Can you tour the Capitol building? For more information about self-guided or organized tours visit www.legislature.idaho.gov or call (208) 332-1012.

How many acres of parks and open space are in the Boise Area? 1,930 acres of parks and 4,300 of open space. www.cityofboise.org/parks

How many parks are in Boise? 104: The larger parks include Ann Morrison Memorial, Julia Davis, Kathryn Albertson, Municipal, and Park Center. Plus, Barber Park and Veterans Memorial Park.

What is the Greenbelt? The Greenbelt provides nearly 25 miles of riverfront pathway for walking, cycling, skating and jogging.


What is the difference between the World Center for Birds of Prey and the Birds of Prey Natural Area? The World Center for Birds of Prey is an interpretive center with exhibits on birds of prey, biology, ecology and conservation. The Birds of Prey Natural Area is a wildlife refuge located along an 80-mile stretch of the Snake River Canyon.

Does Boise have a zoo? Yes, Zoo Boise is in Julia Davis Park.

Is there a guided tour of Boise? Yes, for more information, call the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 635-5240.

What are the cultural offerings in Boise? Ballet Idaho, Boise Philharmonic, Gene Harris Jazz Festival Concert Series, Opera Idaho, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Treefort and numerous theater, music and performance groups.

What is the Taco Bell Arena and the Morrison Center? Both facilities are located on the Boise State University campus. The multi-purpose 13,000-seat Taco Bell Arena hosts everything from sporting events to rock concerts. The Morrison Center is a 2,060-seat acoustically perfect performance facility and is the site for the Boise Philharmonic concerts, ballet, opera and theatrical productions, www.boisestate.edu.
**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

*Does Boise have a bus system?* Boise’s bus service is provided by Valley Ride. Main transfer areas are located downtown. For more information, call (208) 345-7433. www.valleyride.org.


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*How do the public schools score?* Boise School District students regularly score above the state and national averages on standardized achievement tests. www.boisesschools.org.

*What colleges and universities are in the Boise area?* Boise State University, Boise Bible College, College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, George Fox University Boise Center, Idaho State University Boise Center, University of Idaho Boise Center, University of Phoenix Idaho Campus, College of Western Idaho, Concordia University Law School, Brodie University, Brown Mackie College, ITT Technical Institute, and Carrington College.

*What is Idaho’s largest university?* Boise State University is the largest with nearly 20,000 full and part-time students. For information about enrollment, call (208) 426-1011 or www.boisestate.edu.

**About the City**

*What is the crime rate?* Boise’s crime rate is below the national average of 8%.

*What is the average wage?* $41,059.20 per capita

*What is the average monthly rent for an apartment?* $700

*What is the average cost of a home in Ada County?* $233,000

*What is the average unemployment rate?* 2.8%

*Which time zone is Boise in?* Boise is in the Mountain Time zone and recognizes the shifts between daylight savings and standard time.

*What health care facilities are available?* St. Luke’s Rehabilitation Hospital, Mountain States Tumor Institute, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center and Veterans Administration Medical Center.

*What major denominations serve the community?* All major denominations, several non-denominational community churches and smaller denominations serve the Boise area. 42.8% of the county’s population attends Sunday services.

*What are Boise’s major industries?* Agriculture/Food Processing, Higher Education, Financial Services, Government, High-Tech, Manufacturing, Military, Healthcare, Trade, Retail and Wholesale, Transportation and Utilities.

*What are the names of the local newspapers?* The Idaho Statesman I www.idahostatesman.com, Boise Weekly I boiseweekly.com and Idaho Business Review I idahobusinessreview.com

*What is the weather like in Boise?* Four-seasons, dry, low humidity, warm climate during the summer and fall. Winter temperatures are relatively mild, with enough annual snowfall (21.4” annually) to enjoy a variety of winter sports. January: Min. 23.6”/Max. 36.7”. April: Min. 39.4”/Max. 61.7”. July: Min. 60.3”/Max. 89.2”. and October: Min. 41.3”/Max. 64.3”. (Seasonal average) Average days of sunshine is 234.

*What is the name of the mountain range surrounding Boise?* The city is at the base of the foothills of the Boise National Forest.


*Where is the Grove?* The Grove is a popular public plaza in the heart of downtown, located adjacent to the convention center at 9th and Front Streets.

**Airport**

*What airlines fly into Boise?* Alaska, Delta, Southwest, Horizon, United, Allegiant and US Airways.

*Where is the Boise airport located?* The airport is located south of Interstate 84 at the Vista exit. www.tflyboise.com.

*How far is the airport from downtown Boise?* Approximately 4 miles

*What is the average taxi fare to downtown?* Approximately $12.00


**Potatoes**

*Who developed the first potato?* Inca farmers

*Who was the first Idaho potato grower?* In 1836, Henry Harmon Spalding, a Presbyterian missionary, taught the Nez Percé tribe how to cultivate potatoes.

*What special potato does Idaho produce?* Russet Burbank

*Who developed the Russet Burbank?* Luther Burbank developed the first seedlings in the early 1870’s. He perfected the Burbank potato which gave rise to the great Russet Burbank.

*What percent of consumers think of Idaho when they think of potatoes?* 82% think of Idaho

*Are potatoes good for you?* Potatoes are a very healthy choice. They are fat free, high in complex carbohydrates and contain more potassium than bananas.
HOW MANY MILES TO...

12 miles
The World Center for Birds of Prey: Take Interstate 84 to exit 50, proceed south on Cole Road 6 miles. Call (208) 362-8887, (Southwest Idaho)

65 miles
Bruneau Dunes State Park: Take Interstate 84 east to Mountain Home, proceed south from Mountain Home on Highway 51. Call (208) 366-7919, (Southwest Idaho)

39 miles
Celebration Park: A one hour drive southwest of Boise. Take Interstate 84 west to exit 44, travel eight miles south to Kuna, take Kuna Road west to Southside Road. Then head south to Melba. From Melba, head east on Baseline Road to Can-Ada Road. Follow Can-Ada Road south to Victory Lane which will drop down into the Snake River Canyon. Celebration Park is a historical site with more than 2,000 Native American petroglyphs. Call (208) 495-2745, (Southwest Idaho)

378 miles
Coeur d’Alene: Call (877) 782-9232, (North Idaho)

171 miles
The Craters of the Moon National Monument: Call (208) 527-3257, (Central Idaho)

106 miles
The Hagerman Fossil Beds: Call (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227, (South Central Idaho)

154 miles
Hells Canyon Dam: For information on Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, call (208) 628-3916, (Southwest Idaho)

32 miles
Idaho's Wine Country: Take Interstate 84 west to the Nampa Boulevard exit and then follow Highway 55 to Marsing. For more information, call (208) 332-1538, www.idahowines.org

106 miles
McCall: For more information, call (800) 260-5130, (Southwest Idaho)

340 miles
Salt Lake City, Utah: For more information, call (801) 521-2822

72 miles
Silver City: For more information, call (208) 583-4104 (seasonal), (Southwest Idaho)

88 miles
Lake Cascade: Located in the mountains of Central Idaho

39 miles
Hot Springs: The Springs Hot Springs Retreat, (208) 392-9500, (Idaho City)

132 miles
Stanley: (Through Lowman). For more information, call (800) 878-7950, (Central Idaho)

155 miles
Sun Valley: For more information, call (208) 622-2135, (Central Idaho)

387 miles
West Yellowstone Park: For more information, call (307) 344-7381
GET OUTSIDE

Is information on mountain biking in the Boise area available? Yes, Ridge to Rivers has information on the 140 miles of Boise foothills trails at www.ridgetorivers.org. Information on mountain bike trails in Idaho is also provided by the U.S. Forest Service (208) 373-4100 | www.fs.fed.us, Bureau of Land Management (208) 373-4000 | www.blm.gov/id and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (208) 334-4199 | www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.

Is there whitewater rafting in the Boise area? You can enjoy an exciting whitewater experience on the Payette River, only an hour’s drive from Boise. Contact the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association for more information at (800) 494-3246, www.ioga.org. If you prefer a slower pace, float the Boise River right through the middle of Boise, www.idaweb.net.

Where do you purchase a license for fishing and hunting? Contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, (800) 554-8666 | www.fishandgame.idaho.gov.

Are there RV Parks and campgrounds in the Boise area? Yes, for a complete guide of private, state and U.S. Forest Service sites, contact the Idaho RV and Campground Association, (208) 345-6000 | www.rvidaho.org.

How many golf courses are in the Boise area? There are 17 courses in the Boise area, including Nampa and Caldwell.

How many ski resorts are near Boise? Five: Bogus Basin located 20 miles from Boise (800) 367-4397, Tamarack Resort in Donnelly located 100 miles from Boise (208) 325-1000, Brundage Mountain located in McCall, 116 miles from Boise (208) 634-4151, Soldier Mountain Ski Area in Fairfield is 113 miles from Boise (208) 764-2526 and Sun Valley, located 155 miles from Boise (800) 786-8259.

Can I take ski and snowboarding lessons? Yes, all the resorts offer private or group instruction.

Is cross-country skiing available near Boise? Cross-country skiing is available at Bogus Basin. The Department of Parks and Recreation operates a unique program called Park N’Ski and numerous private ski operators provide cross-country skiing trails. Contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 334-4199.

Are there snowmobiling trails in the area? Yes, you can take a trail starting in Boise that continues to Lowman and on to Stanley in the Sawtooth Recreation Area. Idaho has more groomed trails than any other western state. Contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation at (208) 334-4199.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

For Any Emergency: 911
Boise City Police: (208) 377-6790 | www.cityofboise.org
Idaho State Police: (208) 884-7000 | www.idsp.idaho.gov
Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222 | www.aapcc.org
24-Hour Statewide Road Conditions: (888) 432-7623 | www.511.idaho.gov
Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline: (800) 273-8255 | www.idahosuicideprevention.org

VISITOR INFO

Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 2106 | Boise, ID 83701
250 S. 5th Street, Suite 300 | Boise, ID 83702
(208) 344-7777 | (800) 635-5240 | www.boise.org

Division of Tourism Development
Idaho Department of Commerce
P.O. Box 83720 | Boise, ID 83720
700 W. State Street | Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-2470 | (800) 847-4843 | www.visitidaho.org

Boise Centre Concierge Corner & Visitor Services
850 W. Front Street | Boise, ID 83702
(208) 336-8900 | www.boisecentre.com

RELOCATION INFO

Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
250 S. 5th Street, Suite 300 | Boise, ID 83702
(208) 472-5200 | www.boisechamber.org

SPORTS

Is there a professional sports team in Boise? Boise is home of the Idaho Steelheads, an East Coast Hockey League team, the Boise Hawks Minor League Baseball team and the Idaho Stampede, a member of the NBA Development League, LLC.

Does Boise have youth sports programs? Yes, the youth sports programs are Little League Baseball, Optimist Football, Friday Night Flag Football, several youth soccer leagues, Youth Basketball Association, National Junior Tennis League, Idaho Junior Steelheads and Idaho IceWorld Hockey leagues, Treasure Valley Youth Lacrosse League and numerous YMCA and city parks and rec programs.

ARE THERE ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES? The Boise Parks and Recreation Department offers ASA softball, flag football, volleyball and basketball leagues. The Treasure Valley Soccer League is an adult competitive division, plus the United States Tennis Association has adult and senior leagues.

What color is Boise State's football turf? Blue. It’s the only blue surface among Division I programs.

FOOD & DRINK

What kind of dining is available in Boise? Boise has a variety of restaurants offering a nice selection from casual dining to more formal options.

What are the liquor laws in Boise? Persons must be 21 years or older to purchase, serve or consume alcoholic beverages in Idaho. Beer and wine are available in supermarkets, packaged liquor is sold in state operated liquor stores.

Does Boise have a microbrewery and a hard liquor distillery pub? Boise has a number of microbreweries and four hard liquor distillery pubs. For more information visit www.boisealetrail.com.

Are there wineries near Boise? There are over 25 wineries within 32 miles of Boise, ten are in the Boise urban area. The Sunny Slope region near Marsing is part of the Snake River Valley American Viticultural Area, Idaho’s first AVA, Sunny Slope is home to many wineries offering tours and tastings. www.idanowines.org.