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# 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 start-up companies, young talent, and experienced entrepreneurs, building on a well-laid foundation paved by long-standing, local corporations.





## 5. SAFE

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

## 6. 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.

## 7. ARTS AND CULTURE

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

## 8. HIGHER EDUCATION

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

## 9. SUMMER LIFE

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

## 10. 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.





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*Welcome*



# 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. Please keep reading to 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.

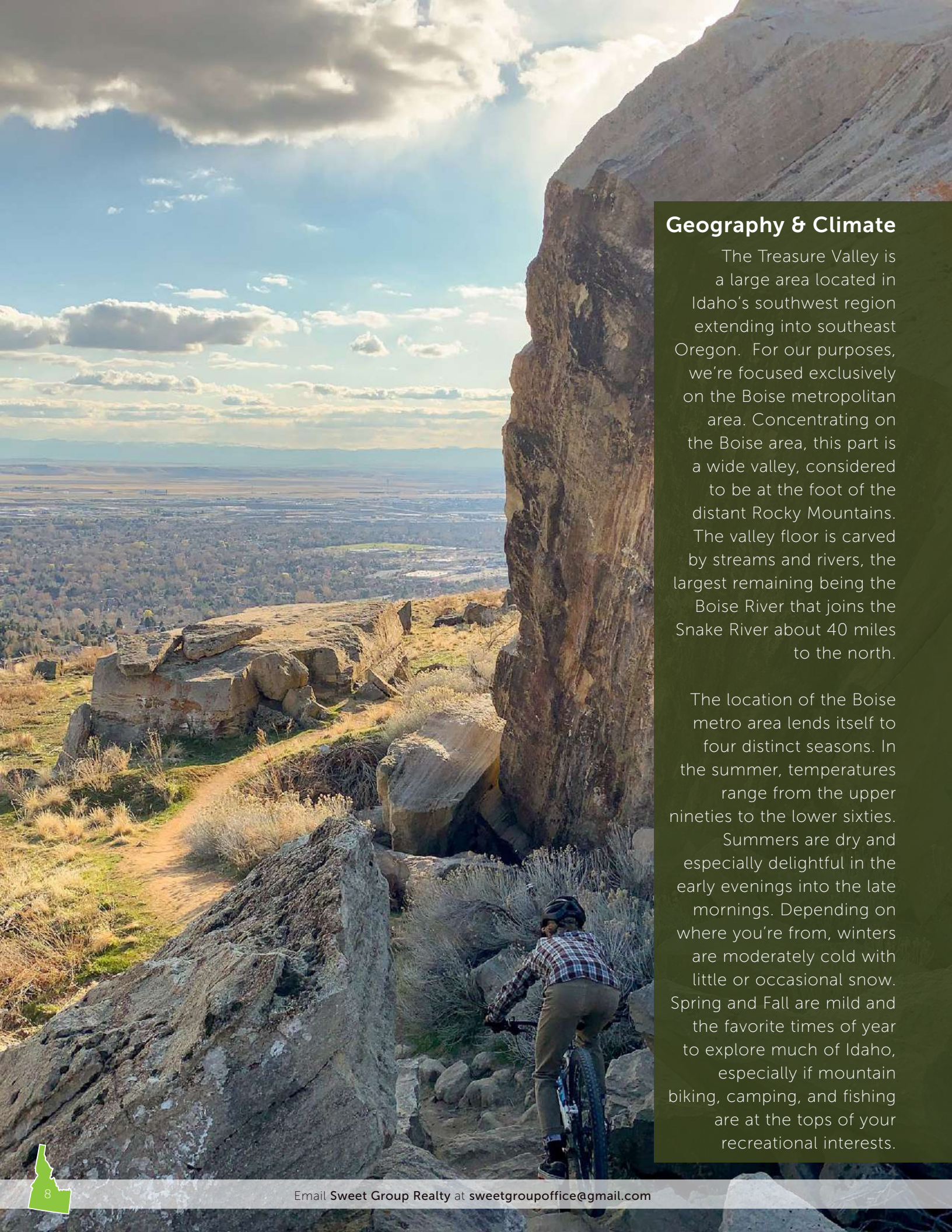
You will quickly discover an abundance of activities for people of all ages and interests. There is easy access to open spaces such as rivers, lakes, and trails. A vibrant downtown with upscale dining and entertainment. Plenty of family-friendly indoor activities are also available year-round, including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







## Geography & Climate

The Treasure Valley is a large area located in Idaho's southwest region extending into southeast Oregon. For our purposes, we're focused exclusively on the Boise metropolitan area. Concentrating on the Boise area, this part is a wide valley, considered to be at the foot of the distant Rocky Mountains. The valley floor is carved by streams and rivers, the largest remaining being the Boise River that joins the Snake River about 40 miles to the north.

The location of the Boise metro area lends itself to four distinct seasons. In the summer, temperatures range from the upper nineties to the lower sixties.

Summers are dry and especially delightful in the early evenings into the late mornings. Depending on where you're from, winters are moderately cold with little or occasional snow. Spring and Fall are mild and the favorite times of year to explore much of Idaho, especially if mountain biking, camping, and fishing are at the tops of your recreational interests.



# 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, 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



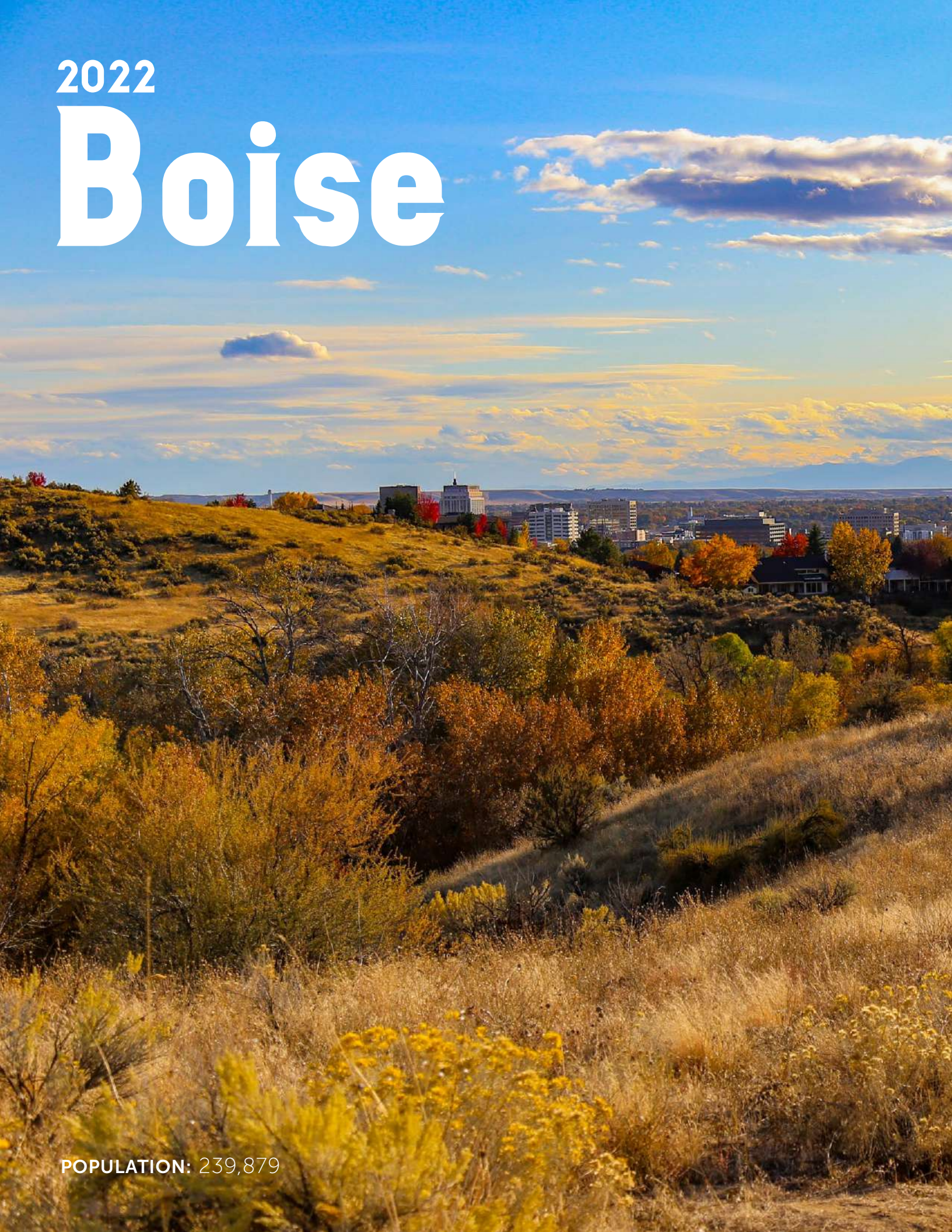






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# Boise



POPULATION: 239,879





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## »» BOISE

**B**OISE, IDAHO - Where wilderness and adventure are only minutes from a lively downtown; where the people are friendly and laid back; where friends meet on the way home for burgers and brews after a day of skiing or tubing at Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area. Boise is a vibrant city with gourmet and trendy restaurants, funky local shops, craft breweries galore, and a strong community spirit. Boise is a thriving city, where a river runs through it, dirt trails are out your front door, and live

theater performances are an Uber ride away.

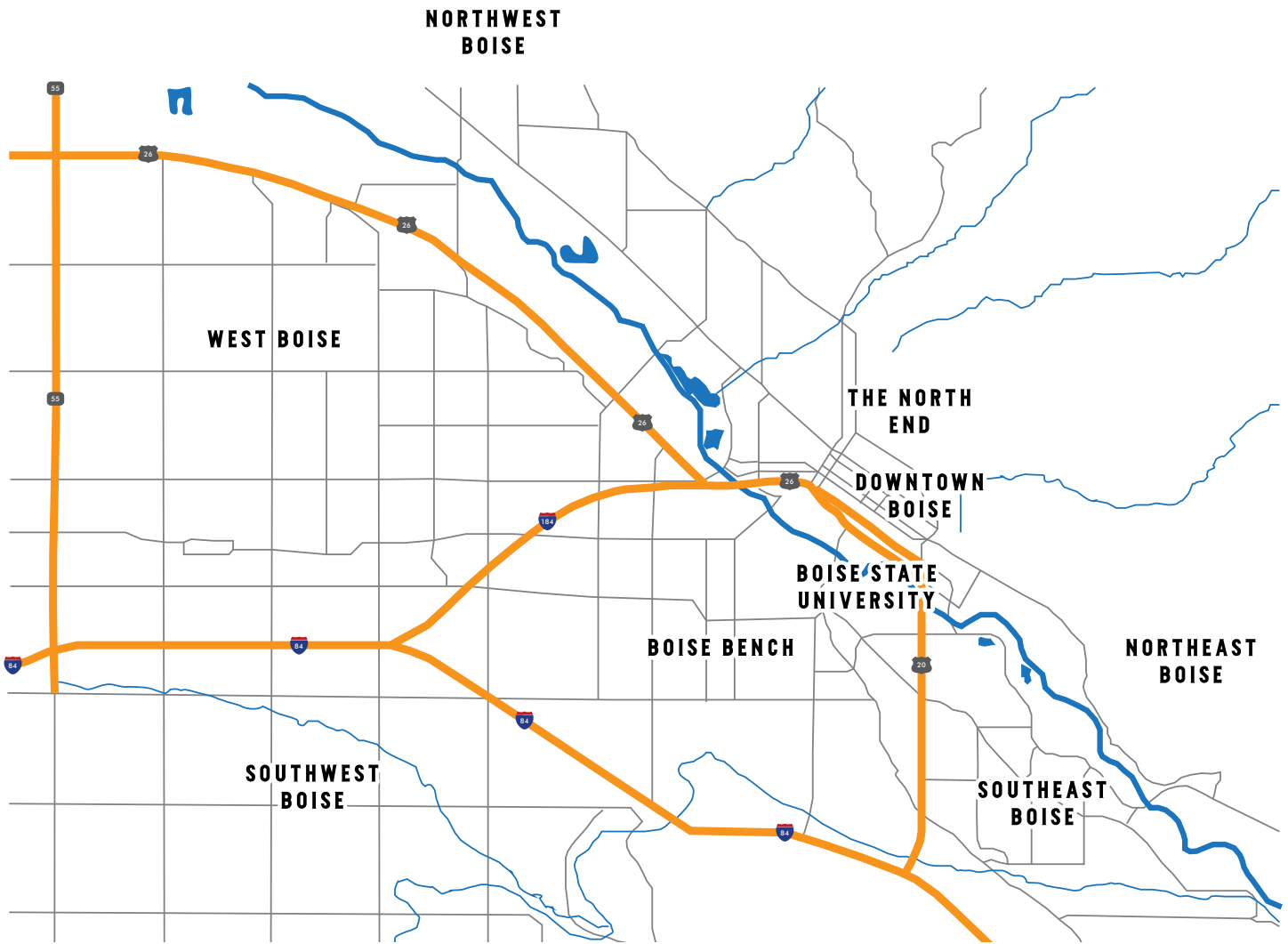
This flourishing city is the state capital of Idaho, with a population of nearly 240,000. Boise is ideal because it's large enough to have everything you could want at your fingertips, yet small enough to be friendly and easy to navigate. It's no wonder it is one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation.

Outdoor recreation is a way of life in Boise, no matter the season. But don't worry, if the

outdoors isn't your cup of tea, you'll find plenty of other ways to fill your event calendar, from jazz and music festivals, live theater, and art exhibits to the largest Basque community in the United States. Sports fans are crazy about the beloved blue and orange Boise State Broncos football team and the Idaho Steelheads ice hockey team.

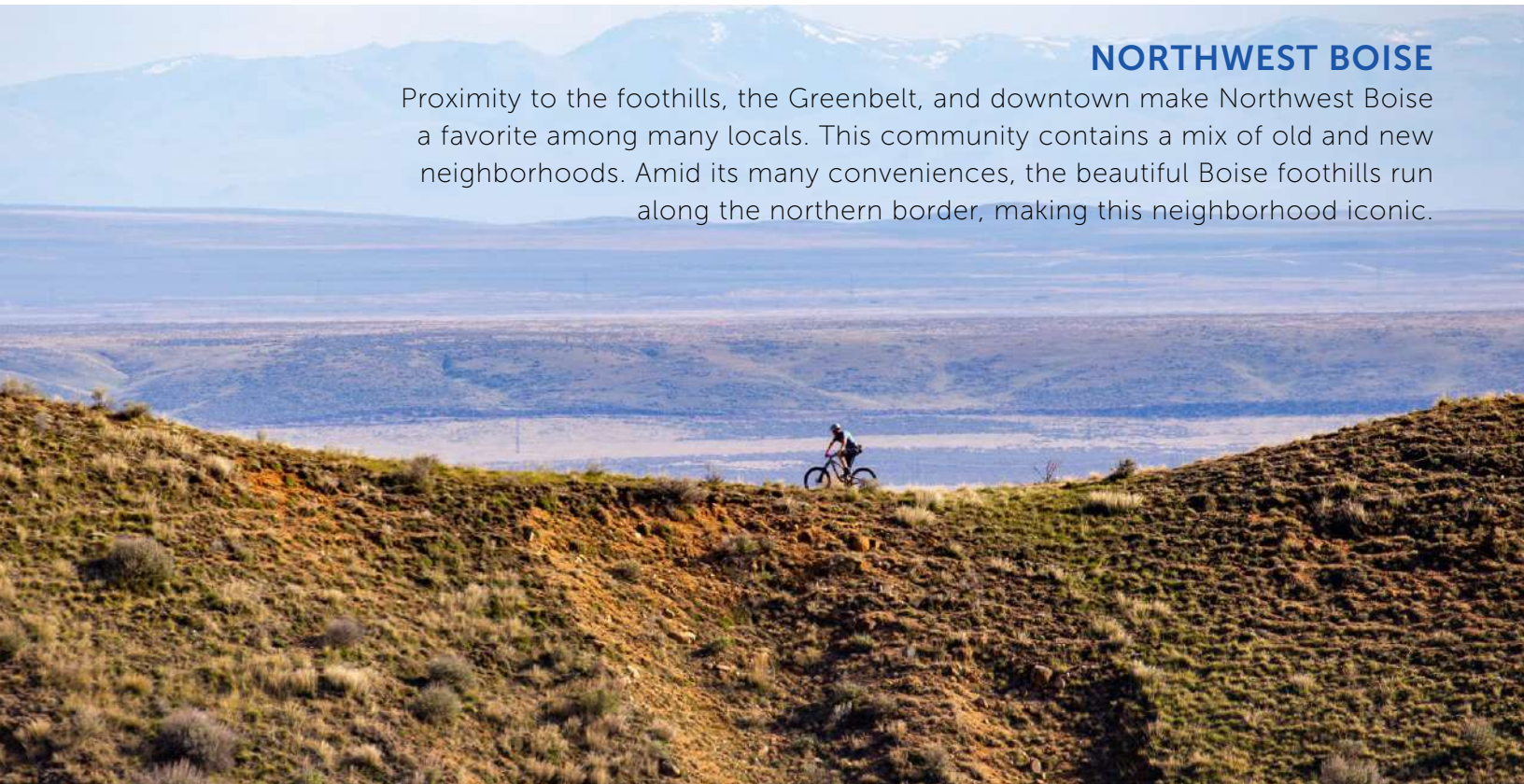
Like all major cities, several distinct neighborhoods comprise Boise. Continue reading for a synopsis of each community.





## NORTHWEST BOISE

Proximity to the foothills, the Greenbelt, and downtown make Northwest Boise a favorite among many locals. This community contains a mix of old and new neighborhoods. Amid its many conveniences, the beautiful Boise foothills run along the northern border, making this neighborhood iconic.







## NORTH END

Located near downtown, the North End is Boise's historical treasure, comprised of many of the city's older homes and quiet neighborhoods. Its tree-lined streets such as Harrison Boulevard and the Historic Hyde Park District with boutiques and popular eateries make this one of Boise's most desirable neighborhoods.

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## NORTHEAST BOISE

Northeast Boise is better known as the Warm Springs area. It is Boise's oldest, most expensive, and attractive location with direct access to downtown.

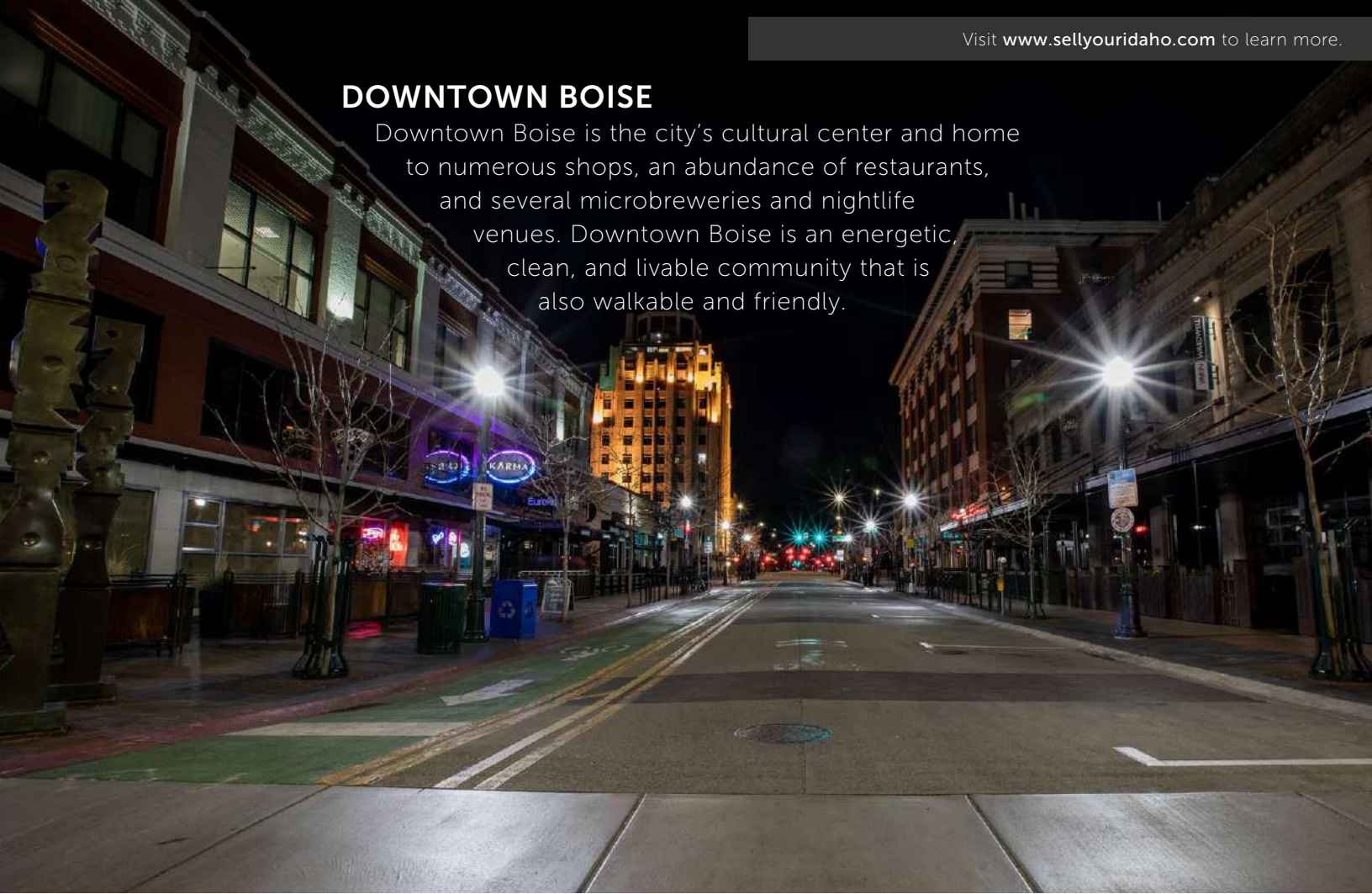
The Warm Springs area contains impressive grand mansions, the historic Old Idaho Penitentiary, the Idaho Botanical Gardens, and the Warm Springs Mesa. As you make your way further east, you will discover highly sought-after newer communities such as Harris Ranch and River Heights in the Barber Valley, in an area also known as Boise's East End.





## DOWNTOWN BOISE

Downtown Boise is the city's cultural center and home to numerous shops, an abundance of restaurants, and several microbreweries and nightlife venues. Downtown Boise is an energetic, clean, and livable community that is also walkable and friendly.



## BOISE BENCH

Known locally as "the Bench," this area boasts some of Boise's best views as it sits about 60 feet higher than downtown. It's generally an older residential neighborhood with a strong sense of community. It is home to the Boise Union Pacific Depot and offers easy access to the freeway and downtown.



## BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

On the other side of the river from downtown are Boise State University and the Boise State Broncos football team's unique blue-turf field - a significant city landmark. Residential neighborhoods and businesses catering to the student population surround this area.

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## SOUTHEAST BOISE

Southeast Boise covers a large area from Boise State University to the city's edge.

Developed over the last 30 years, you'll find many suburban-style homes in this part. A newer, growing addition to this region is the fashionable Bown Crossing.

Bown Crossing has quickly gained the attention of many families moving to the area by offering some of the best restaurants in Boise, along with specialty shops, a new library, and a vibrant community spirit.





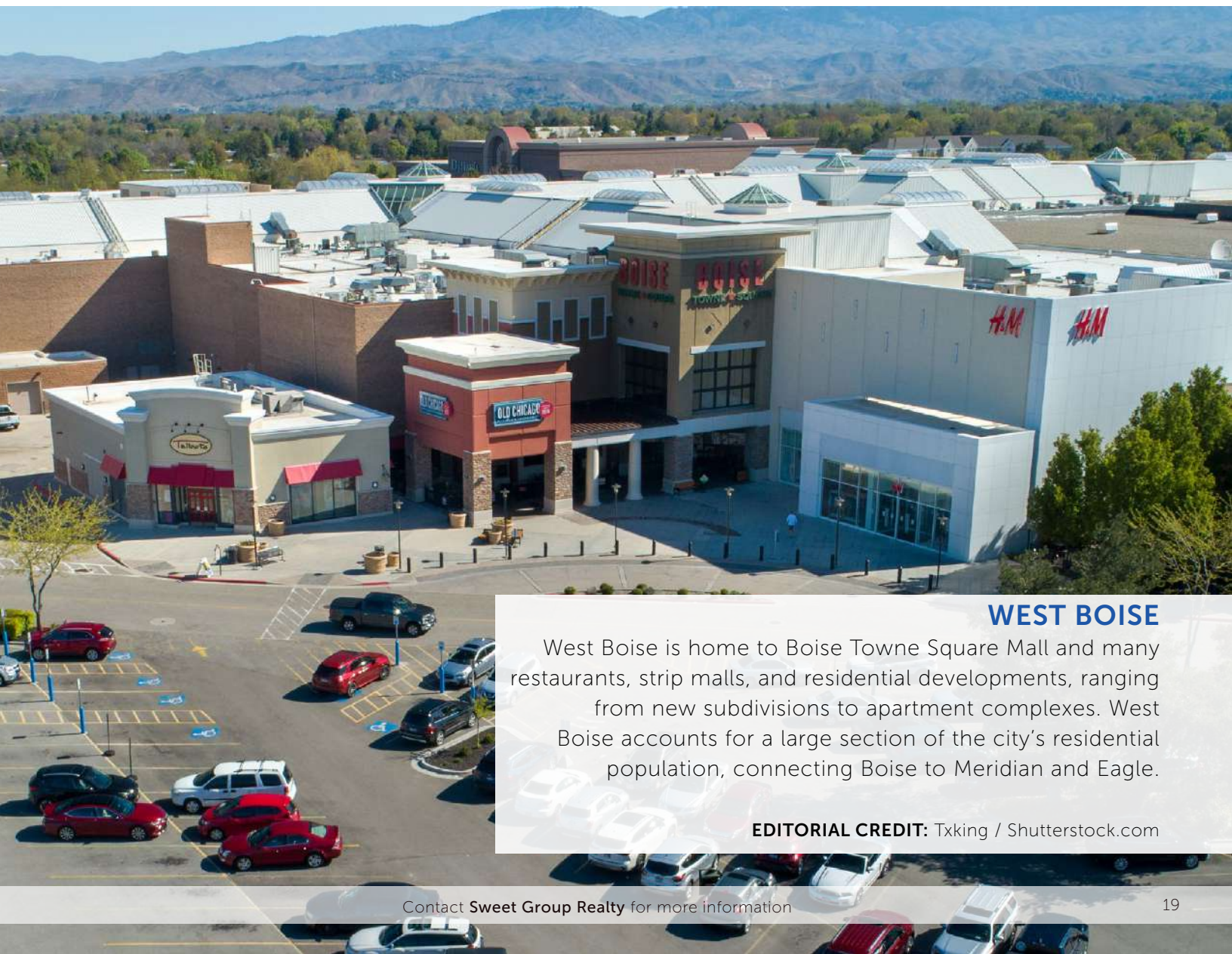


## SOUTHWEST BOISE

Southwest Boise has become a thriving residential community with a suburban feel. The widespread growth of new homes and neighborhoods near Interstate 84 has made this section of Boise the desired location among newcomers and long-time residents alike, with nearby conveniences and the airport.

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## WEST BOISE

West Boise is home to Boise Towne Square Mall and many restaurants, strip malls, and residential developments, ranging from new subdivisions to apartment complexes. West Boise accounts for a large section of the city's residential population, connecting Boise to Meridian and Eagle.

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# Caldwell

POPULATION: 64,490   DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 24 MILES   COMMUTE: 0:26





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## »» CALDWELL

**C**ALDWELL, IDAHO - Caldwell encompasses iconic country living with glorious sunsets, neighborly spirit, vibrant community events, and western charm. Located 25 miles west of Boise and a half-hour from the Oregon state line, life in Caldwell is a little more down-home.

Downtown Caldwell is experiencing a rebirth. The revitalization of Indian Creek Plaza has brought new life and vigor to this quiet town. The plaza offers an outdoor venue and hosts wine and art festivals, music events, and more, providing a central gathering place for more than 250 days of activity throughout the year. Trendy new restaurants and retail boutiques are popping up with a new state-of-the-art movie theater. The area transforms into a magical festival of lights with ice skating on the outdoor ice ribbon in wintertime. It has become a winter destination for

anyone living within the Treasure Valley.

### **COWBOYS TO CONNOISSEURS**

Rodeo's and county fairs are a pretty big deal in this little section of the valley. The Caldwell Night Rodeo is the largest and longest-running annual event in Canyon County, attracting more than 45,000 engaging fans to this 5-night extravaganza. The Canyon County Fair is the largest summer attraction in Canyon County, drawing more than 50,000 fair-goers from around the region. This four-day event is fun and affordable for families. Top country acts perform each night, and attendance is free with paid gate admission, just \$5 in 2019.

Caldwell is also home to several world-class wineries. The rich soil found in the Snake River Valley and Idaho's cool winters and hot, dry



summers provide an excellent climate in which to grow grapes. Located within Caldwell's vicinity are 15 of the state's 51 wineries. Serving as a gateway to the Snake River Valley's wine country, the Sunnyslope Wine Trail attracts connoisseurs to the region for several annual events and experience tastings at some of Idaho's finest wineries.

## PERFECT MIX

Caldwell is the perfect mix of old and new, with enough room for residents to spread out and enjoy their surroundings. It's where overalls and cowboy boots mix with designer jeans and high-heels, where farm-to-table experiences take place in Grandma's kitchen or at the latest restaurant downtown. Yes, this perfect mix of cowboy and chic is an exciting place to call home.





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# Eagle

POPULATION: 34,404 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 8 MILES COMMUTE: 0:18





2022 **Eagle**





## >> EAGLE

**EAGLE, IDAHO** - Tucked away in the Treasure Valley corner, nestled between the foothills and the Boise River, you'll find the charming town of Eagle, Idaho. It's a city notable for its high-end subdivisions, horse properties, spas, and scenery. The Boise River, with its expanse of towering trees and pedestrian paths known as the Greenbelt, runs through the heart of town. Eagle is in a class by itself regarding character, recreation, and charm with its quaint downtown area, various local events, and a strong sense of community pride.

Eagle's most significant appeal is the old-town feel—especially in the historic downtown area where vintage-style street lights line the main corridor. The older part of Eagle showcases mature, treelined streets, stately homes on large

lots, and beautiful, family-friendly neighborhoods and parks. Many specialty boutiques and restaurants provide a central location for locals to meet with friends for shopping and dining. Thoughtful city planning has allowed Eagle to maintain its character while catering to the growing population's needs.

### RECREATION ABOUNDS

Whether your type of recreation is on two wheels or two legs, you'll find it within Eagle city limits in the foothills, on the golf course, or along the Greenbelt. Home to the Eagle Sports Complex and Bike Park, this massive 200-acre park is one of the countries' largest. Eagle is home to two of the Treasure Valley's established golf courses - Banbury Golf Course and Eagle Hills Golf Course.





Eagle Island State Park is a beautiful 545-acre state park with a waterslide, sandy beaches, a picnic area, and more than five miles of trails where outdoor enthusiasts can ride horses, walk their dogs, and play disc golf. The park also offers paddleboard rentals plus a 6-line zip line course and is home to Gateway Snow Park, which features multiple snow tubing runs in wintertime.

From May through early October, stop by the Eagle Saturday Market at Heritage Park in the heart of downtown Eagle. Browse a variety of vendors selling specialty foods, locally grown produce, and handmade arts and crafts while listening to the sounds of local musicians.

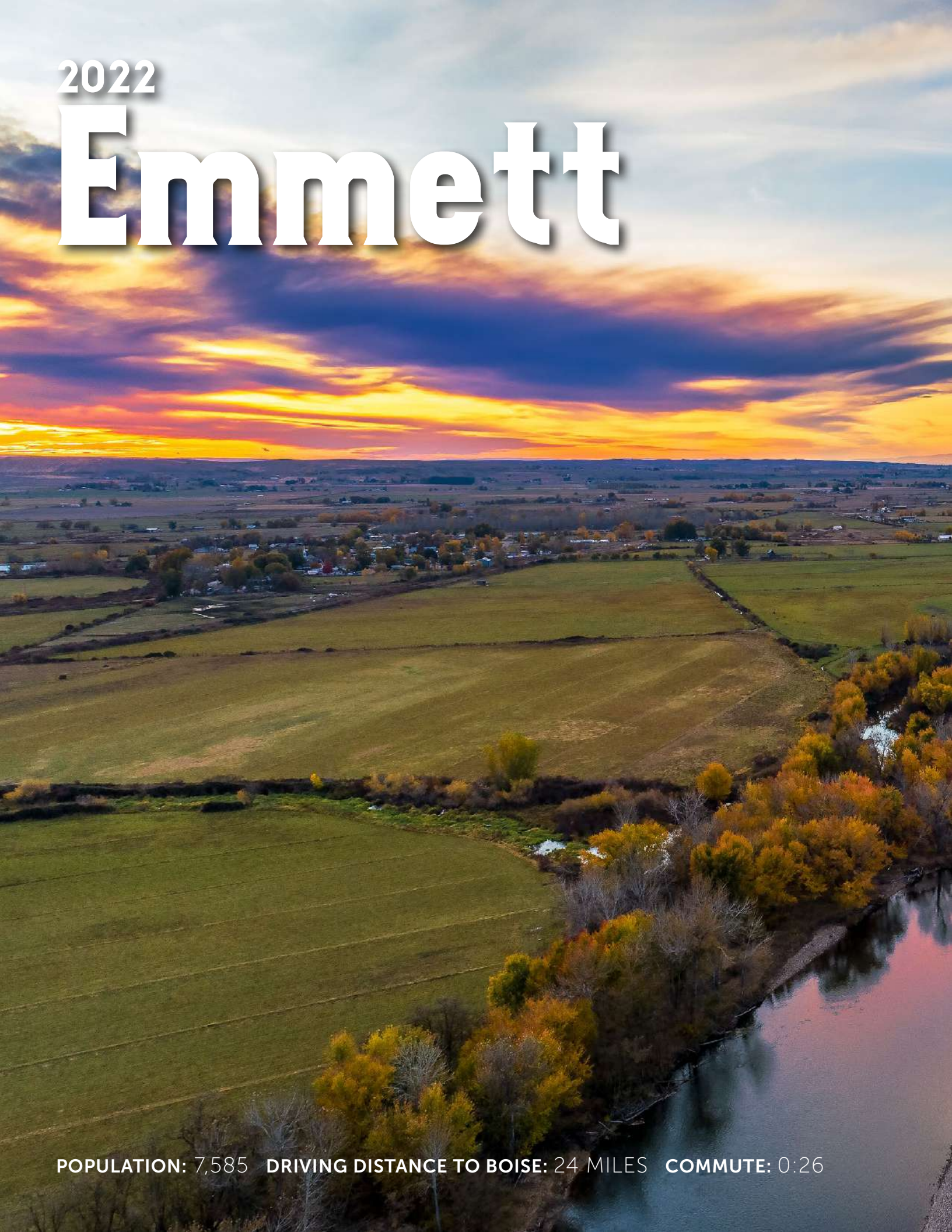
### **SET APART**

The scenic setting, excellent schools, safe, family-oriented neighborhoods, recreation, and many social events are some of the reasons Eagle is one of the most desirable communities in the Boise area.



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# Emmett



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## »» EMMETT

**E**MMETT, IDAHO - Just north of the Treasure Valley lies beautiful Emmett, Idaho. Descending into the Emmett Valley offers stunning views of this fertile valley. Located at the base of Squaw Butte with the Payette River flowing through it, Emmett has abundant recreational opportunities year-round and yet is a throwback to simpler times. It is an unabashedly small town with everything you need found within the city limits. A variety of delicious restaurants, a great hospital, good schools, and friendly people make Emmett the perfect place for those who genuinely appreciate quiet, small-town living.

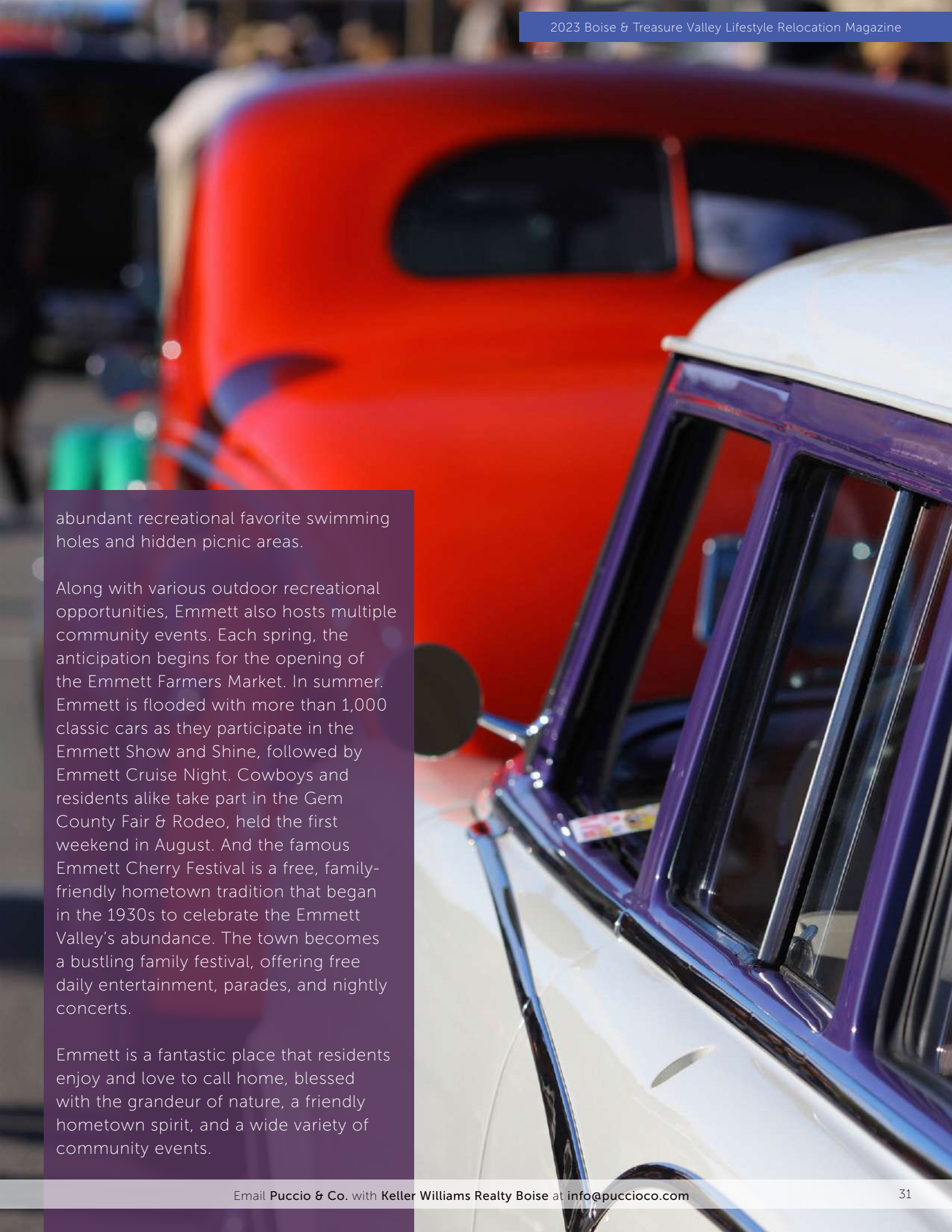
Although Emmett has grown slowly over this past decade, it remains a community of just over 7200. Tucked away in its scenic valley, it is only a 40-minute drive to Boise.

Living in Emmett allows your children the freedom of walking and biking to nearby schools and parks. It is a safe and ideal place for raising kids. And Emmett has tremendous hometown pride—from its small-town, high school football games to the annual Emmett Cherry Festival.

### SCENIC RECREATION AND FUN

Nowhere in the Treasure Valley can one find the kind of rugged beauty that surrounds Emmett. Jutting nearly 5,900 feet above sea level, Squaw Butte lies at the Emmett Valley's north end, rewarding hikers and mountain climbers with a breathtaking view of the fruitful valley below. There are countless places to enjoy clean mountain air while camping along tranquil or fast-flowing river sections, teeming with fish and forested banks. The Payette River provides





abundant recreational favorite swimming holes and hidden picnic areas.

Along with various outdoor recreational opportunities, Emmett also hosts multiple community events. Each spring, the anticipation begins for the opening of the Emmett Farmers Market. In summer, Emmett is flooded with more than 1,000 classic cars as they participate in the Emmett Show and Shine, followed by Emmett Cruise Night. Cowboys and residents alike take part in the Gem County Fair & Rodeo, held the first weekend in August. And the famous Emmett Cherry Festival is a free, family-friendly hometown tradition that began in the 1930s to celebrate the Emmett Valley's abundance. The town becomes a bustling family festival, offering free daily entertainment, parades, and nightly concerts.

Emmett is a fantastic place that residents enjoy and love to call home, blessed with the grandeur of nature, a friendly hometown spirit, and a wide variety of community events.



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# Garden City

POPULATION: 12,266 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 2.3 MILES COMMUTE: 0:06





2022 **Garden City**





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## »» GARDEN CITY

**G**ARDEN CITY, IDAHO - This small town of just over 12,000 is nestled along the Boise River and surrounded by Boise on three sides and Eagle, Idaho on the west, but retains a separate municipal government. Most people don't even recognize when they're crossing from one city to another. But where Garden City is small in geography, it is vast in culture and entertainment.

Garden City is the hippest up-and-coming city in the Treasure Valley. Thanks to some great visionaries, this once looked-over city is now making a big splash for arts, culture, outdoor recreation, and entertainment.

### LIVE WORK CREATE

The Surel Mitchell Live-Work-Crete District attracts artists of every kind to Garden City, growing tremendously over the past few years. At the First Friday Art Walk, participants can come and go at their leisure at each art shop and meet

the artists in person, several in their own homes. The talent found in Garden City is among the best in the country.

### CRAFT BREWERS AND WINERIES

There are more breweries, wineries, and cideries per square mile in Garden City than anywhere else in the entire state of Idaho! Grab a scooter and make a day touring the urban wineries or enjoy a delicious hand-crafted IPA from one of the many local breweries. Download the Garden City Artisans Pathway Map and experience all that Garden City offers.

### FAMILY FUN

Garden City is also home to the Western Idaho Fair, the largest fair in Idaho! Families from around the state look forward to the time-honored fair events, big-name concerts, and adrenaline-pumping carnival rides each August. In addition to the fair, there is a climbing gym, nature walks





along the Greenbelt or Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, and several riverside parks to stop and enjoy.

## LIVING

Living in Garden City is the best of all worlds. There are restaurants, breweries, and wineries within walking distance of just about anywhere you live. The Greenbelt makes commuting a breeze. Access to everything Boise is just two miles away, yet small-town government means your voice is heard when spoken. Rents and mortgages are more affordable than the neighboring cities, and families are friendlier here. If you want to be near the center of it all but not pay big city prices, then Garden City is for you.



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# Kuna



POPULATION: 26,568   DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 18 MILES   COMMUTE: 0:25





2022 **Kuna**





## »» KUNA

**KUNA, IDAHO** - The small country town of Kuna is growing at an accelerated pace for good reasons – affordability and location. And that's not all. Despite the rapid growth, Kuna maintains a country setting and rural roots where the simple life still exists. The country landscape inspires families to enjoy the outdoors, explore local nature paths, and visit neighborhood parks. There's a greenbelt to walk on, a river to wade in, and the desert foothills to hike. The area's ambiance invites folks to be friendlier here—families hold the door open for others, look people in the eye, and say hello to strangers.

Kuna is more self-contained with its expanding commerce, and residents can find what they need in their friendly community. As the city evolves, commercial development matches the pace of Kuna's residential growth. The addition of several restaurants and fast-food establishments, grocery and retail stores, and other small

businesses are changing the landscape around town and meeting essential community needs.

### SMALL-TOWN CELEBRATION

The beauty of living in a small, growing town is that you are part of the old and the new. Experience the old-fashioned fun of a country carnival at Kuna Days. This two-day summer festival celebrates the history of Kuna and takes place at Bernie Fisher Park downtown. The festivities close each night with a spectacular fireworks display. The entire community seemingly shows up for this special annual event.

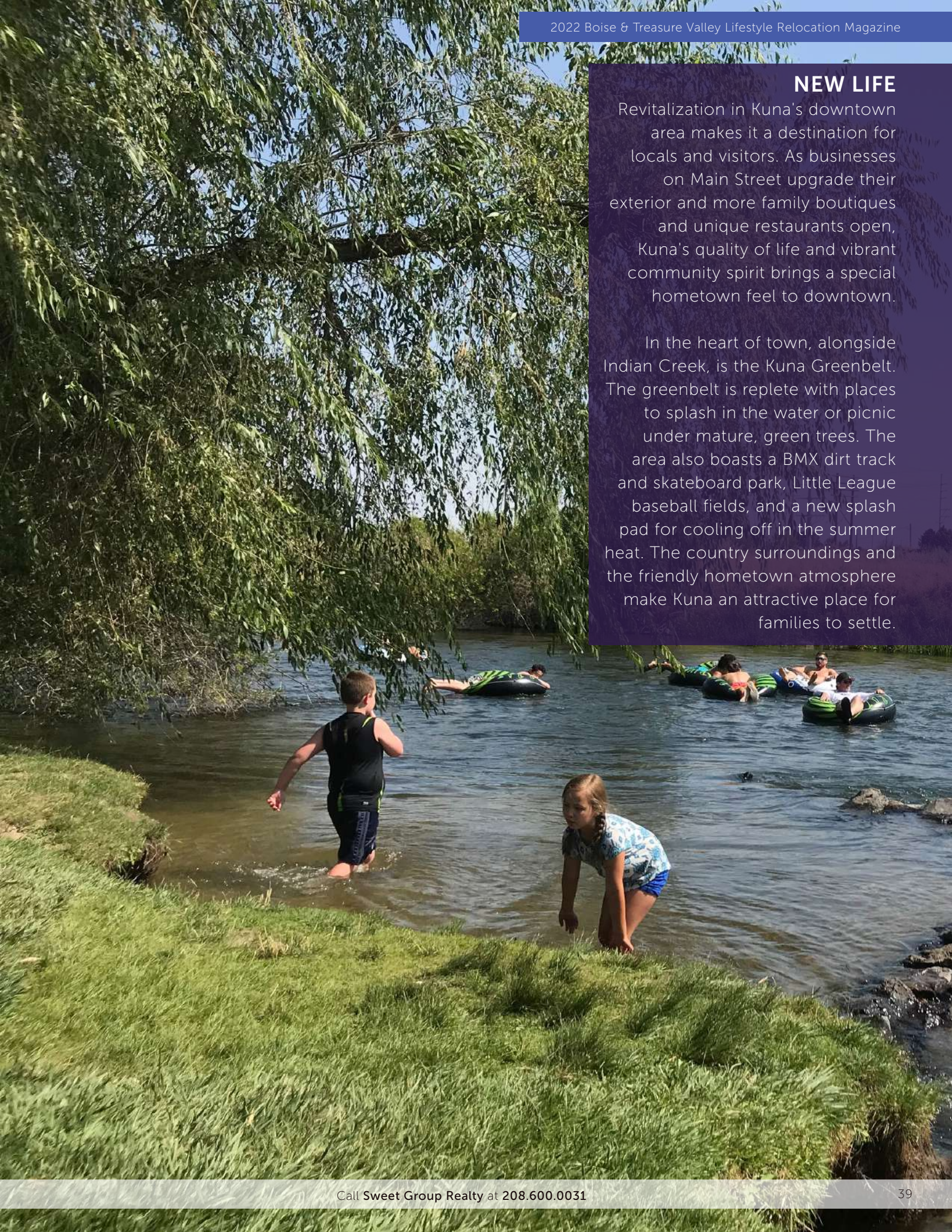
In winter, residents come out in droves and stand shoulder-to-shoulder, embracing the cold to enjoy the Down-Home Country Christmas parade on Main Street. The event culminates with residents counting down to the city's Christmas tree lighting at Bernie Fisher Park.



## NEW LIFE

Revitalization in Kuna's downtown area makes it a destination for locals and visitors. As businesses on Main Street upgrade their exterior and more family boutiques and unique restaurants open, Kuna's quality of life and vibrant community spirit brings a special hometown feel to downtown.

In the heart of town, alongside Indian Creek, is the Kuna Greenbelt. The greenbelt is replete with places to splash in the water or picnic under mature, green trees. The area also boasts a BMX dirt track and skateboard park, Little League baseball fields, and a new splash pad for cooling off in the summer heat. The country surroundings and the friendly hometown atmosphere make Kuna an attractive place for families to settle.





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# Meridian



POPULATION: 137,252    DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 9 MILES    COMMUTE: 0:22





MERIDIAN  
CITY HALL

peace  
& joy

2022 Meridian

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# »» MERIDIAN

**MERIDIAN, IDAHO** - If you want to be in the center of it all, look no further than Meridian, Idaho. Silhouetted by the gorgeous Boise Mountains, people flock to Meridian for its family-oriented infrastructure, affordable housing prices, city planning, business opportunities, a wide variety of shopping venues, and proximity to neighboring cities.

Meridian residents have a strong community spirit and a kind of helpfulness found in small towns; locals are kind, friendly, and welcoming. That small-town feel is never more evident than when attending community events in the heart of downtown. Meridian is a place of belonging— it's safe, clean, and a great place to raise a family. It's a place where families ride their bikes to the local snow-

cone shack and let their kids play at the park until dusk.

## SHOPPING

The City of Meridian boasts its own cosmopolitan shopping experience. The Village at Meridian has emerged as the center of upscale shopping, dining, and more. Beautifully designed, this outdoor shopping mall is an enclave of specialty retail stores, restaurants, a luxury



movie theater with private seating, a fitness center, plus a bowling alley and arcade. It offers ample outdoor seating, a children's playground, and a beautiful fountain showcasing hourly water displays with lights and music. The central courtyard is transformed into a festive outdoor ice rink during the holidays, featuring an enormous, lighted Christmas tree and Santa's workshop.

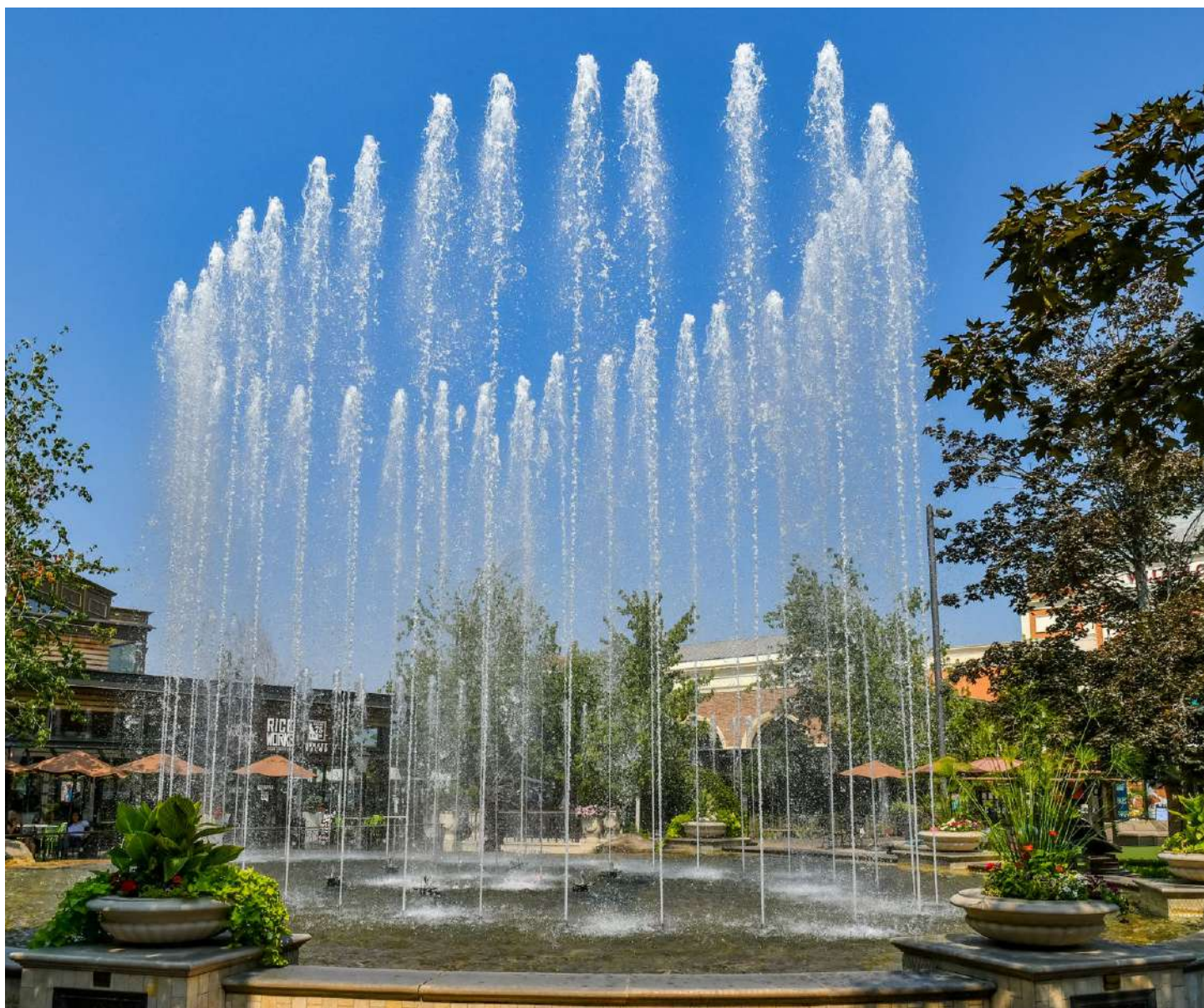
## FAMILY FUN

On Main Street downtown is the Meridian Speedway, a popular summer attraction for young and old NASCAR fans who feel the need for speed. Meridian is the hub for family fun, from water slides to go-cart racing, laser tag, and rock climbing. Conveniently situated throughout the city are

public parks, some that host free outdoor movies and live music venues during the summer months. Many of the parks have fun splash pads for cooling off during the hot days of summer.

## BEST PLACE TO LIVE

Rated #3 by Money Magazine for Best Places to Live in the United States and #3 for Fastest-Growing in the country by WalletHub, Meridian is quickly emerging as a vibrant and growing hub for shopping family fun, and quality living in the Treasure Valley. Centrally located in the heart of the valley and with an intelligent growth infrastructure, it's easy to see why families choose Meridian to call home.





2022

# Middleton



POPULATION: 9,771 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 28 MILES COMMUTE: 0.30





2022 Middleton





Photo Credit: Jonathan Henry

## >> MIDDLETON

**M**IDDLETON, IDAHO - Middleton is an authentic Idaho farm town, only 45-minutes removed from the hustle and bustle of downtown Boise. Middleton has a small-town culture where horses and farmland are the norms, and getting directions to the best old-fashioned ice cream shake seems like a natural conversation. (It's the Burger Den on Main Street, if you were wondering.)

People choose Middleton for its charm and reasonably priced property. Buying acreage is more affordable, and many older homes in Middleton come with land, barns, and outbuildings. And while the town hasn't escaped the urban growth the Treasure Valley has seen in recent years, it remains a small town of more than 9,000 residents, retaining its rural feel and down-home hospitality. Purchasing acreage and building your dream home can quickly become a reality here.

### FAMILY ORIENTED

Family is a big deal in Middleton, so the school district is one of the best in the valley. Showing their commitment to the future of Middleton and its children, the city built a new high school that is one of the most elite in the state of Idaho concerning technology and safety. The small student-to-teacher ratio gives kids one-on-one attention typically only provided in a more expensive private-school education.

The parks in this rural community rival those of larger neighboring cities. This town is so committed to family recreation that it has two parks departments—the City of Middleton Parks & Pathways Department and the Greater Middleton Parks & Recreation Department.

The City of Middleton owns four beautiful parks in this small town. Piccadilly Park is the largest park.



Throughout the summer, it hosts a farmer's market, offers an interactive splash pad, and features a new, progressive Grindline Skatepark, attracting locals and visitors to this top-of-the-line skatepark.

Dedicated to developing and preserving open space in this scenic country town, Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation Department offers free movies at Foote Park throughout the summer. Residents enjoy community plays and partake in a pickleball, basketball, or volleyball game at Middleton Community Center, an old elementary school gym GMPRD renovated. It has become a daily gathering spot for seniors and retirees, and the community center offers an after-school recreation room for middle school and high school students.

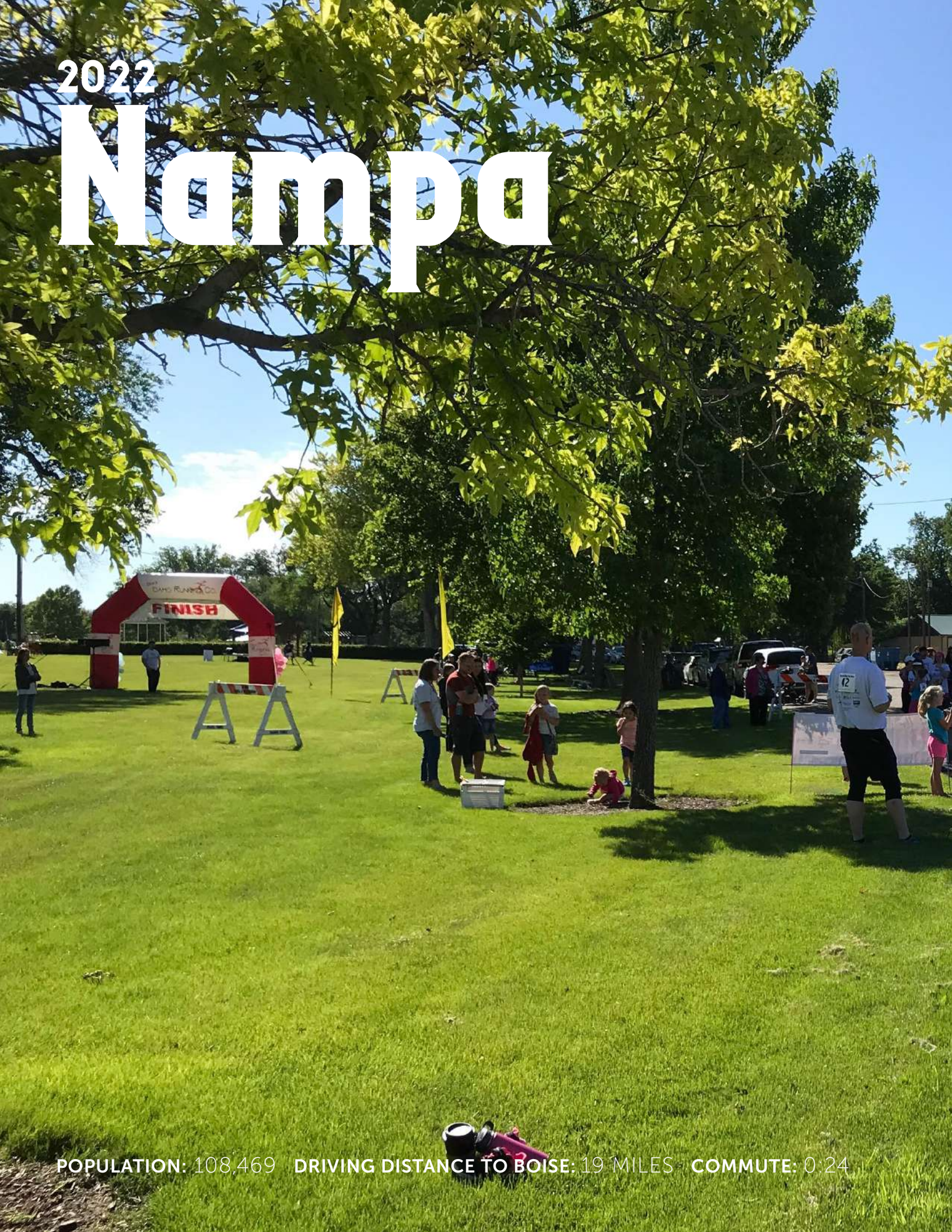
Middleton may be the most modest small-town city in the Treasure Valley area, but it's big on heart, family, and community. And that is just how the locals want to keep it.

*Photo Credit: Jonathan Henry*



2022

# Nampa



POPULATION: 108,469 | DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 19 MILES | COMMUTE: 0.24





2022 Nampa





## »» NAMPA

**N**AMPA, IDAHO - Nampa encapsulates the best of Idaho's character and charm—friendly, affordable, outdoorsy, and convenient. Although Nampa is the state's third-largest city, it is still an idyllic small town with more than 101,000 residents. Nampa is the perfect-sized city to experience what Idaho is best known for—its neighborly, laid-back lifestyle.

Those who call Nampa home can find all the conveniences of shopping, dining, and outdoor recreation without leaving the city limits. Whether it's a newer subdivision near Costco, older home in the historic downtown area, or acreage on the outskirts of town with a view of the Owyhee Mountains, you'll find what you're looking for in Nampa.

### OLD AND NEW

Downtown Nampa is alive and well. Anchored by the new Library Square, this historic district's revitalization has spurred new life into the area, including the beautiful 62,000-ft., state-of-the-art Nampa Library.

The Nampa Train Depot Museum sits in the center of downtown Nampa. Saved by a group of citizens in 1972 from demolition, this grand historic building features Nampa's railroad history, antiques, souvenirs, etc. Nampa's history goes back to the early 1880s when the Oregon Short Line Railroad built a line from Wyoming to Oregon, which passed through Nampa with the fanciest railroad depot.



## MUCH TO OFFER

Nampa has a lot to offer for family entertainment and fun for a town this size. People from southwest Idaho come to the massive Ford Idaho Center to enjoy the best live outdoor concerts, watch adrenaline-pumping rodeos, shop seasonal trade shows, and many other family-friendly events. The aviation lover in your family will enjoy the Warhawk Air Museum. Locals enjoy the Nampa Rec Center with its five indoor pools, rock climbing, gymnastics, etc. For cultural entertainment, the Nampa Civic Center is home to the John Brandt Performing Arts Theater. And nature lovers rejoice with the abundance of wildlife and recreation found at beautiful Lake Lowell.

## BETTER WAY OF LIFE

The neighborly people who live and work in Nampa round out the quality of life here. It's a diverse culture ranging from agriculture to service professionals, retail to start-ups. The living and housing costs are lower than in other areas in the valley. With various parks and trails to explore and the proximity to other nearby communities, Nampa is a solid choice for those who want to retain a small-town feel while living in a vibrant and growing community.



2022

# Star



POPULATION: 12,467 DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: 17 MILES COMMUTE: 0:26





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2022 **Star**





Photo Credit: Jonathan Henry

## ➤➤ STAR

**S**STAR, IDAHO - Beautiful open spaces, new subdivisions, and equestrian properties dot the pastoral landscape in Star, Idaho's small, growing city. Star delivers the perfect combination of nearby opulence with rural sensibility. With plenty of undeveloped lands, active agriculture, and rolling hills, Star has untapped potential for its future.

The city has experienced substantial growth over the last 20 years, from residential homes to highway infrastructure. This rural town of over 11,000 is now more accessible and centrally located in the valley than just two decades ago when it was isolated from surrounding cities by vast farmlands. Even with the unprecedented growth Star has experienced, it remains a small town.

### PUT DOWN ROOTS

Star's friendly hometown atmosphere and country setting make it an ideal place to live and

raise a family. The strong community participation and local events create opportunities for new residents to become involved. Star's River Walk Park is a secret gem known only to locals and is still quiet and pristine (although the word is quickly getting out).

You'll find kids—big and small—at the local skate park and families enjoying outdoor summer movies in the park. Because of Star's size, crime is almost non-existent, and residents feel safe while out on a morning run or walking the dog. And there's a good chance of bumping into the Mayor while pumping gas at the local gas station.

Star is everything you'd want in a country setting and more. Star delivers on authentic, small-town life with friendly neighbors, traditional festivals, and the absolute best 4th of July fireworks show in the valley!



## TRUE TREASURE OF THE VALLEY

Star is a growing community with many wide-ranging developments. Several homes offer stunning views of the surrounding mountain ranges—Squaw Butte to the north, the Boise Foothills to the east, and the Owyhee Mountain Range to the south.

While young families take advantage of this friendly country setting, it is also quickly becoming a retirement community in the Treasure Valley. With developments built along the Boise River, complete with tennis courts and miles of walking trails, retirees see the advantage of cashing out of their existing home and purchasing a luxury home here, embracing a more relaxed way of life.

If a quiet, spacious setting is what you desire, with all the homegrown goodness of a small town, then Star is where you'll want to put down roots and call home.





**>> MCCALL, IDAHO.** This resort town, located on the southern shores of Payette Lake, just two hours north of Boise, is a family favorite destination year-round. Surrounded by lush forests, visitors enjoy watersports, hiking, golfing, and mountain biking in the spring and summer to skiing, snowmobiling, and the annual Winter Festival in the winter. Whether camping or zip-lining, taking in live music or dining at one of the town's fine establishments, the small-town of McCall is big on adventure. There is no shortage of fun in the mountains.

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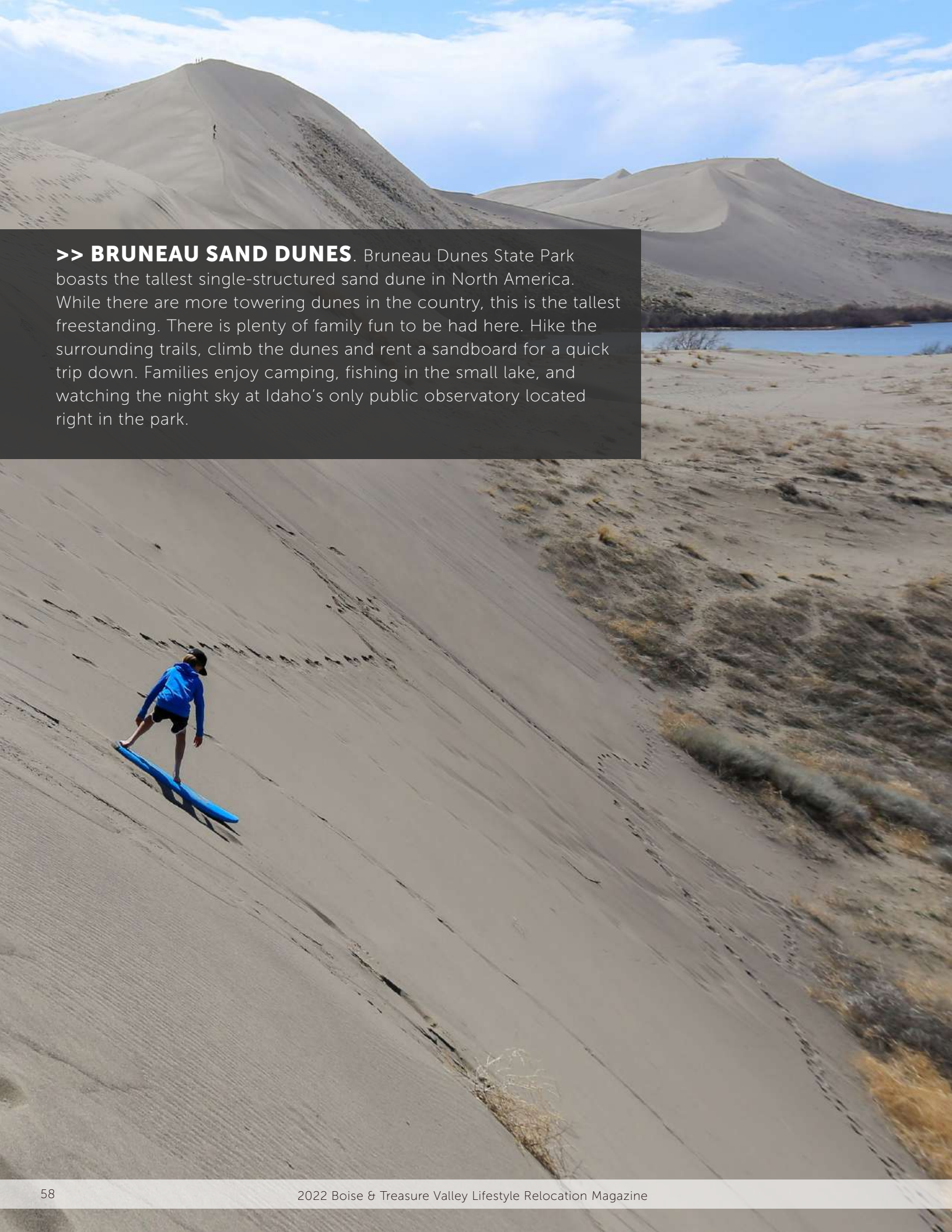






**>> BOGUS BASIN.** One of Boise's most treasured community assets is Bogus Basin Mountain. This recreation area offers skiing and tubing in winter; hiking, mountain biking, scenic lift rides in the summer; and a mountain coaster year-round! Watch the landscape transform from the sagebrush foothills to the snow-laden mountain forest on the 16-mile drive up the scenic and winding Bogus Basin Road. Known primarily for its excellent downhill skiing, Bogus Basin is a year-long recreation lover's paradise.





**>> BRUNEAU SAND DUNES**. Bruneau Dunes State Park boasts the tallest single-structured sand dune in North America. While there are more towering dunes in the country, this is the tallest freestanding. There is plenty of family fun to be had here. Hike the surrounding trails, climb the dunes and rent a sandboard for a quick trip down. Families enjoy camping, fishing in the small lake, and watching the night sky at Idaho's only public observatory located right in the park.



**>> SHOSHONE FALLS.** Just two hours southeast of Boise, at the edge of Twin Falls, Idaho, is Shoshone Falls. This breathtaking natural attraction stands at 212 feet, 45 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Visitors are treated to a spectacular display of thundering water as it makes its way down the Snake River Canyon. The best time of year to view the falls is when the water flows the highest during spring and early summer from the winter snowmelt. Late spring also brings the dazzling light show on the falls – a must-see event.





**>> CELEBRATION PARK.** One of Southern Idaho's best-kept secrets is Celebration Park. Located on the Snake River, Celebration Park is Idaho's only archaeological park, but the breathtaking scenery on the drive out to the park is worth the trip alone. Take a walk through the basalt deposited by the Bonneville flood thousands of years ago to reveal petroglyphs that are hundreds of years old. Explore the historic Guffey Railroad Bridge and learn about Idaho's early mining and railroad history. Complete with picnic sites and restrooms, this is one must-do day trip.





**>> CRATERS OF THE MOON.** The volcanic formations and lava flow from thousands of years ago have created a wonderfully unique landscape reminiscent of the moon's surface. Walk over what was once molten lava flows and explore underground caves and lava tubes. Take the scenic 7-mile loop drive or hike one of the nature trails and peer into volcano vents. Lava Flow Campground offers 42 tent and RV sites on a first-come basis for those that would like to extend their visit. Certified as a Dark Sky Park, camping at Craters of the Moon offers an excellent opportunity for stargazing.



A photograph of a rock climbing site. In the foreground, the back of a person's head wearing a white helmet with green accents and a blue shirt is visible. The background shows a steep, layered rock face with several ropes and two climbers. One climber is near the top, and another is further down on the right side. The text 'IDAHO Adventure AWAITS' is overlaid in a green, stylized font with arrows pointing right.

# IDAHO Adventure AWAITS

LOCATION: Black Cliffs





**CAMPING.** Camping is so much a part of Idaho that it runs in the state's DNA. More than 2.3 million acres are available in Idaho for hunting, fishing, hiking, and, yes, camping. Idaho is full of beautifully maintained campgrounds on pristine lakefronts, near rivers, forests, and desert sand dunes. Much of the state remains wild and natural and offers many places for dispersed camping. Whether you prefer a spot beside a mountain lake, rivers teeming with fish, near hot springs, or in the middle of the forest, the only struggle will be which site to pick!





**FISHING.** Fishing in Idaho is so extraordinary you'll have a lifetime of fishing tales to share with your out-of-state friends in no time at all. You'll find the local fishing ponds stocked with rainbow trout, and the Boise River is one of the best urban trout rivers in the country. Not far from Boise, there is everything from classic bass lakes, streams brimming with blue-ribbon trout, and great rivers flowing with steelhead and salmon at your fingertips. It's not unusual to see men in business suits putting in a fishing line during a lunch break. *Yes, folks in Idaho take their fishing pretty seriously.*





**GOLF.** More than 20 golf courses span between Caldwell and Boise, making a day on the green easily accessible. From established golf courses rated in Idaho's top 10 golf course by Golf Digest to a massive 36-hole scenic golf course to affordable municipal fairways, there is a course that will fit your time, wallet, and skill. Enjoy the picturesque scenery these courses offer, from the Boise foothills to the Owyhee Mountains and the valley floor. Some of Idaho's Best in State golf courses are a short drive away in the stunning resort towns of Sun Valley, McCall, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



**HIKING.** If you weren't a hiker before you moved here, the picturesque backdrop of the Boise Foothills and 190 miles of interconnecting trails known as Ridge to Rivers might convince you. With so many family-friendly hikes easily accessible from anywhere in the valley, introducing your family to hiking is fun and easy. Located right outside downtown Boise, Table Rock is the most popular trail. This location makes it quick and easy to reach the trailhead. Upon reaching the top, the view overlooking downtown and the valley is remarkable. From short, flat trails to rigorous climbs, you will find everything and more to make a hiker out of you yet!







**HOT SPRINGS.** Natural hot springs come in many different shapes, sizes, and temperatures in Idaho. Hot springs nestled along mountain paths or tucked amid rock formations make for a fantastic backpacking destination or day trip adventure. You'll find these hot springs on public lands in National Forests or wilderness. Public hot springs in Idaho are typically free. Developed commercial hot springs on private land usually charge a fee due to the modern amenities offered, such as pools of varying temperatures, showers and bathhouses, beverage service, and most are open nearly year-round. Whether you choose a public or private hot spring, soaking in one of Idaho's hot springs will soothe your soul and wash the stress away



**HUNTING.** Hunting in Idaho runs the gamut from plentiful small animals and upland game birds, big game species, to highly coveted trophy species. With nearly two-thirds of Idaho being public land, there are plenty of hunting places. Hunters will find endless opportunities to pursue big game in Idaho. Idaho has the widest variety of big game hunting in the west and some of the world's best elk hunting. The general season tag and controlled hunts allow hunting for deer, elk, black bear, pronghorn, mountain lion, and wolf. Controlled hunts include Idaho's trophy species, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. Hunters can collect one of each trophy species in a lifetime, granted they're lucky enough to draw the permits







**MOUNTAIN BIKING.** You don't need to travel far to find a tremendous mountain-biking adventure. Regardless of where you find yourself traveling on any given weekend, consider bringing your mountain bike. The entire state is a gigantic mountain biking playground. You'll find trails that match all skill levels, distances, and challenges in the Boise area. One point of commonality presented on nearly every track is compacted dirt, creating smooth and fast rides. While most of the short trails are in the foothills' open country, the longer rides present a mix of trees in the upper region, opening up to quick stretches with vast valley views. With so many trail options, mountain biking in Idaho will please riders of every skill level.



**OFF-ROADING / SNOWMOBILING.** Whether on wheels or skis, off-roading in Idaho is sure to please even the most adventurous rider. Located within Boise city limits, two and four-wheel off-road adventurers can enjoy the Boise Foothills and the Boise Ridge. These areas include steep and tricky descents to navigate, so some skill is required. Travel about a half-hour outside the Boise metro, and it's easy to get purposefully lost. Hundreds of miles of dirt roads and trails from moderate to rugged allow you to enjoy the area. Snowmobiling is such a big deal here; it's common to see vehicles with a pair of skis in tow daily throughout the winter. Idaho's backcountry transforms into a winter playground for snowmobile devotees with groomed snowmobile trails and untouched snow with vast dramatic landscapes.





**WHITewater RAFTING.** Boise's summer weather reaches the perfect temperature to set the stage for some wild whitewater adventure, whether kayaking for the day or river rafting for the week on the Payette River. Locally known as "The Main," this section of the Payette River provides varying levels of challenging whitewater up to class III rapids, while the North and South Forks provide adrenaline-pumping class IV and V rapids. The river offers both great excitement and relaxation. The Class IV Middle Fork of the Salmon River outside of Stanley, Idaho, made the 10 Best Whitewater Rafting Destination IN THE WORLD by tripsavvy.com. Yes, whitewater in Idaho takes river sports to a whole new level.

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# FAMILY ♥ FUN ♥







## PARKS

There are hundreds of beautiful parks to play and explore throughout the Treasure Valley. From nature parks with wildlife to playgrounds and splash pads, families can enjoy family time any time of year nearby. There are small

neighborhood parks in nearly every community, parks along the Greenbelt, and Boise's signature park, Ann Morrison Park in Downtown Boise. This vast 153-acre park hosts many events, including the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic.



## BOISE WHITEWATER PARK

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation Boise Whitewater Park was one of the world's first adjustable river waves. Today, kayakers, surfers, and paddleboarders take to the rapids with two "park and play" spots on the river. The Boise Whitewater Park, combined with

Quinn's Pond and Esther Simplot Park, makes up one of the largest urban boating and boarding centers in North America – just a few minutes away from Boise's desired North End and Downtown.





## RIVER FLOAT

From late June through Labor Day, river adventurers on inner tubes, rafts, paddleboards, even giant inflatable swans and pink flamingos float downstream. The float includes three splashy "drops" from Barber Park to Ann Morrison Park, and because it is a

natural river with tree limbs and debris that can pose hazards, visitors should always wear life jackets and use caution. Equipment rental, air filling stations, and shuttle service are available in Barber Park during the float season, making it easy to partake in the fun and adventure.



## BOISE RIVER GREENBELT

The Boise River Greenbelt is one of Boise's most notable features. This 25-mile pathway beginning at Lucky Peak Dam and ending in Eagle connects several outlying communities and parks along the Boise River to the city's

heart. Tucked along the way are areas that offer amazing views and wildlife, such as great horned owls, river otters, even deer, that make it seem as though you're in the middle of nature, far removed from the busy city life.





## HULLS GULCH RESERVE

The HULLS Gulch Reserve is the heart of recreation in the Boise Foothills. Home to two significant trailheads, The Grove and Lower HULLS Gulch, it is the starting point for nearly 190 miles of the Ridge to Rivers trail system throughout the foothills. Thanks to

a community-wide effort in the early 1990s, HULLS Gulch Reserve was spared from future development. Today, runners, hikers, mountain bikers, dog walkers, and horseback riders enjoy this fantastic recreational area.



## MK NATURE CENTER

The Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center is home to nearly five acres of wildlife habitat along the Boise River. This free, hidden gem sits right along the Greenbelt in downtown Boise. Journey along nature trails, observe sturgeon, salmon,

and trout in the sturgeon pond, and experience what it's like to climb inside an eagle's nest! Visitors also get a close-up look at native aquatic fish and ecosystems through the underwater viewing windows along the trail.





## LAKE RECREATION

Lake recreation in Idaho is a sure family favorite, whether for the day, the weekend, or an entire week. Sandy beaches, paddle boarding, and water fun are available within Boise city limits at Quinn's Pond at Esther Simplot Park. Lucky Peak State

Park is another popular recreation area just a few miles southeast of Boise where water enthusiasts enjoy water-skiing, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking and more. Many Idaho lakes offer camping sites or lakeside cabins to rent.



## SPIRIT OF BOISE BALLOON CLASSIC

The Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic is a not-to-be-missed event. More than 40 colorful balloons descend upon Ann Morrison Park for this 5-day extravaganza. From free tethered rides for kids to spectacular night glows and morning

launches in between, for 30 years, the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic has held to its goal of providing exciting family entertainment at no charge to the community.





## AQUARIUM OF BOISE

This fun, hands-on aquarium is a favorite among children in the Treasure Valley. It is a small aquarium (only 10,000 square feet), allowing for many interactive touch tanks. The 250 species of animals, including a blacktip reef

shark, bat rays, stingrays, and many more, give children a look at life underwater. The Ray Pool allows kids to get up close and personal as they can touch and feed these friendly sea creatures.



## BIRDS OF PREY

On a hilltop overlooking Boise, just south of the Boise Airport, is the World Center for Birds of Prey. This highly discussed and often visited center is the headquarters for the Peregrine Fund, known worldwide for conservation and recovery efforts of rare and

endangered raptors. This one-of-a-kind indoor and outdoor education center allows visitors to encounter eagles, owls, vultures, hawks, and falcons from around the world. Watch demonstrations and view exhibits of scarce birds of prey.





## THE BASQUE BLOCK

The Basque Country is a region located in the western Pyrenees, straddling the border between France and Spain. Many Basque immigrants came to Idaho in the 1800s, and today, Boise has more than 16,000 American Basques - the largest concentration in the U.S. The Basque Block is a celebration of this heritage. Located in downtown Boise, The Basque Block is rich in history and full of authentic restaurants, entertainment, and the Basque Museum and cultural center.

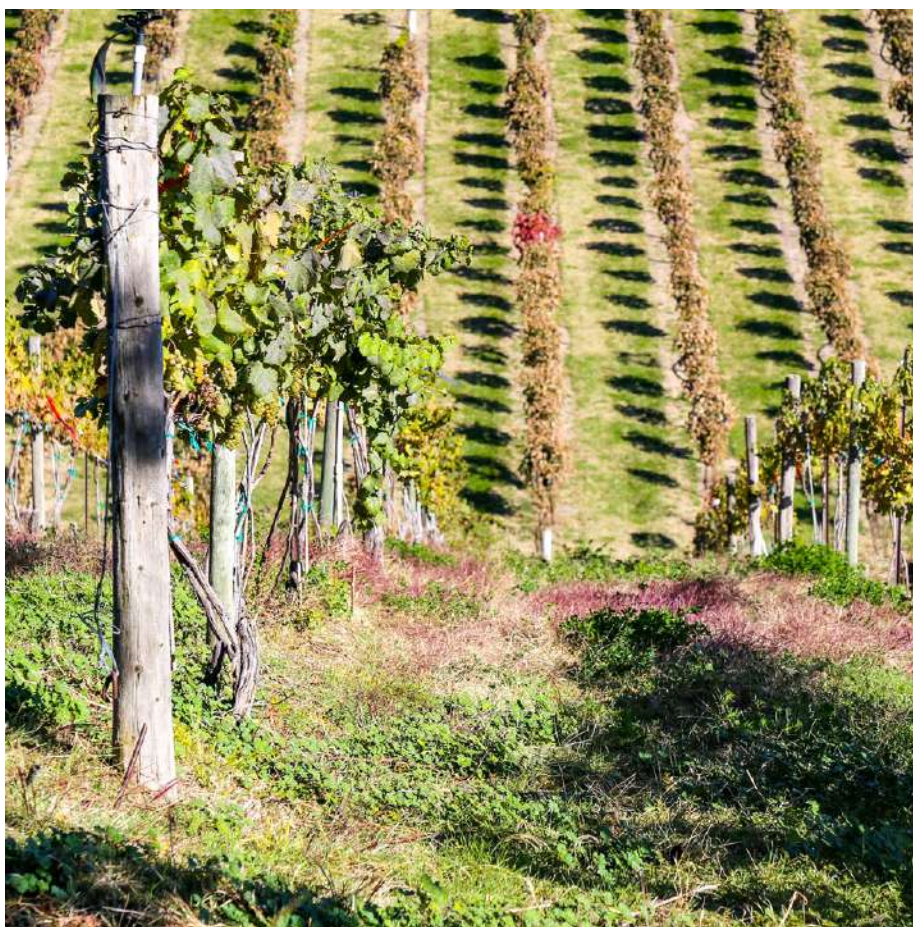


## IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival has been bringing exceptional theater to life under Boise's stars for over four decades. Five plays (not all Shakespeare) in rotating repertory from May through October occur in a world-class state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater. Along with phenomenal theater performances, a series of mini-concerts precede the mainstage performance featuring various bands and artists. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic or food is available onsite from the gourmet Café Shakespeare.



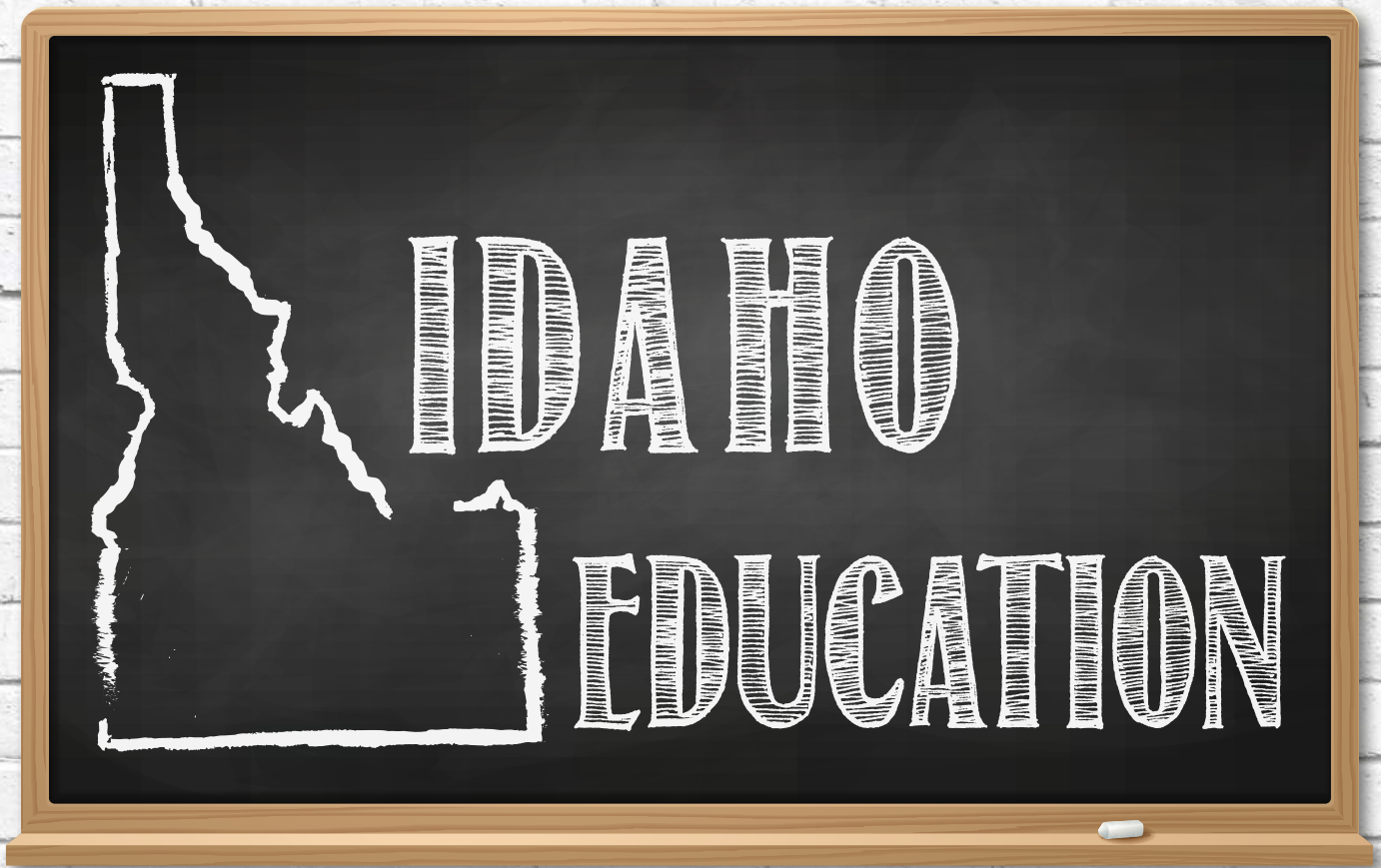
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## WINERIES

The four-season climate, rich soil, and ample water supply make Idaho an ideal place to grow grapes and wine. There are more than 60 wineries throughout Idaho, with most of them right here in the Treasure Valley. Made up of fifteen wineries, the Sunnyslope Wine Trail has some of the oldest wineries in the scenic Snake River Valley in Caldwell, Idaho. Kuna also boasts a few of Idaho's favorite wineries. The urban wineries and tastings rooms concentrated in Boise and surrounding communities are great places to sip and sample what Idaho offers.





You'll be pleased with all the educational options available to your children. The Treasure Valley has a wide variety of public, private, and homeschooling options available allowing you to choose what is best for you and your children.

Once you arrive, you'll want to contact the school district nearest your home regarding enrollment requirements and start date.








# TREASURE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BOISE SCHOOL DISTRICT






-  8169 W Victory Rd. Boise, ID 83709
-  (208) 854 - 4000
-  [www.boiseschools.org](http://www.boiseschools.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://www.westada.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://www.nsd131.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://www.caldwellschools.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://www.vallivue.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

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

## MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT






-  5 South Viking Ave., Middleton, ID 83644
-  (208) 585 - 3027
-  [www.msd134.org](http://www.msd134.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://www.kunaschools.org)

BY THE NUMBERS

- 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.





# TREASURE VALLEY HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES

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## HOMESCHOOLING IN IDAHO

Homeschooling is becoming more widely popular and accepted throughout the country, and no state offers more homeschool freedoms than Idaho. It's easy to start homeschooling here. The state does not require any registration or sign-up procedure, nor does Idaho regulate or monitor homeschool education. The lax regulations and registrations allow the parent to choose the curricula they wish to use.

## REQUIREMENTS

Idaho requires that children receive instruction from ages seven to 16 and that homeschooled students learn subjects commonly taught in Idaho public schools. These subjects include (but are not limited to) mathematics, language arts,

science, and social studies.

Parents are not required to have any specific qualifications to teach, nor is it necessary to maintain school records or obtain approval from your school district. There are no minimum requirements for days or hours of instruction, no questionnaires to complete about your teaching, and no standardized test requirements.

## TESTING & RECORDS

Although it is not required for children to take standardized tests in Idaho, it can be reassuring to confirm your child's educational progress. Online resources are available that provide standardized testing from the comfort of your own home. (See [homeschoolidaho.org/testing](http://homeschoolidaho.org/testing) for more details.)



Even though Idaho does not require specific recordkeeping, it is a good idea to keep records for a minimum of two years. Keeping records could include the curriculum used, schoolwork and test results, certificates, and achievements, even attendance records.

## RESOURCES

The best resources available to you as a homeschool parent are other homeschool families. The Treasure Valley is home to various groups, organizations, churches, coops, and playgroups to help make those connections. The Homeschool Idaho Convention is a two-day event held annually at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Hundreds of homeschool families attend the convention for its workshops, the opportunity to purchase and peruse curriculum from countless vendors and curriculum representatives, and to listen to inspiring speakers for expert homeschool guidance.

## ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

For nearly three decades, the Idaho Coalition of Home Educators and the Christian Homeschoolers of Idaho have been fighting for and protecting the rights of parents to homeschool their children. In 2018, these two organizations merged into one—Homeschool Idaho. [HomeschoolIdaho.org](http://HomeschoolIdaho.org) provides a plethora of information on everything you need to know about homeschooling, from how to get started to high school graduation in Idaho.

HSLDA (Homeschool Legal Defense Association) is a national organization that provides detailed homeschool laws for each state. Their website ([HSLDA.org](http://HSLDA.org)) offers up-to-date information and expert advice for homeschoolers nationwide. The HSLDA began in 1983 to provide affordable, legal advocacy for homeschool families. Today, the HSLDA represents thousands of families across the country, guaranteeing homeschool freedom without having to face legal threats

alone. (Select the state of Idaho on their website to read more about Idaho homeschooling laws.) [SELAHIdaho.com](http://SELAHIdaho.com) is a place to connect for Supporting & Encouraging Local Area Homeschoolers in the Treasure Valley.



## OTHER INFO

Because of the abundance of choices regarding curriculum, extracurricular activities, co-ops, homeschool hybrids, and charter schools—it can be overwhelming. While many resources are available online, your best help is advice from veteran homeschool families. Join a group, attend a play date, go on a field trip—get to know other homeschool families, and find out what works best for them. Then do your research to find what is right for your family. Remember that no two families are the same, and no one knows your child as you do. The beauty of educating your children at home is you get to choose how, when, and what works best for you and your family.

## BONUS

Because Idaho and the Treasure Valley are home to such a large homeschool community, many recreational facilities in the valley offer homeschool programs and discounts. Always be sure to ask if the facility you're visiting offers a homeschool discount.





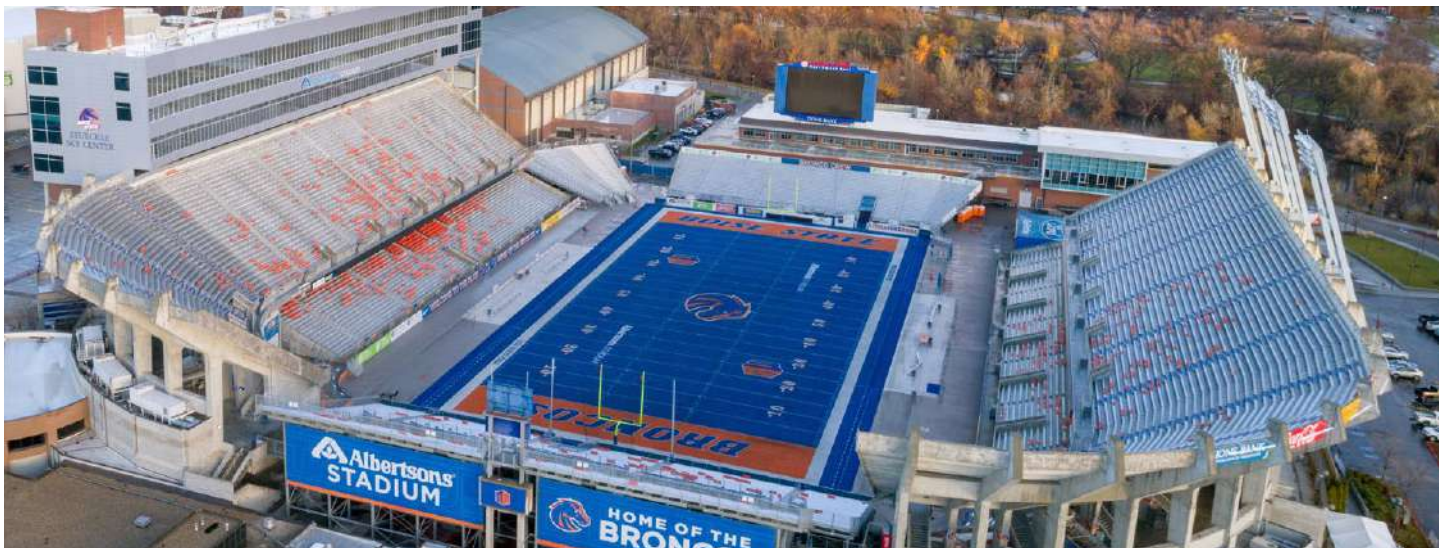
# HIGHER EDUCATION

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.





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## 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.





**W**orking from home or telecommuting is on the rise. While this has been the case over the past decade, there has been a dramatic increase since 2020. As Americans consider moving to less densely populated areas to have a better work-life balance, the need for high-speed internet, affordability, and direct flight access is necessary. Boise and the Treasure Valley exceed expectations when it comes to the needs of the modern remote worker.

High-speed internet is readily available in Boise and most of the surrounding cities with download speed up to 1000Mbps, which is on par with any big city.

Centrally located in Boise, the Boise Airport is easily accessible to I-84. It's a friendly airport that is simple to navigate and quick to get through security. Several direct flights across the

country make it convenient to attend the quarterly office meeting or annual Christmas party.

The cost of living in Boise and the surrounding cities are among the national average. With more home developers and apartment complexes being built around the valley, workers can comfortably set up an office in their home.

Modern conveniences like fast-food delivery, shared workspaces, and Uber and Lyft are readily available.

Mid-sized cities, such as Boise, are the safe, best bet for the remote worker. Larger cities tend to be more expensive, and smaller towns lack coworking spaces, food delivery, and job opportunities.



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# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Boise Valley Economic Partnership  
 250 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Boise, ID 83702  
 (208) 472 - 5229 | [www.bvep.org](http://www.bvep.org)

The Treasure Valley is a great place to live and work. It has everything you need to build a business, a career or a family—without the big commute, the huge house payment and punishing taxes.

## GROWING POPULATION

- Comprised of the following communities: Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Kuna, Eagle, Star, Emmett, Garden City, Caldwell and Mountain Home
- Total population within a 45-minute draw area: 750,000
- Idaho is among the top five fastest growing states in the nation (National Census Bureau)
- Low Costs for Business and Living
- The overall cost of doing business is nearly a third lower than California and Washington
- The cost of living is 92.5 % of the national average
- The average cost of a home is 88% of the national average
- No tax on services

## HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

- The Boise-Nampa area is ranked as one of the most secure large metropolitan areas in the U.S. out of 114 regions nationally with populations of over 500,000 (Farmers Insurance Group)
- Average commute time is only 22 minutes
- Four seasons of world-class outdoor recreation at your doorstep: skiing, hiking, cycling, fishing, rock climbing, rafting and more

- A full complement of cultural amenities including the nationally recognized Idaho Shakespeare Festival, TreeFort, LED, Boise Philharmonic, Opera Idaho and others.
- Excellent K-12 schools and post-secondary educational opportunities

## DIVERSITY

- Over 90 different languages are spoken in the Boise School District
- Home to the second-largest Basque population in North America
- Home to one of the oldest synagogues in the western United States
- More than two dozen language courses available through local universities and community education programs

## ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

- Bisected by Interstate 84 and Interstate 184
- Boise Airport serves more than 3,000,000 people a year and is less than five miles from downtown Boise
- ValleyRide provides public bus transportation throughout the Boise Valley
- Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad (INPR) provides freight service over four branch lines in southwestern Idaho and northeastern Oregon

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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