

Hot Pool Tour



Recreation Tour



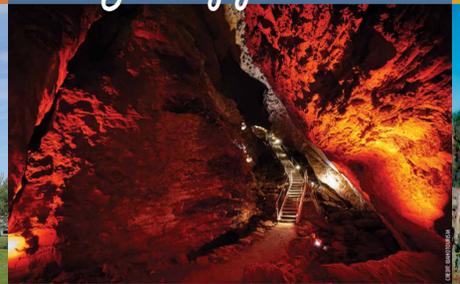
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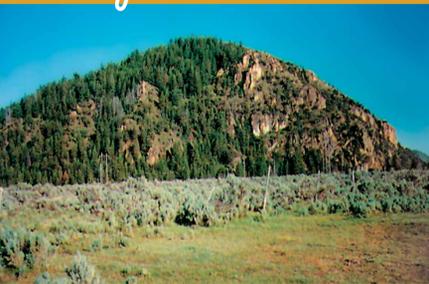
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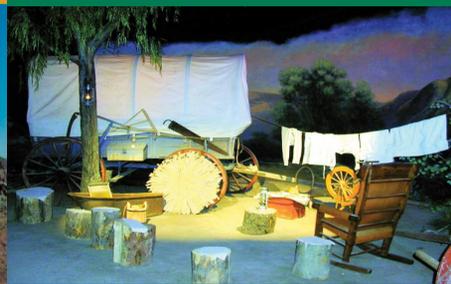
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Forces of nature created them for us to enjoy, thankfully without the sulfur or chemical odor usually associated with natural hot springs. Several locations are developed and popular with tourists and locals alike.

American Falls Indian Springs Resort & RV (pictured right) is named for the historic encampment of Native Americans at this natural hot springs 2 miles southwest of American Falls on Hwy 37. Modern improvements include a large park with shelters, a large heated swimming pool, spacious RV parking and tent sites. Nearby Massacre Rocks State Park is popular with Oregon Trail history buffs. For information call (208) 226-7700 or IndianSpringsResortAndRV.com.



Downey Downata Hot springs (pictured above and at bottom) is 3 1/2 miles southeast of Downey on US 91. Natural hot water flows year round through this large swimming pool and soaking pools. The facility provides a meeting room, snack bar, restaurant, and tranquility room with sauna and massage room. During the summer, children enjoy the large water playground. Two large hydrotube rides and pool slides thrill all ages. The resort accommodates overnighters at several cabins and yurts or RV Park with hookups, tent sites and tepees. Picnic areas are available for summer reunions. Winter and summer groups welcome. For information go to DownataHotSprings.com or (208) 897-5736.

Lava Hot Springs At Idaho's World Famous Hot Springs (pictured at top and right), 2.5 million gallons of naturally-filtered odor free spring water flows through five hot pools at five different temperatures each day. Heated sidewalks and floors in the modern dressing rooms warm your feet to and from the pools. Numerous hot pools and indoor tubs are located throughout town at outdoor locations and in a number of hotels. Located 11 miles east of I-15 exit 47 on US 30. Open year round 363 days a year. For information on Idaho's World Famous Hot Springs visit LavaHotSprings.com or call 800-423-8597. For other pool information call the Lava Chamber of Commerce at (208) 776-5500, or visit LavaHotSprings.org.

Preston Riverdale Resort (pictured left) features a large outdoor swimming pool and hot tubs fed by natural hot water, including a therapeutic jetted tub. A hydrotube pool and children's pool make this a good family outing. A gaming room and snack bar complement the changing and locker rooms.

The resort has eight motel rooms with hot tubs in every room. Riverdale Resort is next to the Bear River in a very scenic valley five miles north of Preston at the intersection of state hwy's 34 & 36, information at (208) 852-0266, or RiverdaleResort.com.

Visitors and residents alike list outdoor recreation as the number one reason they are in Southeast Idaho. In this short space we can't list all the places and endeavors available. Listed below and on the next panel are some of the highlights.

Camping The Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Massacre Rocks State Park and Bear Lake State Park provide tent and RV space to commune with nature. More sites are available from privately owned campgrounds. idahohighcountry.org/cat/public-lands-campground/

Fishing 44 lakes & reservoirs plus numerous rivers, streams & creeks dot the area and provide ample fishing opportunities for Trout, Chinook, Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Bass, Bluegill, Perch and more. idahohighcountry.org/cat/fishing/

Trails More than 1,000 miles of groomed roads for motorized ATVs and mountain bikes are within the public lands of Southeast Idaho. Non motorized trails for hiking, backpacking and riding horses are available in several areas. Travel the mountain ridges from Soda Springs to the Southern state line on the 55-mile Highline Trail. idahohighcountry.org/trails/



Water Sports Water ski, sail, ride personal watercraft, paddleboards, kayaks or canoes on various bodies of water like Bear Lake or American Falls Reservoir. Most areas have boat ramp access. Look at our website for favorite river tubing, kayaking, canoeing and swimming locations. idahohighcountry.org/cat/water-sports/

Golf courses open to the public by city. # of holes, & phone Aberdeen-9, 208-397-5308; American Falls-9, 208-226-5827; Bear Lake-9, 208-945-2744; Blackfoot-18, 208-785-9960; Grace-9, 208-425-3233; Montpelier-9, 208-847-1981; Pocatello Highland-18, 208-237-9922; Pocatello Riverside-18, 208-232-9515; Preston-18, 8208-52-2408; Soda Springs-9 208-547-2204.

Birding A migratory corridor provides a plethora of species for observation. 45 sites throughout the area are listed on our website and in the downloadable brochure "Birding Trails in Southeast Idaho." It also lists species, season and habitat. idahohighcountry.org/cat/birdwatching/

For Additional Information on outdoor activities in the area, visit idahohighcountry.org/cat/recreation/. Learn more about ATV Trails, Hunting, Fishing, Rafting, Kayaking, Waterparks, Swimming Pools, Water Sports, Golfing, Bike trails, Rock Climbing, Wildlife, Hiking, Outdoor Recreation, Family Activities, Horseback Riding, Race Tracks, Wagon Rides, Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowmobile Trails, Byways, Geology & Caves, Parks, and Zipline.

As the weather turns cold, anticipation of the flying snow creates enthusiasm for playing in Southeast Idaho's winter wonderland, as well as looking forward to a relaxing trip to the hot pools afterward. Round out a winter getaway in a backyard yurt, cabin or cozy hotel room.

Snowshoeing Many summertime trails make great places to enjoy winter's scenic beauty. The Highline Trail or the Bear River countryside, where steam from natural geothermal waters rise, create stunning photography opportunities. Rentals are available at Baker Ranch in Lava Hot Springs. Take a loop or head up a mountain draw with Fido with the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Park n' Ski program. Just South of Pocatello, seven plowed lots provide access to five different trails with out-and-back experiences, loops and even a ripping downhill.

Cross Country Skiing Seven miles south of Pocatello is the East Fork Mink Creek Nordic Center with 20km of groomed skate and classic ski trails as well as snowshoe trails and a sledding hill. Kelly Park in Soda Springs offers about 7km of groomed trails. Baker Ranch in Lava Hot Springs has a groomed trail for beginner and intermediate skinny skiers. Buy an Idaho Parks and Recreation Park-n-Ski pass to break your own trail from seven plowed parking lots in the Mink Creek Park N' Ski area. Passes are also honored in Oregon.

Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding For an honest challenge, ski Pebble Creek Ski Area on Mount Bonneville east of Inkom. 2,200 vertical feet offer 54 runs of every level of difficulty. Two groomed terrain parks are continually growing and changing. Festivals like the Telemark, the Freestyle Rally, and the Wildflower Festival add to the ski area's popularity. Spectators love to attend the Monster Dummy Jump. Dummies mounted on skis or snowboards cruise a downhill course with a jump at the bottom. For information on Snowshoeing, XC-Skiing, Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding visit idahohighcountry.org/cat/cross-country-skiing/

Ice Fishing on American Falls, Devil's Creek and over 30 other reservoirs is a popular winter pastime. Fish Bear Lake for the Bonneville Cisco, a species found nowhere else on earth. Other fish in the area include Trout, Chinook, Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Bass, Bluegill, Perch and more. Download "Ice Fishing in Southeast Idaho" for locations, species and licensing requirements. idahohighcountry.org/cat/ice-fishing/

Snowmobiling Wide open powdery playgrounds, mountain trails, and fresh air on over 600 miles of groomed trails lead to magnificent winter scenery in Southeast Idaho's winter wonderland. Easy access to trailheads, and snowmobile rentals are available in most communities. Warming huts, yurts and lodges are accessible from the trails. Several Guest Ranches offer snowmobiling right from the front door. For GPS coordinates, registration, rental information and to download trail maps, go to idahohighcountry.org/snowmobile/

This called for an appropriate meeting house, the result of fifteen years' toil being the magnificent Paris Tabernacle in 1889. It was designed by Joseph Don Carlos Young, and is an impressive Romanesque red sandstone building quarried from Indian Creek Canyon 18 miles away on the east side of Bear Lake. Tours are offered from 9:30 am to 5:30pm Memorial Day through Labor Day. idahohighcountry.org/historic/

Follow The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint (Mormon) pioneers that moved north from Salt Lake City to establish new farming communities in this area. The best way to follow this history is to take the same geographical steps they did.

The first settlement was at Franklin, Idaho's oldest city. The walking tour of Franklin's still standing buildings include Idaho's first home, the original grist (flour) mill, the Z.C.M.I. store, the Relic Hall Museum and others.

Continue north on US 91 to Preston for the next pioneer settlement where the Onaida Stake Academy stands. This hand hewn sandstone building was completed by church craftsmen 114 years ago for educational purposes. The building was relocated to ensure its preservation.

At the north end of Preston, follow the Pioneer Historic Byway (Hwy 34), through Thatcher, Grace, and Last Chance Canal, then North to Chesterfield, 11 miles North of Bancroft. This settlement is now without residents, but not abandoned. In 1980, the community was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district and is also on the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation's Mormon Historic Sites Registry. The historic district includes 41 buildings and eight sites, spread out over an area of 2,160 acres. Each summer, the structures undergo loving restoration and preservation by the descendants' founders. Chesterfield is open for tours from Memorial Day through Labor Day Mon-Sat from 10am to 6pm with a large celebration every Memorial Day weekend. Chesterfield is unique in church history because it is the only Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint pioneer settlement the Oregon Trail passed through.

Proceed to Soda Springs on US 30 to see the site where a summer home was built for Brigham Young, 2nd President of the Church. Nearby, the Fairview Cemetery memorializes a wagon box grave from 1861. The Pioneer Historic Byway continues north out of Soda Springs where it ends at the pioneer settlement of Freedom, Wyoming. To view several other church settlements travel the Oregon Trail Auto Route (US 30) southeast to Montpelier then turn southwest on US 89 to Paris, Idaho. Charles Rich was the prominent church leader appointed by Brigham Young to build settlements in this valley, which he accomplished prodigiously, founding seven in 1863-64.

Niter Ice Cave is located approximately 3 miles south of Grace just off the main highway. Located near St. Charles, Minnetonka (pictured top) is the largest limestone cave in the state. Formation Springs and Cave located at the base of the scenic Aspen Mountains are near Soda Springs. idahohighcountry.org/cat/geology/

Three forces of nature shaped this landscape to become mountains and valleys: shifting land plates to push the mountains up, two major volcanic eruptions and finally the massive Bonneville Flood. Several river and stream courses were altered by these natural events, but most lakes and reservoirs came by the hand of man to fill the need for crop irrigation and electric power.

Looking at a map of the United States people wonder how Idaho's eastern and western borders were decided in such an irregular pattern. The northern and southern borders of the state are nice straight lines by contrast. The simple explanation is the western border was the coastline of the Pacific Ocean until California, Washington and Oregon rose up from the ocean floor pushing Idaho upward to become the western side of the Rocky Mountains. This also explains the border of Idaho and Montana. The highest point of the Rockies became the Continental Divide, defined by which side the snowmelt runoff and springs from these mountains goes. Montana's water runs southeast to the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers to the Atlantic Ocean. Idaho's water runs northwest to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean.

The Bear River flows westward from the Rockies. It starts in the Utah mountains, flows northwest to Idaho's Bear Lake Valley, on to Soda Springs where it turns south through Preston and empties into the Great Salt Lake, which doesn't make much sense. It travels over 400 miles to cover a distance of only 90 miles. It used to flow through Pocatello to the Snake River. Then a rift volcano, named China Hat, still visible near the intersection of state highway 34 and US 30, raised the valley floor and sent a wall of molten lava 40 miles west to Pocatello. A second major flow occurred shortly after along the same path. These flows turned the Bear River southward. The remnants of these flows are spectacular to see at Grace, McCammon, Inkom and Pocatello.

The final geographic event affecting Southeast Idaho occurred just 15,000 years ago. Prior to that, much of Utah and Nevada were covered by Lake Bonneville. What is now Preston was underwater but current day Downey was dry. Then at Red Rock Pass the natural dam broke and sent a wall of water estimated to be 300 feet high northwest all the way to the Pacific Ocean. The boulders and landscape of Marsh Valley were tumbled and polished by this event.

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The greatest voluntary migration that any nation had known, the Oregon Trail, passed through Southeast Idaho. Historic landmarks and cultural sites still remain for today's Byway and Auto Tour visitors. The photo above is Sheep Rock Point near Soda Springs, named for the Rocky Mountain Sheep the pioneers saw there as they traveled. It is a major crossroads of history, geology and geography. Here the valley floor was lifted by two major volcanic eruptions that changed the course of the Bear River. The 55 mile Highline Recreational Trail starts here. The Oregon and California Trails made their first parting here and later the Oregon Shortline Railroad came through to serve the Northwest.

The naturally carbonated water of Hooper Springs (pictured) in Soda Springs was a delight to Oregon Trail encampments between 1840-60 and still is to modern travelers. The wagons had traveled thirty miles that day from the previous camp at Clover Creek, now named Montpelier. At Clover Creek they celebrated having crossed the last of the Rocky Mountains.

The National Oregon/California Trail Center at Montpelier utilizes film, paintings, historical displays and live interpreters dressed in period costume to help visitors share in the "Living History" of the trail. Visitors will walk on the very soil of the Clover Creek Encampment. Learn more about the historical migration across America of more than a half-million people who traveled to the Willamette Valley in Oregon in search of farmland and others who left the Oregon Trail for California in search of gold.

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BANNOCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Avenue of the Chiefs, Pocatello ID (208) 233-0434 Exhibits illustrate Pocatello's early railroad history and Shoshone-Bannock Indian artifacts. Adjacent to the Fort Hall Replica and Zoo Idaho in Pocatello.

BINGHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 190 N. Shilling Ave. Blackfoot ID (208) 785-8065 Resembles a southern plantation home and houses an historic collection of classic dolls and Native American artifacts. Tours available.

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS MUSEUM Center Street, Soda Springs ID (208) 547-5706 or (208) 547-3026 The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers built this museum in 1933. It features antiques, photographs, and books depicting local history.

ENDERS HOTEL & HISTORICAL MUSEUM 76 S. Main St., Soda Springs, ID (208) 547-4980 Historic hotel next to Geysers Park Visitor Center. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Features 30 rooms, historical artifacts, and antiques.

FORT HALL REPLICA Avenue of the Chiefs, Pocatello ID (208) 234-1795 Enter the 19th Century world of explorers, trappers, fur traders, Native Americans, pioneers, Gold seekers, and historic figures.

FRANKLIN IDAHO RELIC HALL Main Street, Franklin ID (208) 646-2200 Houses relics brought or acquired by pioneers, including photo collection.

IDAHO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY 698 E Dillan St, Pocatello ID (208) 282-3317 Discovering Idaho, one story at a time. Kid's Discovery Room!

IDAHO POTATO MUSEUM 130 NW Main St., Blackfoot, ID (208) 785-2517 Not only can you take a great selfie with a giant potato, you can find out just what it takes to make those yummy French fries and chips! Visitors receive free Taters for Out-of-Staters and pins for children. Gift shop, café, RV parking, park for picnic. Trolley rides around Blackfoot's historic downtown begin here.

MASSACRE ROCKS STATE PARK 3592 Park Lane, American Falls, ID (208) 548-2672 Historic Area operated by the State of Idaho. The park has stories to tell which date back to times best described in geologic terms.

MUSEUM OF CLEAN 711 S. 2nd Ave., Pocatello, ID (208) 236-6906 Come interested, Leave inspired. Walk into an awesome 75,000 sq ft complex of excitement, education and inspiration for the whole family. Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm.

THE NATIONAL OREGON/CALIFORNIA TRAIL CENTER 320 N. 4th Street, Montpelier, ID 866-847-3800 In Bear Lake Valley on the historic site of the original Oregon Trail. Built to preserve, perpetuate and promote pioneer history and heritage of the Oregon/California Trail and the Bear Lake Valley. The Rails and Trails Museum is located inside the Trail Center.

ONEIDA PIONEER MUSEUM 27 Bannock St., Malad City, ID (208) 766-4847 Built in 1914 as a Drug Store. Original pressed-tin ceiling and safe are in good condition and interesting features.

POWER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 500 Pocatello Ave., American Falls, ID 83211 (208) 226-1325 The museum opened in 2007 and features exhibits detailing the history of Power County including the historic movement of the town to make way for the American Falls Dam.

PARIS HISTORICAL MUSEUM 345 Main Street, Paris, ID (208) 945-2212 Displays local history artifacts and located directly across the street from the LDS Tabernacle in Paris, Idaho. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBAL MUSEUM Exit 80 off I-15, Fort Hall, ID 800-806-9229 With old photographs, displays and exhibits you learn how the Shoshone-Bannock people lived and settled the area around eastern Idaho, told from their point of view. Open Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm. Closed all Federal & Tribal Holidays. Admission \$3.50 (18 yrs+) Children \$2 (6-17 yrs) Under 6 free. Free admission for any Tribal citizen (must show Tribal ID card).

SOUTH BANNOCK COUNTY HISTORICAL CENTER 110 E. Main St., Lava Hot Springs, ID (208) 776-5254 Permanent and rotating exhibits about Lava Hot Springs area history as well as Arimo, Inkom, Downey, McCammon, Virginia and Swan Lake.

idahohighcountry.org/cat/museums/



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1 Blackfoot

The city of Blackfoot is known as the "Potato Capital of the World" because more potatoes are grown here than in any other county in the United States. Blackfoot's rich agricultural

identity is evident in the large farms surrounding the city. Want to learn more about potatoes? Visit the *Idaho Potato Museum*, gift shop and café. Take a selfie with their giant potato! Hop on a trolley to tour historic downtown—murals, window vignettes and live performances May-

August. Jensen's Grove Park offers 35+ acres of waterskiing & fishing, a skate park, basketball courts, a 6.5 mile paved trail, a sandy beach, amphitheater, playgrounds, and picnic areas. Visit *The Butterfly Haven* to see native Idaho butterflies in a natural setting. Major community

events include *Celebrate Blackfoot* the last weekend of June and the weeklong *Eastern Idaho State Fair* which starts Labor Day weekend. For more information: **Idaho Potato Museum & Visitor Information Center (208) 785-2517**



2 Fort Hall

North of Pocatello where the Oregon Trail led to the original Fort Hall Trading Post, is the home of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and center of the Fort Hall Reservation. In early years, the Shoshone

and Bannock Indians were separate peoples inhabiting the same lands across the Western U.S. Today, together they are proud of their strong heritage. *The Shoshone-Bannock Festival* is the largest outdoor cultural celebration in southeastern Idaho and listed in the Top

100 Indian Country Events. The Festival is the 2nd weekend in August. Fort Hall features contemporary and traditional fine arts including the finest beadwork and brain tanned hides at the Donzia Gift Shop. Enjoy gaming, great food, a spa visit or a show while staying

in deluxe accommodations at the Fort Hall Casino & Shoshone-Bannock Hotel. For information about the history & culture of the Tribes contact: **Fort Hall Tribal Museum (208) 237-9791** www.sbtribes.com



3 American Falls & Massacre Rocks State Park

American Falls is home to a large reservoir and the Snake River. Water sports abound, from boating to fishing. More than 200 bird species can be seen along this migration corridor. Willow Bay in American Falls offers camping, water sports, a paved walking trail, and a boat launch. Indian Springs Resort and RV offers swimming and camping. Rockland, a nearby

sportsman's paradise, offers camping, snowmobiling and hiking. Southwest of American Falls is Massacre Rocks State Park, rich in Oregon Trail history. Located along the Snake River

there is a visitor's center, campground, hiking trails, boating and disc golf. The American Falls Fish Hatchery is home to a birding trail by the Snake River and tours are available at the hatchery.

For more information: **Greater American Falls Area Chamber of Commerce** AmFallsChamber.com



4 Pocatello

Amazing outdoor recreation, scenic beauty, and a rich history grace the Pocatello area. Challenging rock-climbing, world-class mountain bike trails, traditional and disc golf

courses and an active Greenway are some of the outdoor offerings located right in Pocatello. Learn to squeegee at the world's only Museum of Clean; stand in awe of saber tooth cats and giant prehistoric bison at the Idaho Museum of Natural History; or see

Native American and pioneer history come alive at the life size Fort Hall Replica and Bannock County Historical Museum. Float the lazy river at the aquatic center; enjoy strolling through the historic architecture in Old Town Pocatello; or see Grizzlies, Cougars, Bison and the other

native species of Yellowstone up-close at the Zoo Idaho. For more information: **VisitPocatello.com**



5 Lava Hot Springs

This year round resort town is home to Idaho's World Famous Lava Hot Springs. The all natural outdoor pool facility is open to the public. Five odor-free mineral pools at five different temperatures

offer relaxation for every preference. Some hotels also include hot pools. The Olympic Swimming Complex boasts diving platforms, waterslides and speed slides in the summer. The Indoor Aquatic Center

and Portneuf Kiddie Cove are open all year. Outdoor recreation is the number two draw with shopping at unique emporiums close behind. Dining, ziplining, wagon rides, river tubing, hiking, and nightlife round out your visit. 200 motels, hotels, cabins, and vacation

homes along with 400 RV hookup spaces are available for accommodations. **Lava Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, LavaHotSprings.org** **LavaHotSprings.com** **800-423-8597**



6 Soda Springs & Caribou County

Travel the Oregon Trail and see 14 historic sites, such as authentic wagon ruts, the world's only captive Geyser, Sheep Rock Point, a wagon box grave, or carbonated springs including Hooper

Springs and Octagon Springs. Visit Chesterfield, a nearby National Historic District, five local buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, and learn about the historic trains.

Wildlife and birds at the Formation Springs and Cave Preserve or the Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge, play a round of golf, explore the pathways connecting city

dams, & mining that built Soda Springs. View the Visitor Center is located next to the geyser. **City of Soda Springs SodaSpringsID.com**



7 Montpelier

The National Oregon/California Trail Center, at the junction of U.S. 89 and 30, is located on the original Clover Creek Encampment of the Oregon Trail. The heritage center depicts the

2000-mile, 5 month journey on the Oregon Trail in daily Living History Tours. A Wagon Master guides visitors through the interactive tour that includes a ride in a simulated covered wagon ride generated by advanced computer technology. The Rails & Trails

Museum within the Trail Center displays artifacts, diaries, relics of the pioneers of Bear Lake Valley including railroad memorabilia. Daily Living History tours 9am-5pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day or by appt for groups of 15 or more. Major credit cards accepted.

320 N. 4th St P.O. Box 323 Montpelier, Idaho 83254 info@OregonTrailCenter.org OregonTrailCenter.org **(208) 847-3800** or **866-847-3800**



8 Downey

Carved by millions of acre-feet of water from Lake Bonneville Flood 15,000 years ago, Marsh Valley is the home of Downey, Idaho, a rural town of 626 residents. Downey, once the most

thriving town in Idaho, has much to offer in rustic beauty and hospitality. It is home to many Centennial farms, which signifies more than 100 years in the same family. Historically, Downey is recognized for its contributions to the first stagecoach station in Southeast Idaho, as well

as the first route of the Pony Express in Idaho. The Bannock County Fair in August draws folks for the parade, rodeo, fair food and wacky events. A couple of miles southeast of town is Downtona Hot Springs, an all natural hot water swimming complex with

water slides, soaking pools and a water playground. Tent or RV camp, stay in a yurt or teepee while hiking, biking, birdwatching and enjoying many other amenities. For Additional Information: **City of Downey (208) 897-5342**



9 Preston & Franklin

Discover where pioneer history began at Idaho's oldest white settlement, Franklin, just over the Utah/Idaho border. Visit the Pioneer Relic Hall, the Hatch Home, and the old City Hall.

See remnants of the first grist mill in Idaho, and an original Yellowstone Highway marker. Drive north to Preston to visit the oldest Mormon Academy Building and the Cowley Home near historic

State Street. "That Famous Preston Night Rodeo" in July is the first nighttime rodeo in the world! Just north is the 1862 Bear River Massacre Memorial Site where 240-400 Shoshone Indians were killed during an encounter between US soldiers and American Indians. Also to the

North is the Oneida Narrows Reservoir of the Bear River, a beautiful recreation area for fishing and water activities. For More Information on Pioneer History: **(208) 852-1817** PrestonIdaho.net



10 Bear Lake

Beginning in Garden City Utah, the 20 mile long turquoise waters of Bear Lake straddle the borders of Idaho and Utah with a span of 8 miles. This fresh water lake offers year round sports

with fishing, boating, jet skiing, SUP's and sailing in the summer, and snowmobiling, cross country skiing and ice fishing in the winter. Hike, bike and ATV on high country canyon trails in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Enjoy three golf courses, Bloomington

Lake and Canyon, Minnetonka Cave, Utah and Idaho Bear Lake State Parks, Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge and many events including Bear Lake Raspberry Days and the Bear Lake Monster Winterfest. Lodging from cabins to camping can be found on

bearlake.org. Reserve early for best selection. For more information contact: **Bear Lake Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-448-2327(BEAR)** BearLake.org



11 Malad City

Just north of the Utah/Idaho State line off I-15, Malad Valley is nestled at the northern end of the Great Basin and the Rocky Mountain peaks. The geography includes open

spaces, interesting canyons, bubbling springs, limitless hiking, sight-seeing, camping opportunities, and water sports. Enjoy fishing on 7 reservoirs including trophy Cutthroat at Daniels Reservoir. In the fall, hunters test their skills with upland game birds,

waterfowl, and big game animals. Winter's snowy weather affords snowmobiling and snowshoeing in the high canyons. In fact, just about everything Mother Nature has to offer is found here. Join us for the Oneida County Cowboy Classic Rodeo & Fair (3rd week of August),

pari-mutuel horse racing (1st & 2nd weekends in August), 4th of July Celebration and fireworks, classic car show in May, and the Welsh Festival in June. Contact Us at: **(208) 766-4010** MaladIdaho.org



VISITOR'S GUIDE TO SOUTHEAST IDAHO

