

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO



JANUARY

Start the year in true winter style with the greatest show on snow. The Idaho Sled Dog Challenge runs with checkpoints in McCall, New Meadows, Donnelly, Cascade, and Smiths Ferry.

Then, hit the slopes at **Bogus Basin, Brundage Mountain Resort, Tamarack Resort** or **Little Ski Hill**. **Snowmobile in the mountains** around McCall, Lake Cascade or the Pine-Featherville area.



FEBRUARY

Idaho's winter beer event, **Destination: Beer** brings dozens of Idaho breweries to McCall. Have a weekend adventure in a **backcountry yurt** outside of Idaho City. **Fat bike or snowshoe** at Jug Mountain Ranch. If **ice fishing** is more your thing, Lake Cascade State Park is one of the best spots to do it.



MARCH

Treefort Music Fest brings hundreds of bands to downtown Boise for five days of music, art and cultural events. It's the best time to venture out into the otherworldly **Owyhee Canyonlands** before the summer heat.



APRIL

April is **Idaho Craft Beer Month** — a great time to explore the 25+ breweries in Southwest Idaho. Spring brings **wildflower blooms** to the Boise foothills and the mountains of McCall. It's a beautiful time to go on a zipline tour at **Cascade Rope Challenge and Ziplines** or **Tamarack Resort**.



MAY

Hop on a **mountain bike** and cruise more than 2,000 miles of singletrack, or stick to the pavement and cruise the 46-mile **Boise Greenbelt** or the 84-mile **Weiser River Trail**. **Idaho Shakespeare Festival** kicks off mid-May, hosting five world-class plays in its stunning state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater.



JUNE

June is **Idaho Wine Month**. Visit the **Sunnyslope Wine Trail** in Caldwell or do an **urban tasting tour through Garden City or Downtown Boise**. Attend the annual **Emmett Cherry Festival**, which celebrates one of the first fruits to ripen in Idaho.

In Weiser, **The National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest & Festival** begins — a week-long event that has been taking place since 1953.



JULY

With more miles of raftable whitewater than any other state in the lower 48, experiencing the thrill of clean, rushing rivers is just part of summer in Southwest Idaho.

Raft down world-class whitewater, take a **jet boat tour** through Hells Canyon or spend a few leisurely hours floating the Boise River.

In Nampa, the **Snake River Stampede** takes place as it has for more than a century. It's one of the top ten regular season professional rodeos in the nation. Every five years, thousands descend on Boise's **Basque Block** for **Jaialdi**, a celebration of all things Basque with traditional food, drink, dancing and games.



OCTOBER

Cruise one of the nine scenic byways that cross the region or **get out and hike** through the fall colors. See the City of Trees from the foothills or step back in time **visiting ghost towns** like Silver City, Atlanta and Idaho City. Relive daring escapes (and possibly see an apparition) at the historic **Old Idaho State Penitentiary**. Fall is the best time to catch a **Boise State University Football** game on the blue turf.



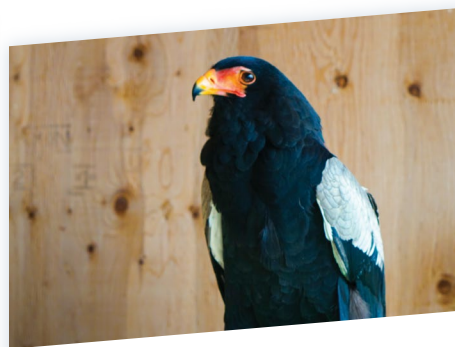
AUGUST

Huckleberries have been sweetening under the summer sun and are finally ready to pick by late summer, which means berry picking and the **Donnelly Huckleberry Festival**. The tiny mountain town of Yellow Pine comes alive during the annual **Yellow Pine Harmonica Festival**. Hundreds of professional cowboys and cowgirls convene at the annual **Caldwell Night Rodeo**. Late summer is also one of the best months to camp out in Southwest Idaho.



NOVEMBER

As the temperatures cool off, take the family to a developed **hot spring** like The Springs at Idaho City and Gold Fork. Just after Thanksgiving, holiday lights dazzle at **Winter Garden aGlow** in the Idaho Botanical Garden and **Caldwell Holiday Lights** at Indian Creek Plaza.



SEPTEMBER

For three magical days, the skies of Boise are filled with hot air balloons during the **Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic**. The **Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey** hosts Fall Flights, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see birds like eagles, hawks, falcons and owls show off their aerial skills up close.



DECEMBER

Ring in a New Year like you never have before at the **Idaho Potato Drop** in Boise or the **Cherry Rise** in Emmett. Dash through the snow on a **horse-drawn sleigh ride**. Glide and slide on ice skates at The Village in Meridian or Indian Creek Plaza in Caldwell.

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