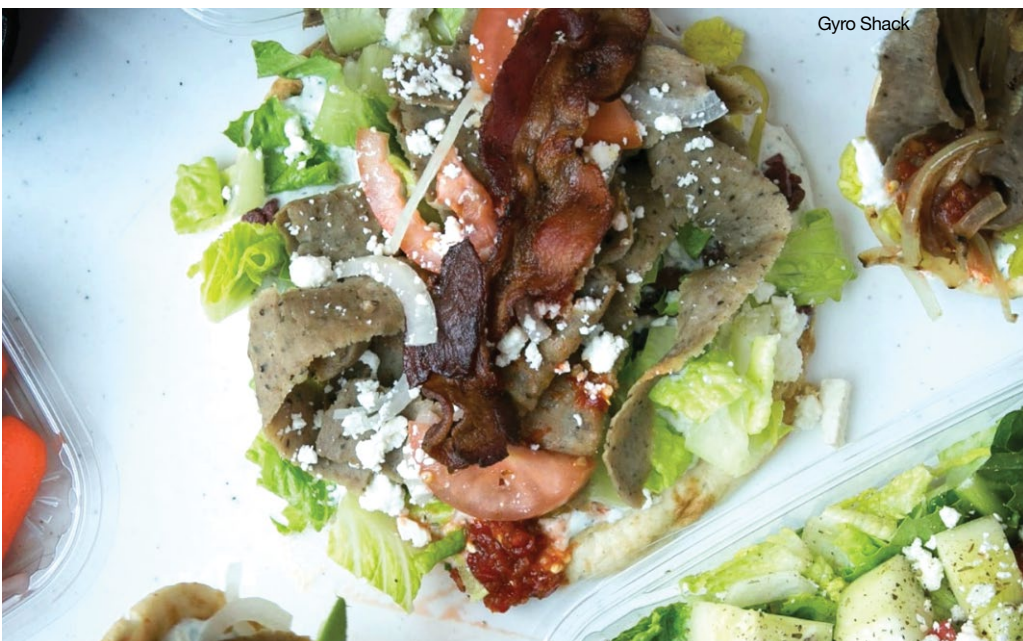
Prost! German Pub \$\$
Boise / 274 N. Eighth St.
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208-985-8888

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208-941-1593

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Meridian / 2970 N. Eagle Road
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208-342-1268

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208-345-7888

Madhuban Indian Cuisine

Boise / 6390 W. State St.
208-853-8215

Masala Bistro

Boise / 8053 Emerald St.
208-322-9497

Spice Indian Cuisine

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208-893-9144

Taj Mahal Restaurant

Boise / 150 N. Eighth St.
208-473-7200

IRISH

Ha' Penny Bridge Pub

Boise / 855 Broad St.
208-343-5568

O'Michael's Pub & Grill

Boise / 2433 N. Bogus Basin Road
208-342-8948

ITALIAN/PIZZA

Alavita

Boise / 807 W. Idaho St.
208-780-1100

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Boise / 304 S. Americana Blvd.
208-336-6432

Asiago's

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208-231-8271

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208-938-1900

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208-336-8466
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208-887-5369

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Boise / 5432 S. Veronica Place
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208-577-6010



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Boise / 7070 Fairview Ave.
208-377-5551
Boise / 3931 Overland Road
208-344-6838
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208-939-9100
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208-888-1986
Meridian / 1935 S. Eagle Road
208-888-0023
Nampa / 523 12th Ave.
208-467-6444
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Eagle / 190 E. State St.
208-939-2500

Digg's Pizza \$\$
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208-362-3177

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208-287-4757
Eagle / 6700 N. Linder Road
208-501-8567

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Boise / 4320 W. State St.
208-345-8585
Boise / 1326 Broadway Ave.
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Meridian / 601 S. Main St.
208-888-9500
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208-453-7400

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208-378-7553

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Boise / 12375 Chinden Blvd.
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208-343-1011
Boise / 5150 W. Overland Road
208-343-5455
Boise / 3053 S. Cole Road
208-362-7702
Boise / 7444 W. Fairview Ave.
208-375-4100
Eagle / 78 Eagle River St.
208-392-1175
Meridian / 405 E. Fairview Ave.
208-888-4441
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208-922-5032
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208-467-1900
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387-4992

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208-323-0003

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Boise / 1513 N. 13th St.
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208-344-7272

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208-424-2225

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208-344-6600

Slyce Box \$\$
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208-387-2727
Boise / 415 E. Parkcenter Blvd.
208-429-0011

Eagle / 127 E. State St.
208-939-0212
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208-884-1067
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208-938-5185

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Boise / 105 N. Capitol Blvd.
208-343-1052

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208-853-1594

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Boise / 6970 W. State St.
208-853-6292

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208-322-1000

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208-375-0342
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208-429-1208
Boise / 1459 S. Vinnel Way
208-375-5315
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208-321-8262
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208-461-9355
Nampa / 525 Caldwell Blvd.
208-461-7700

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208-338-9707
Meridian / 21 E. Fairview Ave.
208-887-9348

El Cazo Mexian Food \$\$
Boise / 350 N. Milwaukee St.



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208-466-4460

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208-424-8580 or 208-424-8575
Eagle / 3210 E. Chinden Blvd.
208-938-1116
Meridian / 704 E. Fairview Ave.
208-884-0161
Kuna / 780 W. Avalon St.
208-922-4311
Nampa / 1202 N. Jacob Alcott Way
208-467-1548

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Boise / 1555 S. Broadway Ave.
208-344-0162
Nampa / 1921 Caldwell Blvd.
208-422-6355

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208-463-8000

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Boise / 401 W. Parkcenter Blvd.
208-343-6403

Los Mariachis

Meridian / 520 S. Meridian Road
208-895-4409

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Boise / 1680 N. Westland Dr.
208-639-1816

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Boise / 1034 La Pointe St.
208-432-1100

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Boise / 215 N. Eighth St.
208-342-9988
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208-914-6522

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208-323-4688

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208-378-1888

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208-336-6461
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