

# Get Out & PLAY

Boise may just be the most outdoor-oriented city in the United States. Residents and visitors alike rave about the city's river, foothills and bike paths — after all, they're not just near Boise, they're right in Boise. From relaxing walks and rides along the city's 25-mile long riverfront Greenbelt to bombing down a thrilling single-track at dusk, it's easy to fill your day with outdoor play.

For those who love the great outdoors, the challenge becomes fitting it all in. Even on a short visit to Boise, it's easy to squeeze in a paddle, ride, hike and blue-ribbon trout fishing without leaving the city limits.



**Willow Lane Park & Athletic Complex**  
Softball and soccer fields near the river.

**Veterans Memorial Park**  
A mix of manicured and natural areas to explore.

**Quinn's Pond**  
Popular for stillwater kayakers, stand-up paddlers and swimmers.

**Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial**  
A quiet place of reflection and beauty.

**Boise River Park**  
Wet and wild urban paddlesports park.

**Kathryn Albertson Park**  
A quiet refuge for wildlife and humans alike.

**Ann Morrison Park**  
Boise's largest public park and the take-out for a Boise River float.



B O I S E

# LAND LOCKED & Lovin' It.

## Looking for the next hot surf spot?

Look no further than the Boise River Park, one of only a handful of urban, man-enhanced whitewater playgrounds in the United States.

Here, kayakers, stand-up paddleboarders, and yes, even surfers, can play in a series of whitewater drops

and chutes enhanced and controlled by state-of-the-art, pneumatically-operated waveshapers. Great for practicing your rolls or full-on playboating. Boat rentals are even available nearby at Idaho River Sports.

Prefer to stay dry? Spectators can watch boaters from the comfort of the nearby by viewing area.

< One of Outside magazine's "Best River Towns"

**Julia Davis Park**  
One of Boise's best parks, complete with paddle boats, play equipment and so much more.

**Boise Art Museum**  
Permanent and temporary exhibits year-round.

**Zoo Boise**  
Giraffes and tigers and meerkats, oh my!

**Warm Springs Golf Course**  
An affordable, challenging public golf course right along the river.

**Barber Pool Conservation Area**  
Birders flock to this preserve for great wildlife viewing.

**PARKCENTER POND**

**Fishing**  
Discover "secret" and not-so-secret spots holding rainbows, browns and, seasonally, even steelhead.

**Bethine Church River Trail**  
A gravel path that meanders through a 24-acre natural area.

**Barber Park**  
A public park and, most notably, the popular put-in for a Boise River float.

**Lucky Peak**  
Waterski, fish, swim at this reservoir on the edge of town.

R I V E R

# Head <sup>for</sup> the <sup>the</sup> HILLS



## Biking >

Our informal research shows that Boise has more bike tires than people. And why not? Road bikers love the weather and scenic routes and mountain bikers can't get enough of the close-in trails.

Thanks to the publicly-funded Ridge-to-Rivers trail system, Boise has more than 130 miles of maintained trails. Many leave straight from town. Others are set up in scenic gullies. All provide gorgeous foothill views.

## BOGUS > Basin



Boise is one of the few cities in America where you can snow ski in the morning and waterski in the afternoon. Bogus Basin, the city's local ski hill, provides downhill ski/snowboarding, nordic skiing and a host of lessons and classes all winter long. And its only 16 miles from Downtown Boise!

Don't miss Bogus in the summer. You'll enjoy excellent hiking and biking, not to mention panoramic views.



# < GOLF

If golf is your game, Boise is your place. The city features more than 15 public courses (and several private ones) within a short drive. We're talking elevated tees with dramatic valley and mountain views. Fairways that weave through narrow canyons. And beautiful riverfront greens. Just outside of town you'll find stunning mountain courses, shaded with towering Ponderosa Pines. In Boise, you can play a different course every single day of your two-week vacation — and never see the same cup twice.



< Wet and not too wild on the Boise

# River < Float

Nothing says "summer" like a river float. And nothing says "summer in Boise" like a float down our namesake river. Enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year, this trip has something for everyone: wildlife viewing, lazy drifts, thrilling (for kids, anyway) little drops and more.

Park at Barber Park in Southeast Boise (you can rent tubes or rafts if you don't have your own), air up your gear at the free inflation stations, and put-in for a two-or-so-hour float. Arrange your own transportation or just catch the shuttle (\$3/pp) back to your car. Fun!