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THE TREASURE VALLEY

The Boise-Nampa metropolitan area is known as the Treasure Valley. In addition to Boise and Nampa, the Treasure Valley includes Garden City, Meridian, Eagle, Caldwell, Star, Middleton, and Kuna. Situated between the Boise foothills to the north and the Owyhee Mountain Range to the southwest, the valley provides abundant recreational activities within minutes of your home. In wintertime, these snow-covered ranges are breathtakingly beautiful.

The area was coined the “Treasure Valley” in 1959 by the Chamber of Commerce because it recognized the abundance of resources and opportunities available, and the name stuck. Discover why it is such a genuine treasure today. Surrounded by beauty, a thriving economy, reduced commutes, and a wide variety of recreational

options. You'll find living in the Treasure Valley an opportunity you won't want to miss.

LIFE IS BETTER HERE

Living in the Treasure Valley provides an unparalleled quality of life not found anywhere else in the nation. There is more family time, cultural entertainment, and adventure opportunities. Commutes are significantly shorter than larger cities, which means less time on the

road and more time enjoying life.

You will quickly discover an abundance of activities for people of all ages and interests. There is easy access to open spaces such as rivers, lakes, and trails. A vibrant downtown with upscale dining and entertainment. Plenty of family-friendly indoor activities are also available year-round, including indoor rock climbing, ice skating, trampoline parks, and more.

The Treasure Valley has so much going for it. A vibrant urban/metropolitan economic and educational base. An affordable cost-of-living and a tremendous business-friendly environment. There are four mild and distinct seasons and plenty of public wilderness that allows a lifetime of weekend adventures.

Whatever your passions,
you'll find them in the
valley. And you won't have
to navigate through hours
of bumper-to-bumper
traffic to get there!

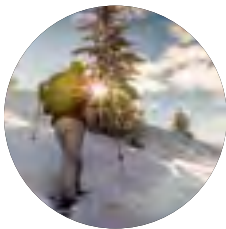


BOISE & SURROUNDING VALLEY BY THE SEASON

IF YOU LIKE SUNSHINE, YOU'LL LOVE THE TREASURE VALLEY.

With an average of 220 sunny days, low humidity and just 12.1 inches of precipitation, the climate here is ideal for spending time outside. Weather in the Treasure Valley is influenced by Pacific weather patterns which help moderate temperature extremes.

WINTER



NOV 18 - FEB 21

AVERAGE HIGH: 47°F
 AVERAGE LOW: 27°F
 SEASONAL RAINFALL: 5.14"

Even though the weather gets chilly, there's no reason to stay indoors. Walk, run or ride on the Boise River Greenbelt or head up to Bogus Basin for the day with various runs for all different abilities.

SPRING



FEB 22 - JUN 14

AVERAGE HIGH: 63°F
 AVERAGE LOW: 36°F
 SEASONAL RAINFALL: 5.73"

Spring gives way to warmer afternoons with chilly early mornings and evenings. As the days slowly get longer, you'll have more time to enjoy the best of the Treasure Valley. Anything from camping to downtown entertainment.

SUMMER



JUN 15 - SEP 11

AVERAGE HIGH: 85°F
 AVERAGE LOW: 56°F
 SEASONAL RAINFALL: 1.84"

Nothing quite compares to a Treasure Valley summer. Float the Boise River, plan BBQs with friends, or relax outdoors on the patio of family friendly local restaurants. And don't forget about the natural beauty of Idaho - Get outside!

FALL



SEP 12 - NOV 17

AVERAGE HIGH: 64°F
 AVERAGE LOW: 41°F
 SEASONAL RAINFALL: 2.68"

You'll love the vibrant colors of a Treasure Valley fall. Mountain bikers and hikers pack the local hills to take advantage of perfect cooler temperatures, shared with abundant wildlife preparing for winter.

10 CITIES OF THE

Treasure Valley

BOISE
CALDWELL
EAGLE
EMMETT
GARDEN CITY
KUNA
NAMPA
MERIDIAN
MIDDLETON
STAR



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Boise, Idaho, with numerous hot air balloons floating in the clear blue sky. The city buildings and greenery are visible in the lower half of the image.

10 REASONS TO LIVE IN THE

Treasure Valley

1

MORE FAMILY TIME

With less time commuting and an abundance of family-friendly activities, there are more opportunities to spend time with your family and make memories to last a lifetime.

2

FREEDOM

Freedom means a lot of different things to different people—in Idaho, it means less local government regulations than in neighboring states..

3

FOUR BEAUTIFUL SEASONS

Spring, summer, winter, and fall - every season in Idaho is a reason to celebrate. Each season brings about the excitement of getting outside and enjoying the outdoors.

4

ECONOMY & OPPORTUNITY

Diverse and evolving economic landscape, the Treasure Valley provides opportunities for startup companies, young talent, and experienced entrepreneurs. Built on a well-laid foundation paved by long-standing, local corporations.



SAFE

Idaho has the third-lowest crime rate in the nation. Meridian and Middleton are among the top ten safest cities in Idaho.

5

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, mountain biking, river rafting, hot springs, skiing, golfing, off-roading, and much more – all within minutes to a couple of hours away.

6

ARTS AND CULTURE

Boise has first-class shopping, theatre, live music, sporting events, festivals, dining, microbrew beer, wine tasting, and more.

7

HIGHER EDUCATION

Idaho boasts several top-ranking colleges and universities that compete at the highest levels in their dedicated fields of study.

8

SUMMER LIFE

Farmer's markets, outdoor music festivals, First Thursday, river floating, camping – There is so much to do during summer in Idaho. Also it stays light until after 10 pm!

9

WINTER SPORTS

Skiing in Idaho is among the best in the country. The breathtaking scenery is the perfect complement for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

10





Geography & Climate

The Treasure Valley is a vast region in southwest Idaho that extends into southeast Oregon. Considered to be at the foot of the distant Rocky Mountains, this section is a broad valley centered on the Boise region. The valley floor is carved by streams and rivers, with the Boise River, which joins the Snake River about 40 miles to the north, being the largest.

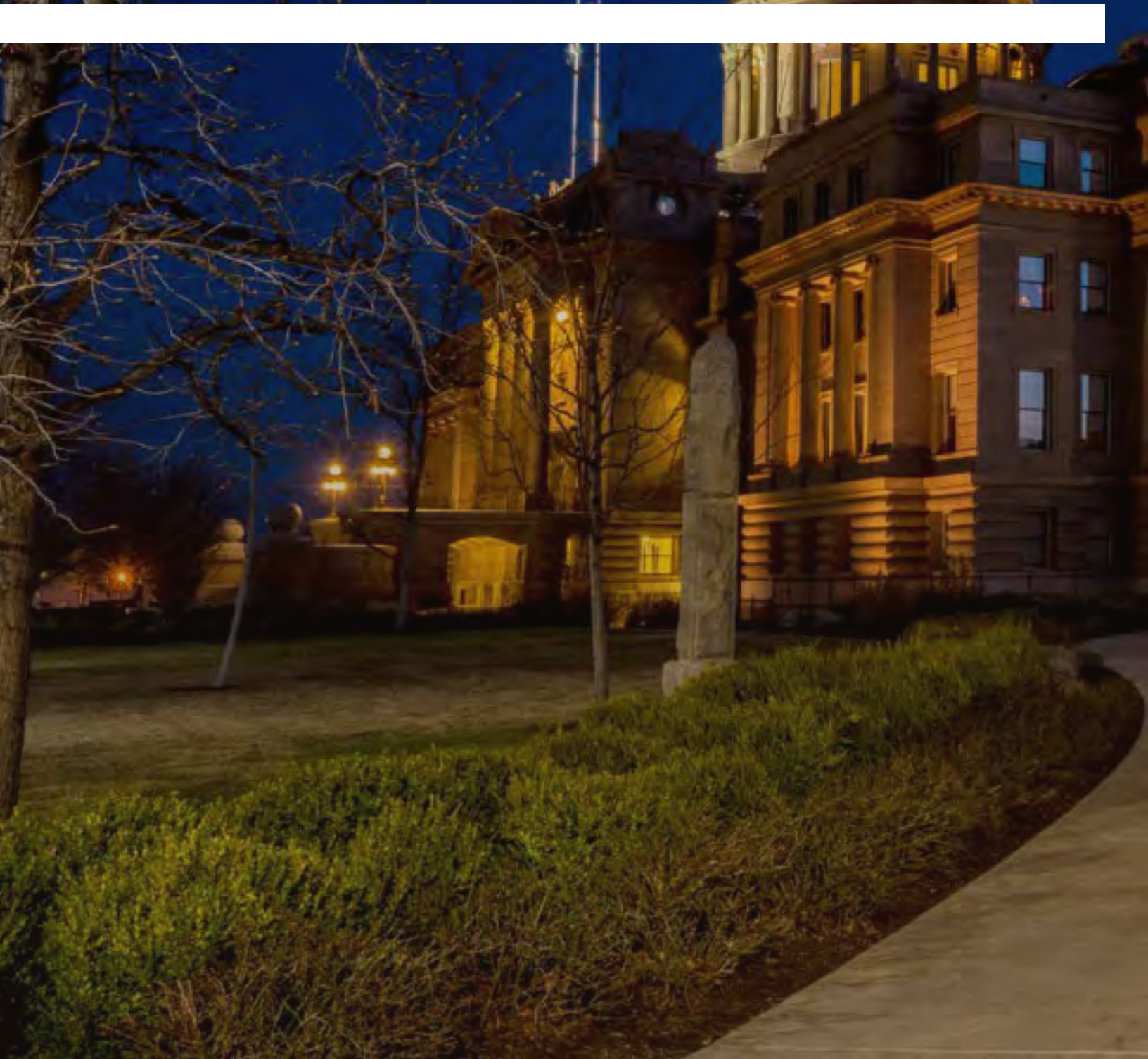
The geographic location of the Boise metropolitan area is conducive to four distinct seasons. Summertime temperatures range between the upper nineties and the lower sixties. Summers are dry and particularly pleasant in the early evenings and early mornings. The Treasure Valley's winters are moderately cold and typically snows infrequently. Spring and autumn are the ideal seasons to explore most of Idaho, especially if mountain biking, camping, and fishing are among your top recreational pursuits.



10 CITIES
OF THE
Treasure Valley



BOISE





BOISE

BOISE, IDAHO
Where you can go skiing or tubing at Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and then meet up with your pals for burgers and drinks on the way home from the slopes. Boise has a thriving downtown with numerous craft breweries, trendy boutiques, hip cafes, and a supportive local community. Boise is a bustling city where you can take an Uber to the theater or hit the dirt trails just outside your home.

As the state capital of Idaho, this thriving metropolis is home to almost 240,000 people. Boise is perfect because it is just the right size to be convenient and easy to get around in, but not so big that it feels uninviting or impersonal. It's no surprise

that it's become one of the nation's fastest-growing cities.

In Boise, residents and visitors alike enjoy the outdoors year-round. Even if you're not an outdoor enthusiast, there are lots of other things to do, such as jazz and music festivals, live theater, and art exhibits. The city is home to the largest Basque population in the United States. Attending the blue and orange Boise State Broncos and the silver and black Idaho Steelheads (Semi-Pro Hockey) are two of the most popular sporting events in the state.

Boise comprises a number of different communities. Anyone who comes to Boise to visit or live, feels welcome.





NORTHWEST BOISE

Northwest Boise is a popular area because of its proximity to the foothills, the Greenbelt, and the city center. There are both historic and modern neighborhoods here. Along its northern boundary are the lovely Boise foothills, making this area famous not only for its convenience but also for its natural beauty.



NORTH END

The North End is Boise's historical jewel, with many of the city's older homes and tranquil neighborhoods located close to downtown. One of Boise's most desired areas, thanks to tree-lined streets like Harrison Boulevard and the Historic Hyde Park District, which is home to boutiques and popular eateries.

NORTHEAST BOISE

The Warm Springs neighborhood is located in Boise's northeast. In addition to being the most prestigious and desirable neighborhood in all of Boise, this area also offers easy access to the city center at a premium price. The stunning large houses of Warm Springs, along with the Old Idaho Penitentiary, the Idaho Botanical Gardens, and the Warm Springs Mesa, make up the attractions of this area. Northeast Boise is where you'll find the upscale new neighborhoods of Harris Ranch and River Heights in the Barber Valley.

DOWNTOWN BOISE

Downtown Boise is the city's cultural epicenter, filled with unique boutiques, delicious dining options, fun bars, and lively nightlife. Walking through downtown Boise is a pleasure because of the positive vibes, cleanliness, and friendliness of the locals and visitors alike.



BOISE BENCH

The Bench, as it is commonly referred to, is located roughly 60 feet above downtown Boise and offers some of the city's best views. It is a predominantly older residential area that prides itself on its close-knit community. The Boise Union Pacific Depot is located there, and the area is convenient to both the freeway and the heart of the city.



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Boise State University and its distinctive blue-turf field, home to the Boise State Broncos football team. Located across the river from the city's central business district. Nearby neighborhoods and establishments cater specifically to the local student population.

SOUTHEAST BOISE

Southeast Boise encompasses a vast area extending from Boise State University to the city's outskirts. In this area, which has grown rapidly over the past three decades, most of the houses are in the suburban style. Bown Crossing, a trendy newcomer to the area, has been a boon to the economy. Because it has some of the best restaurants in Boise, as well as specialty shops, a new library, and a thriving community, Bown Crossing has quickly attracted many families looking to relocate to the area.

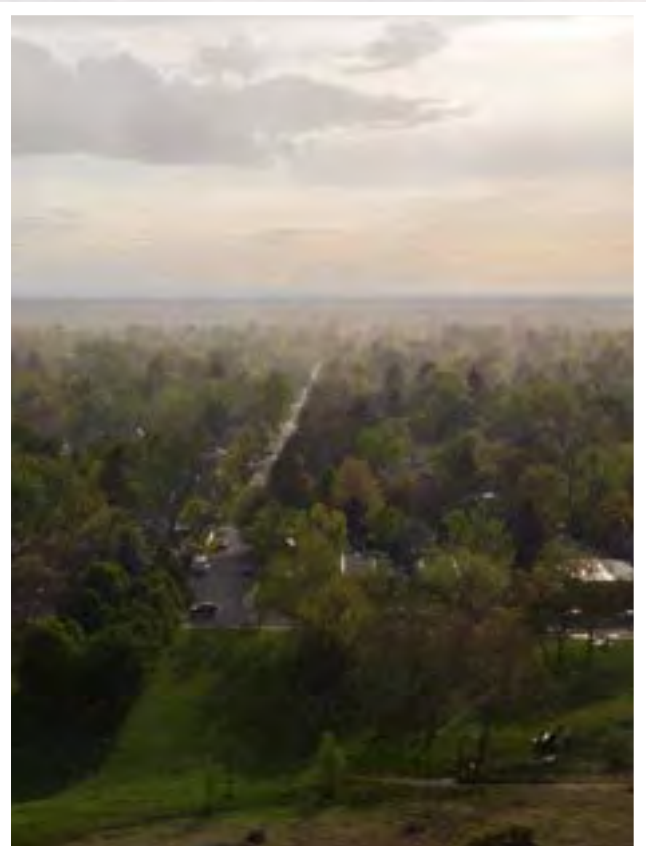


SOUTHWEST BOISE

Residential development in Southwest Boise has flourished, giving the area a distinctly suburban feel. This area of Boise, with its convenient proximity to both the city center and the airport, is quickly becoming a popular choice for both newcomers and long-term residents due to the proliferation of new homes and neighborhoods in the area.

WEST BOISE

Boise Towne Square Mall and numerous restaurants, strip malls, and residential developments (new subdivisions, apartment complexes, and the like) can be found in West Boise. Many Boise residents live in West Boise, which links the city to the suburbs of Meridian and Eagle.





CALDWELL





CALDWELL

CALDWELL, IDAHO
Caldwell embodies the very definition of country living, complete with picturesque sunsets, friendly locals, exciting local events, and rustic western ambiance. Caldwell is a small town 25 miles west of Boise and 45 minutes from the Oregon border.

The central business district of Caldwell is thriving again. Now that Indian Creek Plaza has been renovated, this once

sleepy town is bustling with activity. Over the course of a year, the plaza serves as a hub for over 250 different events, including wine and art festivals, concerts, and more. In addition to a brand-new, state-of-the-art movie theater, hip, new eateries and shops have opened in the area. In the winter, when people can skate on the outdoor ice ribbon, the area becomes a magical festival of lights. For locals of the Treasure Valley, it has become an annual wintertime tradition.



COWBOYS TO CONNOISSEURS

In this part of the valley, rodeos and county fairs are major events. More than 45,000 enthusiastic fans attend the Caldwell Night Rodeo every year for the five-night extravaganza, making it the largest and longest-running annual event in Canyon County. More than 50,000 people from all over the region attend the Canyon County Fair every year, making it the county's most popular summer event. All the family members can have a good time.

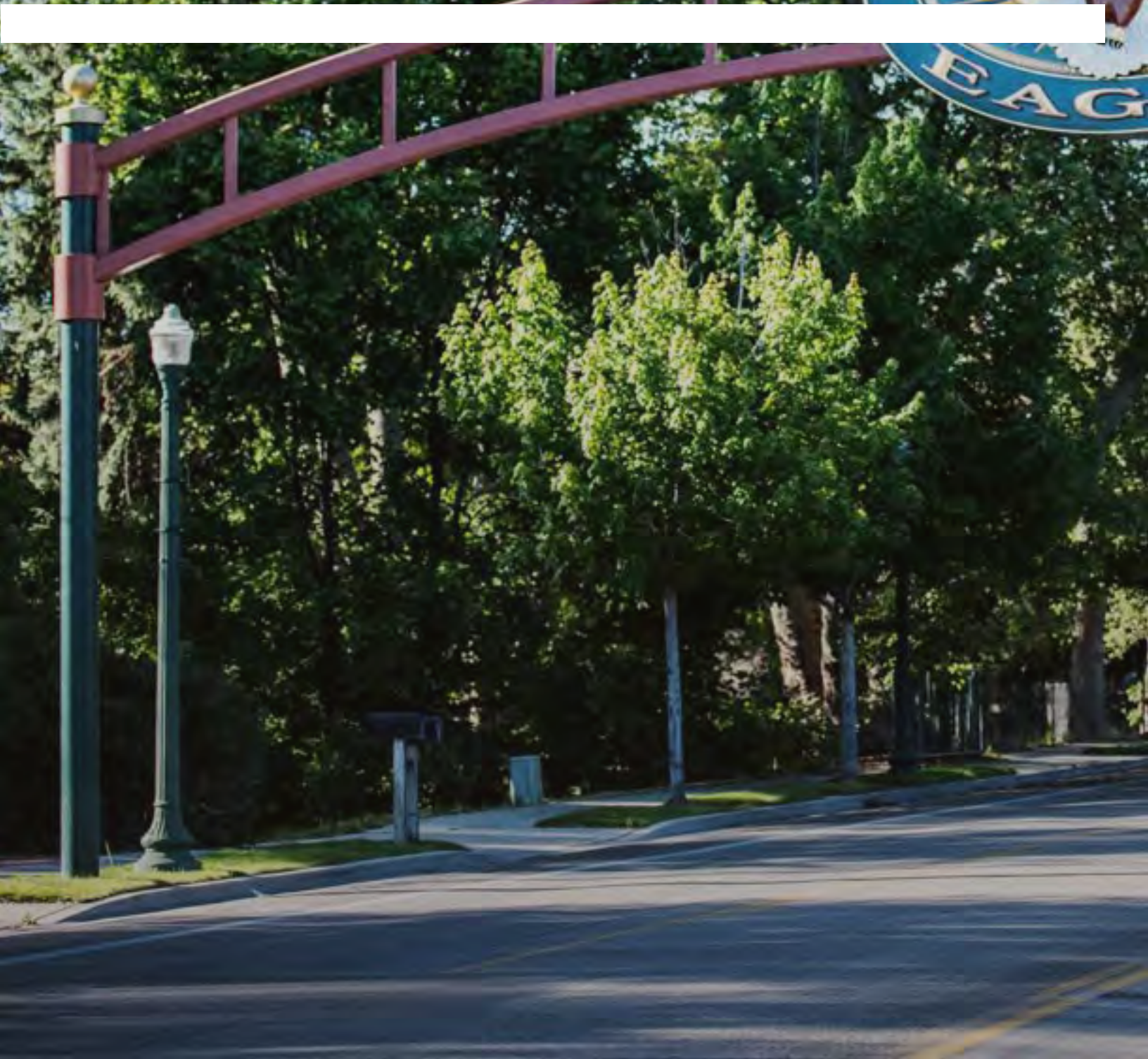
Several prestigious wineries can be found in Caldwell. Grapes flourish in the mild winters and scorching summers of Idaho, where the rich soil of the Snake River Valley is located. Fifteen of the state's fifty-one wineries are located within a short drive of Caldwell. The Sunnyslope Wine Trail connects visitors to some of Idaho's best wineries and serves as a gateway to the wine country of the Snake River Valley, where they can partake in a number of special events throughout the year.

PERFECT MIX

Caldwell is the ideal place to call home because it has both historic and modern elements, as well as ample open space for its inhabitants to relax and take in their surroundings. A place where farm-to-table meals can be had at Grandma's or the newest restaurant in town, and where overalls and cowboy boots can be seen alongside designer jeans and high heels. This exciting community is the ideal blend of cowboy and chic.



EAGLE





EAGLE

EAGLE, IDAHO

Eagle is a picturesque city in the southwestern part of Idaho's Treasure Valley, between the Boise Mountains and the river. The city is well-known for its affluent neighborhoods, horse farms, luxurious spas, and beautiful natural landscapes. The Greenbelt, an area of the Boise River lined with tall trees and walkways, runs right through the middle of town. When it comes to personality, recreation, and charm, Eagle is in a league of its own thanks to its historic downtown, eclectic calendar of community activities, and undeniable sense of civic pride.

Eagle's biggest draw is its historic downtown, which features vintage-style street lights along the main drag. The older section of Eagle is where you'll find the city's gorgeous tree-lined streets, wide lots, and majestic homes and parks perfect for raising a family. The abundance of unique shops and eateries makes it a popular gathering spot for residents. Eagle has been able to retain its character while meeting the needs of its growing population thanks to careful city planning.





RECREATION ABOUND

Eagle's foothills, golf course, and Greenbelt provide ample opportunities for bicycling, hiking, and other forms of on-foot and on-bike enjoyment. Among the largest in the United States, this 200-acre park is home to the Eagle Sports Complex and Bike Park. Banbury Golf Course and Eagle Hills Golf Course, two of the Treasure Valley's longest-running courses, are both located in Eagle.

Eagle Island State Park is a magnificent 545 acre state park featuring a waterslide, sandy beaches, a picnic area, and more than five miles of trails where outdoor enthusiasts may ride horses, walk their pets, and play disc golf. In the winter, visitors can enjoy Gateway Snow Park, which is located within the park and contains various snow tubing lines, as well as paddleboard rentals and a 6-line zip line course.

The Eagle Saturday Market is open from May to the beginning of October and is located in the center of downtown Eagle at Heritage Park. Listen to the tunes of local performers as you peruse stalls selling anything from gourmet cuisine and fresh produce to one-of-a-kind crafts.

SET APART

Eagle is one of the most sought after places to live in the Boise area due to its beautiful scenery, high quality schools, safe and welcoming neighborhoods, abundance of recreational opportunities, and lively social scene.



EMMETT







EMMETT

EMMETT, IDAHO

Stunning Emmett, Idaho, is located just north of the Treasure Valley. Gorgeous vistas of the Emmett Valley's rich landscape await you as you descend into the valley. Emmett is a throwback to simpler times despite its convenient location at the base of Squaw Butte and the Payette River running through it. Everything you could possibly want is right there within the city lines, making it a proud little town. Emmett is ideal for those who value tranquil, small-town life due to its abundance of excellent dining options, first-rate medical facilities, excellent educational opportunities, and warm, welcoming community.

Emmett's population has increased gradually over the previous decade, yet it is still only slightly over 7,500 strong. Located in a beautiful valley, the city of Boise can be reached in just over half an hour by car. Your children will enjoy the convenience of being able to walk or ride their bikes to local Emmett schools and parks. This is a wonderful community in which to raise a family. There is a lot of enthusiasm for Emmett, Idaho, both during the yearly Emmett Cherry Festival and at the local high school football games.

SCENIC RECREATION AND FUN

It's impossible to find more rugged beauty than in the area around Emmett in the Treasure Valley. Squaw Butte, perched at the northern extremity of the fertile Emmett Valley, protrudes roughly 5,900 feet above sea level and offers a beautiful perspective of the valley below to hikers and mountain climbers. Countless campsites offer fresh mountain air and easy access to slow or swift river stretches with abundant fish and wooded banks. Spectacular swimming spots and secluded picnic spaces are available along the Payette River, making it a popular destination for outdoor enjoyment.

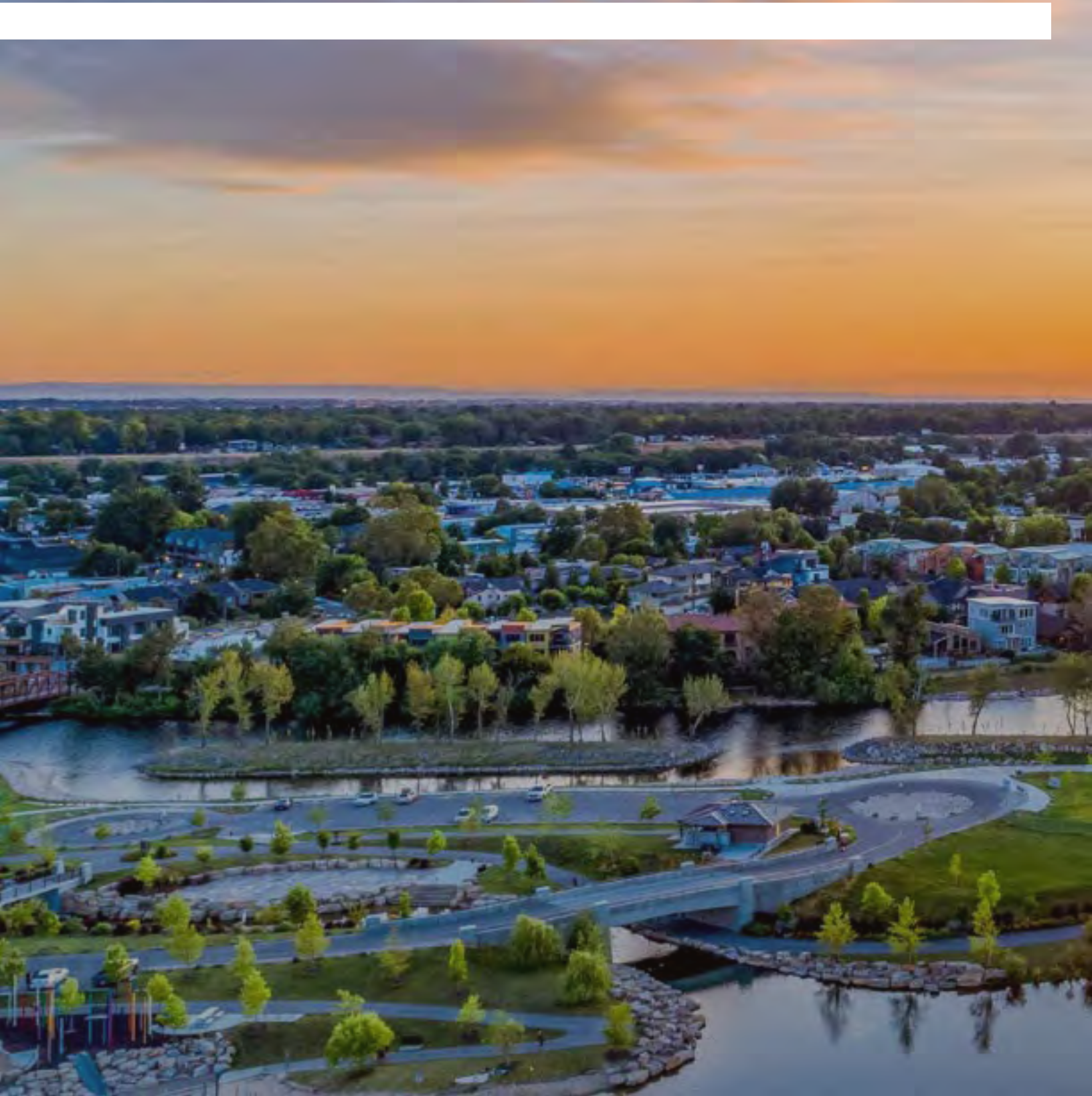
Emmett is home to a wide variety of community activities in addition to its abundant chances for outdoor leisure. The opening of the Emmett Farmers Market in the spring is an annual event

that generates much excitement. When summer rolls around, Emmett becomes inundated with over a thousand classic vehicles for the Emmett Show and Shine and Emmett Cruise Night. Gem County hosts a fair and rodeo on the first weekend of August, drawing in cowboys and locals alike. The Emmett Cherry Festival has been held annually since the 1930s to honor the fruitful soil of the Emmett Valley, and it is open to the public at no cost.

A variety of free activities, including parades and concerts at night, are provided for local residents and visitors alike as the town transforms into a lively festival. Because of its beautiful scenery, welcoming small-town vibe, and abundant social activities, Emmett is a great place to call home.



GARDEN CITY







GARDEN CITY

GARDEN CITY, IDAHO

Situated along the Boise River, with Boise to three sides and Eagle, Idaho to the west, this small community of slightly over 12,000 people maintains its own municipal government despite its proximity to both cities. The vast majority of people who travel between cities do so without realizing it. Despite its diminutive size, Garden City is bursting to the seams with exciting cultural offerings and exciting recreational opportunities.

When it comes to emerging cities in the Treasure Valley, Garden City is where it's at. Thanks to some great visionaries, this formerly looked-over city is now making a tremendous impact for arts, culture, outdoor leisure, and entertainment.

LIVE WORK CREATE

The Surel Mitchell Live-Work-Crete District has expanded greatly over the past few years, making Garden City a mecca for artists of all stripes. Visitors to the First Friday Art Walk are free to roam from gallery to gallery and even into the homes of some of the featured artists to chat with them in an informal setting. Garden City is home to some of the country's most talented people.



CRAFT BREWERIES AND WINERIES

Garden City, Idaho, has more vineyards, cideries, and beer brewers per square mile than any other city in Idaho. Rent a scooter and spend the day exploring the city's urban wineries, or sample a unique IPA at one of the many nearby breweries. Experience all that Garden City has to offer with the help of the Garden City Artisans Pathway Map, available for download.

FAMILY FUN

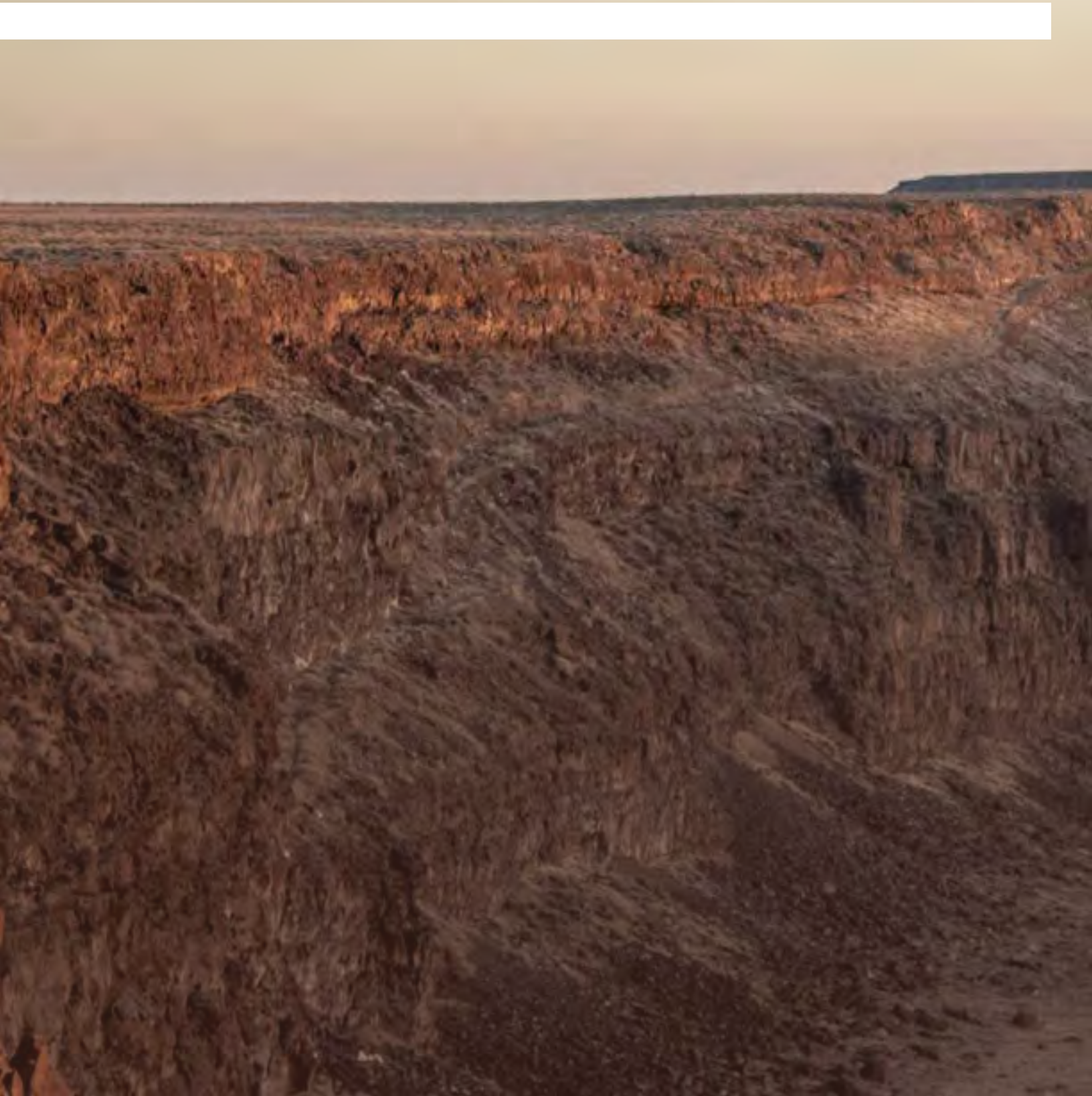
The Western Idaho Fair, Idaho's largest fair, is held in Garden City every year. Families from all across the state travel to the state fair each August for the time-honored events, big-name concerts, and heart-pounding carnival attractions. In addition to the fair, visitors can enjoy the area's many parks, a climbing facility, and a nature trail along the Greenbelt or Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve.



LIVING

You'll get the best of both worlds by settling in Garden City. You can live pretty much anywhere and yet have access to excellent dining options, vineyards, and breweries. Commute times have been cut in half because of The Greenbelt. Though Boise's amenities are only two miles away, residents of this municipality can rest assured that their opinions will be heard by the local administration. In comparison to surrounding cities, housing costs here are lower, and locals are nicer to boot. Garden City is ideal for those who want to live close to the action without having to shell out big city prices.

KUNA





KUNA

KUNA, IDAHO

Kuna, a peaceful little town in the middle of the country, is expanding quickly due to its attractive combination of low costs and convenient location. Plus, that's not all. Kuna may be expanding quickly, but it has kept its rural character and its emphasis on simple life. The country landscape motivates families to enjoy the outdoors, explore local nature pathways, and visit neighborhood parks. You can go hiking in the desert foothills, rambling on a greenbelt, or wading in a river. Families here are more likely to hold doors open for strangers, make

eye contact, and say hi to people they don't know because of the welcoming atmosphere.

With its growing economy, welcoming Kuna now provides for its own citizens' basic needs. Kuna's residential boom has been accompanied by rapid expansion of the city's commercial sector. Several new restaurants, fast food joints, grocery stores, and shops have opened up, altering the appearance of the area and providing for basic necessities.



SMALL-TOWN CELEBRATION

Being a part of both the past and the future is one of the best things about living in a thriving small town. Visit Kuna Days for some good, old-fashioned, rural carnival fun. The Bernie Fisher Park in downtown Kuna hosts a two-day summer celebration honoring Kuna culture and heritage. Every night, the celebration ends with a stunning fireworks show. There is a palpable sense of community wide participation in this yearly celebration.

During the cold months, Main Street is packed with people braving the cold to watch the annual Down-Home Country Christmas parade. Locals will then count down to the lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Bernie Fisher Park.



NEW LIFE

The revitalization of downtown Kuna has made it a popular spot for both residents and tourists. Kuna's quality of life and thriving community spirit are bringing a unique, homey vibe to the downtown area as stores and eateries spruce up their facades and more families move there.

The Kuna Greenbelt is a large park located in the middle of town on the banks of Indian Creek. There are plenty of pools of water and shaded spots among the park's tall trees in which to enjoy a picnic. There are also baseball grounds for Little League games and a brand new splash pad to cool off in during the hot summer months. Kuna's allure as a place to raise a family stems in large part from the town's rural setting and warm, welcoming vibe.

MERIDIAN



MERIDIAN

MERIDIAN, IDAHO

Meridian, Idaho, is the best place to be if you want to be in the heart of everything. People are drawn to Meridian, because of its family-friendly environment, low housing costs, thoughtful city planning, abundance of business opportunities, eclectic selection of retail establishments, and close proximity to other major cities. Locals in Meridian are warm and welcoming. They share the strong sense of community and willingness to help others that is typical of people

living in smaller communities. Downtown community activities really bring out that small town atmosphere. There are nearly endless places to visit and things to do with family and friends, no matter the age. You can feel at home in Meridian because it is a safe and pleasant community. It's the kind of town where parents can grab a snow cone at the corner stand while their kids burn off some energy at the park till it closes.





SHOPPING

Meridian, Idaho has its very own version of a trendy urban commercial district. Now more than ever, The Village at Meridian is the place to go for high-end shopping, dining, and more. This beautifully built outdoor shopping center features a variety of retailers and restaurants as well as a fitness center, bowling rink, and arcade. There's plenty of outdoor dining, a playground for the kids, and a gorgeous fountain that puts on a performance every hour to the accompaniment of lights and music. During the holiday season, the courtyard in the middle of the building is transformed into an outdoor ice rink complete with a huge, illuminated Christmas tree and Santa's workshop.



FAMILY FUN

The Meridian Speedway, located on Main Street in the heart of the city, is a hotspot for young and old NASCAR enthusiasts throughout the summer months. Families can enjoy a wide variety of activities in the Meridian area, including water slides, go-kart racing, laser tag, and rock climbing. Some of the city's many public parks feature free summertime events including outdoor movies and concerts. Splash pads are a popular way to beat the heat in the summer, and many of the parks offer them.



BEST PLACE TO LIVE

The third-fastest growing metropolitan area in the country and third-best place to live overall, according to Money Magazine. Meridian, ranked as the fastest-growing city in the United States by WalletHub, is becoming the Treasure Valley's premier destination for shopping, family activities, and comfortable living. It's simple to see why families chose Meridian as their permanent residence; the city is conveniently placed in the middle of the valley and has an advanced infrastructure to accommodate future growth.

MIDDLETON





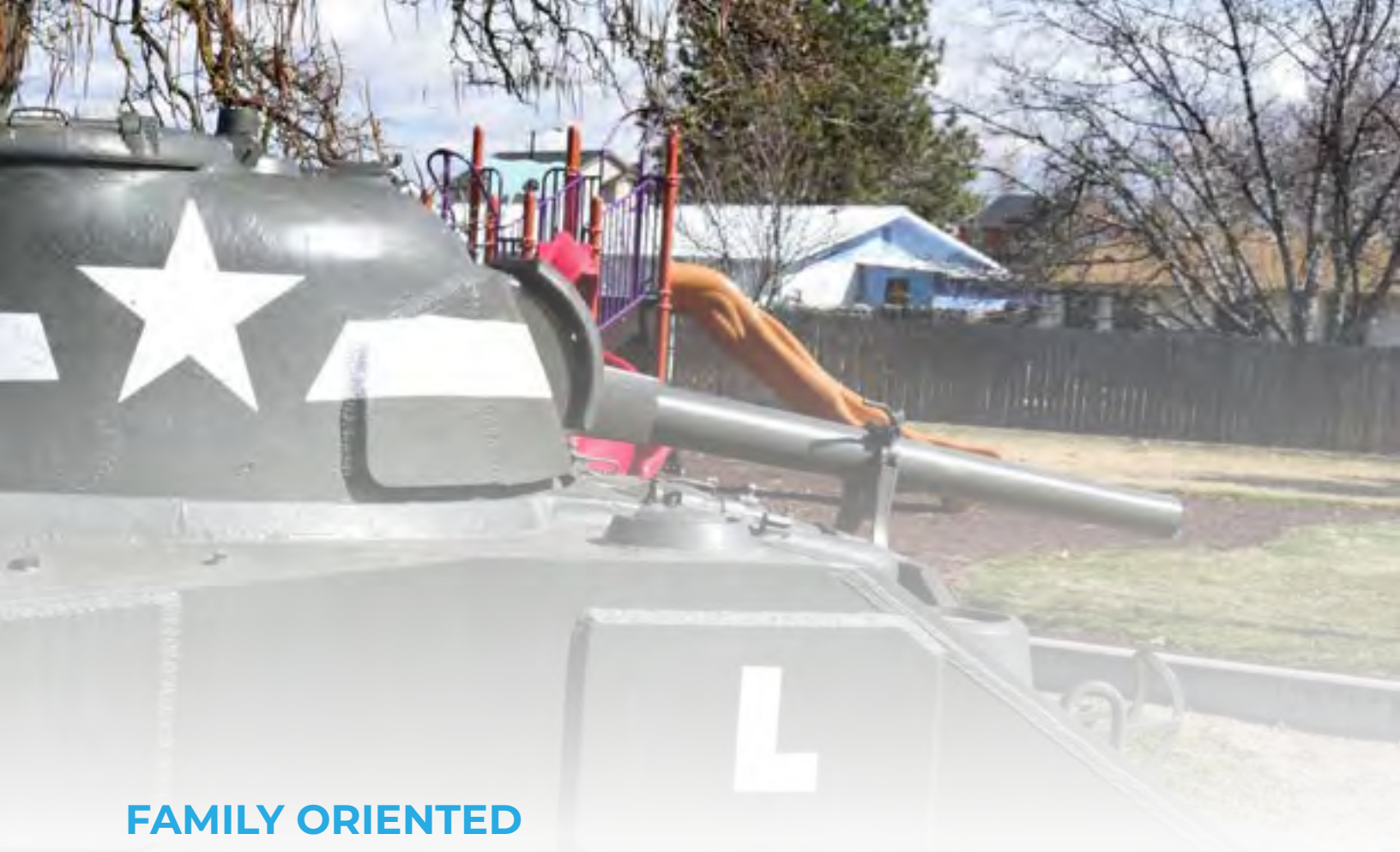


MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON, IDAHO

Middleton is a genuine Idaho farming community within 45 minutes from Boise's urban center. As one might expect in a tiny town populated by horses and countryside, asking for recommendations on where to find the greatest old-fashioned ice cream shake is a common topic of conversation. (The answer to your question: it's the Burger Den on Main Street.)

Homebuyers are drawn to Middleton's quaint atmosphere and low housing costs. Many Middleton older homes include land, barns, and outbuildings, making the purchase of an acreage a more reasonable option. The town's population of almost 9,000 has grown alongside the rest of the Treasure Valley, yet it still retains a rural vibe and a welcoming, low-key atmosphere. Acquiring land and constructing your ideal residence here is a quick and easy process.



FAMILY ORIENTED

Middleton has a top-notch educational system because the community places a premium on family life. Middleton's new high school is one of the most advanced and secure in all of Idaho, demonstrating the community's dedication to its youth and the future of the area. Students benefit from the individualized instruction and small class sizes that are more commonly associated with private schools.

This small town's parks are on par with those in any of the larger cities nearby. Both the City of Middleton Parks & Pathways Department and the Greater Middleton Parks & Recreation Department exist because of the city's dedication to family recreation.

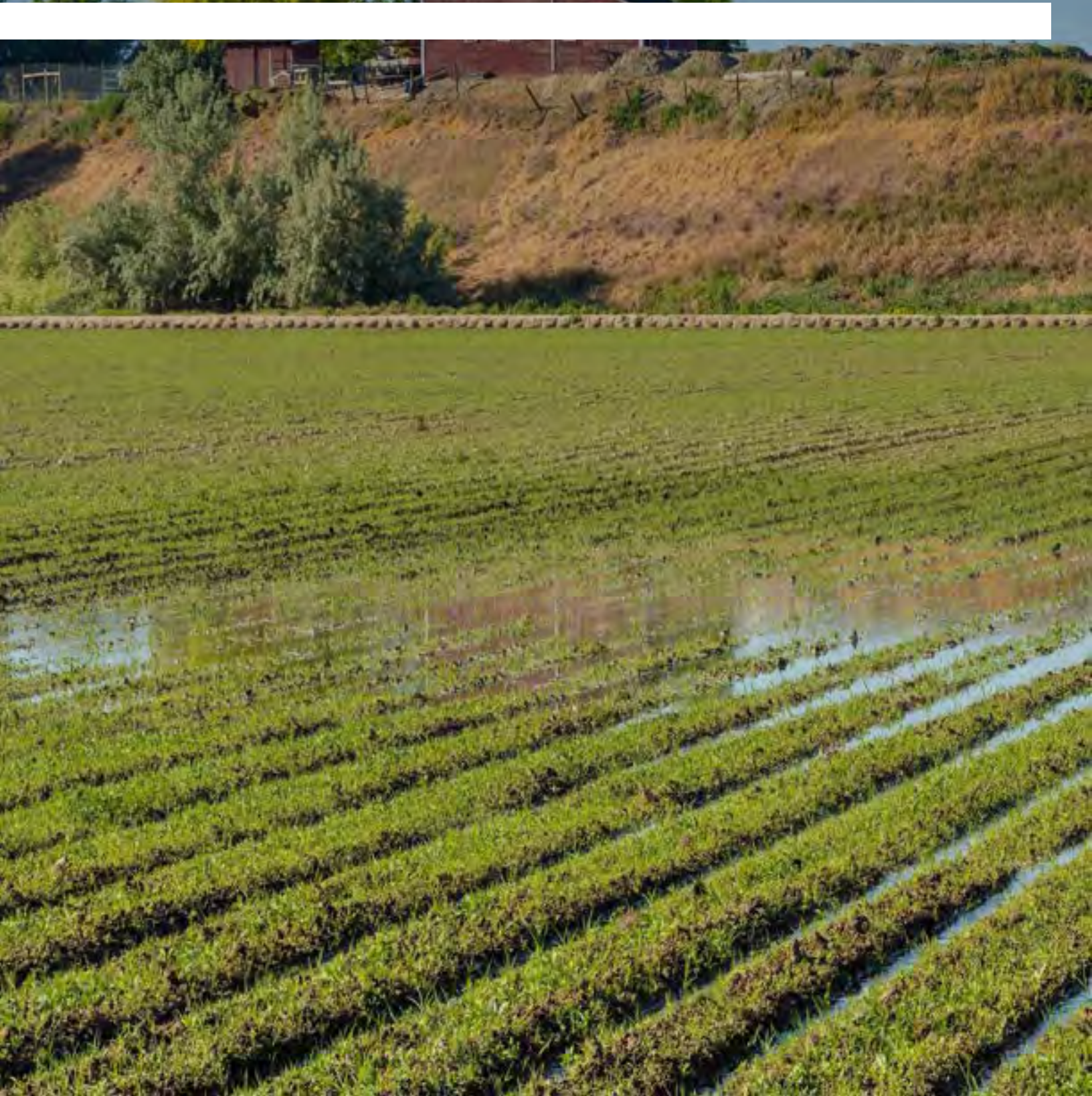
There are four lovely parks in the city of Middleton. The largest green space is Piccadilly Park. This state-of-the-art skatepark draws in both locals and tourists with its summertime farmer's market,

interactive splash pad, and cutting-edge Grindline Skatepark.

Summertime free movies at Foote Park are just one way the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation Department is working to improve and maintain the beautiful parks and green spaces in this charming rural community. Middleton Community Center is a refurbished elementary school gym where locals may watch community plays and play sports including pickleball, basketball, and volleyball. The community center provides an after-school activity room for elementary, middle, and high school kids, and it has become a regular hangout for retirees and the elderly.

It's possible that Middleton is the most understated of the Treasure Valley's little towns, but that doesn't mean it lacks in spirit, love, or community. And the residents intend to maintain it that way.

NAMPA







NAMPA, IDAHO

Nampa embodies all the positive qualities that make Idaho such a great place to live: Nampa is welcoming, reasonably priced, outdoorsy, and practical. With over 100,000 people calling it home, Nampa is the third largest city in Idaho, but it has all the charm of a little town. Nampa is a great example of the friendly, low-key culture for which Idaho is famous.

Residents in Nampa have easy access to a wide variety of retail establishments, food options, and recreational opportunities without ever having to leave town. Nampa has everything from brand new subdivisions near Costco to historic downtown homes to acres on the outskirts of town with a view of the Owyhee Mountains.

OLD AND NEW

It's good to see that downtown Nampa is flourishing. The 62,000 square foot, state-of-the-art Nampa Library is just one example of the new life that has been breathed into this historic district because of the revitalization spearheaded by Library Square.

There is a museum dedicated to the history of the Nampa Train Depot right in the heart of the city. This majestic historic structure was saved by a group of Nampa locals in 1972 to preserve it as a museum dedicated to the city's railroad history. Nampa's history extends back to the early 1880's when the Oregon Short Line Railroad established a line from Wyoming to Oregon, which went through Nampa with the fanciest railroad depot.



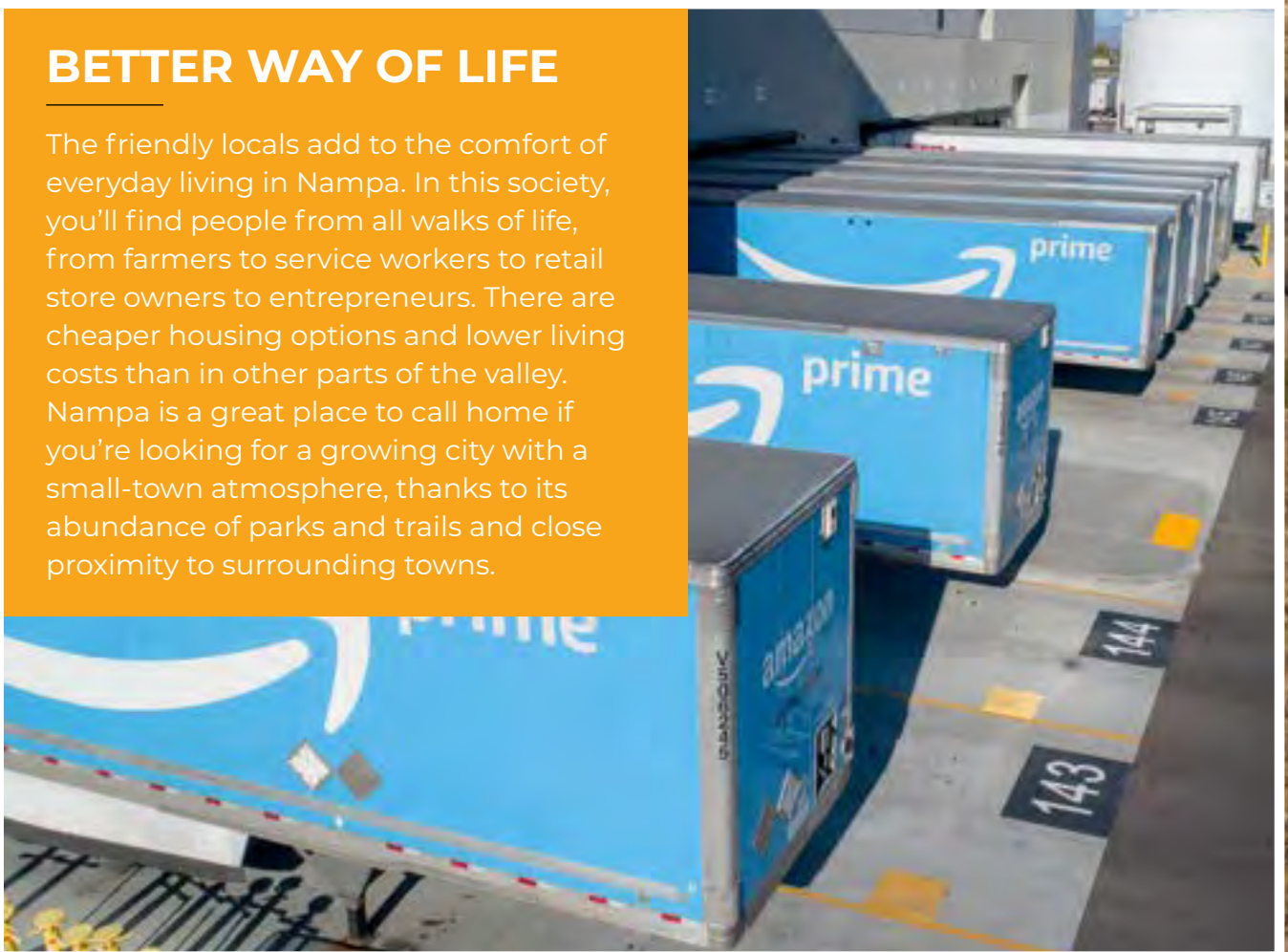
MUCH TO OFFER

There's a surprising amount of family-friendly activities and attractions in Nampa, given the town's modest size. The Ford Idaho Center attracts visitors from all over southwest Idaho for a wide variety of family-friendly events, including the best live outdoor concerts, heart-pounding rodeos, and seasonal trade fairs. The Warhawk Air Museum is a great place to take the aviation fanatic in your family. The Nampa Rec Center is popular among locals due to its many amenities (five indoor pools, rock climbing, gymnastics, etc.). The Nampa Civic Center houses the culturally enriching John Brandt Performing Arts Theater. The lovely Lake Lowell is a haven for wildlife and outdoor activities, making it a popular destination for those who appreciate the environment.



BETTER WAY OF LIFE

The friendly locals add to the comfort of everyday living in Nampa. In this society, you'll find people from all walks of life, from farmers to service workers to retail store owners to entrepreneurs. There are cheaper housing options and lower living costs than in other parts of the valley. Nampa is a great place to call home if you're looking for a growing city with a small-town atmosphere, thanks to its abundance of parks and trails and close proximity to surrounding towns.



STAR





STAR

STAR, IDAHO

Star, Idaho is a small but rapidly expanding city characterized by its scenic open spaces, new subdivisions, and equestrian properties. Star provides the best of both urban luxury and country charm. Star's fertile landscape, abundant farmland, and undulating hills all point to a bright future for the town.

Over the past two decades, the city has expanded greatly, both in terms of population and physical size. Twenty years ago, this rural town of over 11,000 was cut off from the surrounding cities by vast farmlands; today, it is more accessible and centrally located in the valley. Star may have experienced unprecedented growth, but it is still a relatively small town.

PUT DOWN ROOTS

Star is a great place to live and raise a family due to its welcoming small-town vibe and rural location. New residents can easily become integrated into the community thanks to the abundance of organized events. Locals know all about the hidden gem that is Star's River Walk Park, and for the time being, it remains peaceful and unspoiled.

Both older and younger children can be found at the neighborhood skate park, and families can be seen watching summertime films under the stars. Due to Star's size, crime is non-existent, and residents feel safe running or walking their dogs in the morning. And you just might run into the Mayor at the gas station.

Star is a country paradise with all the amenities you could want. Star provides an authentic taste of small-town living with its warm community, traditional celebrations, and valley-leading Fourth of July fireworks display.





TRUE TREASURE OF THE VALLEY

The town of Star is thriving and expanding in all directions. Several houses have breathtaking views of Squaw Butte to the north, the Boise Foothills to the east, and the Owyhee Mountains to the south.

Even though retirees are flocking to this pleasant rural area, it is still popular with young families. Communities along the Boise River have tennis courts and miles of walking trails, which attracts retirees looking to downsize from their larger homes and settle into a more leisurely pace of life.

Star is the kind of place you'll want to call home if you're looking for a peaceful, open environment with all the charm of a small town.



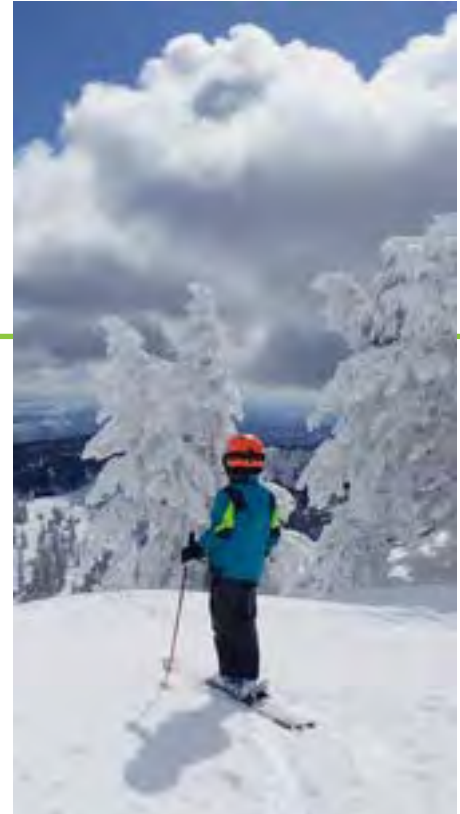
MCCALL, IDAHO

Just two hours north of Boise, on the southern shores of Payette Lake, is this resort town, which is a favorite of families all through the year. Water sports, hiking, golf, and mountain biking are popular in the spring and summer, while skiing, snowmobiling, and the annual Winter Festival attract visitors in the winter. McCall may be small, but it packs a lot of adventure between its campgrounds, ziplines, concert venues, and excellent restaurants. In the mountains, there is always something exciting to do.



BOGUS BASIN

Bogus Basin Mountain is widely recognized as an invaluable resource for the city of Boise. In the winter, you can go skiing and tubing here, while in the summer you can go hiking, mountain biking, and take scenic lift rides, and the mountain coaster is open all year long! The 16-mile ascent up the winding Bogus Basin Road allows visitors to witness the dramatic change in scenery, from sagebrush foothills to snow-covered mountain forest. Bogus Basin, though best known for its world-class downhill skiing, is actually a recreational paradise for visitors any time of year.



BRUNEAU SAND DUNES

The tallest sand dune in North America is located in Bruneau Dunes State Park. Fun for the whole family is guaranteed. Explore the area by foot on one of the nearby trails, or scale one of the nearby dunes on a sandboard that you can then quickly ride down. Families can camp, fish in the park's tiny lake, and visit Idaho's only public observatory all in one convenient location.

SHOSHONE FALLS

Shoshone Falls is located just outside of Twin Falls, Idaho, about two hours south of Boise. This spectacular landmark is 45 feet taller than Niagara Falls and stands at a height of 212 feet. Spectacular displays of crashing water can be seen by onlookers all along the Snake River Canyon's length. Spring and early summer, when the water flow is highest due to the winter snowmelt, is the best time to view the falls. The spectacular light show on the falls, which occurs in late spring, is also not to be missed.

CELEBRATION PARK

Celebration Park is one of Southern Idaho's best-kept secrets. Celebration Park, on the banks of the Snake River, is the only archaeological park in Idaho, but just the drive there is stunning. Explore the petroglyphs carved hundreds of years ago into the basalt that was deposited by the Bonneville flood. Discover the early mining and railroad history of Idaho as you walk across the Guffey Railroad Bridge. This is an ideal day trip because it has both picnic areas and restrooms.



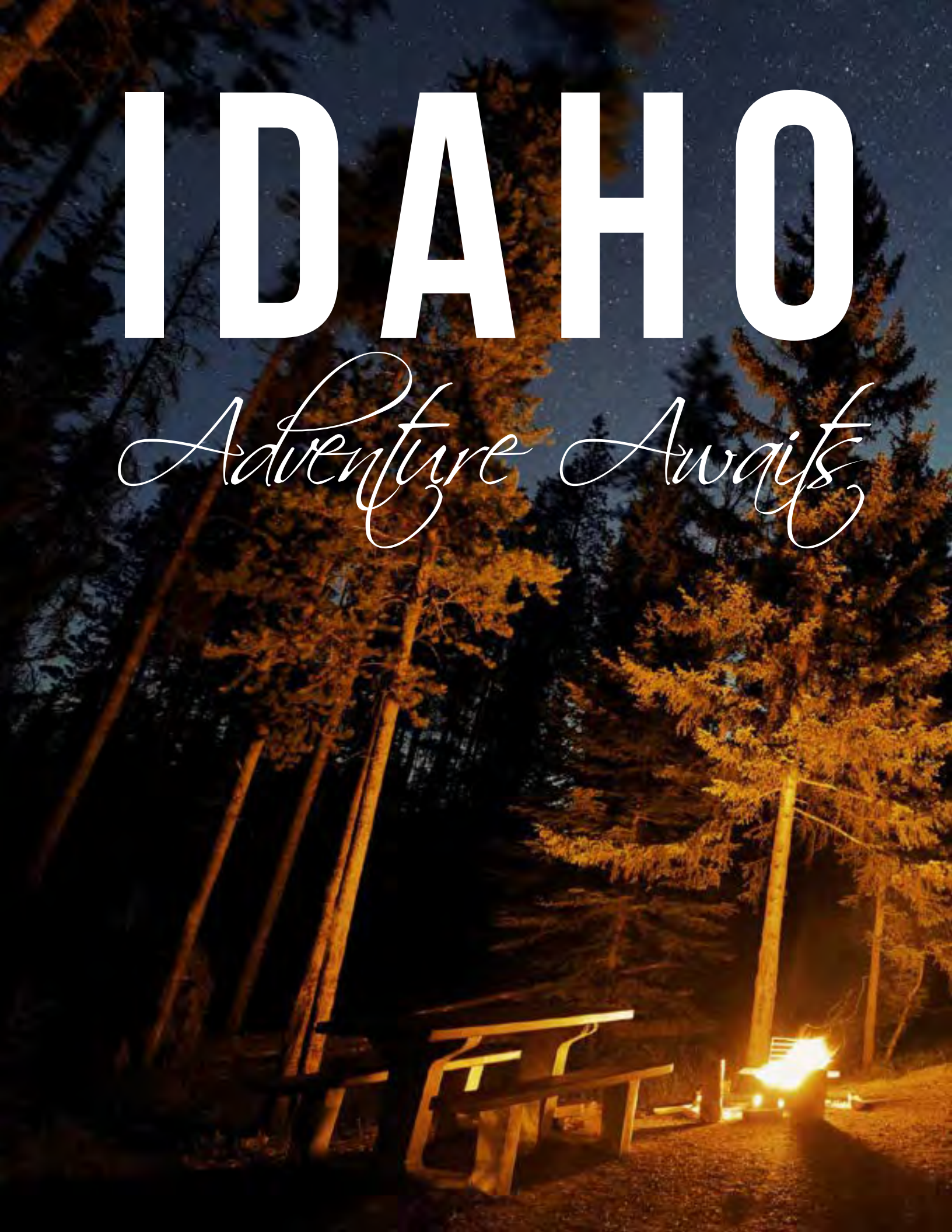
CRATERS OF THE MOON

This lunar-like landscape is the result of thousands of years of volcanic activity and lava flows. Explore the depths of the terrain by walking on lava flows and descending into caves and lava tubes. Drive the 7-mile loop or walk the nature trails and look at the volcano's craters. A total of 42 tent and RV sites are available at Lava Flow Campground on a first-come, first-served basis. Craters of the Moon National Monument is a certified Dark Sky Park, making it a fantastic spot for stargazing from a campsite.



IDAHO

Adventure Awaits







CAMPING

Idahoans are hardwired to be campers; the outdoor lifestyle is deeply ingrained there. There are over 2,300,000 acres in Idaho that are open for camping, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor recreation. There are many well-kept campgrounds in Idaho, and many of them are located on or near beautiful lakes, rivers, forests, or even desert sand dunes. There are plenty of undeveloped, natural areas throughout the state that are perfect for free-range camping. The hardest part will be deciding where to set up camp; there are plenty of beautiful options, such as by a peaceful mountain lake, a bubbling river, soothing hot springs, or deep in the woods..



FISHING

With the incredible fishing opportunities in Idaho, you'll have plenty of stories to tell your friends back home. Rainbow trout populate the local fishing ponds, and the Boise River is widely regarded as one of the best urban trout rivers in the United States. Classic bass lakes, streams stuffed with trophy trout, and great rivers teeming with steelhead and salmon can all be found within easy driving distance of Boise. During lunch breaks, it's not uncommon to see the working men or women in work attire casting a line. Indeed, anglers in Idaho take their sport seriously.



GOLF

There are more than 20 courses between Caldwell and Boise, making a round of golf a convenient weekend activity. There are courses in Idaho that will fit your time, budget, and skill level, from those ranked among the top 10 in the state by Golf Digest to a massive 36-hole scenic golf course to inexpensive municipal fairways. You can take in beautiful views of the Owhyee Mountains, the valley floor, and the Boise foothills. Sun Valley, McCall, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are all within a day's drive and are home to some of the best golf courses in the state.



HIKING

The Boise Foothills provide a beautiful backdrop for the 190 miles of trails that make up the Ridge to Rivers system, which may sway you to take up hiking if you weren't already a hiker. It's easy and fun to introduce your family to hiking because there are many trails throughout the valley that are suitable for kids. Table Rock is the most well-known hike in the Boise area because it is so conveniently located near the city center. The trailhead can be quickly and easily accessed from this spot. A breathtaking panorama of the city and the valley awaits you at the plateau. You'll find everything you need and more to turn you into a hiker, from easy strolls along flat paths to challenging ascents.



HOT SPRINGS

There is a wide range of sizes, temperatures, and types of natural hot springs in Idaho. A day or overnight trip to a hot springs retreat in the mountains or amongst rock formations would be an unforgettable experience for any traveler. These thermal springs can be found on public land, typically in the wilderness or National Forests. In Idaho, it is common to find free public hot springs. Developed commercial hot springs on private land typically charge a fee due to the inclusion of modern conveniences like pools of varying temperatures, showers and bathhouses, beverage service, and the like, and are typically open for business for the vast majority of the year. Indulging in a relaxing hot spring soak in Idaho is like taking a vacation for your mind and body.



HUNTING

Idaho offers a wide variety of game species for hunters to pursue, from common upland game birds and small game to larger mammals and even the highly prized trophies. Almost two-thirds of the state of Idaho is made up of public land, so there are plenty of places to go hunting. Idaho is a hunter's paradise, with countless options for pursuing large game. Idaho is home to some of the best elk hunting in the world and the best variety of big game hunting in the West. Deer, elk, black bear, pronghorn, mountain lion, and wolf can all be hunted with a general season tag or in regulated hunts. Trophy animals like moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats are all available through managed hunts in Idaho. Hunters, if they're fortunate enough to win the permits, can only ever have one of each trophy species.

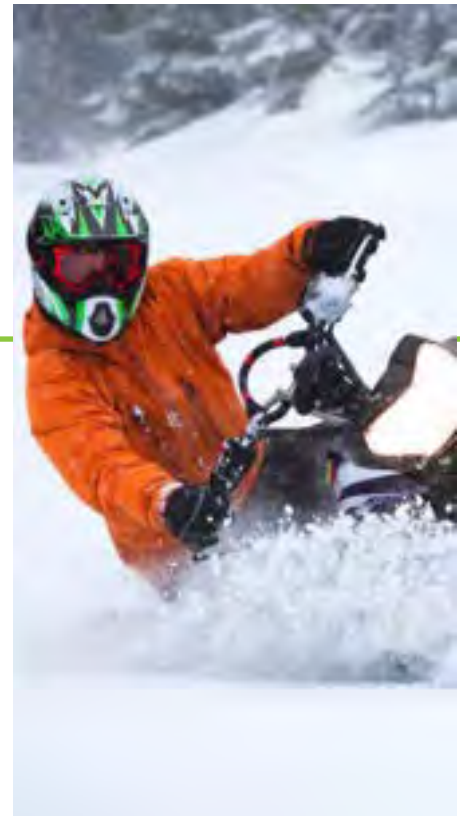
MOUNTAIN BIKING

The best mountain-biking experiences aren't far away, and they don't require you to travel very far at all. Take your mountain bike with you on your weekend travels, no matter where you may be going. The whole state is one huge trail system for mountain bikers. In and around Boise, you'll find a wide variety of hiking trails to suit your needs in terms of difficulty, distance, and overall experience. All tracks share the feature of compacted dirt, which makes for easy and quick riding. The majority of the shorter trails are located in the open foothills, while the longer rides feature a variety of trees in the upper region that open up to brief stretches with expansive valley views. Mountain bikers of all experience levels will find plenty of fun on Idaho's trails.



OFF-ROADING / SNOWMOBILING

Off-roading in Idaho is a thrill for any rider, whether on skis or wheels. The Boise Foothills and Boise Ridge provide off-road enthusiasts with a great place to explore within the city limits of Boise. Downhill travel in these regions is not for the faint of heart. You can easily get lost when exploring just minutes from your trailhead. It's possible to have a great time in the area because it has hundreds of miles of dirt roads and trails ranging from easy to difficult. Skis and snowmobiles are common winter accessories, as snowmobiling is a popular pastime in this region. The backcountry of Idaho becomes a snowmobiler's paradise every winter, complete with groomed trails and miles upon miles of untouched snow in the midst of breathtaking vistas.



WHITEWATER RAFTING

In the height of summer, Boise's temperature reaches the sweet spot that makes the Payette River ideal for whitewater kayaking and rafting excursions of any length. The North and South Forks of the Payette River feature heart-pounding class IV and V rapids, while "The Main," as it is known locally, offers varying levels of challenging whitewater up to class III rapids. The river is a fantastic place to have fun and unwind. Outside of Stanley, Idaho, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River is a Class IV whitewater rafting destination. Indeed, whitewater in Idaho is the pinnacle of river sports.











BOISE WHITEWATER PARK

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Boise Whitewater Park were among the earliest in the world to modify river waves. There are currently two “park and play” places on the river where kayakers, surfers, and paddle boarders can access the rapids. Just a short drive from Boise’s trendy North End and Downtown is one of the largest urban boating and boarding centers in North America: Boise Whitewater Park, which includes Quinn’s Pond and Esther Simplot Park.



RIVER FLOAT

From the end of June until the beginning of September, river enthusiasts on inner tubes, rafts, paddleboards, and even giant inflatable swans and pink flamingos float downstream on their various river adventures. Because it is a natural river with potentially dangerous tree limbs and debris, floaters should always use caution and wear life jackets while making their way from Barber Park to Ann Morrison Park. During the float season, Barber Park is home to a number of services that make it simple to join in on the fun and adventure, including equipment rental, air filling stations, and a shuttle service.



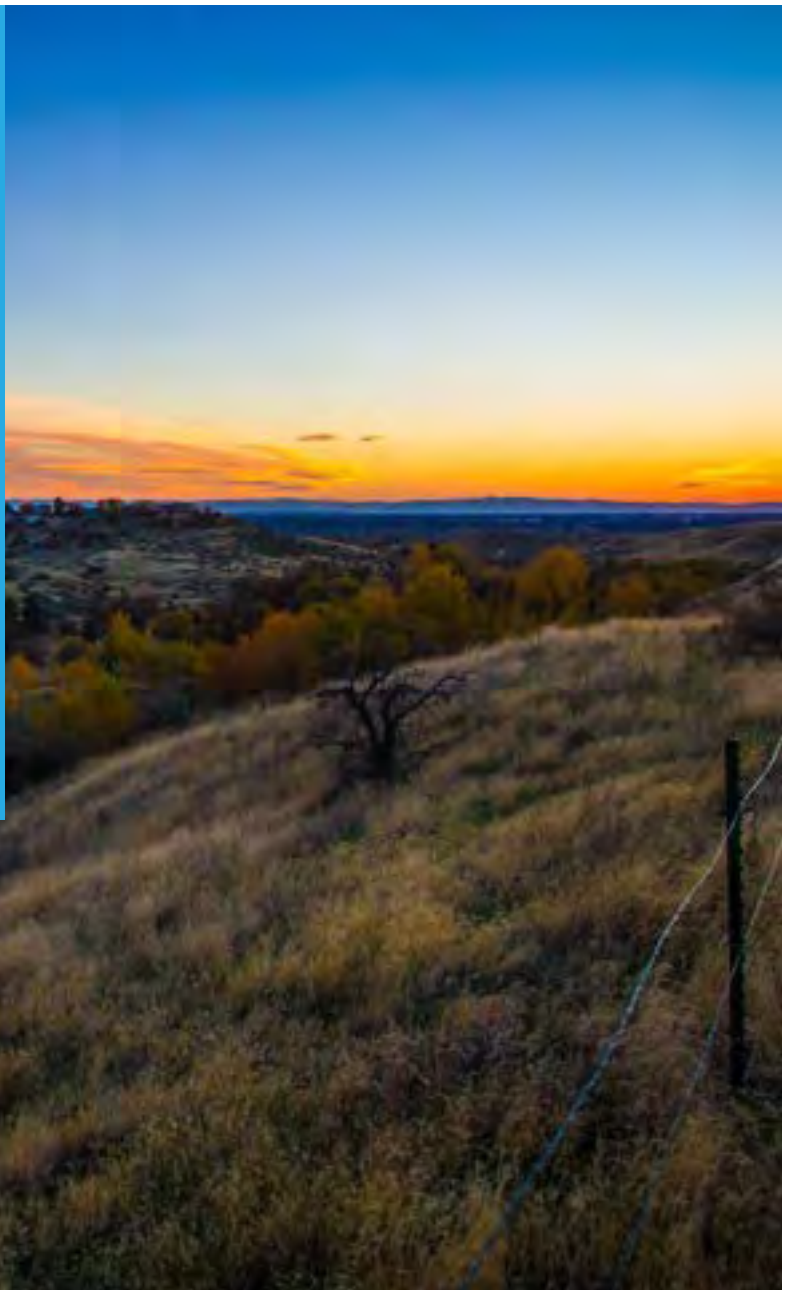


BOISE RIVER GREENBELT

One of the city's most recognizable landmarks is the Boise River Greenbelt. This 25-mile trail links several neighborhoods and parks along the Boise River to the city center. It begins at Lucky Peak Dam and ends in Eagle. Great horned owls, river otters, and even deer can be spotted along the way, giving the impression that you are deep in the wilderness, far from the hustle and bustle of the city.

HULLS GULCH RESERVE

The recreation district of the Boise Foothills centers around the Hulls Gulch Reserve. The Grove and Lower Hulls Gulch are two of the most important trailheads in the area, and together they provide access to nearly 190 miles of the Ridge to Rivers trail system in the foothills. Community members worked together to protect Hulls Gulch Reserve from development in the early 1990s. Runners, hikers, mountain bikers, dog walkers, and equestrians all take advantage of today's fantastic recreational area.



MK NATURE CENTER

Located on the banks of the Boise River, the Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center features nearly five acres of land dedicated to wildlife. Downtown Boise's Greenbelt boasts this free, well-hidden gem. Travel the nature trails, check out the sturgeon, salmon, and trout in the sturgeon pond, and see what it's like to enter an eagle's nest! The underwater viewing windows along the trail give visitors a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with local aquatic life and ecosystems.



LAKE RECREATION

Families love spending time at Idaho's lakes, whether it's for the day, the weekend, or a week. Within Boise's city limits, at Esther Simplot Park's Quinn's Pond, you can enjoy sandy beaches, paddle boarding, and other water activities. Water-skiing, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, and more can all be enjoyed at Lucky Peak State Park, located just a few miles southeast of Boise. Camping and lakeside cabin rentals are available at a number of Idaho lakes.

SPIRIT OF BOISE BALLOON CLASSIC

An absolute must-see, the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic is an annual celebration in Idaho. Ann Morrison Park is transformed into a vibrant spectacle as more than 40 balloons of varying colors arrive for the festival, which runs for five days. For 30 years, the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic has stayed true to its mission of providing free, fun family entertainment for the entire community, including free tethered rides for kids, spectacular night glows, and morning launches in between.



AQUARIUM OF BOISE

Children in the Treasure Valley absolutely love this interactive aquarium. There are plenty of touch tanks because the aquarium is relatively small (10,000 square feet). Children can learn about the marine environment through encounters with some of the 250 animal species that call this aquarium home, such as a blacktip reef shark, bat rays, stingrays, and many more. In the Ray Pool, kids can get up close and personal with these sociable marine creatures by touching and feeding them.





BIRDS OF PREY

The World Center for Birds of Prey is located on a hill south of the Boise Airport with a view of the city. The Peregrine Fund, renowned for its work to save endangered bird species, operates out of this widely publicized and frequented facility. Eagles, owls, vultures, hawks, and falcons from all over the world are on display at this one-of-a-kind indoor and outdoor learning center. See rare birds of prey in action at demonstrations and exhibits.



THE BASQUE BLOCK

Geographically, the Basque Country is found in the western Pyrenees, on the border between France and Spain. The largest concentration of American Basques can be found in Boise, which is home to over 16,000. Many Basques immigrated to Idaho in the 1800s. This history is honored by the Basque Block. The Basque Block in the heart of Boise is home to the Basque Museum and Cultural Center as well as numerous authentic restaurants and nightlife venues.



IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

More than four decades ago, the Idaho Shakespeare Festival began bringing world-class theater to Boise's outdoor stages. In a state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater, performances of five plays (not all by Shakespeare) take place in a rotating repertory from May to October. Along with outstanding stage performances, there will also be a series of miniconcerts featuring a wide range of musical acts before the main event. Visitors can enjoy a gourmet meal at the onsite Café Shakespeare, or pack a lunch to enjoy in the beautiful outdoor setting.

WINERIES

Idaho is a great place to grow grapes and produce wine due to the state's temperate four-season climate, fertile soil, and plentiful water. In the Treasure Valley alone, you can visit many of the more than 60 wineries that dot the state of Idaho. The Sunnyslope Wine Trail in Caldwell, Idaho, comprises fifteen wineries, and it features some of the oldest wineries in the beautiful Snake River Valley. Furthermore, Kuna is home to some of Idaho's most acclaimed wineries. Boise and the surrounding areas have a plethora of urban wineries and tasting rooms where you can get a taste of Idaho's best.

IDAHO

Education

You'll be happy with your children's schooling choices here. The Treasure Valley is home to a wide range of public, private, and homeschooling institutions, so you can find one that fits your family's needs.

Once you've arrived, it's time to get in touch with the local school district to find out about enrollment deadlines and when classes actually begin.

BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 8169 W Victory Rd. Boise, ID 83709
- (208) 854 - 4000
- www.boiseschools.org

- 34 Elementary Schools
- 8 Junior High Schools
- 5 High Schools

WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 1303 East Central Dr., Meridian, ID 83642
- (208) 855 - 4500
- www.westada.org

- 32 Elementary Schools
- 10 Junior High Schools
- 9 High Schools

NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 619 South Canyon, Nampa, ID 83686
- (208) 465 - 2700
- www.nsd131.org

- 14 Elementary Schools
- 3 Junior High Schools
- 3 High Schools

CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 1101 E Caldwell Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605
- (208) 455 - 3300
- www.caldwellschools.org

- 6 Elementary Schools
- 2 Junior High Schools
- 2 High Schools

VALLIVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 5207 S. Montana, Caldwell, ID 83607
- (208) 454 - 0445
- www.vallivue.org

- 7 Elementary Schools
- 3 Junior High Schools
- 3 High Schools

MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT



- 5 South Viking Ave., Middleton, ID 83644
- (208) 585 - 3027
- www.msdl34.org

- 3 Elementary Schools
- 1 Junior High Schools
- 1 High School

KUNA SCHOOL DISTRICT








- 1450 Boise Street, Kuna, ID 83634
- (208) 922 - 1000
- www.kunaschools.org

- 5 Elementary Schools
- 1 Junior High Schools
- 1 High School


TREASURE VALLEY PRIVATE SCHOOLS



 BISHOP KELLY HIGH SCHOOL
 7009 Franklin Road, Boise, ID 83709
 (208) 375-6010  Grades: 9 - 12
 www.bk.org

Bishop Kelly High School's mission as a Catholic, Christian educational community is to develop the total student—spirit, mind and body. Through a diverse and comprehensive education in the Catholic tradition, students prepare themselves to serve God and others in the world community.



 BOISE VALLEY ADVENTIST SCHOOL
 925 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID 83713
 (208) 376-7141  Grades: PreK - 8
 www.bvas.org






Boise Valley Adventist School stands out in so many ways, including its highly educated teachers, beautiful facility, convenient location, and competitive tuition rates. But, topping the list of reasons that parents remain loyal to BVAS are its vibrant spiritual nurture and academic excellence.



 CALDWELL ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY
 2317 Wisconsin Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605
 (208) 459-4313  Grades: Infant - 8
 caldwelladventistelementary.netadvent.org

Caldwell Adventist Elementary School is a Christian private school that provides a higher standard of learning, faith, and citizenship. They offer music education, choir, and band for all students as they believe music is an important part of every student's development.



 COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
 8775 Ustick Road, Boise, ID 83704
 (208) 947-1212  Grades: PreK - 12
 www.colevalleychristian.org






Cole Valley Christian is in partnership with parents to provide an education that aligns with the Christ-centered values that you instill at home, and that are taught at church.



 EAGLE ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN
 538 W State St., Eagle, ID 83616
 (208) 938-0093  Grades: Pre - 8
 ani830.adventistschoolconnect.org






Eagle Adventist Christian School is to provide an environment for social, scholastic, and spiritual growth for children in preschool through eighth grade, by providing individualized instruction in multi-grade settings, to prepare them to make positive moral choices as productive Christian citizens.



 NAMPA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
 505 W. Orchard Ave., Nampa, ID 83651
 (208) 466-8451  Grades: Infant - 12
 www.nampachristianschools.com






Nampa Christian Schools exists for the purpose of providing a Christ-centered academic experience for Christian families in the Treasure Valley. Their goal is to develop Christian character and leadership through purposeful work, earnest scholarship, vital participation, and Christ-centered living.



 SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 3901 Cassia St., Boise, ID 83705
 (208) 344-9738  Grades: PreK - 8
 www.sacredheartboise.com






Their campus can accommodate 250 students in grades pre-K through 8. They follow the State of Idaho guidelines and offer a comprehensive religious education program. Sacred Heart Catholic School has ten classroom teachers, and specialists in art, music and physical education.



 ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 6180 N Meridian Rd., Meridian, ID 83646
 (208) 888-4759  Grades: PreK - 8
 www.stignatiusmeridian.org






Our community – school, families, parish – seeks to inspire students to reach their potential, to act with initiative and integrity, and to engage the world as a place where God can be found in all things.



 ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 825 W. Fort St., Boise, ID 83702
 (208) 342-4909  Grades: K - 8
 www.stjoes.com






For 115 years, St. Joseph's Catholic School has provided an excellent Catholic education to countless area students. Educating over 400 students annually in grades kindergarten through eighth, St. Joseph's is the cathedral school of the diocese, affiliated with The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.



 ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 7503 W Northview St., Boise, ID 83704
 (208) 375-6651  Grades: Pre - 8
 www.stmarksboise.com


St. Mark's offers a Preschool to 8th grade quality, values based Catholic education with an enrollment of 340 students. St. Mark's is accredited from the Western Catholic Education Association, approved by the Idaho State Department of Education, and a member of the National Catholic Education Association.



 SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 2620 W State St., Boise, ID 83702
 (208) 342-7476  Grades: K - 8
 www.stmarys-boise.org

Founded in 1948, St. Mary's School is one of the oldest, most successful traditional Catholic schools in the valley. With 68 years of experience in helping students achieve their personal best, they are proud to say they challenge all their students to reach their full potential while developing values and a rich faith life.



 THE AMBROSE SCHOOL
 6100 N. Locust Grove Rd., Meridian, ID 83646
 (208) 323-3888  Grades: K - 12
 theambroseschool.org

The Ambrose School is dedicated to the idea that true education requires more than imparting knowledge, or training skills, or even teaching students to think (though all of these are involved). They are cultivating in students what the ancient Greeks and Christians called paideia.



HOMESCHOOLING IN IDAHO

Homeschooling is growing in popularity and acceptance across the nation, and no state provides more homeschooling freedoms than Idaho. Here, it is simple to begin homeschooling. Idaho has no registration or enrollment requirements, and it does not regulate or monitor homeschooling. The permissive regulations and registrations allow parents to choose the curricula for their children.

REQUIREMENTS

The state of Idaho mandates that children receive instruction between the ages of seven and sixteen, and that homeschooled students study subjects taught in public schools. These subjects include mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies, but are not limited to them. Parents are not required to have specific qualifications to teach, nor are they required to maintain school records or obtain district approval. There are no minimum requirements for the number of days or hours of instruction, teaching evaluation questionnaires, or standardized tests.



TESTING & RECORDS

Despite the fact that children in Idaho are not required to take standardized tests, it can be reassuring to confirm your child's educational progress. There are online resources that allow you to take standardized tests from the comfort of your home. (For further information, visit homeschoolidaho.org/testing.)

Even though Idaho does not mandate recordkeeping, it is prudent to maintain records for at least two years. Curriculum, schoolwork, and test results, certificates, and accomplishments, and even attendance records could be recorded.



RESOURCES

As a homeschooling parent, your best resources are other homeschooling families. There are numerous groups, organizations, churches, co-ops, and playgroups in the Treasure Valley that facilitate these connections. The Homeschool Idaho Convention is an annual two-day event held in Nampa, Idaho, at Northwest Nazarene University. Thousands of homeschooling families attend the convention for the workshops, the chance to purchase and peruse curriculum from countless vendors and curriculum representatives, and the opportunity to hear motivational speakers provide expert homeschool advice.

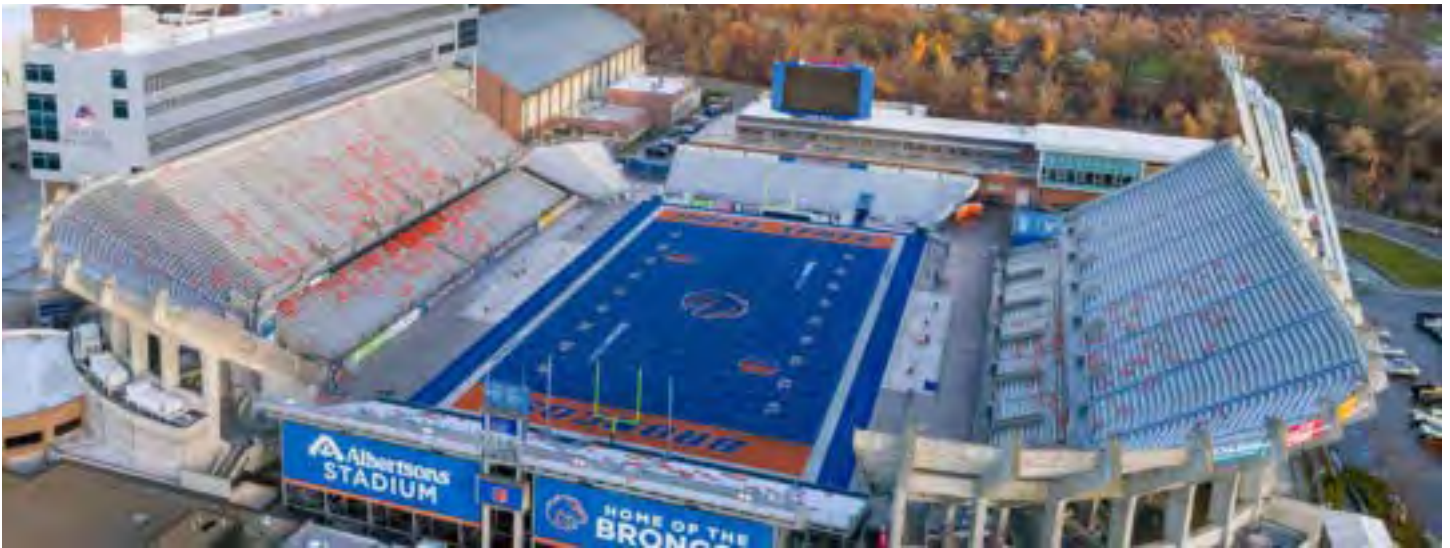


HIGHER EDUCATION

Throughout the Treasure Valley, you'll find colleges and universities setting themselves apart, providing exceptional programs in various fields of studies.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO BOISE
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY – MERIDIAN
NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO
IDAHO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
BOISE BIBLE COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

The Boise State University campus runs along the Boise River banks, just a quick walk from the heart of Idaho's most populated city. The largest college campus in Idaho, Boise State University offers about 200 areas of study – including the nation's only master's degree in raptor biology and 11 doctoral programs. Combine minors, certificates, internships, hands-on research, work opportunities

— and more — to make your educational experience unique. From groundbreaking research and academic programs to exponential growth all over campus, to how the faculty and staff are re-imagining higher education, BSU is blazing trails in Idaho, the U.S., and throughout the world.



UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO BOISE

Strategically located in Boise, the University of Idaho Boise supports teaching, learning, and outreach with diverse education and research programs in the Treasure Valley. U of I Boise provides access to all University of Idaho resources to southwest Idaho. Every county but one in the State of Idaho has an Extension office. Supporting university growth,

regional economic development, and community impact in Regions III & IV of the state is U of I Boise's focus. And they have an engaged university campus with a climate of inclusion for employees throughout its regions of responsibility.



IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY – MERIDIAN

Founded in 1901, Idaho State University attracts students from around the world. They offer high-quality education in more than 250 programs and the state's designated lead institution in health professions. Idaho State is a Carnegie-classified doctoral research institution. The ISU Meridian Health Science Center offers over 30 undergraduate and

graduate programs, including online degrees, and serves approximately 1,000 students and working professionals in the Treasure Valley. ISU-Meridian was selected as one of the nation's top 10 branch campuses by thebestcolleges.org.



NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Northwest Nazarene University, a nonprofit comprehensive Christian university of the liberal arts, presently offers over 80 areas of study, 18 master's degrees in seven different disciplines, and two doctoral degrees. In addition to its 90-acre campus located in Nampa, Idaho, the university also offers programs online and in Idaho Falls and in cooperation with programs in 35 countries. NNU serves

over 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 6,000 continuing education students, and over 10,000 high school students through the concurrent credit program. NNU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and has been rated by U.S. News and World Report as one of the West's top masters-level universities.



THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO

The College of Idaho, a private, residential liberal arts college in Caldwell, Idaho, is known for its outstanding academic programs, winning athletics tradition, and producing successful graduates. They are committed to an innovative, individualized curriculum in liberal arts and professional studies, building community, and exercising stewardship. Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho

is the state's first private liberal arts college. It is a close-knit community of 1,000 scholars, athletes, artists, and critical thinkers who aim to push themselves to new heights. Recently receiving the number one national ranking status for social mobility by U.S. News & World Report, The College of Idaho's national accolades continue to grow.



IDAHO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine mission is to train osteopathic physicians prepared for caring for persons in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and beyond. Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) awards the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (DO). The DO degree is a 4-year degree with years 1 and 2

comprising on-campus didactic lectures, small group assignments, laboratory, and clinical experiences. ICOM students spend their third and fourth years doing clinical clerkship rotations at core affiliated hospital and outpatient sites.



BOISE BIBLE COLLEGE

Located on a 16-acre campus at the edge of Boise, Boise Bible College is minutes from hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. BBC is leading the charge on incorporating Biblical truths with relevant and innovative academics. It's a place where students strengthen their talents in every area, explore God's community through multiple avenues, forge ties with

the global Church and develop the character traits they need to serve Jesus in any career they choose. Students at Boise Bible College learn to passionately and innovatively communicate Biblical truth as they study the ancient text so that it may be applied wherever God leads them.



COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO

College of Western Idaho (CWI) is a comprehensive community college providing higher education programs to Western Idaho residents. They offer a full range of academic and career-technical courses leading to an Associate of Arts or Science degree, Associate of Applied Science degrees, continuing education, and certificates. CWI also offers Basic Skills

Education to prepare for a GED, Dual Credit for high school students, and fast-track career training for working professionals. Campuses located throughout the Treasure Valley or online allow students to choose what classes will meet their needs.



TREASURE VALLEY

HealthCare



SAINT ALPHONSUS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Saint Alphonsus Health System has the region's only Level II Trauma Center, which recognizes its dedication to providing the highest quality, most optimal care for critically ill and injured patients. St. Al's, as the locals call it, maintains the highest standards for chest pain, stroke, orthopedic and general surgery, and emergency care. Saint Alphonsus Medical Centers are located in Boise and Nampa, Idaho, and Ontario and Baker City, Oregon.



ST. LUKE'S BOISE MEDICAL CENTER

Founded in 1902, St. Luke's Boise is Idaho's largest health care provider and the flagship hospital of St. Luke's Health System. St. Luke's provides access to highly skilled specialists, nurses, and staff within a friendly campus designed for healing. Nationally recognized for quality and patient safety and known for clinical excellence, St. Luke's Boise is proud to be designated a Magnet hospital, the gold standard for nursing care.



TREASURE VALLEY HOSPITAL

Treasure Valley Hospital is a physician-owned, non-emergency hospital associated with Surgical Care Affiliates (SCA). TVH focuses on certain types of surgery: orthopedic, neuro, ENT, and sports medicine and continues to add specialties as needed. Specializing in these fields allows them to be efficient and provide high-quality health care at the best possible price. When physicians are directly involved in every aspect of the delivery of healthcare, the patient always benefits.



BOISE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Boise VA Medical Center's primary service area has a radius of approximately 160 miles with an estimated veteran population of 100,000. Boise's main facility is committed to veteran's health care providing highly sophisticated primary, secondary, and specialty care to roughly 28,000 veterans each year. It operates Outpatient Clinics in Twin Falls, Caldwell, Mountain Home and Salmon, Idaho, and in Burns, Oregon.



Teleworking

The trend toward remote work, also known as telecommuting, is growing. Although this trend can be traced back over the last decade, a sharp uptick can be observed beginning around the year 2020. More and more Americans are thinking about relocating to less populous areas in search of a better work-life balance, and these areas must be equipped with high-speed internet, affordable housing, and easy access to major airports. As remote work hubs go, Boise and the Treasure Valley more than meet the requirements of the modern freelancer.



Boise and the surrounding cities have access to high-speed internet with download speeds of up to 1000Mbps, which is on par with those of any major city.

The Boise Airport is conveniently located in the heart of Boise, just off of Interstate 84. Getting through security and finding your way around are both breezes at this airport. There are a number of options for getting across the country quickly and easily, so it won't be difficult to get to the next board meeting or holiday party.

Boise and its surrounding cities have an average cost of living. Home offices are becoming increasingly common as more condo and apartment complexes spring up in and around the valley.

Fast food delivery, coworking spaces, and ridesharing apps like Uber and Lyft are all within easy reach.

Safest and most convenient for the remote worker are medium-sized cities like Boise. Coworking spaces, food delivery, and job opportunities are scarce in smaller towns, while living expenses are higher in larger cities.



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