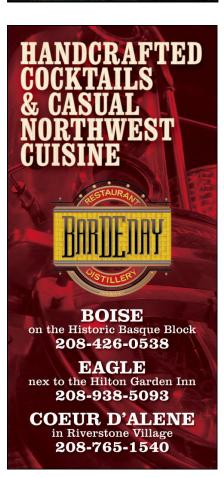


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With a river running through downtown and mountains beckoning just beyond, Southwest Idaho feels like paradise to anyone who enjoys being outdoors. Here's a sampling of activities you can try with an hour, a half day, or more.

ONE

 DAY

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MORE THAN A DAY

IF YOU HAVE:



You have time to walk or bike along the Boise Greenbelt. This popular paved path runs on both sides of the Boise River. Most sections are open to cycling, skating, and strolling. Or try your luck fly fishing in the Boise River. You'll see anglers casting right downtown.



Take a hike or mountain bike ride in the Foothills, Boise locals' name for the city's mountainous backdrop. For a quick adventure, check out the trails behind the Old Idaho Penitentiary (east of downtown along Warm Springs Avenue) or the Hulls Gulch area, accessible via the north end of Eighth Street.



If it's summer, take a whitewater trip on the Payette River, 45 minutes north of town. Cascade Raft offers half-day trips that range from mild to wild. Or in winter, hit the slopes at Bogus Basin, Boise's own backyard ski mountain.



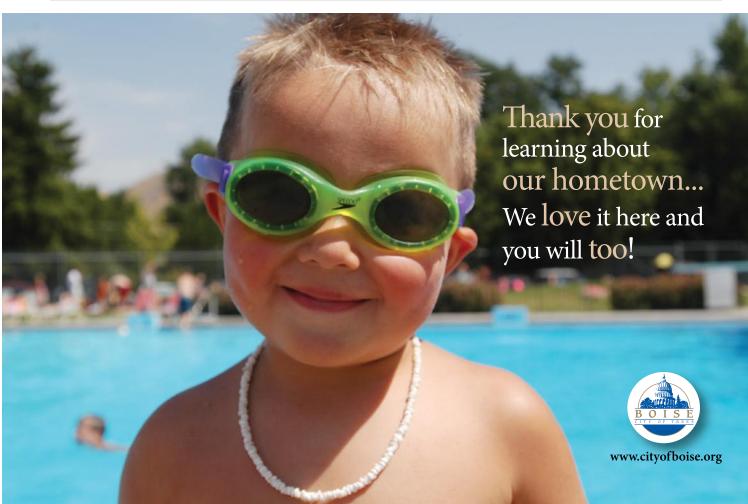
Experience Tamarack Resort, a fourseason luxury resort two hours north of Boise on the shores of Lake Cascade. The Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed Osprey Meadows golf course is a natural feast for the senses, with stunning views and wildlife wandering the greens. Winter activities include skiing, boarding, and backcountry adventures on snowmobile.



Boise is less than three hours from the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, a gem of the West, with pristine lakes tucked amid mountain peaks. Southeast of Sawtooth, Craters of the Moon National Monument features fantastic landscapes of ancient lava flows.







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