DESERTS, MOUNTAINS & EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

There are very few places where you can start your day cross-country skiing in the mountains and end it stargazing in the desert. Here in Southwest Idaho, you can do that... and much more. From deserts to mountains and everything in between, here are the places you can’t miss.

BOISE RIVER GREENBELT
Following the course of the Boise River, this 20-mile-long trail runs straight along the edge of Boise’s vibrant downtown scene. Be sure to take a detour and check out any of the cafes, museums, wineries, and theaters all easily accessible from the trail.

SWIM AT ESTHER SIMPLOT PARK
RIVERFRONT WINE TASTING AT TELAYA WINE CO.
KAYAK AT BOISE WHITEWATER PARK
CATCH A SHOW AT IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

BRUNEAU SAND DUNES
At first glance, this Idaho landmark looks like a piece of the Sahara Desert — windswept sand dunes for miles around, warmed by the blazing sun. The tallest dune rises 470 feet high!

Just a 25-minute drive south from Mountain Home, the isolation of this area makes it a prime place to go stargazing. During the day, bring along a paddleboard or a sled and try out a local tradition — sandboarding.

HELLS CANYON
Hells Canyon is home to the deepest gorge in North America and some of the best whitewater in the nation. The canyon slices right through the border of Oregon and Idaho, and the rugged landscape is filled with Native American legends, geologic wonders and diverse wildlife.

In Hells Canyon, you’ll experience the Wild West at its best: untouched, unexplored and unadulterated. Whether you’re an adrenaline junkie, an avid outdoorsman or a weekend adventurer, it’s one of those places you have to cross off your bucket list. Here are some adventures you don’t want to miss:

WHITEWATER RAFTING
HIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
JET BOATING
FISHING

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