

## Other Things To Do in Boise:

- **Boise River Greenbelt** –Twenty-three miles of paved paths along the Boise River with its towering trees, lush growth and abundant wildlife (bald eagles, Canadian geese, ducks, mink, squirrels, beaver and various other) offer a fabulous way to enjoy a leisurely walk or bike ride and get that “back-to-nature” feeling. Very safe. **Bring your bikes or walking shoes.** Visit <http://www.northend.org/greenbelt.htm> for some pictures. Also a good website for other things to do.
- **Kathryn Albertson Park** -- Ideal for nature-walkers, it features a self-guided tour, which explains its unique plant and animal habitat, on a peaceful paved pathway. Ducks float on a pond while fish occasionally break the water's surface. Gazebos, a fountain and the largest cross-section of a Ponderosa Pine on this planet can also be found here. Named after the wife of the Albertsons' grocery store founder.
- **Boise Tour Train** -- A wonderful touring experience can be had "all aboard" Boise's Tour Train. The 1890s style puffer-belly open-air train is a classic. It is available for charter and customized tours with meals, as well as individual tour rides. Tours cost \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$6 for children. Guests can get on and off at their leisure.
- **Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center** -- Offering a view of the Boise River's underwater world, this unique and interesting center allows visitors to see what happens under the rippling surface of a river. Hands-on computers help visitors understand and learn about the complex world of a living river. This learning center is a must for both tourists and residents, especially if you are a science buff. You will leave the center with a new appreciation for science and river habitats. Admission is free. Open Hours: 9a-4p Tu-F, 11a-5p Sa, noon-4p Su
- **Old Penitentiary** -- The "Old Pen" is a view of prison life in the West over the span of 100 years. The castle-like fortress was built in 1870 and was enlarged over the years, often with prisoner labor, until 1973 when a new prison replaced this one. Visitors take a 90-minute tour through solitary confinement cells, death row and the gallows, site of Idaho's only hanging in 1957. The building also houses several museums within the museum. Entrance fees run \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children; and, it is free for children 5 and younger. Hours 10a-5p.
- **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic 2006** – June 22-24 beginning each morning at 6:30 am at Ann Morrison Park -- Hot air balloon competition at its best. Visit [www.spiritofboise.com](http://www.spiritofboise.com) for more information.
- **Boise Train Depot** -- Boise's old Union Pacific Railroad Depot, built in 1925, was recently restored by the Morrison-Knudsen Company. Union Pacific ended service here in 1971, and the building fell into a state of disrepair. Morrison-Knudsen Corporation purchased the depot in 1990, and using old plans and photographs, restored much of the depot to its original state. In January of 1996, the City of Boise took possession of the building and it is now used for special events in the evenings. Visitors can climb the stairs or ride a 9-person elevator to the bell tower, which offers an outstanding view of the Boise Valley.

## Come a Day or Two Early and Experience:

- **World Center for Birds of Prey** – [http://www.peregrinefund.org/world\\_center.asp](http://www.peregrinefund.org/world_center.asp)
- **Thunder Mountain Railroad** -- Train ride offers amazing scenery as it winds around a narrow canyon along the beautiful Payette River. Depending on your route, the train ride will venture through sagebrush covered hill sides, pristine national forests, mountain meadows and range lands. <http://www.thundermountainline.com>
- **LDS Temple** – just off the freeway at the Overland Road exit in the heart of Boise
- **Idaho Shakespeare Festival** -- <http://www.idahoshakespeare.org>
- **Idaho Historical Museum**
- **White water raft trips on the Payette River** -- <http://www.cascaderaft.com>  
FABULOUS!
- **Mountain Biking** – Boise rated #1 by Bike magazine, June 2003
- **Golf courses galore**
- **Boise Towne Square Mall** -- fantastic shopping

**A Few Places to Stay in Boise:** (All phone numbers are area code 208)

Hotels near the airport, which offers easy freeway access:

Best Western Airport	384-5000
Holiday Inn Express	388-0800
Fairfield Inn	331-5656
Hampton Inn	331-5600
Sleep Inn	336-7377
Inn America	389-9800
Super 8 Motel	344-8871
Comfort Suites	472-1222

Other hotels NOT near airport:

Amerisuites Boise Town Square Mall (next to mall ladies)	378-7000
Residence Inn	344-1200
Anniversary Inn (men, surprise the lady)	387-4900