

# THE GEOLOGIC EXPLORER

**T**ake a day to discover Idaho's geological past, archaeological finds, and World War II monuments. Allow extra time to see some of the attractions that are off the main road, like Balanced Rock and Minidoka National Historic Site. Pack a light jacket, river shoes, and a swimsuit.

Make sure to stop at the Hagerman Fossil Beds Visitors Center and Museum in downtown Hagerman. Grab maps and brush up on your history and geology before heading out of town to view the fossil beds themselves.

Shoshone Falls

Total Drive Time: **2 Hours 10 Minutes**

Total Mileage: **100**

Best Time to Travel: **Spring, Early Summer, Fall**

Scenic Byways:

+ **Thousand Springs Scenic Byway**

Good For:

+ **Finding Self Seekers**

+ **Frugal Boomers**

+ **Go For It Families**

Eat:

+ **Twin Beans Coffee Company, Twin Falls**

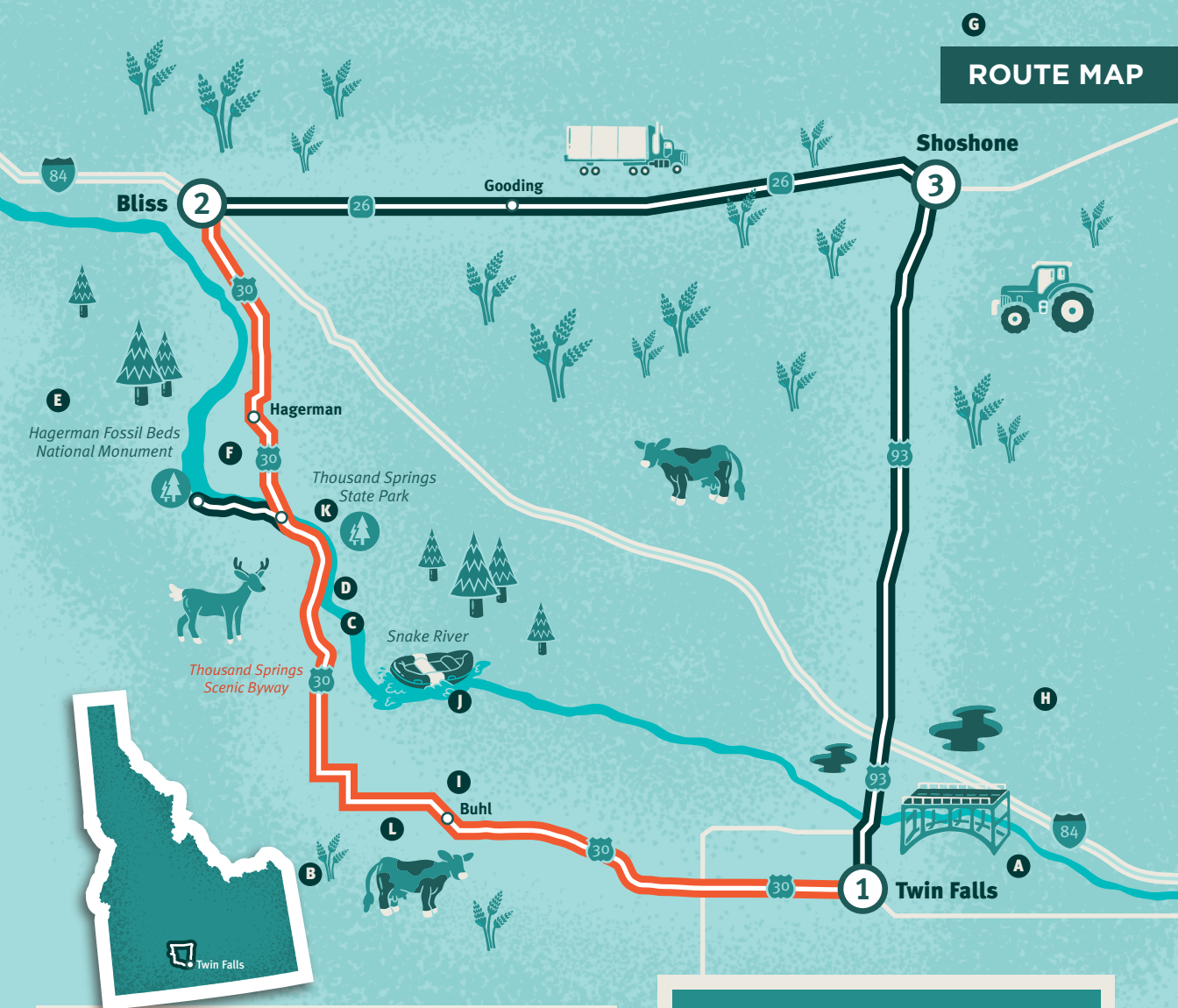
+ **Oxbow Diner, Bliss**

+ **The Twin Falls Sandwich Company, Twin Falls**

+ **Elevation 486, Twin Falls**

+ **Shoshone Snack Bar, Shoshone**

## ROUTE MAP



### THINGS TO EXPLORE

- A** Shoshone Falls
- B** Balanced Rock
- C** Miracle and Banbury Hot Springs
- D** 1000 Springs Tours Cruise
- E** Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument
- F** Oregon Trail Overlook
- G** Shoshone Ice Caves
- H** Minidoka National Historic Site & Visitors Center
- I** Homemade Ice Cream at Cloverleaf Creamery

### WINERIES

- J** Holesinsky Vineyard & Winery
- K** Feathered Winds Wine
- L** Snyder Winery

### FOR THE ALL-IN FAMILY: GET INTO HOT WATER

Springs aren't just for sightseeing! Stop for a soak at Miracle or Banbury Hot Springs near Hagerman. Both hot spots offer geothermal pools guaranteed to deliver total relaxation. Banbury also has a launch area where you can set out on your paddleboard or rent a kayak to explore a gentle section of the Snake River.

### FOR THE HISTORY BUFF: MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER

In 1942, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast were forced to move to relocation centers. Minidoka held more than 9,000 people, most of whom were U.S. citizens. Today, a 1.6-mile trail takes you past exhibits.