

Idaho State Bengals

If you're wondering why everyone wears orange and black on Wednesdays, it's because Pocatello is Bengal country! The nation's first indoor stadium in college football, Holt Arena is a Pocatello landmark that plays host to football games and various community events throughout the year.

STEPHENS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

A cultural jewel of the Northwest, ISU's Stephens Performing Arts Center is an acoustically superb, world-class facility that ranks in the nation's top 10 performing arts centers.



History & Culture

Established in 1889, Pocatello was known as the Gateway to the Northwest for its access to the Oregon Trail. Pioneers, gold miners and settlers traveled this historical trail before heading west toward the Snake River. As years passed, stage-coaches, freight lines and the railroad soon took over, turning the Pocatello community into a thriving trade center and transportation junction. Shoshone Chief Pocatello granted the railroad access through the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, thus giving the city its name.

IDAHO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Known as Idaho's official state museum of natural history, the museum brings Idaho's natural and cultural heritage to life. Spend the day learning about anthropology, dinosaurs, earth science and life sciences.



FORT HALL REPLICA

Travel back in time to the 19th-century world of explorers, trappers, fur traders, pioneers, gold seekers and common folk. The Fort Hall Replica displays period lifestyle and replicates one of the northwest's earliest fur trading forts.



SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBAL MUSEUM

Learn about Chief Pocatello at the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Museum, which showcases tribal history, old photographs, artifacts from the Old Fort Hall and unique beadwork.

Know Before You Go

Pocatello is an excellent gateway for adventurers, uniquely positioned at a central point between some of the nation's greatest playgrounds. Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks are only a few hours away, not to mention world-renowned ski areas like Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Park City, Utah; and Sun Valley, Idaho.

- » Are you looking to save and beat the weekend crowds? Consider visiting Pocatello during the week to experience our Revive at 5 concerts and food truck roundups.
- » As the weather warms, please be fire smart and check fire restrictions before planning to camp. Always drown out all campfires—our forests and wildlife depend on it!
- » Before heading out on your adventure, check the weather and road conditions, and remember to be prepared with water, snacks, layers and sunscreen.

Sip & Savor

As a university town, Pocatello knows good food. Discover local coffee shops, bakeries, tried-and-true restaurants, modern eateries, late-night pubs and even a weekly food truck roundup on Main Street. Looking for more flavors? Don't forget to pick up Pocatello's Dining Guide.

Stop by the Pocatello Visitor's Center at 2695 S. 5th Ave., off Interstate 15 at exit 67.

Learn more about the best southeast Idaho has to offer at VisitPocatello.com.

For more information about Idaho, call 1-800-VISIT-ID.



POCATELLO · CHUBBUCK VISITOR GUIDE



Welcome

Pocatello is nestled in the picturesque valley of the Rocky Mountains, where the pine tree-covered mountains of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest meet the sagebrush of the Snake River Plain. Naturally, outdoor adventure and rich history are in our DNA.

We invite you to spend some time with us and see why so many visitors return to call Pocatello home.

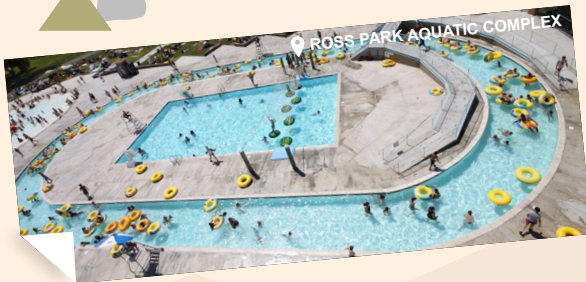
Things to Do & See

MUSEUM OF CLEAN

Squeegee it up at the world's only Museum of Clean. Explore the world's most extensive collection of vacuums (including the world's first), plus washers, chimney sweeps, a toilet collection, the interactive Kid Planet and more.

POCATELLO ROSS PARK AQUATIC COMPLEX

Make a splash at Pocatello's Aquatic Complex in Ross Park, the city's largest park. Float the lazy river, slide down the water slide or let the kiddos have fun in the zero-depth pool with a playground.



Four Seasons of Adventure

FLOAT THE PORTNEUF RIVER

Grab your swimsuit, sun protection, water and snacks, and get ready to embark on an inner tube float down the Portneuf River.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN POCATELLO

Stroll through downtown's historic architecture, and meander through specialty shops, art galleries and antique shops. Spread throughout downtown, the First Friday Art Walk features live music, art and dining. From May to October, shop for fresh local produce and products at the Portneuf Valley Farmers Market.

CONQUER THE CRAGS

Rock climbers often travel to Pocatello just to scale the Shady Side and Sunny Side of the basalt lava cliffs of Ross Park, located in the heart of the city. Massacre Rocks State Park provides plenty of routes just 37 miles from Pocatello. Whether you aim to compete or spectate, stick around for the Pocatello Pump, the nation's oldest rock-climbing competition, each September.

HIT THE TRAIL

Whether you're up for a heart-pounding mountain bike ride or a leisurely nature walk, Pocatello is home to more than 1,000 biking, hiking and walking trails. The City Creek Trail System and the Portneuf Greenway are favorites for thrill seekers and relaxers.

HOLE IN ONE

Pocatello is home to two 18-hole public courses and one private membership course. Golfers have no trouble finding a beautifully groomed course to challenge their game.

ZOO IDAHO

With a focus on species from Idaho and the Intermountain West, Zoo Idaho is home to cougars, bison, elk, birds of prey and even grizzly bears.

DISC GOLF

Try your arm at disc golf on one of Pocatello's numerous grassy or sagebrush-covered courses in the area, with several of the most popular courses sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association.

SNOW MUCH FUN

The East Fork Mink Creek Nordic Center offers groomed skate and classic ski trails, separate snowshoe trails and a sledding hill. Mink Creek offers seven parking areas and five trails. Find snowmobile trails at Scout Mountain, Garden Creek and South Mink Creek for miles of powder and mountain trails. Pebble Creek Ski Area also provides a variety of intermediate downhill trails.

WINTER TRAILS

Come winter, Pocatello's incredible mountains, trails and meadows become covered in snow and provide cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or snowmobiling adventures. Just don't forget your Park 'N' Ski Pass!

HUNTING & FISHING

With great weather comes year-round fishing at the finest ponds, mountain lakes, rivers and crystal-clear trout streams in Pocatello. The surrounding backcountry offers bird, upland and big-game hunting opportunities.

LAVA HOT SPRINGS MINERAL POOLS

Mineral-infused water from natural hot springs feeds these hot pools, only 35 miles from Pocatello, offering soothing relaxation year-round.

