

# LEARN THE STATE SYMBOLS



## STATE SEAL

Designed by Emma Edwards Green, Idaho's seal became official in 1891 by an act of the state legislature. The Latin motto, "Esto Perpetua," means "let it be perpetual." It's the only state seal designed by a woman.



## STATE FLAG

The state flag, consisting of a blue field with a gold border, proudly displays the state seal with the words, "State of Idaho," in gold block letters on a red ribbon.



## STATE FLOWER

The state flower is the syringa, also known as "mock orange." It grows in clusters of white blossoms on a branching shrub.



## STATE TREE

The state tree, the western white pine, grows abundantly in northern Idaho. The largest western white pine in the world stands 219 feet high near Elk River, Idaho.



## STATE FOSSIL

The state fossil, the Hagerman Horse, is named after the town in south central Idaho where it was discovered. These 3.7 million-year-old fossils are closely related to zebras and can be seen inside the Thousand Springs State Park Visitor Center shared with the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.



## STATE HORSE

The state horse is the Appaloosa, a breed known for its spotted coat. During the Nez Perce War of 1877, the non-treaty Nez Perce used these horses to escape the U.S. Calvary.



## STATE FISH

The state fish is the cutthroat trout, named for the reddish-orange color on the underside of its lower jaw.



## STATE BIRD

The state bird is the mountain bluebird. Males are mostly pale sky blue, while females are blue-gray with blue wings. They live in open grasslands and tree holes and can be identified by their zig-zagging flight pattern.



## STATE GEM

The state gem, the star garnet, is a vibrant dark purple/plum-colored stone that can only be found in Idaho and India.



## STATE DINOSAUR

The state dinosaur is the Oryctodromeus, a dog-sized, burrowing herbivore with a seven-foot tail that once lived in Idaho and parts of southwest Montana.

# TURN YOUR ROAD TRIP INTO A FIELD TRIP

Did you know that Idaho is home to 31 scenic byways? These special roads aren't just for getting from place to place—they're packed with exciting things to see and learn! Buckle up and get ready to check out cool history, beautiful landscapes and wildlife on one of these adventure-filled drives.



ARE WE THERE YET?

Scan the QR code to take a peek at these amazing routes around Idaho.



# WELCOME TO IDAHO



Governor Brad Little and First Lady Teresa Little

Buckle up for an amazing Idaho adventure! With its gorgeous landscapes, exciting history and endless outdoor fun, Idaho is the ultimate playground for kids of all ages to explore and learn. Let your imagination run wild as you uncover the wonders of the Gem State, where every day brings a new adventure.

## LEARN MORE & KEEP EXPLORING!

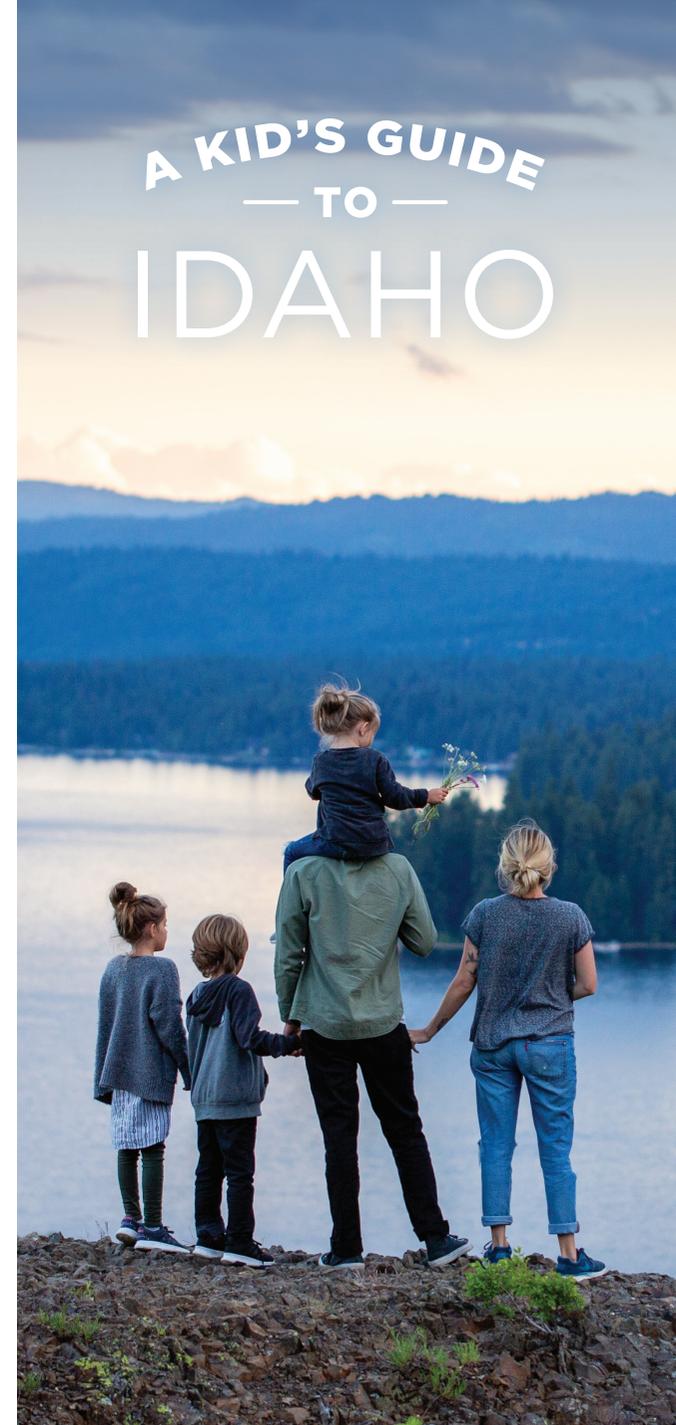
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## READY TO GET CREATIVE?

Grab your crayons and colored pencils, then scan the QR code to discover fun Idaho-themed coloring pages!

# A KID'S GUIDE — TO — IDAHO



Get to Know the 43rd State

# DIVE INTO IDAHO'S HISTORY

Did you know that Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were the first explorers to visit Idaho? They were sent here in 1805 by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana Purchase and find a route to the Pacific Ocean.

Over the years, trappers and fur traders traveled to Idaho because there were so many beavers. Franklin, located in southeastern Idaho, became the state's first town on April 14, 1860. That same year, gold was discovered in Orofino Creek in northern Idaho, which attracted a rush of prospectors and miners to the Nez Perce (nez-purse) Reservation in search of their fortunes.

On March 4, 1863, Idaho became its own territory thanks to President Abraham Lincoln. The first capital was in Lewiston, but it was moved to Boise in 1864, where it remains today. Idaho became the nation's 43rd state on July 3, 1890, when President Benjamin Harrison signed the Idaho Admission Act.

## IDAHO TRIVIA

### RECTANGULAR ROOTS

When Idaho became a territory in 1863, it resembled a rectangle and consisted of all of Idaho, Montana and most of Wyoming.

Silverwood Theme Park



White Pine Scenic Byway



# NATIVE NATIONS IN IDAHO

Native Americans have played a big role in Idaho's history and continue to be an important part of its culture to this day. There are five federally recognized tribes in Idaho: the Kootenai (koo-tuh-nee), Coeur d'Alene (core-duh-lane) and Nez Perce (nez-purse) in the north; and the Shoshone-Bannock and Paiute (pie-oot) in the southeast and south. If you look carefully, you can see their influence all over the state—many streets, towns, landmarks and counties are named after these tribes to honor their heritage.



## IDAHO TRIVIA

### SACAJAWEA'S HERITAGE

Sacajawea was a member of the Agai'dika Shoshone-Bannock tribe and was born in Lemhi County, Idaho.



Nez Perce National Historical Park

Capitol Building



## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Scan the QR code to learn more about tribes in Idaho and other local cultures.



# GET OUTSIDE

Home to rugged mountains, huge forests and beautiful bodies of water, Idaho is one giant adventure park waiting to be explored. Cool off at a sparkling lake, where you can row a canoe, hop on a paddleboard, or even give fishing a try. Head to one of Idaho's rivers for splashy thrills like whitewater rafting and jet boating. On land, have a blast at our state parks and national forests, filled with incredible scenery, interesting animals and trails for hiking and biking. When winter comes, bundle up and get ready for a fantastic snow day at any of Idaho's 19 ski areas.

## FOUR SEASONS OF FUN

Here in Idaho, exploration never ends. Summer and fall months are warm and dry, winters are short and mild and there's plenty of sunshine all year round. Best of all, we get very little rain from June until the first snowfall, which means you'll have lots of time to enjoy the outdoors!

## IDAHO TRIVIA

### SKY HIGH HISTORY

The world's first ski chairlift was invented in 1936 and installed at Sun Valley Resort in central Idaho.



Whitewater Rafting

# DO YOU KNOW IDAHO?



- The state capital is Boise (boy-see).
- Idaho is nicknamed "The Gem State" because it has a lot of rare minerals.
- Idaho shares borders with Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and British Columbia, Canada.
- Idaho has more than 2,000 lakes.
- Measuring nearly 8,000 feet deep and 10 miles wide, Hells Canyon is North America's deepest river gorge and is about 2,000 feet deeper than the Grand Canyon.
- Idaho is home to five Certified International Dark Sky Places that are great for stargazing: Bruneau Dunes State Park, Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve, City of Rocks National Reserve, Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve and the city of Ketchum.
- The Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness is the largest area of unbroken wilderness in the Lower 48 states, with 2.3 million acres of stunning backcountry.
- Mount Borah, Idaho's tallest peak, stands at 12,662 feet.
- Idaho has 3,100 navigable miles of whitewater, the most in the Lower 48 states.
- National forests cover about 20.4 million acres of Idaho, about 40% of the state.
- Not only is Idaho the #1 producer of potatoes in the U.S., but wheat and barley are also among its top crops.

Winter Skiing



Biking

