



FACT SHEET

NATURAL WONDERS

- Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls is 212 feet high – 36 feet higher than Niagara Falls.
- At 7,900 feet, Hells Canyon is the deepest river-carved gorge in North America, even deeper than the Grand Canyon.
- The world's densest populations of nesting eagles, hawks and falcons can be found at the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.
- The Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness is one of the largest wilderness areas in the Lower 48, second only to Death Valley in California.
- A sand dune within Bruneau Dunes State Park rises 470 feet above the surrounding desert floor, making it the tallest single-structured sand dune in North America.
- Idaho has four International Dark Sky designations:
 - Ketchum is an International Dark Sky Community
 - Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve is an International Dark Sky Park
 - City of Rocks National Reserve is an International Dark Sky Park
 - 1,416 square miles in central Idaho (including the cities of Ketchum, Stanley and Sun Valley) make up the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve – the first International Dark Sky Reserve in the U.S.

HISTORY & HERITAGE

- Idaho is home to five federally recognized Native American tribes: The Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Shoshone-Paiute.
- Boise is home to the largest population of Basques per capita outside the Basque Country in Spain and France.
- Jaialdi, meaning 'festival' in Basque, celebrates the colorful Basque culture. One of the largest Basque festivals in the world, Jaialdi is held every five years in Boise and the next festival takes place in 2025.
- Malad City has the largest concentration of Welch ancestry outside of Wales.
- Farragut State Park and adjoining Lake Pend Oreille were home to a Naval Training Station during WWII.
- In the Old West mining town of Wallace, all of the downtown buildings are listed on the National Historic Register.
- Sun Valley Resort, the first destination ski resort in the United States, is home to the world's first chairlifts.
- The Oregon Trail crossed southern Idaho, leaving behind historic landmarks and sites to explore.

QUIRKY TIDBITS

- Lewiston is the most inland seaport on the west coast, welcoming cruise and cargo ships that travel up the Columbia River.
- Idaho had a nationally-renowned wine industry until Prohibition closed it down. Today, it is Idaho's fastest growing agricultural industry with three AVAs and more than 65 wineries producing over 25 varietals of wine.
- Idaho ranks 12th in breweries per capita with over 80 breweries statewide, and more in development.
- Idaho is the largest producer of barley and the second largest producer of hops in the U.S.
- Idaho is known as the "Gem State" because 72 types of precious and semi-precious stones can be found here, including rare stones found nowhere else in the Americas.
- "The Center of the Universe" is located in Wallace.
- Boise's Freak Alley is the largest, open-air mural gallery in the Northwest.
- North America's longest gondola ride can be found at Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg.
- The Wild Huckleberry is the state fruit and can be found on menus throughout the region.

GEOGRAPHY

- Idaho is bordered by Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Canada.
- Idaho is home to more miles of whitewater than anywhere else in the continental U.S., making it a paddlers' paradise.
- Idaho has nearly 600 registered campsites, which include those within 30 state parks, 10 national forests and on other public lands.
- 31 scenic byways crisscross the state, highlighting stunning scenery and area histories.
- The highest elevation point is Mt. Borah at 12,662 feet, and the lowest is 738 feet above sea level in Lewiston.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Idaho is the 13th largest state in the union, covering 83,557 square miles.
- Idaho's birthday is July 3, 1890.
- Boise is the state capital.
- Idaho has six primary commercial airports, with the largest in Boise. The Spokane International Airport also provides service to northern Idaho.
- Idaho enjoys four seasons, with mostly dry, warm summer and fall months and milder winters than locations east of the Continental Divide.

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