

You And The Outdoors

Our fair cities are surrounded by mountains laced with incredible trails that support outdoor enthusiasts at every level of conditioning and experience. You'll find everything from a heart-pounding mountain bike ride to a relaxed nature walk. And the best part...these activities are just minutes from town.

If you happen to arrive here on the Polar Express you'll find these same incredible mountains, trails, and meadows covered in snow and ready to provide a cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or snowmobile adventure you won't soon forget. In fact, trips to the outback have become so popular that a yurt system has been created for the hearty among you.

Pebble Creek will provide all the downhill or snowboarding delight you can absorb. After an invigorating outing on the slopes you can be back for dinner in less than 20 minutes.



For families with children with webbed feet we created the perfect environment to make a summer splash. The Pocatello Ross Park Aquatic Complex features a zero-depth pool where young kids can safely play, slide, and even crawl through tunnels.

Kayaking provides another exciting way to get wet on a warm day. You can start out slow with lessons at the city pool or immerse yourself in one of our nearby rivers or streams. Of course you'll be under the watchful eye of a guide from the city's Parks and Recreation program.

Golf is always a popular pastime here. Pocatello features two 18-hole courses as well as a private country club golf course. Over 40 tennis courts in the Pocatello-Chubbuck area are always ready for a little match play.

A Fork In The Road

Back in the day Pocatello was known as the Gate City or "Gateway to the West." The city was located on a fork in the road... better known at the time as the Oregon Trail. Pioneers who passed through our gates from Missouri could travel north to Oregon or south to California. Today the nearby junction of I-15 and I-86 provides similar flexibility to modern day adventurers.



The history of our area reads like pages from a Zane Grey novel. Each chapter is filled with the names of trappers and mountain men... characters like Osborn Russell, Jim Bridger, Chief Pocatello, and even Abraham Lincoln.

In an amazing sequence of events in the early 1860s, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Dole wrote to President Lincoln asking him to intervene on behalf of Chief Pocatello who was scheduled to hang for a minor infraction.

The great white father responded the same day. While conducting a war to save a nation he found the time to rescue an Indian chief in the Great Basin.

Expansion of the Union Pacific Railroad added to the historic flavor of the town and has added significantly to its prosperity. Potato and wheat farmers, ranchers, businessmen, industrialists, and Idaho State University have also contributed to the rich texture of Pocatello and Chubbuck.



But, that's enough about us...let's talk about you, and the opportunities that abound here in Southeast Idaho.

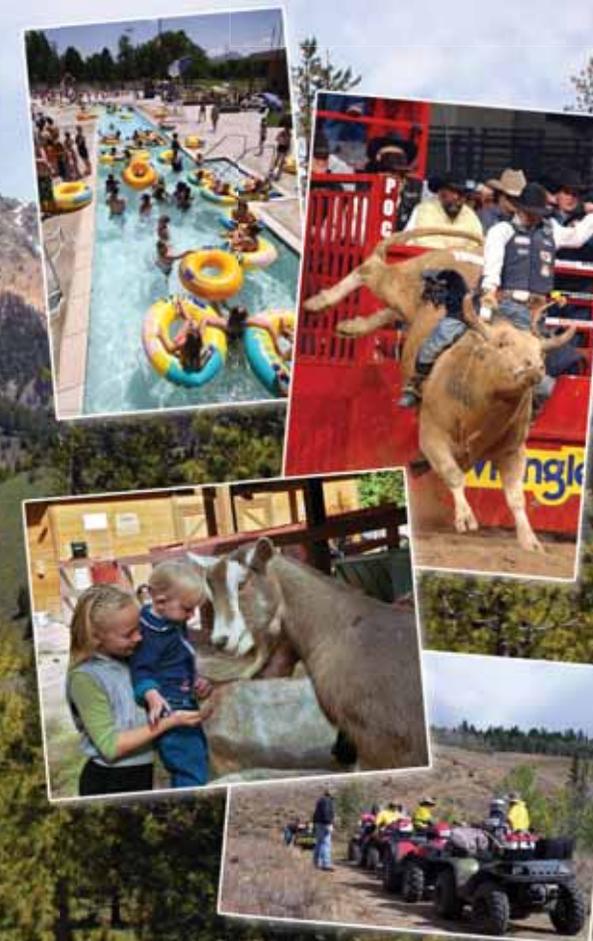


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What A Place To Meet

Here on the high desert, the pine trees meet the sagebrush. The Snake River Plain meets the Caribou Forest. The beautiful American Falls Reservoir meets the Portneuf River, and the city of Pocatello meets the city of Chubbuck.

Travelers to Yellowstone National Park and the west coast have remarked for years that this is also a truly unique place to experience how the best of the Old West meets the new.



You've Got To See This

Make sure and coordinate a trip here with a performance at Idaho State University's Stephens Performing Arts Center. This acoustically superb, world-class facility



even rocked Grammy Award winning composer and performer Carol King during her first appearance there.

The country's first covered football stadium built on a college campus is a must-see. Especially if there is an ISU Bengals competition scheduled or if any of the exciting regional events are



underway like the Simplot Games, or the Wrangler Million Dollar Rodeo Tour.

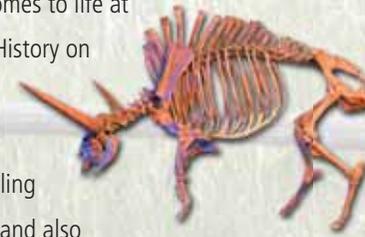


The Pocatello Zoo dates back to 1932 and it's a city treasure. The zoo offers a host of family and community activities and features animals indigenous to the Intermountain West. The zoo is open from April through October.



New to Pocatello is the world's first and only "Don Aslett Museum of Clean" a must-see for your family!

Idaho's rich prehistory comes to life at the Museum of Natural History on the campus of Idaho State University. It's an excellent source of revealing discoveries and artifacts and also includes a hands-on area where families can see and touch ancient fossil shells.



The Green T Western Bar is well known in the West and features a fabulously fun wild west reenactment. Tour bus groups love the authentic food and easy in and out access on Yellowstone Avenue in Pocatello!



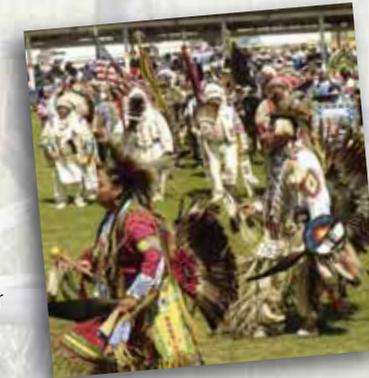
Come With Us To The Days Of Yesteryear

Take a trip back in time to 1833 and treat you and your family to a visit of the Fort Hall Replica located at the upper level of Ross Park. You'll come away with a new appreciation for what life was like in the Old West.



The Annual Shoshone-Bannock Festival is held every August celebrating Native American culture.

Over 2500 dancers compete each year with leathers, feathers, and passion. The gathering is a visual delight and also transports those in attendance back to another time and place.



So much to see & do! Like our community fishing pond & all-inclusive playground, we just can't list everything. Go to visitpocatello.com to see it all!



You Should Get A Little Rest

There are so many things to do and see in the Pocatello and Chubbuck area that sleep is the last thing on your mind. Eventually you'll have to recharge your batteries and with over 1,600 rooms available finding great accommodations never takes long. To help guide the way we invite you to visit our website at visitpocatello.com.

