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Relocation Guide

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The Good News Realty Group is an industry-leading real estate team centered in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. We have found that due to our similar interests and dedication to the same core values, we behave much more like a real estate family. Each one of us believe that through education, we are able to provide a unique and enjoyable experience to every single one of our clients. In order to make you comfortable with perhaps the largest purchase of your life, we found that keeping you informed throughout the entire process builds your confidence as a seller or buyer. Whether you have purchased 10 homes or this is your first we like to begin our initial education process during our first consultation. At that point we are able to create a specific plan of action that will satisfy your real estate needs.

Now you may be thinking, "A consultation, that sounds intimidating!" or "What if we meet and our personalities don't mesh?" Those are valid questions and we encourage honest communication. If you were hoping for a high-pressure sales pitch or one of us to twist your arm, you are looking at the wrong team. We leave those methods to other agents and instead focus on our team's pillars of excellence: Consultation, Navigation, Negotiation, and Celebration.

At our consultation we will also discuss the biggest benefits to becoming our clients including our complimentary services, the benefits our team has over a single agent you may be considering, and how we can help make your transition as stress-free as possible. All that aside, I hope that you are able to enjoy this complimentary relocation packet. We have this and much more available on our website for your convenience. If you enjoy this or you have any suggestions on how we can improve, please do not hesitate to let us know. If you are new to the valley or relocating across town, let us be the first to welcome you to Idaho, we would be happy to bring you some Good News whenever you are ready.

Thank you,

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This isn't a place for people who merely want to observe life.

And embrace adventure.

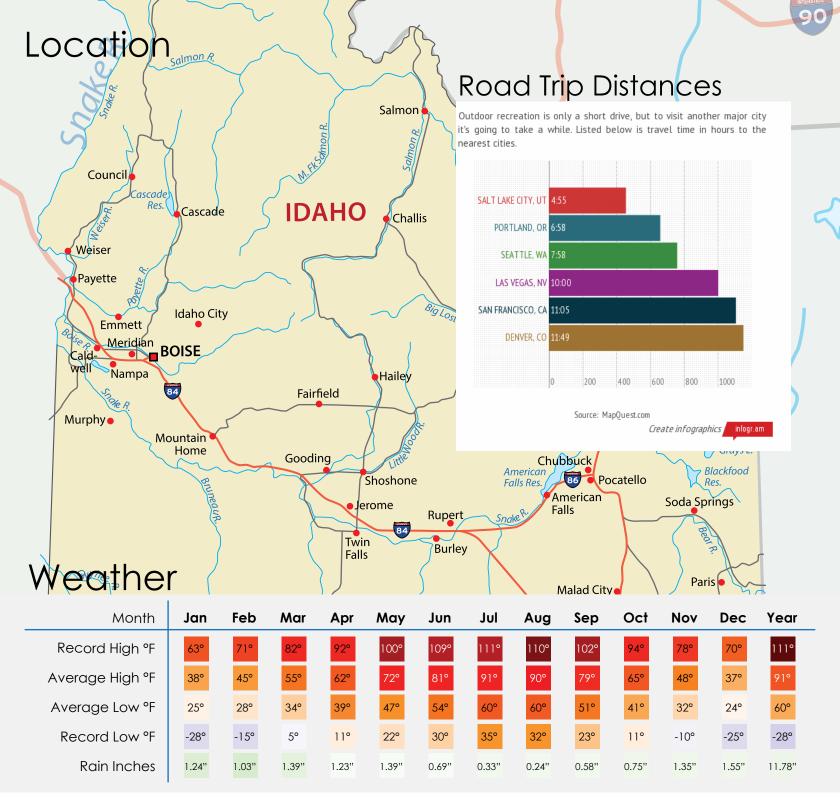
Introduction

Boise is many things. Urban and outdoorsy. Wild and relaxing. The Boise area is a great place to live, work and visit! Whether it's the vibrant cultural and recreational opportunities, the friendly people or the mild climate, Boise and the surrounding communities afford a quality of life second to none. Good jobs, affordable housing and a safe, clean and vibrant downtown all add up to a great place to live.

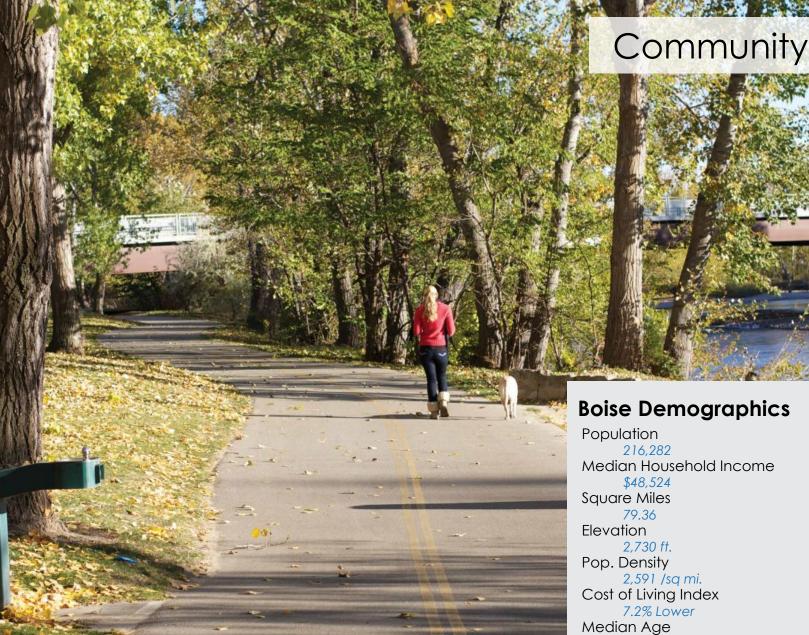
Nestled in the Treasure Valley against the majestic foothills, Boise is part of a thriving metropolitan area of over 550,000 people. Boise is the largest metropolitan area in Idaho, and also the most remote metropolitan area in the United States, fostering a "unique sense of community." Situated where the high desert meets the western edge of the Rocky Mountains, Boise is the gateway to exceptional recreational opportunities including: world famous white-water rafting, Nordic and Alpine skiing, snowboarding, hunting, fishing, backpacking and camping. Hiking, biking and fishing are popular activities right in the metro area, accessed by miles of greenbelt along the Boise River. The foothills provide trails for hikers and bikers of all abilities.

Live in Boise.





Boise has a semi-arid climate with four distinct seasons. Boise experiences hot and dry summers with highs reaching 100 °F eight days in a typical year and 90 °F on 51 days. Yet because of the aridity, average diurnal temperature variation exceeds 30 °F in summer. Winters are moderately cold, with a December average of 30.7 °F, and lows falling to 0 °F or below on around three nights per year. Snowfall averages 19 inches, but typically falls in bouts of 3 inches or less. Spring and fall are mild. Autumn is brief; spring is gradual. Precipitation is usually infrequent and light, especially so during the summer months. Extremes have ranged from -28 °F on January 16, 1888 to 111 °F, as recently as July 19, 1960; temperatures have reached -25 °F and 110 °F as recently as December 22, 1990 and July 1, 2013, respectively.



Boise was listed #1 as "Getting it right" in a 2014 issue of Time Magazine's, "Solutions for America" article.

Boise is the capital and most populous city in the state of Idaho, as well as the county seat of Ada County. Located on the Boise River in southwestern Idaho, the population of Boise at the 2010 Census was 205,671, the 99th largest in the nation.

The Boise City-Nampa metropolitan area includes five counties with a combined population of 616,500, the most populous metropolitan area in Idaho. It contains the state's three largest cities; Boise, Nampa, and Meridian. Boise is the third most populous metropolitan area in the United States' Pacific Northwest region, behind Seattle, and Portland.

Boise Demographics

Median Household Income 36.5 Unemployment 2.6% Median Rent \$1,025 Average Home Listing Price \$282,525

For Population 25+ years old

High School or Higher 93.8% Bachelor's Degree of Higher 38.3% Graduate or Professional Degree 14.3%

Sales Tax Information

State 6.0% Ada County 0.00% Boise 0.0%

Top 10 Employers

The high-tech industry has become increasingly important to Boise over the years, though the economy remains diversified with its government and business sectors continuing to be strong influences.

Micron Technology

8000 S. Federal Way Boise, ID 83716 (208) 368 - 4000

Hewlett-Packard Company

11311 W. Chinden Blvd. Boise, ID 83714 (208) 396 - 6000

St. Luke's Boise Medical Center

190 E. Boise Medical Center Boise, ID 83712 (208) 381 - 2222

Saint Alphonsus Health System

1055 N. Curtis Road Boise, ID 83706 (208) 367 - 2121

Boise Independent School District

8169 W. Victory Road Boise, ID 83709 (208) 854 - 4000

West Ada School District

1303 East Central Drive Meridian, ID 83642 (208) 855 - 4500

Idaho Power Company

1221 W. Idaho Street Boise, ID 83702 (208) 388 - 2200

City of Boise

150 N. Capitol Blvd Boise, ID 83702 (208) 384 - 4422

DirecTV 5800 North Meeker Ave. Boise JD 83713

Boise, ID 83713 (208) 322 - 6086

Ada County 200 W. Front Street Boise, ID 83702 (208) 287 - 7080

Find Employment in Boise

Idaho has a very diverse economy. While the traditional resource-based industries of agriculture, forest products, and mining continue to contribute to the economy, high-tech, tourism, retail trade, healthcare, business, and information services are growth sectors.

For employment opportunities in both the public and private sectors, contact the Idaho Department of Labor at 317 W. Main Street, Boise, ID, 83735 or visit their website at http://labor.idaho.gov.

For detailed and up-to-date labor market information, visit the LMI section of the Department of Labor website.

You can also visit the Boise Valley Economic Partnership website for a summary of regional labor market data.



The Arbiter 1910 University Dr. Boise, ID 83725 (208) 345 - 8204 www.arbiteronline.com

Idaho Business Review

855 W. Broad St., Ste. 103 Boise, ID 83702 (208) 336 - 3768 www.idahobusinessreview.com

Idaho Department of Labor 317 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83702 (208) 332 - 3570 www.labor.idaho.gov

Idaho Primary Care Association

1087 W. River St., Ste. 160 Boise, ID 83702 (208) 345 - 2335 http://idaholiveworkplay.org/jobs www.postregister.com

Idaho Press-Tribune P.O. Box 9399 Nampa, ID 83652 (208) 467 - 9251 www.idahopress.com

The Idaho Statesman P.O. Box 40 Boise, ID 83707 (208) 377 - 6200 www.idahostatesman.com **The Post Register** P.O. Box 1800 Idaho Falls, ID 83403 (208) 522 - 1800

Other Job Websites

www.BoiseldahoJobs.com www.boise.craigslist.org www.facebook.com/groups/cal dwellfourth/ https://www.ziprecruiter.com/

Medical Centers



St. Luke's Regional Medical Center 190 East Bannock Street Boise, ID 83712-6241 (208) 381–2222 www.stlukesonline.org/boise For more than 100 years, **St. Luke's Boise Medical Center** has been committed to serving the needs of a growing region. Founded in 1902 as a six-bed frontier hospital, St. Luke's Boise is now Idaho's largest health care provider, and the flagship hospital of St. Luke's Health System.

St. Luke's Boise is known for its centers of excellence in cancer, heart, and women's and children's care. Boise is 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.

Known for its clinical excellence, St. Luke's Boise has been nationally recognized for quality and patient safety, and is proud to be designated a Magnet hospital, the gold standard for nursing care.



St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Ctr 1055 North Curtis Road Boise, ID 83706-1309 (208) 367–2121 www.saintalphonsus.org Saint Alphonsus Health System is a four-hospital regional, faith-based Catholic ministry with over 4,300 associates and a 950+ medical staff which serve 700,000 people in two states. Saint Alphonsus Health System is anchored by the only Level II Trauma Center in the region, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, providing the most experienced care to the most critically ill patients. Centers of Excellence include: Cardiovascular, Neuroscience, Oncology, Orthopedics, Trauma & Emergency and Women's & Children's.

With a promise to keep care close to home for patients, Saint Alphonsus Health System is comprised of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Nampa; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Ontario; Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Baker City; and Saint Alphonsus Medical Group. Additionally, Saint Alphonsus operates two stand alone emergency departments, one in Eagle, ID and one in Nampa, ID.

Boise VA Medical Center



Welcome to the **Boise VA Medical Center** in Boise, Idaho. The staff here is dedicated to working toward one purpose - fulfilling your needs as a patient. We are pleased you have selected us to provide your healthcare and we are honored to serve you, one of America's heroes

and the most important person in our medical center.

Boise VAMC's Primary Service Area has a radius of approximately 160 miles with an estimated veteran population of 94,000. The Boise VAMC, within VISN 20, provides highly sophisticated primary and secondary care with some tertiary services. The Boise VA Medical Center also operates a Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Twin Falls, Idaho and Caldwell, Idaho and an Extension Clinic in Burns, Oregon. A behavioral Health Clinic is located in Salmon, Idaho. Veterans also have access to the Boise Vet Center as well as the Boise Regional Benefit Office.

The Boise VA is committed to veterans and strives to continually enhance the care provided. The Boise VA also trains future healthcare professionals, conducts research and supports our nation in times of emergency.

Boise VA Medical Center

500 Fort Street Boise, ID 83702 208-422-1000

Boise Regional Benefit Office

444 W Fort Street Boise, ID 83702 (800) 827-1000





Boise History

Nestled on a high desert plain in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains with a pristine river flowing through its center, Boise finds its roots from the gold rush days of the 1800s. In 1834, Fort Boise, owned by the Hudson Bay Company, was established by British fur traders. The fort, now known as Old Fort Boise, was located at the mouth of the Boise River, 40 miles from present day Boise. In 1854, due to frequent Indian raids, the fort was abandoned. Despite this, the military desired to build another fort in the area, but, before this plan could go into effect, gold was discovered in the Boise Basin in 1862. It was now necessary, more than ever, to protect the vast number of travelers coming to the area.

On July 4, 1863, the military chose a location for the new Fort Boise and construction began soon afterward. A town site was located next to the fort, and with the protection of the military, the town grew quickly. A major reason for this growth, other than the gold rush, was its location along the Oregon Trail.

The Oregon Trail was a thoroughfare for thousands of travelers heading for the Oregon Territory. Of all the western roads, the Oregon Trail was the longest at 2,020 miles. It began in Independence, Missouri and ended at Oregon City, Oregon. Its route in Idaho began at the Idaho-Wyoming border, crossed through Bear Valley, turned north toward Fort Hall and then followed the Snake River until it reached the Boise River. It followed the south side of the river winding through what is now the southern part of Boise. To this day, wheel ruts can still be seen along some areas of its path.

Adding to this major thoroughfare were the routes to the Boise Basin and Owyhee mines. These routes crossed the Oregon Trail at the Fort Boise location. Because it was located at these major crossroads, Boise became a prosperous commercial center.

In 1864, when the territorial legislature held its second session in Lewiston, Boise was incorporated as a city and proclaimed the capital of the Idaho Territory. This same year, on July 26, the Idaho Statesman newspaper produced its first publication and became the second newspaper in Idaho.

Boise History (Continued)

The first was the Idaho World in Idaho City.

After the gold rush, Boise's population declined from 1,658 citizens in 1864 to 995 in 1870. With new construction, including the territorial prison in 1869 and the U.S. Assay Office in 1872, Boise began to grow again. The capitol building was completed in 1886 and in 1887, Boise built a streetcar system. In 1890, Idaho became a state.

In the early 1900s Boise once again enjoyed rapid growth. This growth came with the expansion of irrigation in the valley in 1902. This led to the construction of Arrowrock Dam, the tallest in the world from 1915 to 1932.

In the late 1930s, Boise was graced with the massive migration of Basques from their native home in the Western Pyrenees Mountains. These proud people became sheepherders, a large industry at the time, and gradually moved into the mainstream of city life in Boise, bringing their colorful culture with them. Today, Boise has the largest concentration of Basques per capita outside the Pyrenees Mountains.

As the Great Depression ravaged many cities in the nation, Boise enjoyed growth. And during World War II, multitudes of airmen trained at Gowen Field, Boise's air base.

Today, Boise is still the largest metropolitan community in the state with over 616,561 residents in the greater metropolitan area. Numerous international, national, regional and state corporations have their headquarters or a large presence in Boise. Some of these include Boise (formerly Boise Cascade), J.R. Simplot Company, Albertsons/SuperValu, Micron and URS Corporation's Washington Division. Boise is the hub of commerce, banking, and government for the state and is located midway between Salt Lake City, UT and Portland, OR.



Neighborhoods

Boise occupies a large area — 64 square miles according to the United States Census Bureau. Like all major cities, it is composed of several distinct neighborhoods.

Downtown Boise

Downtown Boise is the cultural center of the city and home to many small businesses as well as a few mid-rises. A variety of local restaurants abound featuring locally grown products, craft beverages, and seasonal menus. Community events such as the Saturday Farmer's Market, First Thursday, and Alive-After-Five outdoor concert series on the Grove bring large crowds to the area. The 8th Street Marketplace provides a quaint pedestrian zone lined with boutiques, local restaurants, and bars. Downtown Boise's popular attractions include Julia Davis, Ann Morrison & Catherine Albertson parks, the Idaho State Capitol, the classic Egyptian Theatre, the Boise Art Museum, and the Basque Block.

Boise State University

To the south of downtown is Boise State University, surrounded by residential neighborhoods & businesses catering to the student population. The area is dominated by residential neighborhoods and businesses catering to the student population. The unique blue playing field at the 37,000-seat Albertsons Stadium on the BSU campus, home to the Boise State Broncos football team, is a major city landmark. The university campus is home to the Taco Bell Arena, which hosts a variety of concert and sporting events, as well as the Morrison Center, which hosts the Idaho Ballet, Broadway shows and many other cultural performances.

The North End

The North End, generally defined as the part of Boise north of State Street, contains many of the city's older homes. It is known for its tree-lined drives such as Harrison Boulevard, and for its quiet neighborhoods near the downtown area. Bicyclists and pedestrians populate the shaded streets of the North End. Boutiques and popular eateries draw many to 13th Streets' Historic Hyde Park, situated below the outdoor enthusiast's much loved Camel's Back Park.

Neighborhoods (Continued)

Southwest Boise

Southwest Boise contains sparsely populated neighborhoods built from the 1960s to the early 1980s. Many include acre-sized plots and the occasional farmhouse and pasture. In the 1980s, growth in the area was stunted to prevent urban sprawl. Since this has been lifted, there has been widespread growth of new homes and neighborhoods. The area lies near Interstate 84, theaters, shopping, the airport, golf and the Boise Bench area.

Northwest Boise

Northwest Boise lies against the Boise Foothills to the north, State Street to the south, the city of Eagle to the west, and downtown Boise to the east. It contains a mix of old and new neighborhoods, including Lakeharbor, which features the private Silver Lake, a reclaimed quarry. Northwest Boise has some pockets of older homes with a similar aesthetic to the North End. Downtown is minutes away, as is Veteran's Memorial Park and easy access to the Boise Greenbelt.

East End

The East End is centered along the tree-lined avenue of Warm Springs and contains some of Boise's largest and most expensive homes (many of which were erected by wealthy miners and businessmen around the turn of the 20th century; Victorian styles feature prominently). Stretching up into the foothills, older and newer homes are available with spectacular views of the city. The East End hosts many attractions such as the Natatorium, Botanical Garden, Table Rock, M.K. Nature Center, Warm Springs Golf Course & the notable Old Idaho State Penitentiary.

Northeast Boise

As the demand for downtown living expands, so do the residential developments of Harris Ranch. Newly constructed homes nestled along the foothills and the Boise River offer quick access to downtown and many outdoor amenities. The Idaho Shakespeare Festival, the Boise Greenbelt, Ridge to Rivers Trails and Lucky Peak all highlight the area.



Neighborhoods (Continued)

Southeast Boise

Southeast Boise can be visualized as the area south of the Boise River and east of Federal Way. Barber Park, the official launch site for the longtime summer tradition of rafting the Boise River, is located within this area. Moving further Southeast from the city center reveals suburban style homes developed in the last thirty years. The planned communities in the area include Columbia Village, Oregon Trail Heights, and Surprise Valley. They were developed near the Simplot Sports complex which features over 20 fields, as well as a baseball complex, swimming pools, and a stunning view of the valley.

Boise Bench

The Bench, generally bounded by Federal Way to the east, Cole Road to the west and Garden City to the north, is named such because the sudden rise in elevation gives the prominent appearance of a step, or bench. A blend of 1950s brick bungalows, midcentury and grand homes permeate this locality. The cultural diversity of the area is reflected by the many ethnic specialty shops that offer an assortment of imports from around the globe. For those with a curious and cultivated palette, authentic ethnic food establishments thrive throughout the Bench. The Bench is home to the Boise Union Pacific Depot and older residential neighborhoods similar to those in the North End. Due south of the Bench is the Boise Airport.

West Boise

West Boise is home to the Boise Towne Square Mall, the largest in the state, as well as numerous restaurants, strip malls, and residential developments ranging from new subdivisions to apartment complexes. The West YMCA's recreational facility makes available a large array of healthy activities for both children and adults.





AROUND BOISE: MERIDIAN, IDAHO

MERIDIAN BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 83,596 AVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$64,107 MEDIAN RENT: \$1,200 AVE HOME LISTING PRICE: \$283,746 AVE HOME SELLING PRICE: \$202,900 YEAR INCORPORATED: 1893 COMMUTE: 0:23 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.90 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 9 to 11 MILES.



Meridian is located in Ada County, west of Boise. It is the 3rd largest city in the state of Idaho. The corporate headquarters of one of the area's major employers, Scentsy, is located in Meridian as well as Blue Cross of Idaho, Idaho State Police, and the state police academy.

Family entertainment overflows at the local water park, Roaring Springs. Sitting right next door is Wahooz, offering year-round go carts, bumper boats, miniature golf, batting cages, laser tag, bowling, an arcade and grill. The Meridian Speedway is another fun summer attraction for the city.

The Village at Meridian is an outdoor shopping mall featuring specialty retail stores, restaurants, an upscale movie theater with private seating, a fitness center, arcade/bowling, and an outdoor ice rink (winter). Relax in the ample outdoor seating, run through the playground or gather around the fountain showcasing water displays every hour with lights and music. Throughout the city lies 17 public parks including Settlers Park, which hosts free outdoor movies during the summer months.

The Meridian Youth Farmers Market is held at the city hall plaza on Saturdays, 9am-12pm, from the end of June – end of September. The market offers locally grown produce, homemade goodies and handmade arts and crafts.



AROUND BOISE: EAGLE, IDAHO

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EAGLE BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 21,646 AVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$80,324 MEDIAN RENT: \$1,112 AVE HOME LISTING PRICE: \$442,111 AVE HOME SELLING PRICE: \$305,600 YEAR INCORPORATED: 1864 COMMUTE: 0:39 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.82 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 8 TO 10 MILES



Eagle is one of the more desirable areas in the Boise metro area. This upscale community with a small town feel boasts some of Idaho's luxurious and beautiful homes for sale with breathtaking views.

Recreational activities include walking and biking the Greenbelt along the Boise River, fishing, and riding horseback in the foothills. Eagle Island State Park provides swimming and picnicking. The Eagle Sports Complex provides BMX and Cross Country tracks, snow activities, skateboarding, rollerskating, and a beautiful firewise garden. Enjoy any of the beautiful city parks or play a round of golf on one of the championship courses. These are just a few of the recreational activities enjoyed by residents & visitors alike. The community of Eagle is designed with a western architectural theme that incorporates appealing and consistent design standards with ample open space. Old style street lights and tree-lined drives all contribute to a city that that confers an attractive allure to visitors, as well as those who are pleased to call Eagle "home."

Strategically placed between the foothills and the Boise River, the City of Eagle has much to offer. Eagle's climate ensures year round recreational opportunities for all. The Chamber of Commerce partners with the City of Eagle to provide many family oriented events in the community, such as Eagle Fun Days, Gazebo Concert Series, Eagle Food & Wine Festival, and the traditional Eagle Country Christmas.

AROUND BOISE: NAMPA, IDAHO

NAMPA BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 86,518 AVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$40,244 MEDIAN RENT: \$875 AVE HOME LISTING PRICE: \$172,900 AVE HOME SELLING PRICE: \$122,200 YEAR INCORPORATED: 1891 COMMUTE: 0:33 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.99 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 19 TO 22 MILES.



Nampa is the 2nd largest city in the state of Idaho and is part of Idaho's largest metropolitan area. The city is located about 20 miles west of Boise along interstate 84 and 6 miles west of Meridian. The city's amenities enhance the excitement of a culturally rich urban core and translate into a dynamic market.

Nampa offers an environment rich in endless natural beauty, local history and culture, and economic well-being. The city has a long history of providing a business friendly atmosphere, low operating costs, skilled employees and a great quality of life. Nampa's food processing and manufacturing continues to flourish while industries such as agribusiness, high tech, shared services, and bio sciences are on the rise. Historic Downtown Nampa has it all. Anchored by Library Square, this walkable, preserved historic area is home to the Nampa Train Depot Museum, Wall Street Plaza, Lloyd's Square Park, Nampa Public Library, the Nampa Farmer's Market, restaurants, art galleries, one-of-a-kind shops, live entertainment venues, residential and more.



AROUND BOISE: CALDWELL, IDAHO

CALDWELL BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 48,957 AVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$39,302 MEDIAN RENT: \$895 AVE HOME LISTING PRICE: \$217,138 AVE HOME SELLING PRICE: \$134,990 YEAR INCORPORATED: 1890 COMMUTE: 0:28 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.85 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 24 to 26 MILES.

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Sitting below the surrounding Owyhee, Weiser and Boise mountain ranges is the City of Caldwell. Recreational activities are a highlight of Idaho and the Caldwell area provides access to a variety of enthusiasts from rock hounds to river rafters, skiers to hot springs lovers, trail riders to hikers and much, much more.

Caldwell, 25 miles west of Boise, is the second largest city in Canyon County. The premier event in Caldwell is the Caldwell Night Rodeo, "Where the Cowboys are the Stars," a western tradition that is held in August.

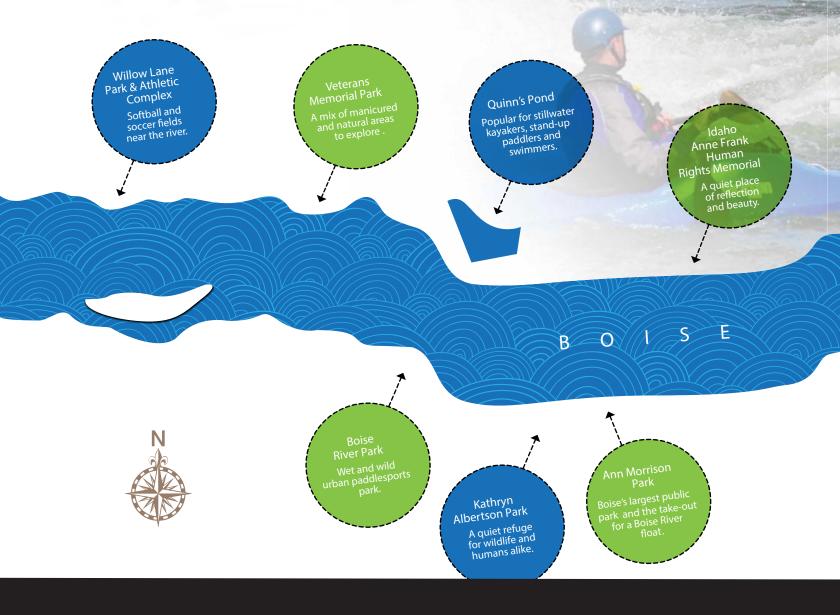
Caldwell has been recognized as "the heart of Idaho wine country" with a variety of wineries to tour located in the nearby countryside. Many enjoy the summer concert series hosted each year by Ste. Chapelle Winery.

Caldwell hosts a variety of events through the year. Take part in the biggest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Treasure Valley, peruse the Wednesday evening Farmers Market from May – October and join in the Indian Creek Festival, a two-day community event chock-full of activities from the Fireman's Breakfast to the kayak race to the Wagons Ho Chuck Wagon experience and more! Residents and visitors alike also appreciate great golf at the Purple Sage or Fairview Golf courses.

Set Out & PLAY

Boise may just be the most outdoor-oriented city in the United States. Residents and visitors alike rave about the city's river, foothills and bike paths – after all, they're not just near Boise, they're right in Boise. From relaxing walks and rides along the city's 25-mile long riverfront Greenbelt to bombing down a thrilling single-track at dusk, it's easy to fill your day with outdoor play.

For those who love the great outdoors, the challenge becomes fitting it all in. Even on a short visit to Boise, it's easy to squeeze in a paddle, ride, hike and blue-ribbon trout fishing without leaving the city limits.



LAND LOCKED & Lovin' It.

Looking for the next hot surf spot?

Look no further than the Boise River Park, one of only a handful of urban, man-enhanced whitewater playgrounds in the United States.

Here, kayakers, stand-up paddleboarders, and yes, even surfers, can play in a series of whitewater drops

and chutes enhanced and controlled by state-of-the-art, pneumatically-operated waveshapers. Great for practicing your rolls or full-on playboating. Boat rentals are even available nearby at Idaho River Sports.

Prefer to stay dry? Spectators can watch boaters from the comfort of the nearby by viewing area.

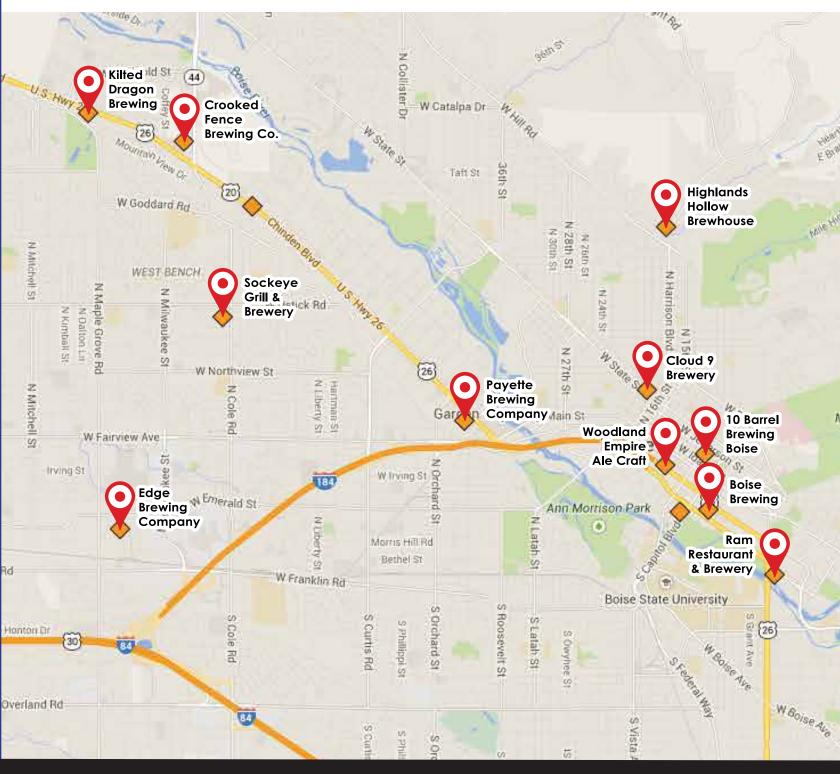


Boise Ale Trail

NEVER DRINK & DRIVE

The Boise Ale Trail is a self guided tour through local Boise Craft Breweries. Buy your passport and stop by each brewery in the passport and buy a beer and receive stamp. Once you fill your passport, you get your very own indestructible Boise Ale Trail Silipint and 14 days of buy one, get one free at all participating breweries!

You heard us, stop into any brewery with your passport during that 14 days and get buy one, get one free (limit two) just for being an Ale Trail traveler! When you buy online, make sure to print your receipt and take it with you to any brewery to receive your passport. Your receipt is your golden ticket! **Visit www.boisealetrail.com to learn more.**





Highlands Hollow Brewhouse 2455 Harrison Hollow Blvd.

Boise, ID 83702 www.highlandshollow.com (208) 343-6820

Sockeye Grill & Brewery 3019 N Cole Rd. Boise, ID 83704 www.sockeyebrew.com (208) 658-1533

Ram Restaurant & Brewery 709 E Park Blvd Boise, ID 83712 www.theram.com

Payette Brewing Company 111 W 33rd St, Boise, ID 83714 www.payettebrewing.com (208) 344-0011

Crooked Fence Brewing Co. 3705 Idaho 16 Eagle, Idaho 83616 www.crookedfencebrewing.com (208) 286-9463 10 Barrel Brewing Boise 830 W Bannock St. Boise, ID 83702 www.10barrel.com (208) 344-5870

Kilted Dragon Brewing 9115 W Chinden Blvd Garden City, ID 83714 www.kilteddragon.com (208) 254-2012

Slanted Rock Brewing Company 2374 E Cinema Dr Meridian, ID 83642 www.slantedrock.com (208) 288-2192

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Woodland Empire Ale Craft 1114 W Front St Boise, ID 83702 www.woodlandempire.com

Boise Brewing 521 W Broad St Boise, ID 83702 www.boisebrewing.com (208) 342-7655



Make free time, "we" time. Boise's family-friendly lifestyle means lots of opportunities for visiting families to get out and play.

Zoo Boise

Giraffes, tigers and Madagascar hissing cockroaches, oh my! Zoo Boise is a charming, "just right-sized" zoo right in the middle of the city. From its African exhibit to its penguin pavilion, there's lots here to keep kids entertained.

Discovery Center

Science comes alive at the Discovery Center. This hands-on, experiential museum provides a host of opportunities for kids and adults to learn, explore and discover.

MK Nature Center

Explore the biology of our northwest forests in this interactive exhibition and nature trail. Wander through meadows and woodlands, peer into the underwater workings of a freestone stream and more. Free!

Idaho Aquarium

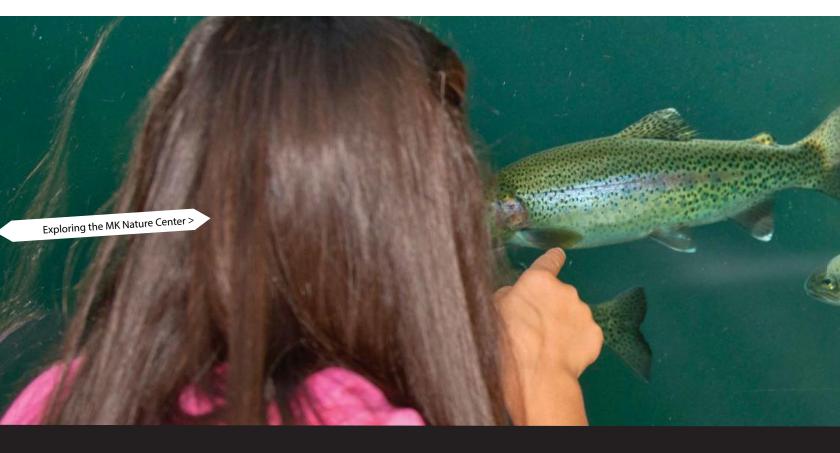
Discover tropical sea life in the inland Northwest. As Idaho's only not-for-profit, saltwater aquarium, the Idaho Aquarium provides opportunities for learning and fun through large-scale saltwater tanks of sharks, rays, colorful fish and more. Kids especially love the touch tanks.

Roaring Springs

Get wet and wild! Roaring Springs Waterpark lets adults and kids alike fulfill their need for speed or relaxation. After a few hours of high-speed water rides and the churning wave pool, you can always chill out in the Endless River.

Wahooz

Adjacent to Roaring Springs, this family fun center includes mini golf, go-carts, batting cages, laser tag and more. Open year-round.







Idaho Botanical Garden

A living "museum" of specialty gardens that educate and inspire. But don't just think of it as a summer activity. The Garden plays host to a number of special events and exhibits year-round.

The Village at Meridian

The Village has it all. Specialty and apparel shops, state-of-the-art cinema, enviable restaurants, and a one-acre park with children's play area, a concert and outdoor event space, seasonal ice skating, comfortable seating, and fire pits.

Natatorium Pool & Hydrotube

Originally the site of a geothermally heated water park, this public pool in East Boise provides hours of entertainment for kids of all ages.



Park **it**.

Boise has dozens of parks for families to enjoy. Here are a few of the more unique options:

Ann Morrison Park One of Boise's largest parks, Ann Morrison has something for everyone. But families particularly love the large, shaded playground for the younger kids and the free disc golf course for the entire family.

Rhodes Skate Park A public urban skate park with a half pipe, rails and ramps. Perfect for the shredder in your life.

Camel's Back Park Sure, the large playground and grassy areas are nice, but what keeps many coming back to this North End favorite is the climb up the Camel's Back Park trail. Take in the stunning city views and, for the adventurous, enjoy a run straight down from the peak.

Veterans Memorial Park Kids love exploring this park's natural areas, including trails along the Boise River and the Veterans Memorial Park pond system. Perfect for swimming, fishing or just relaxing.

Places of Worship

Baptist Churches in Boise

Anchor Baptist Church 4381 S Cochees Way Boise, ID 83709

Broadway Ave Baptist Church 2530 S Broadway Ave Boise, ID 83706

Calvary Baptist Church 911 S Cole Rd. Boise, ID 83709

Centennial Baptist Church 11817 W Ramrod Dr Boise, ID 83713

Columbia Heights Baptist Church 2474 E Lake Forest Dr Boise, ID 83716

Crane Creek Baptist Church 3600 N Bogus Basin Rd Boise, ID 83702

Eastwind Community Church 2709 E Migratory Dr Boise, ID 83706

First Baptist Church 607 N 13th St Boise, ID 83702

First Free Will Baptist Church 3967 W Pershing Dr Boise, ID 83705

Ford City Missionary Baptist Church 2998 N Cribbens Ave Boise, ID 83713

Idaho First Korean Baptist Church 1520 S Michigan Ave Boise, ID 83706 Lake Hazel Baptist Church 11710 W Lake Hazel Rd Boise, ID 83709

Mountain View Community Fellowship 3000 N Esquire Dr Boise, ID 83704

New Horizons Baptist Church 2309 N Mountain View Dr Boise, ID 83706 New Life Christian Fellowship 3085 N Cole Rd Ste 105 Boise, ID 83704

Pierce Park Baptist Church 5350 N Pierce Park Ln Boise, ID 83714

Saint Paul Baptist Church 306 N 14th St Boise, ID 83702

Second Baptist Church 10375 W Overland Rd Boise, ID 83709

Silver Sage Baptist Church 5858 S Maple Grove Rd Boise, ID 83709

St Paul Baptist Church 128 S Broadway Ave Boise, ID 83702

Sunrise Baptist Church 3301 N Kingswood Way Boise, ID 83704

Treasure Valley Southern Baptist Church 4917 W Emerald St Boise, ID 83706

Trinity Baptist Church 1765 E Bergeson St Boise, ID 83706

Ustick Baptist Church 14301 W McMillan Rd Boise, ID 83713

Whitney Baptist Church 2309 W Dorian St Boise, ID 83705

Methodist Churches in Boise Boise, ID 83702

Amity United Methodist Church 4464 S Maple Grove Rd Boise, ID 83709

New Heights Christian Fellow 9950 W Ustick Rd Boise, ID 83704

Collister 4400 W Taft St Boise, ID 83703 First United Methodist Church 717 N 11th St Boise, ID 83702

Hillview United Methodist Church 8525 W Ustick Rd Boise, ID 83704

United Methodist Church 1405 S Joyce St Boise, ID 83706

Whitney United Methodist Church 3315 W Overland Rd Boise, ID 83705

Presbyterian Churches in Boise

Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 N Five Mile Rd Boise, ID 83713

First Presbyterian Church 950 W State St Boise, ID 83702

Korean Idaho Presbyterian Church 930 N Cloverdale Rd Boise, ID 83713

Southminster Presbyterian Church 6500 W Overland Rd Boise, ID, 83709

Trinity Presbyterian Church 4601 S Surprise Way Boise, ID, 83716

Orthodox Churches in Boise

Holy Transfiguration Mission 800 N 25th St Boise, ID 83702

Sts. Constantine and Helen Church 2618 W Bannock St Boise, ID 83702

Virgin Mary & St. Mark 2844 S Portside Ave Boise, ID 83706

Episcopal Churches in Boise

All Saints Episcopal Church 704 S Latah St Boise, ID 83705 Diocese of Idaho 1858 W Judith Ln Boise, ID 83705

Episcopal Diocese Of Idaho 510 W Washington St Boise, ID 83702

Saint Michael's Episcopal Cathedral 518 N 8th St Boise, ID 83702

Saint Stephen's 2206 N Cole Rd Boise, ID 83704

Catholic Churches in Boise

Cathedral of St John The Evangelist 804 N 9th St Boise, ID 83702

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 807 N 8th St Boise, ID 83702

Diocese of Boise 303 S Federal Way Boise, ID 83705

Holy Trinity Charismatic Church 5770 N Dalspring Ave Boise, ID 83713

Our Lady of Rosary Church 1500 E Wright St Boise, ID 83706

Risen Christ Catholic Community 11511 W Lake Hazel Rd Boise, ID 83709

Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise 1121 W Targee St Boise, ID 83706 Sacred Heart Church 811 S Latah St Boise, ID 83705

Saint John Cathedral 775 N 8th St Boise, ID 83702

Saint Joseph Catholic Church 7225 W Cascade Dr Boise, ID 83704 Saint Paul Catholic Center 1915 W University Dr Boise, ID 83706

SCI-Family 3909 W Taft St Boise, ID 83703

St Mark's Parish 7503 W Northview St Boise, ID 83704

St Mary's Parish 2612 W State St Boise, ID 83702

Lutheran Churches in Boise

Amazing Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 5751 S Hollyhock Pl Boise, ID 83716

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 2981 E Boise Ave Boise, ID 83706

Community of Life Lutheran Church 2805 W Ona St Boise, ID 83705

Cross Of Christ Lutheran Church 11655 W McMillan Rd Boise, ID 83713

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 5009 W Cassia St Boise, ID 83705

Immanuel Lutheran Church 707 W Fort St Boise, ID 83702

King Of Glory Lutheran Church 3430 N Maple Grove Rd Boise, ID 83704

Peace In Jesus Vietnamese Lutheran Church 5821 W Franklin Rd Boise, ID 83709

Redeemer Lutheran Church 2920 W Cassia St Boise, ID 83705

Places of Worship (Continued)

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 3100 S Five Mile Rd Boise, ID 83709

Spirit-Filled Churches in Boise Boise Church Of God 6250 S Cloverdale Rd Boise, ID 83709

Boise Eastside Foursquare Church 8650 W Fairview Ave Boise, ID 83704

Boise Foursquare Church 9105 W Overland Rd Boise, ID 83709

Boise Northwest Foursquare Church 3450 W Hill Rd Boise, ID, 83703

Boise Worship Center 6629 W Ustick Rd Boise, ID 83704

Calvary Chapel Treasure Valley 5312 W Overland Rd Boise, ID 83705

Calvary First Assembly of God 102 N 18th St Boise, ID 83702

Central Assembly Christian Life Center 12000 W Fairview Ave Boise, ID 83713

Central Christian Church 615 N 9th St Boise, ID, 83702

Christian Revival Center 6303 W Marvin St Boise, ID 83709

Church Of God In Christ 10304 Claudia St Boise, ID 83714

Cloverdale Church of God 3755 S Cloverdale Rd Boise, ID 83709

Places of Worship The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3020 Cherry Lane Boise, ID 83705

3229 North Bogus Basin Road Boise, ID 83702

1929 West University Drive Boise, ID 83706

3200 Cassia Street Boise, ID 83705

701 South Curtis Road Boise, ID 83705

2323 North Maple Grove Road Boise, ID 83704

2300 East Bergeson Street Boise, ID 83706

11443 McMillan Road Boise, ID 83713

3775 E. Ustick Road Meridian, ID 83646

4249 N. Milwaukee Street Boise, ID 83704

12040 W. Amity Road Boise, ID 83709

190 S. Locust Grove Road Meridian, ID 83642

5501 N. Meridian Road Meridian, ID 83646

1695 E. Amity Road Meridian, ID 83642

1111 South Cole Road Boise, ID 83709

1929 University Drive Boise, ID 83706 2299 North Five Mile Road Boise, ID 83713

1925 South Broadway Avenue Boise, ID 83706

6180 Cassia Street Boise, ID 83709

3555 North Cole Road Boise, ID 83704

3700 S. Maple Grove Road Boise, ID 83709

5555 N. Locust Grove Road Meridian, ID 83646

5795 S. Five Mile Road Boise, ID 83709

4921 N. Mitchell Street Boise, ID 83704

6375 N. Royal Park Avenue Boise, ID 83713

700 E. State Street Eagle, ID 83616

501 N. Meridian Road Meridian, ID 83642

1615 W. 2nd Street Meridian, ID 83642

604 East 46th Street Garden City, ID 83714

3676 West Dorian Street Boise, ID 83705

2600 West Hill Road Boise, ID 83702

2290 Warm Springs Avenue Boise, ID 83712 2700 South Apple Street Boise, ID 83706

2650 S. Five Mile Road Boise, ID 83709

5645 S. Maple Grove Road Boise, ID 83709

924 West Franklin Street Boise, ID 83702

7200 Duncan Lane Boise, ID 83703

3451 N. Locust Grove Meridian, ID 83642

1950 S. Locust Road Meridian, ID 83646

1651 E. Amity Road Meridian, ID 83642

3305 S. Kuna-Meridian Road Meridian, ID 83642

Boise Idaho Temple

1211 South Cole Road Boise, ID 83709



For a more comprehensive directory of nearby **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** please visit:

www.lds.org/locations



< GOLF

If golf is your game, Boise is your place. The city features more than 15 public courses (and several private ones) within a short drive. We're talking elevated tees with dramatic valley and mountain views, fairways that weave through narrow canyons, and beautiful riverfront greens. Just outside of town you'll find stunning mountain courses, shaded with towering Ponderosa Pines. In Boise, you can play a different course every single day of your two-week vacation and never see the same cup twice.

River Float

< Wet and not too wild on the Boise

Nothing says "summer" like a river float. And nothing says "summer in Boise" like a float down our namesake river. Enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year, this trip has something for everyone: wildlife viewing, lazy drifts, thrilling (for kids, anyway) little drops and more.

Park at Barber Park in Southeast Boise (you can rent tubes or rafts if you don't have your own), air up your gear at the free inflation stations, and put-in for a two-or-so-hour float. Arrange your own transportation or just catch the shuttle (\$3/pp) back to your car. Fun!



Political City Club of Boise (208) 371-2221 www.cityclubofboise.org

Ada County Republican Party 9400 West Fairview Ave. (208) 322-2546

Ada County Democrats 256 South Cole Road (208) 331-2128

Idaho Democratic Party 1509 South Tyrell Lane (208) 336-1815

Idaho Green Party 1201 West Washington St # 3 (208) 571-8066

Idaho Republican Party 802 West Bannock St # L103 (208) 343-6405

Idaho Young Democrats 1509 Tyrell Lane (208) 336-1815 www.idahoyoungdemocrats.org

Cultural

Euzkaldunak Inc – Basque Center (208) 342-9983 www.basquecenter.com

Italian American Club of Boise (208) 343-6489 www.iacboise.org

Idaho Kendo Club 5959 North Discovery Way (208) 377-9622 www.idaho-kendo.com

Idaho Japanese Association www.idahojapaneseassociation.org

Sports / Athletics

Idaho Mountain Recreation www.idahomountainrec.org

Idaho Hiking Club www.meetup.com/idahohikingclub

Boise Area Runners www.meetup.com/Boise-Area-Runners/ Boise RunWalk (208) 639-0205 www.boiserunwalk.com

Boise Hash House Harriers 104 N. 10th St. www.boiseh3.org

Lactic Acid Cycling www.lacticacidcycling.org

Boise Young Rider Development Squad2900 W. Chinden Blvd.(B.Y.R.D.S.)www.portal.clubrunner(208) 890-3585Boise Southwest Rotary

Boise Aeros Triathlon Club www.boiseaeros.com

Boise Racquet & Swim Club 1116 N. Cole Rd. (208) 376-1052 www.boisetennis.com

Boise Cloggers (dance) 2840 Wildwood St. (208) 939-5302 www.boisecloggers.com

Idaho Youth Soccer Association 8030 W. Emerald St., Suite 175 (208) 336-5256 www.idahoyouthsoccer.org

Optimist Youth Football & Cheer www.optimistyouthfootball.com

Boise Fencing Club 6149 Corporal Lane (208) 373-1060 www.salleboise.com

Recreational

Idaho Off-Road 4x4 Club Meridian, ID www.idaho4x4.com

Boise ATV Trail Riders (208) 283-8021 www.boiseatvtrailriders.org

Treasure Valley Yacht Club 1141 W. Miller St. (208) 319-5000 T-Craft Aero Club (aviation) (208) 863-4835 www.t-craft.org

Civic Rotary Club of Boise 802 W. Bannock St. (208) 344-7070 www.boiserotary.org

Clubs & Organizations

Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise 2900 W. Chinden Blvd. www.portal.clubrunner.ca/3864

Boise Southwest Rotary Club 2900 W. Chinden Blvd. (208) 608-2055 www.boisesouthwestrotary.org

Boise Centennial Rotary Club 2900 W. Chinden Blvd. www.boisecentennialrotary.org

Boise Elks Lodge 6608 W. Fairview Ave. (208) 377 2763 www.boiseelks.org

Capital City Kiwanis 6706 W. Fairview Ave. (208) 375-0009 www.capitalcitykiwanis.com

Eagle Kiwanis Club (208) 938-4901 www.eaglekiwanis.org

Soroptimist International of Boise www.soroptimistboise.org

Boise Noon Optimist Club www.boiseoptimist.org

Meridian Optimist Club www.meridianoptimist.org

Boise Young Professionals 250 S. 5th St., Suite 300 (206) 472-5258 www.boiseyp.org

The Arid Club 1137 River Street (208) 343-4631 www.aridclub.org

Important Numbers

Business Information

Better Business Bureau	(208) 342 - 4649
Chamber of Commerce	(208) 472 - 5200
Boise Valley Econ Partnership	(208) 472 - 5229
Social Secuity	(208) 321 - 2900

City of Boise

Building Permits	(208) 384 - 3802
City Hall	(208) 384 - 4422
City Attorney	(208) 384 - 3870
City Clerk	(208) 384 - 3710
City Council	(208) 384 - 4410
Courts	(208) 287 - 7080
Human Resources	(208) 384 - 3850
Job Services	(208) 332 - 3575
Mayor	(208) 384 - 4404
Public Works Department	(208) 384 - 3901

Community Information

Aquatic Center	(208) 377 - 9622
Boise Public Library	(208) 384 - 4076
Library at Hillcrest	(208) 562 - 4996
Library at Collister	(208) 562 - 4995
College of Western Idaho	(208) 562 - 3000
Parks & Recreation Department	(208) 608 - 7600
Post Office – Five Mile Rd.	(208) 321 - 8307
Post Office – 13th St.	(208) 433 - 4351
Post Office – Apollo St.	(208) 424 - 0331
School District	(208) 854 - 4000

Driver's License

All driver license and identification card holders should report any change of address to DMV within 10 days.

Motor Vehicle Division					(208) 577 - 3100
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Fire & Police Departments

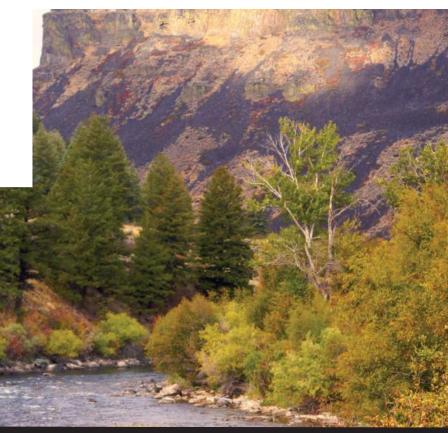
All Emergencies	911
Fire Department - Non Emerg.	(208) 570 - 6500
Police Department - Non Emerg.	(208) 377 - 6790
Sheriff - Non Emergency	(208) 577 - 3000

Medical Reference

St. Luke's Boise Medical Center Treasure Valley Hospital Intermountain Hospital Boise Behavioral Health Hospital Veterans Medical Center Alcoholics Anonymous Poison Control	(208) 381 - 2222 (208) 373 - 5000 (208) 377 - 8400 (208) 327 - 0504 (208) 422 - 1000 (208) 344 - 6611 (800) 860 - 0620
Pets	
Idaho Humane Society Animal Control	(208) 342 - 3508 (208) 343 - 3166
Telephone Service	
Cable One CenturyLink Frontier 360 Wireless	(208) 375 - 8288 (208) 378 - 1809 (208) 867 - 7316 (208) 384 - 0091
Electricity & Gas	
Idaho Power Intermountain Gas	(208) 388 - 2323 (208) 377 - 6840
Propane	
Suburban Propane	(208) 375 - 4254
Trash, Water & Sewer	
Sewer Complaints	(208) 608 - 7200
Trash & Recycling Collection	(208) 345 - 1266

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 Water
 (208) 287 - 4800



Social Media

These LOCAL Facebook groups are local favorites - from recreational groups, to individuals selling items, and even a place to post found or lost pets. Boise really embraces social media.



Boise Events & Expos https://www.facebook.com/groups/439221396138398/

Boise Trail Runners https://www.facebook.com/groups/122758094427799/

CHICKED Cycling Team Boise https://www.facebook.com/groups/327774953979314/j

Boise Hiking with Dogs https://www.facebook.com/groups/boisehounds/

Boise Women's Hiking Network & BOMBB Bikers https://www.facebook.com/groups/boisewhn/

Boise Music Lovers (Boise Music Scene) https://www.facebook.com/groups/153298361394869/

Boise Buy/Sell/Trade https://www.facebook.com/groups/Boisesbuyselltrade/

Boise Yard Sales https://www.facebook.com/groups/105827072805055/

Boise Sell & Trade https://www.facebook.com/groups/121056794712760/

Lost Pets Boise https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lost.pets.Boise/

Boise Pet Classifieds https://www.facebook.com/groups/145598535605589/

Emmett/Boise Pet Classifieds https://www.facebook.com/groups/474619512590260/

Employment/Jobs in Caldwell, Nampa, and Boise https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldwellfourth/

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