

# Things to do in Boise and surrounding areas

Picture this. You step outside your hotel room in the center of town and find a 25-mile long [riverside Greenbelt path](#), a [Ridge to Rivers trailhead](#) leading into wild and scenic foothills, or one of the expansive, interconnected [parks](#) lining the city. And you can be enjoying any one of them in under five minutes. Really.

Play on one of the many [golf courses](#) and other sporting grounds available in the city.

Catch a trout in the afternoon...and a ballet at night. Boise, the capital of Idaho and largest metropolitan center between Portland and Salt Lake City, offers beauty and adventure both outdoors and within our thriving arts scene. You'll find installations, murals and public art around the city, and can tour the [Boise Art Museum](#), [Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial](#), [Zoo Boise](#), historical museums and other cultural hotspots within a few blocks of one another. A [Boise Museum Pass](#) makes it easy, and affordable.



The Velma Morrison Interpretive Center is waiting to welcome you into the exciting world of birds of prey!

Explore and discover the amazing world of raptors eye to eye. Come experience our courtyard full of native and non-native birds. Continue your experience inside with daily raptor presentations, interactive exhibits, and tours of the Archives of Falconry.

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Here are some more things to do in Boise:

- Visit the city Rose Garden in [Julia Davis Park](#)
- Catch a movie at the historic [Egyptian Theatre](#)
- Reflect at the [Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial](#)
- Run, walk or bike the [Greenbelt along the Boise River](#)
- See what's up at the [Boise Art Museum](#)
- Visit the famous [Basque Block](#) for chorizo, Basque history and a good time
- Hop a trolley for a narrated tour of [Boise's downtown](#) and historic neighborhoods
- Step in to the Old Ada County Courthouse to see WPA murals many find controversial
- Take your picture with Lewis and Clark, bronze statues by the Old Post Office downtown
- Then go see Sacagawea's bronze in front of the [Idaho Historical Museum](#)
- Head to the East End to see geothermally heated mansions on historic Warm Springs Avenue
- [Idaho Botanical Garden](#): Gardeners rejoice! This regional destination garden is filled with significant and notable plant collections in a peaceful, relaxed setting. A great way to spend a wonderful afternoon
- Visit a winery: <http://www.idahowines.org/>

Aaahhhh. Scenic drives... spectacular scenery, charming small towns, good music (your own)...what could be better? Not much. The trick is knowing where to wander. Let us make a few suggestions...

**Payette River Scenic Byway:** A classic Idaho experience, this scenic drive takes you along roaring white water and pristine mountain lakes. Through charming small towns and sweeping valleys with spectacular views. It can be completed in a single day (about 5 hours of driving), but we recommend at least two days for you to best enjoy everything the area has to offer.

**Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway:** This drive starts on Idaho 45 at Walter's Ferry, on the banks of the Snake River and through the Snake River Valley wine country, where you can tour wineries and sample fruits from Southwest Idaho's orchards. Along the way, you'll enjoy broad vistas, canyon views and numerous opportunities to stop at historical markers to learn more about early Idaho pioneers.

**Oregon Trail Back Country Byway:** Starting at the historic Three Island Crossing in Glenn's Ferry, where Oregon Trail pioneers traversed the Snake River, this journey allows you to follow in their covered-wagon ruts. Much of this route appears today just as it did over 170 years ago, so make sure you plan for unpaved roads and a bumpy (but fun) ride. At the end of this byway you experience the jaw-dropping view of the Boise River valley at Bonneville Point.

Want to fish? here is a link to more information:

**[Places for fishing near Boise, ID](#)**