

BOISE AREA SPOTLIGHT

VENUES OF INTEREST

Recommended priority venues are **highlighted**. For specific information not covered in this document, contact Lynette Brown Sali lsali@cablone.net 208-484-6880 (C). She will try to find the information you seek.

DOWNTOWN BOISE

THE IDAHO CAPITOL BUILDING - 700 West Jefferson, Downtown Boise. FREE

Building hours: 7a to 7p Mon - Fri

9a to 5p Sat, Sun and Holidays

Addition of two underground wings and recent renovation of dome and interior.

Website: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/capitol/tours/> where you can access these virtual tours: Explore the Idaho State Capitol Virtually.

Watch The Capitol of Light, a video production by IPTV.

Explore Capitol for Kids, a website hosted by IPTV, which provides lessons, games and MORE!

No formal tour is planned. Locals are encouraged to visit, as the building is beautiful! If you desire a guided tour (10:00a or 1:00p, Mon-Fri) contact the tour people at (208) 332-1012 or email capitol tours@iso.idaho.gov. Guided tours require at least FIVE participants and **MUST** be scheduled a **minimum of 2 weeks** in advance.

Take your time on your own and begin your tour of the Capitol on the Garden Level of the building (street level) where you will find a central rotunda filled with educational panels about Idaho and our state government. Allow at least an hour.

THE BOISE TRAIN DEPOT - 2603 W Eastover Terrace, Boise, ID 83706. At the top of hill where Vista and Capitol Blvd meet. Limited parking at the Depot. (208) 608-7644.

The building housing the museum is open only two days per week (free admission): 11a to 5p Sunday and Monday. Directions: Ninth St. takes you out of downtown toward Vista. Beautiful ponds and view of the city, buildings, foothills—great photo op

J.U.M.P. BUILDING - (Jack's Urban Meeting Place - funded by the Simplot family)

1000 W Myrtle St, Boise, ID 83702 Phone (208) 639-6610.

A new downtown building at Tenth and Front housing displays of Simplot's antique farm equipment (at times, construction progressed with machines already in place!) This is the world's largest display collection of farm equipment. JUMP showcases 50 vintage steam engines and tractors dating as far back as 1885. These inspiring examples of industrial art and innovation connect our agricultural roots to the future of

downtown Boise. The building is part-convention center, part-park, and part-art studio. It houses a kitchen for culinary classes, a dance studio and a five-story slide that all generations enjoy! The JUMP lobby is open from 8a- 6p, Tuesday - Friday and every Saturday from 10a - 5p. If you would like to explore the tractors, you may sign up for a tractor tour. Call (208) 639-6610, or email tours@jumpboise.org, or stop by the lobby to check availability. The tractor tour is Wednesdays from Noon - 2:30p.

IDAHO MEMORABILIA COLLECTIBLE GIFT SHOPS

Most are downtown near the convention center

TATERS (Gift Shop)

801 W Main St #105

(208) 338-1062

Open 10a to 5p Mon-Fri

10a to 5p Sat

11a to 4p Sun

ATOMIC TREASURES (Collectibles)

409 S 8th St

(208) 344-0811

Open 10a to 6p Mon-Sat

11a-to 3p Sun

IDAHO MADE (Boutique)

108 N 6th St

(208) 258-7459

Open 10a to 6p Mon-Sat

11a to 3p Sun

WEAR BOISE

828 W Idaho St

(208) 680-6017

outpost known for clothes, accessories
& gifts with Boise-themed designs.

Open 11a to 6 p Mon-Thurs

11a to 5p Fri

10a to 5p Sat

BOISE TOWN SQUARE MALL

Cole Road and Franklin 150+ shops

Pro Image Sports (2nd floor)

FREAK ALLEY GALLERY - The alley between Idaho and Bannock in downtown Boise (centered around 9th St.) has become a street art focal point.

CAPITAL CITY PUBLIC MARKET - 130+ vendors a day during the peak season, it fills Idaho Street and 8th Street with thousands of shoppers Saturdays from April 15 through Dec 15 - 9:30a to 1:30p

BASQUE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER - On Grove between Sixth St and Capitol Blvd. Interesting displays and history of the Basque people and culture. Parking in nearby parking garages.

Basque Museum Hours:

10:00a to 6:00p Tuesday - Friday

11:00a to 4:00p Saturday
Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays

Admission:

Adults - \$5
Seniors (65+) - \$4
Students - \$4
Children (6-12) - \$3
Children (5 & under) - Free

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY! - On Capitol Blvd across from Julia Davis Park. Notice the exclamation point, added to the sign by TCBY (The Country's Best Yogurt). A multi-million \$\$ new construction project is in the planning stages

IDAHO ANNE FRANK HUMAN RIGHTS MEMORIAL - 770 S 8th St, on the downtown side of the river, behind the Library next to River/Walk Bridge near outgoing one-way 9th Street. The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial is a .81-acre educational park inspired by Anne Frank's faith in humanity. Worth your time to go see it. FREE. info@wassmuthcenter.org Phone (208) 345-0304. An inspirational and contemplative site adjacent to the Boise River Greenbelt, the park is maintained by Boise Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights. Kurt Karst, an Idaho Falls architect, designed the Memorial to integrate the beauty of natural elements - water, stone, and native plants - with a message of hope. Features include: Bethine and Frank Church Writing Table, the Cityscape Wall and Butterfly Poem, a special Chestnut Tree, and the Quote Wall. The 180-foot **Quote Wall** takes you on a walk through history. The words of presidents and slaves, children and philosophers, poets and paupers, the famous and the unknown are inscribed side by side.

Anne Frank Chestnut Sapling

The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise has been named one of only 11 United States sites to receive a sapling from the actual Anne Frank Chestnut Tree in Amsterdam. The sapling is planted in the Memorial.

To learn more: <https://parks.cityofboise.org/parks-and-facilities/parks/idaho-anne-frank-human-rights-memorial/>

BOISE CONVENTION CENTER AND QWEST ARENA (next to The Grove Hotel).

Enter the Center from plaza in the inner part of the block at 9th and Main (It's between Main and Front. Lobby usually open to the public.)

Courtyard has interesting sculptures, “memorial bricks” and a fountain “sprouting” from ground level in the plaza’s central area.

LOCAL PARKS

JULIA DAVIS PARK - between Capital Boulevard & Broadway, north of the Boise River. There are several attractions within the Park.

BOISE ZOO

New displays and animals (recent renovations)

208-608-7760

Open Every Day

10a to 5p September thru May

9a to 5p June through September

Admission:

Adults (12-61) - \$10

Seniors (62+) - \$8

Children (3-11) - \$7

Children (2 and under) - free

Thursday is discount admission day

*Additional charge for special ZOO exhibits: The Sloth Bear Encounter is available for the first 25 visitors daily at 10:30am – 11:30am. Giraffe Encounters are available daily from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. All encounters are weather and animals permitting.

**The Conservation Cruise is open May through September.

IDAHO STATE MUSEUM

Turn into Julia Davis from Capitol Blvd at stoplight on Capitol Blvd.

Venue is close to Capitol Blvd. *Museum closed in August 2014 for a massive renovation and expansion. It's scheduled to reopen Oct. 12, 2018 following an upgrade that added 18,000 square feet to the 30,000-square-foot building.* Free parking.

Check out <https://history.idaho.gov/>

Call for hours and admission prices: 208-334-2120

The Idaho State Museum tells the story of Idaho’s past, providing information and understanding about who we are today. Specifically, the Museum looks at how Idaho’s unique and diverse landscapes have shaped, and continue to shape, our experience. Idahoans are united by our experience living in this vast, wild, rugged, beautiful, resource-rich place. The Idaho State Museum tells the story of Idaho’s past, providing information and understanding about who we are today. The Museum shows us that the profound relationship between Idaho’s people and its land has defined, and continues to define, what it means to live here. Certain values and characteristics permeate Idaho’s culture to unite us across

time and place. Understanding Idaho's history helps us understand ourselves and our place in that larger story. History is and always will be at the heart of the Idaho State Museum. The new museum builds on a legacy created in 1881. That legacy continues today, driven by people who love Idaho, are committed to its history, and who have invested in the Idaho State Historical Society.

PIONEER VILLAGE

AVAILABILITY UNKNOWN (The site has been closed while the Museum is undergoing renovation). Pioneer Village was founded in 1933, when the Sons and Daughters of the Idaho Pioneers moved two 1860s era log cabins to Julia Davis Park. With the help of the Idaho Statesman newspaper, they restored the cabins; later more buildings were added. In the early 1970s, the buildings were moved next to the museum along with the Mayor Thomas Logan House. One other local historic home, the Adelman House, was also relocated to Pioneer Village. In 2003, the Pearce Cabin, one of the original two, was so badly deteriorated it was removed. The Lewis and Clark Discovery Pavilion was constructed in 2004 and the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail was added in 2010. <https://history.idaho.gov/pioneer-village>

BOISE ART MUSEUM (BAM)

Permanent collections and traveling exhibits. Located within Julia Davis, near Capitol Blvd. Free parking.

10a to 5p Tue - Sat

Noon -5p Sun

10a – 8p First Thursday

Closed Monday

BAM admission prices:

Children (grades 1-12) - \$3

Children under 6 - FREE

Fulltime student (with ID) - \$3

Senior (62 and over) - \$4

Military (with ID) - \$4

First Thursday Art focused event in downtown Boise each month

ART IN THE PARK - SEPT 7-9 (A BAM Fundraiser)

ROSE GARDEN

Located behind the Art Museum at Julia Davis. Free parking and admission. Hundreds of varieties of roses, benches, gazebo, statue and fountain

ANN MORRISON PARK - Between Capitol Blvd and Americana—access from both streets
Tennis, playground, Frisbee golf, bocce ball, horseshoes; take-out point for Boise River floaters

KATHRYN ALBERTSON PARK - Entrance is on Americana Blvd, across the street from the entrance to Ann Morrison - it is a no-vehicle park. This 41-acre park features wildlife, ponds & a fountain, plus paved footpaths, restrooms & gazebos. Beautiful walking path. Seasonal habitat for animals and birds. Great photo venue and a favorite background for local photographers

KLEINER PARK - Meridian's treasure near *The Village Shopping Center* at Fairview/Eagle Road. Kleiner Park is home to the Meridian Senior Center, car shows, has five pavilions, playground, and a fun walking path. On Fairview, going west past Cloverdale, look for stoplight at Records Ave near Meridian Wal Mart and Texas Roadhouse Restaurant.

EAGLE ISLAND STATE PARK - Take Chinden Blvd West to Linder (next street after Meridian Road.) In the Eagle area, the park is below the "rim" between Chinden and Highway 44. A local beach/swimming area. Fishing, picnic areas, a water slide. Park admission (per vehicle) at the gate

SANDY POINT - Just below Lucky Peak Dam on Highway 21 toward Idaho City, the "beach" is still a popular destination. Shaded, grassy area for picnics. Park admission (per vehicle) at the gate.

IDAHO FISH AND GAME MK NATURE CENTER - next to Municipal Park near Boise River. From Capitol Blvd, continue on the Connector (Myrtle), past Julia Davis Park and Broadway Ave. Take left off Myrtle at stoplight - road dead ends at the building (former Boise Braves Baseball Stadium land). The Nature Center offers a unique wildlife experience on a 4.6-acre site along the Boise River Greenbelt. The Stream Walk and indoor Visitor Center provide a glimpse of Idaho's many landscapes and abundant wildlife. Underwater viewing windows along the stream walk give visitors a fish-eye view of the world. At the rear of property is the Greenbelt walking path that connects to Municipal Park. An interesting venue.

OLD IDAHO STATE PENITENTIARY - 2445 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712. Phone: (208) 334-2844. Serious riots occurred in 1952 (May 24), 1971 (August 10), and 1973 (March 7-8) over living conditions in the prison. The 416 resident inmates were moved to the new Idaho State Correctional Institution south of Boise and the Old Idaho Penitentiary was closed on December 3, 1973. <https://history.idaho.gov/oldpen> Open seven days a week - 10a to 5 p (last admission 4:15pm). Photography Guidelines: Personal, single-camera use is permitted. We do not allow large backpacks, camera bags, tripods, lighting and shade covers.

Regular Admission:

Adult: - \$6

Senior (60 and older): - \$4
Child (6-12 years): - \$3
Children 5 and under: - Free
Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
Group and AAA discounts available
Free for Idaho State Historical Society members.

Current Tentative Guided Tours Schedule:

Monday-Friday: Please call us for the most up to date schedule.
Saturday-Sunday: 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm.

IDAHO BOTANICAL GARDEN - 2355 Old Penitentiary Road Boise, Idaho 83712. (208) 343-8649. The Idaho Botanical Garden is a nonprofit botanical garden located on 50 acres on North Old Penitentiary Road. Until 1973 the site served as the Old Idaho State Penitentiary's farm and nursery. Incredible year-round beauty. Has become a local treasure; lighted with many thousands of lights in December for Lights A Glow, a garden fundraiser.

Garden Admission

Members & children 4 and under: - Free
Adults: -\$7
Seniors: - \$5
Youth 5-12: - \$5
Special Event rates - see website or call

<https://idahobotanicalgarden.org/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g35394-d558667-Reviews-Idaho Botanical Garden-Boise Idaho.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g35394-d558667-Reviews-Idaho_Botanical_Garden-Boise_Idaho.html)

WORLD CENTER FOR BIRDS OF PREY - 5668 W Flying Hawk Ln Boise, Idaho 83709. (208) 362-8687. Explore the amazing world of raptors eye to eye! The Velma Morrison Interpretive Center is The Peregrine Fund's one-of-a-kind indoor/outdoor education center where you'll meet eagles, owls, vultures, hawks, and falcons from around the world.

Open 10am - 5pm Tuesday through Sunday (March - Nov)
10am - 4pm Tuesday through Sunday (Dec - Feb)

Admission

Members & children under age 4: - Free
Adults: -\$10
Seniors (over age 62): - \$8
Youth 4-16: - \$5

<http://www.peregrinefund.org/visit>

HOT SPRINGS RESORT IN IDAHO CITY -

Up Highway 21 just before you reach Idaho City. In the beautiful mountains, the pool is open year 'round. Recent change: grown-ups only (18+) Wednesday through Friday. Whether this will continue into the fall and winter is unknown at this time, so check their website or contact them by phone. The resort has been upgraded and is a lovely venue. They now have a hotel, Inn The Pines. "To Turn Your Soak Into An Escape", please contact them at 208-392-9505! Idaho City also features various shops, Ice cream and food venues. <http://www.thespringsid.com/>

BOISE SHOPPING VENUES

DOWNTOWN BOISE - Great variety. Check out shops near 8th and Idaho (old Mode building)

BOISE TOWN SQUARE MALL - Cole Road Between Milwaukee and Franklin. 150+ shops.

Indoor walkers hit the mall early and then enjoy coffee and treats!

HYDE PARK - also called the **Hyde Park Historic District**, is a section of the North End neighborhood known for its several popular eateries and locally owned specialty shops; including the Hyde Park Pub & Grill, Goody's (great ice cream) and G. Wilikers. Located on North 13th Street a few blocks north of Downtown Boise, the Hyde Park Historic District was added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1982. During all months of the year, local merchants host neighborhood events and activities. The biggest event Hyde Park is known for is the Hyde Park Street Fair, an annual event located at the nearby Camel's Back Park that is organized by the North End Neighborhood Association and includes vendors, food, live music, demonstrations, a children's area, and a parade

THE BOISE CO-OP - Natural foods, supplements and deli with seating. Two locations: In North Boise on Fort at 8th Street, just blocks from downtown, and near Meridian on Eagle Road, just north of The Village

THE VILLAGE - Meridian's shopping jewel (near the intersection of Fairview and Eagle Roads) has unique shopping, a cinema, yummy restaurants, a sports bar, and ice cream, and a unique lighted plaza near a small playground. A bowling alley, Big Al's, is nearby. The outdoor plaza has seating and beautiful fountains and is a favorite of locals, especially at night.

PLAY VENUES FOR ALL AGES:

POJO'S FAMILY FUN CENTER - 7736 W Fairview Ave, Boise, ID 83704. Between Cole and Milwaukee (former Westgate Shopping Center location). Phone: (208) 376-6981. Spacious amusement center offers bumper cars, an arcade, bowling machine, & carousel, plus casual cafe eats & snacks. Redeem tickets for prizes.

<https://www.pojos.com/>

WAHOOS! - 1385 S Blue Marlin Ln, Meridian, ID 83642. Phone: (208) 898-0900.

Indoor/outdoor play center in Meridian just west of Meridian Road on Overland Road. Pinz Bowling, laser tag, go cart track, bumper boats, miniature golf. Check website for hours and costs: www.wahooz.funzone.com/

ROARING SPRINGS WATER PARK - 400 West Overland Rd, Meridian, 83642, next door to Wahooz! (see above). Phone: (208) 884-8842. Combined venture tickets for both venues available in the summertime. Sprawling water park with a wave pool, lazy river rafting & lots of waterslides, plus food & drink. Features for whole family. Opens close to Memorial Day and closes around Labor Day. <http://www.roaringsprings.com/>