

## Natural Wonders



Shoshone Falls in Twian Falls is 212 feet high – 36 feet higher than Niagara Falls.



At 7,900 feet, Hells Canyon is the deepest river 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.



Idaho is home to 3,100 miles of navigable whitewater, more than anywhere else in the continental U.S., making it a paddlers' paradise.



Idaho has five International Dark Sky designations:

- Reserve: Central Idaho
- Park: Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve, City of Rocks National Reserve, & Bruneau Dunes State Park
- Community: Ketchum

# History & Heritage



Idaho is home to five federally recognized Native American tribes: The Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Shoshone-Paiute.



The Polly Bemis Ranch honors the legacy of Polly Bemis, a pioneering Chinese immigrant, who lived in the remote Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.



Boise is home to the largest population of Basques per capita outside the Basque Country in Spain and France.



Jaialdi, meaning 'festival' in Basque, is one of the world's largest Basque festivals. The cultural celebration is held every five years in Boise and the next festival is in 2030.



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. "The Center of the Universe" is also located in Wallace.



Minidoka National Historic Site tells the story of over 13,000 Japanese Americans held at the former Minidoka War Relocation Center from 1942 to 1945.



Sun Valley Resort, the first destination ski resort in the United States, is home to the world's first chairlift.

# Quirky Tidbits

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.



Lewiston is the most inland seaport on the west coast, welcoming cruise and cargo ships that travel up the Columbia River.



North America’s longest gondola ride — 3.1 miles — can be found at Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg, and runs year-round.



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 65 wineries.



Idaho ranks 11th in breweries per capita with over 80 breweries statewide, and more in development. Idaho is the largest producer of barley and in the top three for hop production in the U.S.



Boise’s Freak Alley is the largest, open-air mural gallery in the Northwest.



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.
- 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.
- Idaho has nearly 600 registered campsites, which include those within 32 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 enjoys four seasons, with mostly dry, warm summer and fall months and milder winters than locations east of the Continental Divide.

# Direct Flights

Idaho has six primary commercial airports, with the largest in Boise. The Spokane International Airport provides service to northern Idaho, just 30 minutes west of the Idaho-Washington border.

**Boise (BOI):** Boise Airport is served by nine airlines offering direct flights to 26 destinations. More details at [iflyboise.com](http://iflyboise.com).

**Idaho Falls (IDA):** Idaho Falls Regional Airport is served by five airlines offering direct flights to 12 destinations. More details at [idahofallsidaho.gov](http://idahofallsidaho.gov).

**Sun Valley/Hailey (SUN):** The Friedman Memorial Airport is served by three airlines offering direct flights to 6 destinations. More details at [iflysun.com](http://iflysun.com).

**Spokane (GEG)\*:** Spokane International Airport is served by seven airlines offering direct flights to 19 destinations. More details at [spokaneairports.net](http://spokaneairports.net).

Limited flights are also available from:

- **Lewiston (LWS):** [golws.com](http://golws.com)
- **Pocatello (PIH):** [iflypocatello.com](http://iflypocatello.com)
- **Twin Falls (TWF):** [tfd.org/136/Airport](http://tfd.org/136/Airport)

