

# Bear River

HERITAGE AREA



— Julie Hollist

GOLDEN  
SPIKE

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VALLEY

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COUNTRY

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TRAILS

Blessed by Water Worked by Hand



# The Bear River Heritage Area — Blessed by Water, Worked by Hand

## Welcome to the Bear River Heritage Area!

**It sits in a dry part of North America, yet this watershed of the Bear River is greener than its surroundings, offering a hospitable home to wildlife and people alike. Early Shoshone and Ute Indians, nineteenth-century Mormons, modern entrepreneurs and outdoor enthusiasts have all been attracted to this region. We hope you'll enjoy exploring the unique people, places, arts, crafts, activities and institutions that make this our home.**

### Native Americans and Trappers

The Indians migrated back and forth through this region with the seasons, taking advantage of the best weather and making use of plants and wildlife in their daily lives. The old Shoshone name for the Bear River is “Bia Ogoi,” or “Big Water.” Then in the early 1800s, when the fur trade was brisk, trappers of European extraction entered the area seeking beaver and other furs. They learned much from the Native Americans about survival in the area's sometimes harsh conditions, and they gathered annually at rendezvous (RON day voo) to sell their furs, buy new supplies, share news and meet old friends. Over the two decades of active

fur trade, sixteen rendezvous were held—four in what is now the Bear River Heritage Area, and the other twelve within 65 to 200 miles. Cache Valley, which straddles the Utah-Idaho border (and is home to Logan, Utah, and Preston, Idaho, among others), was named for the mountain man practice of storing (caching) their pelts there.

### Nineteenth Century Immigration

The Oregon Trail brought thousands of immigrants through this region, and the Mormon migration took place in the 1840s-1870s, when believers in the new religion fled persecution in Missouri, Illinois and elsewhere to make a new home in a remote area they thought would be safe. Most nineteenth-century Mormon immigrants came from the eastern United States, Great Britain, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. This settlement has had a profound effect on the landscape you see around you as you drive through the Heritage Area, from the layout of towns and farms to the architecture of barns, fences and Mormonism's most sacred buildings, the temples. The temple in Logan, Utah, is one of the earliest built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the official name of the church known popularly by its nickname, the Mormon Church).

On May 10, 1869, the transcontinental railroad was completed at Promontory, Utah, just north of the Great Salt Lake. This helped ensure the continued growth of the region as people and freight passed through on regularly scheduled trains.

### The Bear River

The head of the Bear River in the Uinta Mountains is only about 90 miles from where it ends at the Great Salt Lake to the west. However, the river makes a large, 500-mile loop through three states, providing water, habitat for birds, fish, and other animals, irrigation for agriculture and hydroelectric power for homes and businesses.

### Reading the Landscape

The heritage of the Bear River Heritage Area still shows today in its landscape, people, economy and culture. Agriculture is still a primary occupation here. While we have a green spot in the arid west, we still worry about water, especially as populations grow. You may see clear water flowing down gutters and in ditches in many towns. This is the irrigation system established by Mormon settlers, still in use today. A type of grain farming called “dry farming” is practiced on the hillsides, where no irrigation water can reach.

Many businesses and institutions that were established early in the region's history and still operate today: farm supply stores, Utah State University in Logan, the raspberry farms around Bear Lake, the orchards on the western slopes of the Wasatch Mountains and the family farms and ranches found throughout the region. Several of the communities have small museums, some only open by appointment. Watch for these, often housed in historic buildings such as log cabins or Mormon tithing houses. Visit some of the restaurants and other businesses operated by old timers and also

those established by more recent immigrants, like people from Japan, Mexico, Vietnam and more.

Look for cultural markers on the landscape, like town welcome signs, historic barns and hay stacking machines, clusters of evergreen trees around old cemeteries and town squares that often contain a church building (like the tabernacles in Paris, Idaho; and Brigham City, Logan, and Wellsville, Utah, and the old Oneida Stake Academy in Preston, Idaho).

See if you can absorb the spirit of the people here. They place a high value on self-sufficiency and independence, so you are likely to find people who make for themselves what they can—they like to quilt, for instance, and home gardens and home canning are popular. Finally, if you are in the area when a local celebration is going on, come and join in the fun! Many of the community festivals are very old, such as Mendon, Utah's May Day celebration, where songs written by pioneer ancestors are sung as little girls dance around the May poles. Many other celebrations are based on the agricultural-natural resource economy—the local harvest, be it raspberries, milk, peaches, wheat or trout.

Stay a while in the Bear River Heritage Area and find out why it is Blessed by Water, Worked by Hand.

This brochure is a sampling of products and institutions that provide a window into our local history and culture. There isn't room for an exhaustive listing of every activity, restaurant, hotel, and resource that make the Bear River Heritage Area great. We'll let you discover more of those on your own. Happy exploring!

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# Golden Spike



## Box Elder County Tourism

435.734.3315

[www.boxelder.org](http://www.boxelder.org)

## Visitors Center

Brigham City Chamber of Commerce

6 N. Main

Brigham City

435.723.3931

[www.brighamchamber.com](http://www.brighamchamber.com)

## Northwest Band of Shoshone

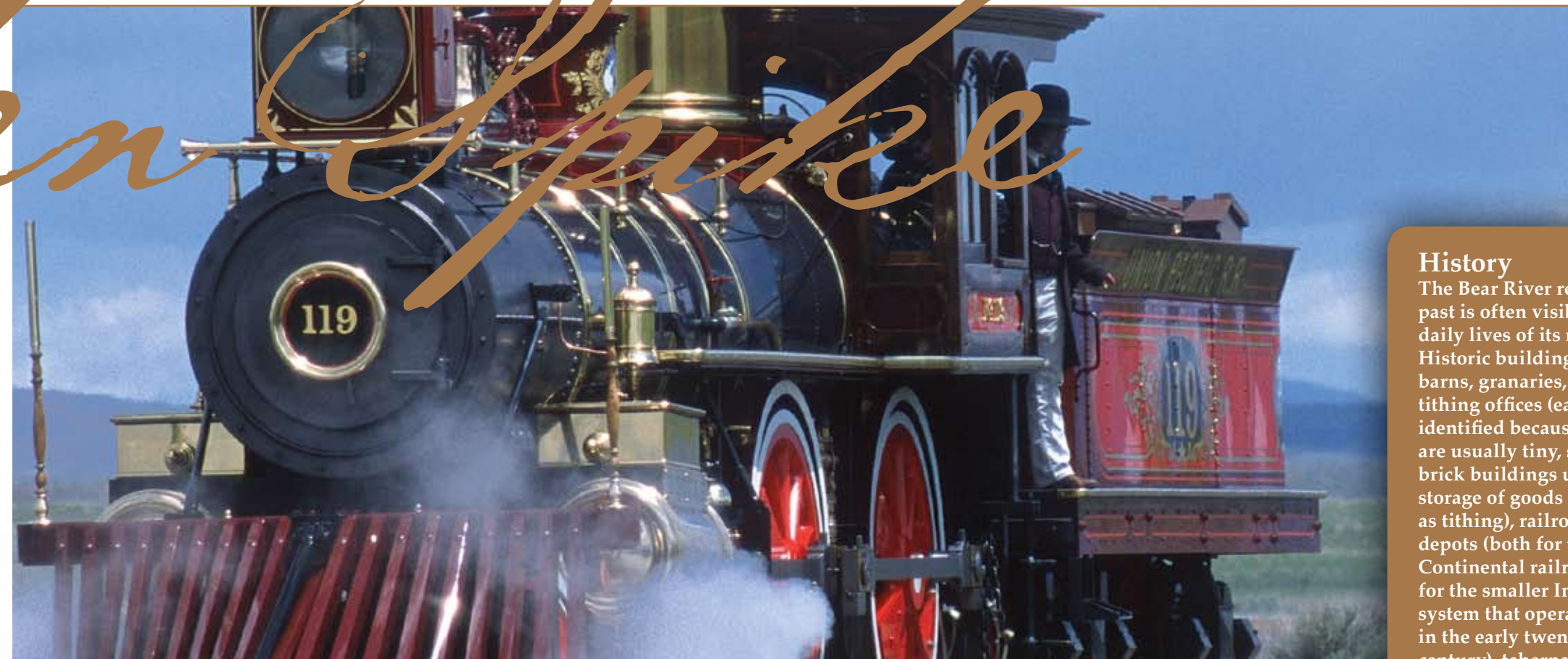
707 N. Main

Brigham City

435.734.2286

[www.nwbsoshone-nsn.gov](http://www.nwbsoshone-nsn.gov)

*The Golden Spike region is named for the famous events of May 10, 1869, when the nation's*



*first transcontinental railroad was completed with the ceremonial driving of the golden spike. The event took place at Promontory, Utah, about 32 miles west of the county seat of Brigham City, near the northern end of the Great Salt Lake. The county itself is named for the numerous Box Elder trees that grow here in this part of the Great Basin.*

*The first permanent white settlements were established in 1851 when Mormons moved north from the Salt Lake City area and settled in what are now Willard and Brigham City. Shoshone Indians already lived in the area and numerous violent incidents occurred until a treaty was negotiated in 1863.*

*The economy is centered on agriculture (hay, grain, fruit and livestock) and aerospace technologies, specifically ATK Launch Systems (formerly Thiokol), which was established in 1957 and has been a major contributor of missiles, parts and other technology for national defense and space exploration.*

## Golden Spike National Historic Site

On May 10, 1869, the final spike was driven, completing the transcontinental railroad and revolutionizing travel across North America. Visit Golden Spike National Historic Site and witness historic reenactments and locomotive demonstrations and participate in ranger programs and films. You can take a self-guided auto tour over historic railroad grades. Within an 8-mile radius, you can experience 100 years of transportation history by visiting the Golden Spike National Historic Site and visiting the rocket display at Thiokol (see separate listing), where scientists helped put a man on the moon exactly 100 years later in 1969! The Golden Spike National Historic Site is also a great place to watch birds. Birders have reported seeing Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ferruginous Hawk, Sage Thrasher

and Brewers Sparrow. Come prepared with plenty of gas, food and water—this is a remote site. Gas and food services are located 20 miles east of Golden Spike in Corinne and in downtown Tremonton.

**Location:** Golden Spike National Historic Site, 32 miles west of Brigham City, via Highways 13 and 83.

**GPS:** 41.62039° N 112.54665° W

**Hours:** Mon-Sun 9 am-5 pm

**Open:** Year-round, except holidays

**Information:** 435.471.2209, ext. 29; [www.nps.gov/gosp](http://www.nps.gov/gosp)

## History

The Bear River region's past is often visible in the daily lives of its residents. Historic buildings like barns, granaries, Mormon tithing offices (easily identified because they are usually tiny, square brick buildings used for storage of goods donated as tithing), railroad depots (both for the Continental railroad and for the smaller Interurban system that operated in the early twentieth century), tabernacles, temples, schools and courthouses are in almost every town. Many towns also have small museums, frequently operated by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The Oregon Trail and the Hudspeth Cutoff portion of it run through the Heritage Area. There are also roadside markers for important events such as the Bear River Massacre, in which a group of California Volunteer soldiers under the command of Colonel Patrick Connor annihilated nearly 400 Northwestern Shoshone men, women and children in January 1863 (the marker is about 5 miles northwest of Preston, Idaho, on Highway 91).





## Brigham City

### Experiences

#### Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge offers some of the most phenomenal waterbird watching in the western United States. The Refuge's more than 74,000 acres of marsh and upland habitats create an oasis for birds in this desert climate. From the 12-mile auto tour loop, visitors are treated to the sights and sounds of many of the 200+ species found there. The refuge is known for mind-boggling numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds from March to November.

The 55,000 American White Pelicans that nest on Great Salt Lake's Gunnison Island—one of North America's three largest pelican

colonies—feed daily on fresh fish at the refuge. American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, and Western and Clark Grebe chicks will surely peg the “cute” meter in the early summer months. And if you're hankering to see waterfowl in the fall, how about Tundra Swans? About 40,000 swans are often reported at the refuge during routine waterbird surveys each November, and numbers around Great Salt Lake can reach in excess of 50,000 birds! For a refuge birding report updated monthly, call 435.734.6426.

The Refuge's new Wildlife Education Center (visitor center) features interactive exhibits about birds, an auditorium, teaching lab, bookstore and more. The Refuge has special Saturday program. Guided Refuge tours are given seasonally.

**Location:** Wildlife Education Center (Visitor Center) is one block west of Interstate 15 on 2155 W. Forest St. (exit

#363) at Brigham City. The self-guided auto tour route starts 12 miles west of the Wildlife Education Center.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm; Sat 10 am-4 pm

**Open:** The refuge auto tour route is open sunrise to sunset year-round, weather and road conditions permitting.

**Information:** 435.723.5887; www.fws.gov

#### Brigham City Depot

This depot opened in 1907, is registered as a National Historic Site and was the location for thousands of cheerful hellos and tearful goodbyes during World War II. The Craftsman hip-roof style depot was once a major shipping center for Union Pacific, but now houses an educational center for railroad history and community open houses. Every October the depot sponsors a Scarecrow Alley, asking people from the community to bring in their scarecrows for all to enjoy around Halloween. Every December, a Christmas Tree Lane is also set up with community participation. All events are free and open to the public.

**Location:** 833 W. Forest St.

**Hours:** Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 1 pm-5 pm; or by appt.

**Open:** May-Dec

**Information:** Depot: 435.723.2989; alternate numbers: 435.723.2948, 435.723.3963

#### Brigham City Museum/Gallery

Founded in 1970, the Brigham City Museum-Gallery is a regional art and history center. The important pioneer history of Brigham City is told with hands-on exhibits and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers artifacts. Eliza's Attic is an introduction to the settlement's lifestyle while the interactive tool area helps children and their parents understand how the pioneers worked. Rotating art exhibits are located in the gallery part of the facility. Exhibits are varied and include traditional and art quilts, photography, all types of painting, printmaking, drawing, ceramics and sculpture. Quality exhibits are curated from the works of regionally known artists and the museum hosts at least one national touring

show per year.

**Location:** 24 N. 300 W.

**Hours:** Tue-Fri 11 am-6 pm; Sat 1 pm-5 pm

**Information:** 435.723.6769; www.brighamcity.utah.gov

#### Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation

Utah and Southeastern Idaho were settled first by the Shoshone. Today's Shoshone are especially well-known for their beadwork. Stop by the offices of the Northwest Band and get information on events and artisans from Patty Timbimboo-Madsen, Cultural and Natural Resource Director.

**Location:** 707 N. Main St.

**Open:** Mon-Fri 8:30 am-5 pm

**Information:** 435.734.2286, ext.13

### Heritage Sites

#### Brigham City Tabernacle

Built on “Sagebrush Hill,” on a site chosen in 1865 by Brigham Young himself, this tabernacle took nearly 15 years to build. It was gutted by fire in 1896. The formerly somewhat plain building was rebuilt with a Gothic Revival tower and 16 pinnacles. Free guided tours are available June through September.

**Location:** 251 S. Main St.

#### Brigham City Mormon Co-op Buildings

In the 1860s, Brigham Young instituted the “cooperative movement” in Utah. With the new transcontinental railroad came goods made elsewhere and church leaders feared that materialism and covetousness would grow among the Mormons. A system of businesses owned cooperatively was created, with existing private businesses and individuals

### Diesel and Steak!

Old Highway 89 and Interstates 15 and 84 continue Box Elder County's transportation legacy, which dates from the days of covered wagons and steam locomotives that carried people and goods to the West and to the gold fields in Montana. The era of the automobile and highway freighting opened the way for the development of the truck stop. Box Elder County has several of these, whose characteristics are home-style cooking and savory ethnic foods.



getting shares for their resources and inventories that were contributed. Mormons were encouraged to buy from the “co-ops,” which made a variety of goods, from flour to furniture. The Brigham City Mercantile and Manufacturing Association was the local co-op in Box Elder County. The remaining co-op buildings in Brigham City are the largest concentration of such in Utah and a model for others.

**Location:** 5 N. Main St. (This was the co-op store); 56 N. 500 E.

### Restaurants

#### Bert’s Family Cafe

Opened in 1929 by Grandfather Bert Olsen, this cafe is run by third-generation family members. They still offer the same rib-sticking hearty meals.

**Location:** 89 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 6 am-6 pm; Sat 6 am-4 pm;  
Sun 7 am-2 pm

**Information:** 435.734.9544

#### Hunan Village

Chinese, Hunan, Szechwan and Mandarin food  
**Location:** 686 S. Main St.

**Hours:** Mon, Wed, Thurs 11 am-9:30 pm; Fri 11 am-10:30 pm; Sat noon-10:30 pm

**Open:** Closed on Tue

**Information:** 435.723.8885

#### Idle Isle Cafe

Locally owned and operated, the Idle Isle Cafe opened its doors in 1921, making it the third oldest restaurant still in operation in Utah. They serve up home-style food and wonderful home-made desserts.

**Location:** 24 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 11 am-8 pm; Wed closes at 2:30;  
Fri-Sat 11 am-9 pm

**Information:** 435.734.2468

#### Maddox Ranch House

Since 1949, the Maddox family has been serving delicious home-cooked meals. They are famous for their home-grown beef and also serve bison (less fat than regular beef—give it a try!), chicken and fresh seafood. Now in their third generation, everything on the menu is made from scratch, including breads, rolls, ice cream and sodas. You can go inside for a juicy steak, or grab a burger at the drive-in. Don’t miss the stockyard in the back where you can view bison grazing.

Just south of the main restaurant you will notice the Lodge, a beautiful post and beam log structure that was built by a group of Amish builders. Call Maddox for more information about banquets for more than 50 people. [www.maddoxfinefood.com](http://www.maddoxfinefood.com)

**Location:** 1900 S. Hwy 89, south of Brigham City

**Hours:** Tues-Sat 11 am-9:30 pm;  
Drive-in closes at 9 pm in winter

**Information:** 435.723.8545

#### Melina’s Mexican Restaurant

South of the border decor and food plus American food items. Melina’s has a breakfast and lunch buffet.

**Location:** 40 W. 700 S.

**Hours:** Summer: Mon-Thurs 11 am-9:30 pm;  
Fri-Sat 11 am-10:30 pm;

Winter: Mon-Thurs 9 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat open until 10

**Information:** 435.723.6000

#### Peach City Ice Cream

Peach City Ice Cream has been serving up tasty burgers and delicious shakes since 1937. Locally owned by the Morgan brothers, Harvey and Blynn, this local hangout serves over 20 flavors of homemade ice cream. The house specialties are the Big Joe burger and peach shakes made in season (late June through August). Harvey Morgan met his wife at Peach City where Bonnie was a carhop and he was cook—now it’s all in the family!

**Location:** 306 N. Main St.



**Hours:** Sun-Thurs 11 am-10:30 pm; Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm;  
Sunday 11:30-9:30. In winter, closes 30 minutes earlier  
**Information:** 435.723.3923

#### Ricardo’s Restaurant

Famous for their chili rellenos and taco plate, as well as carne asada steak on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Location:** 131 S. Main St.

**Hours:** Tues-Thurs 11 am-8:30 pm; Fri 11 am-9 pm; Sat noon-9 pm

**Information:** 435.723.1811

### Shopping

#### Village Dry Goods

Calling all quilters! For a week every June you can shop-hop to this and 14 other quilting shops along the Wasatch Front. During deer hunting season in the fall, the quilt shops sponsor an overnight trip for all those “hunting widows.”

Check out the Shop-Hop at [www.utahshophop.com](http://www.utahshophop.com). Village Dry Goods participates in Brigham City’s Heritage Arts Festival, which usually occurs on the second Saturday in June, by offering lectures and quilt classes.

**Location:** 96 S. Main Willard Utah

**Information:** 435.723.1315;  
[www.villagedrygoods.com](http://www.villagedrygoods.com)

#### Idle Isle Candy

Idle Isle Candy has been in business since 1921 years and offers hand-dipped chocolates made daily in the store. Stop by and taste the house specialty and best seller, the almond cream toffee ball.

**Location:** 41 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm  
**Information:** 435.723.8003



## Collinston

### Experiences

#### Old Barn Community Theatre

The Old Barn Community Theatre produces several live performances each year in an 1867 stage stop barn. In the summer they host a barn burner with a Dutch oven dinner on opening night and at Christmas they host a Gala at show opening.

**Location:** 3605 Bigler Rd.; off Hwy 30 and about 3-4 miles east of the Riverside exit off Interstate 15 near Tremonton

**GPS:** 41.78473° N 112.10313° W

**Information:** For reservations call: 435.458.2276; [www.oldbarn.org](http://www.oldbarn.org)

## Corinne

### Experiences

#### ATK Launch Systems

Thiokol was founded in 1929 and is the world's largest producer of high-technology solid rocket motors for space, defense and commercial uses. They produce the giant solid rocket motors for NASA's space shuttle program. The name Thiokol stems from the Greek words for sulfur and glue, a reference to the company's original products, synthetic rubber and liquid polymer sealants. Thiokol has a free outdoor display of solid rocket motors at its facility. Within an 8-mile radius, you can experience 100 years of transportation history by visiting the Golden Spike National Historic Site, where the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869 (see separate listing), and the rocket display at Thiokol, where scientists helped put a man on the moon exactly 100 years later in 1969!

**Location:** About 25 miles west of Brigham City. Take Hwy 83 west, through Corinne, taking the left fork coming out of Corinne. You will eventually see the rocket motor display on the right.

**GPS:** 41.65895° N 112.44097° W

**Open:** year-round

**Information:** 435.863.3511

## Heritage Sites

#### Corinne, The Gentile Capital of Utah

The town of Corinne, was established in 1869 and for about a decade was known as "The Gentile Capital of Utah." (In Utah, the common use of the term "gentile" usually refers to non-Mormons rather than non-Jews, though it is used both ways.) The town was established to be just that by its founders, a group of former U.S. Army officers and non-Mormon merchants from Salt Lake City. They established it on the Union Pacific line, hoping to become the primary transfer point for mines in Montana and elsewhere. It gained a reputation for wild and raucous living and at one time boasted 15 saloons and 16 liquor stores. The founders even tried to work with Washington, D.C., supporters to get the town named the capital of Utah. Eventually, the "gentiles" plans were foiled when Brigham Young ordered the construction of the Utah Northern Railroad from Ogden to Franklin, Idaho, bypassing Corinne. The UNR was bought by Union Pacific in 1877 and Corinne's glory days were over. Now Corinne has both Mormon and non-Mormon residents and you can see some of its past in its historic buildings, including the small Methodist Church, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours of Corinne are available by appointment.

**GPS:** 41.55144° N 113.12337° W

**Information:** 435.744.2442

## Shopping

#### Clay Nicholas Saddlery

Clay has been building saddles for about 12 years. He started working with hides as a boy and continues to work leather into beautiful and functional saddles for the ranching community.

**Location:** 4780 W. 2400 N.

**Hours:** Call for appointment

**Information:** 435.744.0228

## Garland

### Restaurant

#### The Pie Dump and TL Steakhouse

"The Pie Dump by Day, Fine Dining—TL Steakhouse by Night."

The Pie Dump is family-owned and has been in business over 45 years. Their homemade from-scratch pastries and pies are a taste of heaven.

**Location:** 20 West 1400 South

**Hours:** The Pie Dump - Mon-Fri 6 am - 2 pm; -TL Steak House - 4 to 9 pm Fri and Sat

**Information:** 435-257-3947; [www.thepiedump.com](http://www.thepiedump.com)

## Grouse Creek

### Experiences

#### Box C Guest Ranch

Enjoy this family cattle ranch for a western working experience, or just relax in peace and quiet.

**Location:** Grouse Creek, Utah (the far northwestern corner of Utah).

**GPS:** 41.424362° N 113.534108° W

**Information:** 435.747.7400; P.O. Box 72, Grouse Creek, Utah 84313; [www.boxcranch.com](http://www.boxcranch.com)

## Lodging

#### Box C Guest Ranch

See previous entry.

## Honeyville

### Experiences

#### Crystal Hot Springs

Geothermal activity is evident throughout this region and hot springs can be found in numerous locations along the western slopes of the Wasatch Mountains. Crystal Hot Springs is a resort built around one of these natural hot springs 13 miles north of Brigham City in the town of Honeyville. The area was used as a winter campsite by the region's Shoshone Indians. Then, as the transcontinental railroad was being built, Chinese workers found the springs and built cedar tubs to capture the waters to provide soothing mineral baths. The first commercial development of the springs was in 1901. The resort now features modern attractions such as waterslides in addition to its traditional soaking pools. Camping facilities are available with and without hookups.

**Location:** 8212 N. Hwy 38

**Hours:** Opens at 10 am in summer, noon in winter

**Open:** Call or see website

**Information:** 435.279.8104; [www.crystalhotsprings.net](http://www.crystalhotsprings.net)

## Lucin

### Experiences

Lucin was a west desert oasis sometimes referred to as a "warbler trap." It was a small settlement that served a stretch of the Southern Pacific Railroad and is now abandoned. At first glance Lucin looks like a small pond with some surrounding trees, but it is much more, especially during spring and fall migrations with more than 100 bird species recorded at the site. Look for Northern Mockingbird, Eastern and Western Kingbird, Lark Sparrow, Northern Flicker, as well



## Natural Resources

What do fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, logging, phosphate mining, skiing, boating and folk medicine have in common? They rely on the plentiful natural resources of the Bear River Heritage Area. The water, fertile soil, abundant wildlife and timber were some of the attractions for the earliest inhabitants of the region. Grizzly bears no longer live here, but black bears, moose, elk, deer and many other animals roam our mountains and valleys. The Heritage Area includes parts of the Caribou National Forest, the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, the Sawtooth National Forest, all of the Curlew National Grassland, the Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge and the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. In addition, there are mineral deposits, hot springs and wild plants that are unique to the area.

as common Utah migrants including American Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, Northern Saw-whet Owl and Scott's Oriole. Habitat includes a water impoundment with trees and desert shrub. Fall brings many uncommon Utah migrants. This area is best visited during spring and fall.  
**Location:** 47 miles southwest of Park Valley  
**GPS:** 41.34578° N 113.90223° W

## — Perry —

### Experiences

#### Fruit Way

If you drive south from Brigham City through Perry and Willard on US Hwy 89, you will see numerous roadside stands selling local and imported fruit and vegetables. Some stands remain open year-round, but most open up once the local fruit trees and vegetable crops start producing. The season begins with cherries and continues through Halloween pumpkins. Enjoy the scenery of blossom-filled trees in the spring or jumbles of sweet corn and squash in the stands later in the summer along this highway. While you're there, take a look at some of the old stone and frame homes dating from the late

nineteenth century and see if you can spot any remaining evidence of the devastating flood that hit Willard in the 1920s, bringing silt down the canyon to cover roads, pathways and main floor living areas.

**GPS:** 41.47075° N 112.02894° W

#### Heritage Theatre

Heritage Community Theatre is housed in Perry's century-old former Mormon church building and offers musicals, children's theatre and drama.

**Location:** 2505 S. US Hwy

**Open:** Closed Tue and Sun. Call for current play dates and show times

**Information:** 435.723.8392

### Lodging

#### KOA Campground

This campground features experiences like hay rides and storytelling in summer season.

**Location:** 1040 W. 3600 S.

(US Hwy 89, south of Perry)

**Information:** 435.723.5503

## — Riverside —

### Experience

#### Lazy M Diamond G and the Cowboy Folk Arts of Max Godfrey

Max Godfrey learned to braid rawhide from his father and continues to make rawhide gear for the local ranching community. He is a well-known cowboy poet whose repertoire includes the classics and his own poetry that reflects his ranching heritage.

**GPS:** 41.51031° N 112.01427° W

**Hours:** Call for information

**Information:** 435.458.3298

## — Snowville —

### Restaurants

#### Mollie's Cafe

Mollie's—a tradition in Snowville for 25 years. Experience Mollie's joy of cooking in every meal.

**Location:** 15 E. Main

**Hours:** Daily 6 am-10 pm

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.872.8295

#### Ranch House Diner

Rustic western atmosphere; hearty, home-style fare.

**Location:** 10 S. Stone Rd.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 7 am-10 pm; closes one hour earlier on weekdays in winter

**Open:** Six days

**Information:** 435.872.8338

## — Tremonton —

### Experiences

#### Eli Anderson's Wagons

Interested in horse-drawn vehicles? Western filmmakers are! You won't want to miss the largest private collection in the West.

**Location:** 11200 N. 8790 W. Hwy 102. Take Main Street from Tremonton, follow it as it becomes Hwy 102.

**Open:** By appointment only

**Information:** 435.854.3760

#### Holmgren Historical Farm

This working family farm was homesteaded in 1896 under the Homestead Act. The farmstead is on the National Register of Historic Places due to its unusual dairy barn that retains hay storage and dairy operations under one roof. Most dairy operations in the state either had separate buildings for each use or constructed a milking parlor as an appendage to the barn. The farm remained in use as a dairy from its construction



until the year 2000 and has remained in the Holmgren family. The farm now hosts concerts, craft fairs and other events and has a rose garden, herbs and wild flowers.

**Location:** 460 N. 300 E.

**Open:** May-Oct

**Information:** 435.257.7696

### Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area

This site offers Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle (winter), Cinnamon Teal and Sandhill Crane. Take the Corrine exit off I-15. When you get into the town of Corrine follow the signs that point you in the direction of the Golden Spike Historical Site. Travel to 11300 West (Little Mountain county road, west of Little Mountain). You will see a small sign at the edge of a dirt road marked Salt Creek WMA. Travel north on this road to any of the three parking areas. The North Salt Creek WMA entrance can be accessed via 9600 North and 8400 West. South Salt Creek WMA entrance can be accessed via 6800 West (Iowa String) and traveling west on 6800 North to Comptons Knoll or the county road parking area or the main parking area by the outhouses. Driving directions at [www.utahoutdooractivities.com/saltcreek.html](http://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/saltcreek.html)

**Location:** 12 miles southwest of Tremonton

**GPS:** 41.63317° N 112.25804° W

### Restaurants

#### Crossroads Family Restaurant

Since 1932, Crossroads meals prepared from scratch have pleased the hearty appetite, the dieter and everyone in-between. Crossroads has unique menu offerings such as Greek salads and dressing, the Greek Gyro sandwich and Greek omelets with feta cheese. All their rolls, pies and cinnamon rolls are made fresh daily from scratch and their "chicken" fries are yummy! You can look forward to specials on breakfast, lunch and dinner five days a week. Open seven days a week.

**Location:** 1600 E. 20 S.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm; Sun 6 am-7 pm; Closes early Sundays in winter

**Information:** 435.257.3726

### Shopping

#### LaRue's Country Quilts

Quilting supplies galore to feed the "habit" of local quilters. LaRue's Country quilts has been in business for over 30 years and offers fabrics for quilting, hand and machine quilting, marking, quilt binding and hem stitching.

**Location:** 11000 N. 5600 W. 1/2 mile west and 1/2 mile south of the Crossroads.

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 9 am-1 am or call for appointment

**Information:** 435.257.0801

#### Leatherneck Saddlery

Don Hansen made his first saddle in 1939. In 1980, he opened his shop and has been making saddles full-time since then. A master teacher for the Utah Arts Council's Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program, Don passes on the saddle-making tradition to apprentices.

**GPS:** 41.51024° N 112.01427° W

**Information:** 435.257.7355

## Willard

### Experiences

#### Fruit Way

If you drive south from Brigham City through Perry and Willard on US Hwy 89, you will see numerous roadside stands selling local and imported fruit and vegetables. Some stands remain open year-round, but most open up once the local fruit trees and vegetable crops start producing. The season begins with cherries and continues through Halloween pumpkins. Enjoy the scenery of blossom-filled trees in the spring or jumbles of sweet corn and squash in the stands later in the summer along this highway.

While you're there, take a look at some of the old stone and frame homes dating from the late nineteenth century and see if you can spot any remaining evidence of the devastating flood that hit Willard in the 1920s, bringing silt down the canyon to cover roads, pathways and main floor living areas.

**GPS:** 41.47075° N 112.02894° W

### Willard Bay State Park

Nesting species include Black-headed Grosbeak, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Gray Catbird, Yellow Warbler and Song Sparrow; Bonaparte's Gull, Bald Eagle, Common Tern, Hooded Merganser and Common Loon in the fall and early winter. Visit this site any season. Get more information about Willard Bay here.

**Location:** Willard, just west of I-15 off exit #360.

### Heritage Sites

#### Willard Historic District

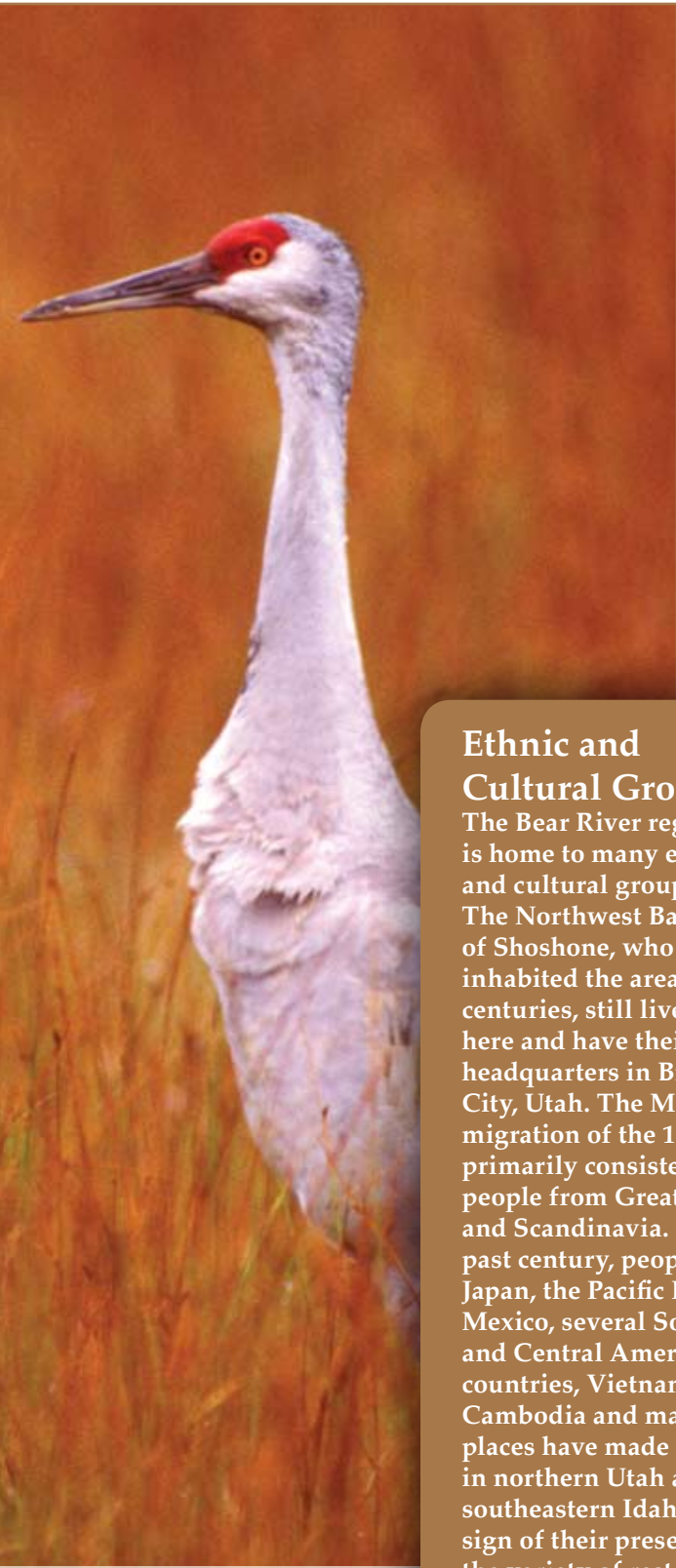
The first designated historic district in Utah, the Willard district reflects the Welsh heritage of many of its earliest settlers. The main builder of the homes was Shadrach Jones, a Welsh stonemason and the homes are mainly Greek Revival and Gothic in style, forming the largest grouping of pioneer stone homes in Utah. Some 40 homes predate 1895, 12 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Location:** The historic district is roughly bounded by 200 W., 200 N., 100 E. and 200 S. in Willard, just a few miles south of Brigham City on the west side of U.S. 89

**GPS:** 41.4091° N 113.03637° W

**Open:** Tours are available Apr-Oct

**Information:** Tour information: 435.734.0332



Sandhill Crane — Mike Bullock

### Ethnic and Cultural Groups

The Bear River region is home to many ethnic and cultural groups. The Northwest Band of Shoshone, who have inhabited the area for centuries, still live here and have their headquarters in Brigham City, Utah. The Mormon migration of the 1800s primarily consisted of people from Great Britain and Scandinavia. In the past century, people from Japan, the Pacific Islands, Mexico, several South and Central American countries, Vietnam, Cambodia and many other places have made homes in northern Utah and southeastern Idaho. One sign of their presence is the variety of restaurants featuring authentic foods from many cultures.



# Cache Valley

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## Cache Valley Visitors Bureau

199 North Main, Logan 84321  
435.755.1890, 800.882.4433  
[www.tourcachevalley.com](http://www.tourcachevalley.com)

Cache Valley was originally named Willow Valley because of the abundant willows growing along its many rivers and streams. Later, the name was changed to Cache Valley for the practice of early fur trappers to cache, or hide, their furs in the area. The Valley is about 50 miles long, 20 miles wide, surrounded by rugged mountains and straddles the Utah-Idaho border. It is a green oasis in the arid West, and even greener because of the irrigation system that was established by early settlers.

Cache Valley was originally only known to

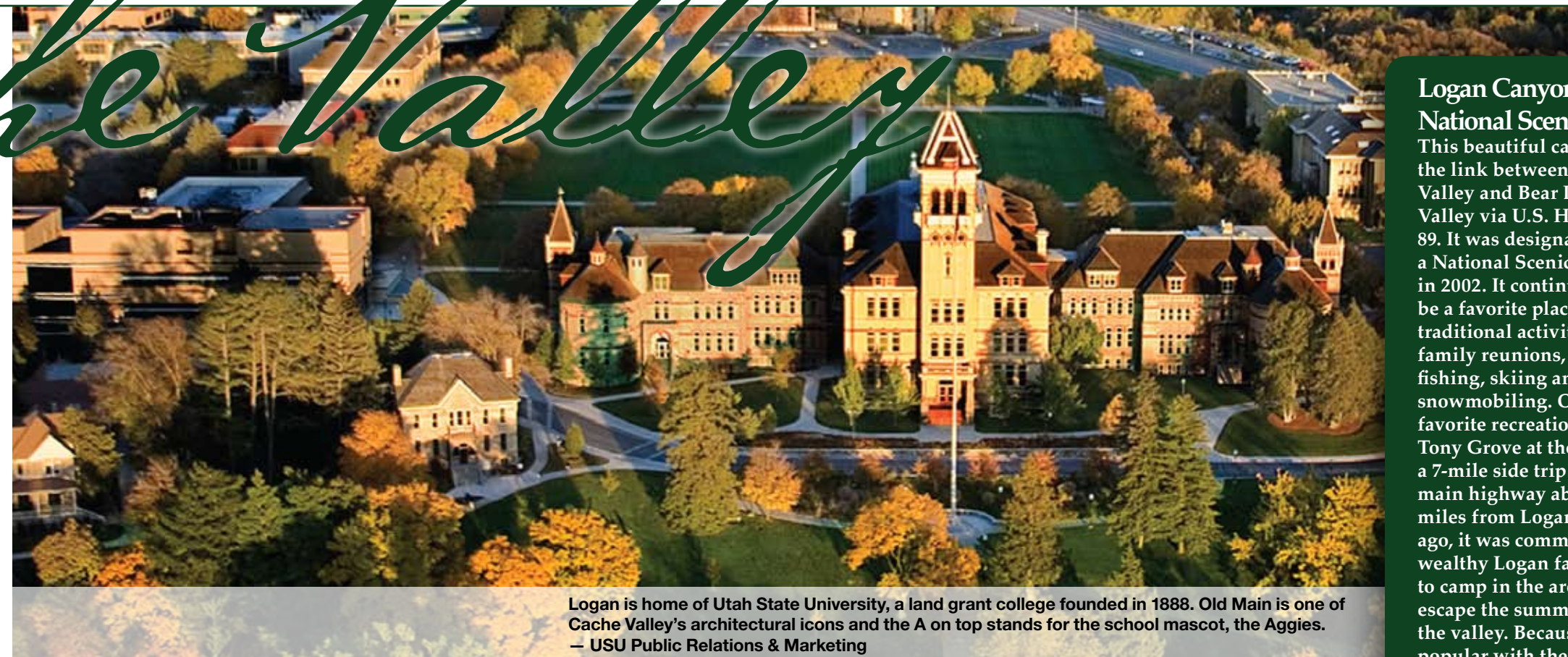
Indians (primarily Shoshone and Ute), then trappers. But soon after the Mormons settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, they began colonizing nearby areas. In 1855, cattlemen tending Brigham Young's and other's herds attempted a large settlement they called Elkhorn Ranch, in the present Nibley area. Unprepared for a severe winter, most of their cattle died and the ranch was all but abandoned for a few more years. In 1856, Cache Valley's first permanent settlement was established in Wellsville. The Valley is home to Utah State University and a wealth of outdoors, heritage and performing arts activities.

## Amalga

### Experiences

#### Amalga Barrens

The Amalga Barrens is several square miles of salt



Logan is home of Utah State University, a land grant college founded in 1888. Old Main is one of Cache Valley's architectural icons and the A on top stands for the school mascot, the Aggies.  
— USU Public Relations & Marketing

playa wetlands habitat with little human activity. Expect to see marsh birds, birds of prey and many shorebirds. This site is on private land; please stay on the road to view wildlife.

**Location:** Located 4 miles west of Smithfield on 7000 North. Turn west on 100 North in Smithfield. This becomes West Highway. From here turn north on 2400 West to access 7000 North.

**GPS:** 41.85965° N 111.91055° W

**Information:** [www.bridgerlandaudubon.org](http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org)

## Benson

### Experiences

#### Cutler Marsh

Cutler Marsh was created by the shallow water of the Bear River at the head of the Cutler Reservoir. It is best viewed from the bridges where roads cross the marsh and the boat docks (restroom here), or by

canoe. Expect many waterfowl and shorebirds. A 2.5-mile loop trail starts and ends near Benson Marina (on 3000 North) and includes a footbridge over the old railroad trestle to the south. Look for American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Great Blue Heron, Northern Harrier, Common Yellowthroat, American White Pelican and Sandhill Crane. Habitat includes freshwater marsh, open water, shoreline, wetland pasture and some riparian areas.

**Location:** There are various ways to access the marsh, but take US Hwy 30 west from Logan for about

## Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway

This beautiful canyon is the link between Cache Valley and Bear Lake Valley via U.S. Highway 89. It was designated as a National Scenic Byway in 2002. It continues to be a favorite place for traditional activities like family reunions, hiking, fishing, skiing and snowmobiling. One of the favorite recreation spots is Tony Grove at the end of a 7-mile side trip from the main highway about 20 miles from Logan. Years ago, it was common for wealthy Logan families to camp in the area to escape the summer heat in the valley. Because it was popular with the "tonies," or high-toned, uptown set, it became known as Tony Grove. The Tony Grove ranger station, located near the turnoff, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The canyon is also dotted with camping, fishing, rock climbing, picnicking areas and trailheads, and is home to Beaver Mountain Ski area and Beaver Creek Lodge. A guide to the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway is available at the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau, 199 North Main St. in Logan. This brochure details the scenic vistas and recreational facilities available to the Byway traveler. [www.logancanyon.com](http://www.logancanyon.com)





Internationally renowned Utah Festival Opera Company is in residence at the Ellen Eccles Theatre each summer. This region is well-known for its love of the performing arts. — Cory Weaver

2.5 miles. There is a boat launch on the south side of Hwy 30 or you can turn north on 3200 West or State Hwy 23 to access the marina and other viewing sites. GPS coordinates are for the Hwy 30 boat launch. **GPS:** 41.74586° N 111.94801° W **Information:** [www.bridgerlandaudubon.org](http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org)

**Muddy Road Outfitters and Canoe Rentals**

Jim and Barbara Waterson are knowledgeable about the waterways of the Bear River and its tributaries in Cache Valley. They have been helping people with their canoe trips for many years. Canoes available for rent, and maps and water blaster squirt guns are available too. **Location:** 4705 W. 3800 N. Benson—call for directions **GPS:** 41.80083° N 111.94863° W **Hours:** Call for reservations. **Information:** 435.753.3693

—•— *Clarkston* —•—

**Experiences**

**Martin Harris Pageant**

The town of Clarkston is home to an annual pageant chronicling the life of LDS Church leader Martin Harris, who helped finance the first printing of the Book of Mormon. Harris is buried in Clarkston, where he made his home during the last part of his life. Over the decades, the Martin Harris Pageant has grown from a little-known community play to an epic pageant attended annually by thousands of people. The 2,200 seat amphitheater is routinely filled. The pageant was written by Rhett James. Every year, hundreds of people from Cache Valley join together to produce and perform this beautiful

musical pageant about the life and testimony of Martin Harris. **Location:** Clarkston Cemetery, at the north end of 200 East in Clarkston. Take State Hwy 30 west from Logan, turn north on State Hwy 23 to Newtown and turn west at the Hwy 142 junction. **GPS:** 41.93166° N 112.04465° W **Information:** 435.563.9090; Martin Harris Pageant, P.O. Box 151, Clarkston, UT 84305; [www.martinharrispageant.org](http://www.martinharrispageant.org)

—•— *Cornish* —•—

**Experiences**

**Notlwonk Springs**

At Notlwonk Springs Farm sheep are chosen for qualities that appeal to the hand spinner such as softness and length of fiber. They sell fleece, roving (a long bundle of unspun fiber that is twisted together) and yarn in natural colors—black, brown, grey and white. Wooltrek Days is held the first weekend in May, and you can learn about the sheep and fleece industry. **Location:** 4420 West 14300 North, Cornish **Information:** Fred and Jo Knowlton, 435.258.5539; [ffknowlton@msn.com](mailto:ffknowlton@msn.com)

—•— *Hyrum City* —•—

**Experiences**

**Hardware Ranch and Elk Refuge**

Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was purchased by the State of Utah in 1945 as a location to operate a winter feeding program for Rocky Mountain Elk. Hardware Ranch WMA also provides habitat for many other species of wildlife, promotes wildlife research and management and offers visitors recreational wildlife education. Winter adventures include horse-drawn sleigh rides to view the wintering elk. Open for fishing and outdoor recreation during the summer. **Location:** Hyrum, (15 miles east of Hyrum on US Hwy 101 in Blacksmith Fork Canyon)

**GPS:** 41.60165° N 111.5682° W **Hours:** Daily 10 am-5 pm, Dec. 15 to Mar. 15; open for fishing and outdoor recreation in summer. **Information:** 435.753.6168 or 435.753.6206; [www.hardware ranch.com](http://www.hardware ranch.com)

**Hyrum City Museum**

The new Hyrum City Museum is still being developed in the beautiful new Hyrum City Library/Museum complex. The building was completed in May 2007 and at this printing, displays were being designed and constructed. Call for more information or to arrange a visit. **Location:** 50 West Main, Hyrum **GPS:** 41.63422° N 111.85638° W **Hours:** Call for hours or appointment. **Information:** 435.245.0208

**Hyrum State Park**

This beautiful 450-acre manmade lake offers boating, year-round fishing, waterskiing, camping and swimming. Facilities include a 32-unit campground with one ADA site, modern restrooms, showers, a concrete boat ramp and a sandy beach. A group camping area is available by reservation for reunions and parties. The park is located only 15 minutes from downtown Logan. Blacksmith Fork Canyon and Hardware Ranch Elk Refuge are only 16 miles to the east. **Location:** 405 West 300 South, Hyrum **GPS:** 41.62766° N 111.86694° W **Hours:** Gate is open 6 am-10 pm **Open:** Year-round, including Thanksgiving and Christmas **Information:** 435.245.6866

**Shopping**

**Rasmussen Pottery Studio**

K. and Kerri Rasmussen, husband and wife potters, work together to produce unique handmade functional and decorative pottery. Designs from nature are woven within their work. **Location:** 263 West 300 North, Hyrum **Hours:** Call for an appointment or stop by the home studio **Information:** 435.245.594; [www.raspottery.com](http://www.raspottery.com)



## —Lewiston—

### Shopping

#### Dragongoose Farm and Apple Cider

Dragongoose Farm is an interesting site, featuring an historic home and granary built in 1875. Around 1874, settler Niels Bergeson planted a box elder tree that is listed as a Utah Champion Box Elder. Part of the historic home was used as the Bergeson Maternity Home from 1939-1949. When you visit this site, be sure to take yourself on a tour of the half-acre flower garden, which has more than 300 rose varieties; and in the fall purchase a gallon of Dragongoose gourmet apple cider.

**Location:** 1700 South 800 East, Lewiston

**GPS:** 41.94416° N 111.83893° W

**Open:** Call before you visit.

**Information:** Business: 435.258.2702; Home:

435.258.2702; Cell: 435.760.1274;

www.dragongoose.com

#### Theurer's Store

Family-owned since 1904, Theurer's (pronounced "Tires") is a local favorite for Cache Valley residents. Theurer's started with a store in Providence, and grew to three stores around the valley. The Lewiston. Theurer's is still in operation and sells groceries, hardware items, fabric and also has a custom butcher shop. The fabric store has 750 to 1,000 bolts of quilting fabric that people come from all over to purchase. The owner also makes her own quilts and sells them at the store.

**Location:** 1 North Main, Lewiston

**GPS:** 41.92242° N 111.80883° W

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 8 am-7 pm

**Information:** 435.258.2755

## —Logan—

### Experiences

#### Beaver Mountain Ski Resort

Utah is world famous for our skiing, and Beaver Mountain boasts four lifts and perfect powder. It's the longest running family-owned ski resort in the country. The resort caters to skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels.

**Location:** 27 miles east of Logan, 15 miles west of Garden City on U.S.

Hwy 89, Logan Canyon

**Open:** Dec-Mar, daily, 9 am-4 p.m.; closed Christmas Day

**Information:** 435.753.0921; 435.753.4822 for 24-hour ski

report; www.skithebeav.com

#### Beaver Creek Lodge

Whether you come for our first-class snowmobiling, mountain horseback rides, a family reunion or business retreat, Beaver Creek Lodge is the place for you. Located in beautiful Logan Canyon, Beaver Creek Lodge is 27 miles east of Logan Utah along scenic US Hwy 89, the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway.

**Location:** Logan Canyon, Wasatch-Cache National Forest

**GPS:** 41.96298° N 111.52169° W

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm

**Information:** 800.946.4485; www.beavercreeklodge.com

#### Cache Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

View mountain man and early pioneer relics and enjoy reading historical accounts of Cache Valley natives.

**Location:** Chamber of Commerce building at 160 North Main St., Logan

**Hours:** Tues-Fri 10 am-4 pm

**Open:** June-September (Labor Day) or other times by appointment

**Information:** 435.752.5139 or 435.753.1635

#### Cache Valley Food Tour

Take a look at behind-the-scenes production of the Valley's signature food products including honey, chocolates, cheeses, ice cream, artisan breads, jams

and jellies and coffee. Presentations allow you to interact with local employees who will teach them about the skills, uniqueness and history of their companies and products and where possible provide tours of their facilities. Brochure available at the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau, 199 North Main St.

**Information:** 435.755.1890; www.tourcachevalley.com

#### First Dam

This grassy park marks the first of three dams constructed to harness the power of the Logan River for electricity. On a sunny, spring day, the banks of First Dam come alive with picnickers, volleyball, sunbathers and college students. Geese and ducks are always looking for a tasty crumb. Local anglers also frequent the water's edge in hopes of landing one of the many trout stocked here each year. Newly constructed viewing decks, fishing piers and restrooms make this park an enjoyable spot for everyone.

**Location:** Mouth of Logan Canyon, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Off US Hwy 89 on Canyon Rd

**GPS:** 41.74266° N 111.79051° W

#### Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway

Whether you travel by foot, bicycle or car, a journey along the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway offers enough wild natural beauty, diverse recreational opportunities and fascinating stories to satisfy even the most demanding adventurer. Located approximately 90 miles north of Salt Lake City, this winding stretch of U.S. Hwy 89 runs from the city of Logan to the brilliant blue waters of Bear Lake. It passes through vibrant fields of wildflowers, between vertical limestone cliffs and along picturesque streams brimming with native trout. The best way to truly experience its sites is to leave the road behind and immerse yourself in Logan Canyon's vibrant spirit.

**Location:** Take 400 North in Logan to the mouth of Logan Canyon to begin the route.

**Information:** 435.755.1890; www.logancanyon.com



Mountain biking at Tony Grove Lake in spectacular Logan Canyon. — Monique Beeley



## Heritage Sites

### Logan Ranger District and Visitor Center

Stop by the Logan Ranger District and Visitor Center to load up on maps, get acquainted with recreation opportunities, check on current conditions and learn more about how to keep the Forest healthy. The district also manages recreation facilities and activities, handles special permits and sponsors interpretive education programs. The Logan Ranger District has two Wilderness Areas, totaling more than 67,000 acres, within its boundary: Mount Naomi and Wellsville Mountains; and the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway (Hwy 89).

**Location:** 1500 East Hwy 89 (400 North), Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30 pm

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.755.3620;

[www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/unit/logan](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/unit/logan)

### Family History Center, Logan Tabernacle

Discover your family ancestry at this satellite branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' international genealogy library, the largest genealogical library in the world. Expert volunteers will help you with your research and you might just find a long-lost relative.

**Location:** 50 North Main, Logan, in the basement (parking and entrance at the back of the tabernacle on 100 East.)

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-5 pm; Tues-Thurs, 9:30 am-9 pm; Sat 9:30 am-2 pm

**Open:** Year-round, except holidays

**Information:** 435.755.5594

### Museum of Anthropology, Utah State University

This teaching museum houses exhibits on the early inhabitants of the Great Basin and other regions of the world. Free admission.

**Location:** Utah State University campus, 400 North 700 East, Logan; Old Main Building (on the brow of the hill at the western edge of the campus), Room 252.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 10 am-2 pm, with some special programming on Saturdays

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.797.7545

### Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

The museum has one of the largest permanent collections in the Intermountain Region, featuring western and international artists, a fine ceramics collection and Native American artwork. Regularly changing exhibits provide a variety of fine arts and crafts.

**Location:** Utah State University, Logan. In the Chase Fine Arts Center complex, at the southwest corner of 780 North 1200 East.

**Hours:** Tues-Fri 10 am-5 pm; Sat 12 pm-4 pm

**Information:** 435.797.0163; [www.artmuseum.edu](http://www.artmuseum.edu)

### Northern Utah Fiber Artisans (NUFA)

Spinners, weavers, knitters—and all friends of woolly creatures. Look for a NUFA member demonstrating spinning and weaving at the Cache Valley Gardeners Market in summer or at other heritage demonstration events throughout the Bear River Heritage Area.

**Information:** Peggy Neuber, 435.792.6010 or Jenny King, 801.731.5234

### Stokes Nature Center

The Stokes Nature Center provides opportunities for students of all ages to explore, learn about and develop appreciation and stewardship for our natural world. The Center was built in 1924 and is located 1 mile up beautiful Logan Canyon on the Logan River.

**Location:** 2696 East Hwy 89, Logan Canyon

**Lat/Long:** 41.74203° N 111.76923° W

**Hours:** Tues-Fri 10 am-4 pm; second Sat of each month 10am-4 pm

**Information:** Occasionally closed during open hours for off-site programs. Check sign on front gate. 435.755.3239; [www.logannature.org](http://www.logannature.org)

### Tony Grove Lake—Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Known as the crown jewel of the Bear River Range, this glacial lake greets visitors with an explosion of summer wildflowers and lush green plants. Tony Grove was formed by powerful and slow-moving glaciers, as evidenced by the huge boulders

deposited around the lake. Moose are often spotted taking advantage of the water's cool summer temperatures. There is a \$3 parking fee for day use at the lake. Stay overnight in one of 34 campsites at the campground. Picnic areas and a fully accessible boardwalk are located near the water. The turnoff to the lake is 19.6 miles up Logan Canyon off U.S. Hwy. 89. A 7-mile road climbs to 8,050 feet.

**Location:** Look for the Tony Grove sign, 19 miles east of Logan in Logan Canyon.

**GPS:** 41.89502° N 111.64222° W

### Utah State University Outdoor Recreation

The outdoor recreation center is open to students and nonstudents and features equipment rental, trip information, library and some guided day trips. Rent canoes, kayaks, whitewater rafts, mountain bikes, backpacks, tents, sleeping bags and other camping gear. For winter sports there are cross-country and telemark skis (but no downhill skis), snowboards, snowshoes and some sleds. A ski trailer for pulling children is available, as well as some ski equipment sized for children. Check out the website or call for further information on equipment rental, scheduled day trips, a trip board, fall equipment swap and winter yurt rental information.

**Location:** Utah State University Campus, Logan; 1050 N. 950 E. (in the southwest corner of the parking lot just above and east of the football stadium.)

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.797.3264; [www.usu.edu/orc](http://www.usu.edu/orc)

### Cache County Courthouse

The beautifully restored courthouse was built in 1883 and houses the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau as well as other county offices. This building was designed by Truman O. Angell, Jr., who also designed the Logan Tabernacle and the Logan Temple. It is the oldest county building in Utah still being used for its original purpose.

**Location:** 199 North Main Street, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm

### Caine Lyric Theatre

This theatre was built in 1913 by the Thatchers, a locally prominent family who loved plays and operas. A wing was added in 2001, and the building was beautifully refurbished. A friendly ghost who is partial to Shakespeare haunts the theatre. Actors claim that they've heard the ghost laughing during rehearsals of Hamlet. The Lyric is home to many performances during the year and is especially loved for its summer repertory series run by the Utah State University Theatre Department.

**Location:** 28 West Center, Logan

**Hours:** June 13-Aug 3

**Information:** 435.797.1500; [www.cainelyric.com](http://www.cainelyric.com)

### The Dansante

The Dansante Building was built in 1900 and has played a central role in the social life of the Cache Valley community for a century. For decades it served as the valley's premier dance hall, hosting as many as 3,000 people on major holidays. It later became a clothing factory for two different companies, then fell into disrepair. After years of decline, the building was purchased by the Utah Festival Opera Company and was fully renovated and expanded to a 45,000 sq. ft. facility that now houses the company's administrative offices, a 124-seat recital hall, practice rooms, rehearsal halls, wig and makeup, prop, costume and scene shops.

**Location:** 59 South 100 West, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm

**Information:** 435.750.0300; [www.ufoc.org](http://www.ufoc.org)





The beautifully restored Cache County Courthouse is home of the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau and gift shop.

### Ellen Eccles Theatre

This magnificent theatre was built in 1923 by the Thatcher family. It hosted some of the country's most famous touring vaudeville acts and performances, spent time as a movie theater, and fell into disrepair. It was restored to its original grandeur in 1993 and features a variety of local and touring performances each year. The Utah Festival Opera Company is in residence during the summer months. The beautiful building offers a splendid and charming view of America's theater past.

**Location:** 43 South Main, Logan

**Information:** 435.752.0026;

[www.cachevalleycenterforthearts.us](http://www.cachevalleycenterforthearts.us)

### Logan Mormon Temple

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Temple is an easily visible icon of the Cache Valley landscape. The edifice was designed by

Mormon architect Truman O. Angell, and built from 1877-1884 by the donated labor of early pioneers. The modified Gothic building rests on a terrace of the ancient Lake Bonneville, and the exterior was built out of limestone and sandstone quarried locally. Access to the temple interior is reserved for Church members in good standing, but the beautifully manicured grounds are open to the public.

**Location:** 175 North 300 East, Logan

**Hours:** Grounds, 7 am-9 pm

**Information:** 435.752.3611

### Logan Tabernacle

The Tabernacle was completed in 1891 and is a striking example of an early Mormon pioneer public meetinghouse. A beautiful pipe organ was installed in 1908 and the building is used for Church conferences, community concerts

and other presentations. An extensive genealogy library is located in the basement and volunteers can help you research your ancestors. Free tabernacle tours are available Mondays through Saturdays throughout the summer.

**Location:** 100 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Vary

**Information:** 435.755.5598

### Logan's Historic Downtown

Many beautiful turn-of-the-century homes and buildings are located in Logan. Don't miss the Bluebird Cafe, the Logan Tabernacle or the Episcopal Church. Pick up a 45-minute downtown walking tour guide at the Visitors Bureau in the historic County Courthouse (199 N. Main). Guided walking tours are also available during summer months. The Logan Center Street Historic District (listed on the National Register of Historic Places and roughly bounded by 200 North, 200 South, 200 East and 600 West) features homes, churches and the old courthouse in Classical Revival, Prairie School and Late Victorian styles. Some of the finest homes can be viewed by starting at Main Street, then traveling west on Center Street.

**Information:** [www.tourcachevalley.com](http://www.tourcachevalley.com)

### The Thatcher-Young Mansion

The Thatcher-Young Mansion was built in 1878 by G.W. Thatcher and his wife Mary Ann Angell-Young. The designer of the home is believed to be Mary Ann's cousin, Truman Angell Jr., who designed the LDS tabernacles in Brigham City and Coalville, Utah, and in Paris, Idaho, as well as the Cache County courthouse in Logan. The foundation stone is from the Green Canyon Temple/Tabernacle quarry and the framing lumber came from the Temple Fork Sawmill in Logan Canyon. The mansion has been carefully restored and is now home to the Alliance for the Varied Arts, gallery space, offices and classrooms.

**Location:** 35 West 100 South, Logan

**Hours:** Tues-Sat, 11 am-4 pm

**Information:** 435.753.2970;

[www.cachevalleycenterforthearts.us](http://www.cachevalleycenterforthearts.us)

### Utah State University Campus

Utah State University was founded as a land grant agricultural college in 1888 and has developed into a major research university, especially in agriculture, natural resources and space dynamics. The campus is filled with historic buildings and attractive landscaping. The oldest building on campus is Old Main, on the western edge of the campus. Its tower with the "A" (for Aggies) on top is visible from most of Logan.

**Location:** The main area of campus is bound by 400 North to 700 North and 200 East to 1200 East.

**Information:** 435.797.1000; [www.usu.edu](http://www.usu.edu)

### Whittier Community Center

The Whittier School was built in 1908 and holds school-day memories for many locals. It was purchased from Logan School district in 1992 and has undergone various rehabilitative projects. A self-guided walking tour of the building is available. The Whittier Community Center provides meeting space for over 25 different community organizations. There is an accessible community garden, playground and neighborhood park on the grounds, and a commercial kitchen and gymnasium that can be rented. It is also home of the Cache Valley School of Ballet, Contra dances, martial arts, religious services and various clubs.

**Location:** 290 North 400 East, Logan

**Hours:** Main office: Mon-Fri, 10 am-6 pm

**Open:** Year-round for various programs, classes and activities

**Information:** 435.753.9008

### Lodging

#### Anniversary Inn

Nestled in a shaded and quiet court and within walking distance of Logan's historic tabernacle and LDS Temple, Logan Anniversary Inn provides uniquely decorated rooms and quality lodging in its historic buildings.

**Location:** 169 East Center, Logan, Utah

**Information:** 435.752.3443; [www.anniveersaryinn.com](http://www.anniveersaryinn.com)



### Best Western Baugh Motel

The Baugh Motel is family owned and operated and was built in 1957 on the site of an old trolley car depot. The registration office is an old gas station. The rock-walled ruins of a flourmill can be seen on the northwest corner of the motel property where the canal drops down from 100 North Street. While at the Baugh, dine at the onsite restaurant located on the south side of the motel property.

**Location:** 153 South Main, Logan

**Information:** 435.752.5220 or 800.462.4154;  
www.baughmotel.com

### Old Trapper Inn

This cute inn along a quiet lane has been a lodging facility since 1943. The site features mini-theme rooms in a separate building, and large theme rooms in the historic house built by Moses Thatcher in 1861. Said to be the first frame house in Logan, the house was owned by members of the Thatcher family until 1940, when it served a few years as a sorority house. The next owner turned it into a motel. The current owners have been here since 1970 and have remodeled the facility, which includes a suite with a full kitchen in the historic house, available for stays by the week. Breakfast basket with your stay in the historic house.

**Location:** 43 East 100 South, Logan

**Information:** 435.753.5602; www.oldtrapperin.net

### Seasons at the Riter Mansion

Seasons at the Riter Mansion is a beautifully appointed luxury inn and conference center. The stately Greek Revival/Georgian manor home, with its beautiful columned porch, was built at the turn of the last century by a prominent pharmacist named Riter. The estate was often used as a social gathering place and a center for music and entertainment. The rooms have been updated to include whirlpool baths and fireplaces. This is a perfect retreat for an executive stay or romantic getaway.

**Location:** 168 North 100 East, Logan

**Information:** 435.752.7727 or 800.478.7459;  
www.theritermansion.com

## Restaurants

### Angie's Restaurant

Angie's is a local gathering spot bustling with a cross-section of people from all walks of life. Stop in for a cup of coffee at the counter, or try their homemade pies, cinnamon rolls and scones. Delicious breakfasts are served all day at this restaurant known for great home-cooked food and cheerful and fast service.

**Location:** 690 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Sun-Thurs, 6 am -10 pm; Fri-Sat, 6 am-11 pm

**Information:** 435.752.9252

### The Bluebird

This historic cafe has been in business since 1914 and seen much business done over a cup of coffee and a handshake. You'll love the old-time marble soda fountain, ice cream specialties and original menu items like minced ham sandwiches. Don't miss the mural in the back room that depicts local history and predictions for Logan's future.

**Location:** 19 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-9:30 pm; Fri and Sat, open until 10

**Information:** 435.752.3155

### Caffé Ibis

Located in historic downtown Logan, Caffé Ibis features internationally renowned locally roasted organic coffees and an assortment of hot chocolates, teas, Italian sodas, healthy meals and great desserts. Owners Randy and Sally provide a unique gathering spot for the community, with sidewalk tables and lively conversation. The cafe features local artists' work, and there's live music many weekends.

**Location:** 52 Federal Ave, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs and Sat, 6 am-6:30 pm; Fri, 6-9, Sun, 8 am-6 pm

**Information:** 435.753.4777

### Café Sabor

Café Sabor is Cache Valley's south of the border Latino bistro located in the historic Center Street



Past meets present at the American West Heritage Center, 160 acres of living history.

Depot. Try one of your favorite traditional Mexican entrees or experience a wide variety of fresh salads, pastas, steaks, chicken and seafood. Café Sabor's outstanding food and fun atmosphere is the perfect place to spend an evening. Full bar available.

**Location:** 600 West Center, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-10 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am-11 pm

**Information:** 435.752.8088

### Coppermill Restaurant

The Coppermill is located upstairs in the historic Emporium building, across Main Street from the Logan Tabernacle. It has become a traditional spot for business conferences, wedding receptions and lunches and dinners out. Specialties include high-quality steaks, fresh halibut and hand-breaded shrimp. Chocolate lovers shouldn't miss the delicious turtle cake.

**Location:** 55 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.752.0647

### El Toro Viejo

Home of authentic Mexican food, enchiladas, seafood and steak. Enjoy authentic Mexican beer with fresh salsa verde and tortilla chips; or try their hot chocolate and Apple Burrito—a rich dessert sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar, topped with chocolate syrup and whipped cream.

**Location:** 1079 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-10 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am-11 pm; Sun, noon-10 pm

**Open:** Seven days a week

**Information:** 435.753.4084



### Factory Pizzeria

This favorite spot was established by an Italian family decades ago. The Factory is located downstairs and is a great place for beer and pizza.

**Location:** 119 South Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 11 am-11 pm; Sun 11 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.752.9384

### Formosa

Mandarin-style Chinese food.

**Location:** 890 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 11 am-9:30 pm; Sat, 11 am-10 pm; Sun, noon-9 pm

**Information:** 435.753.7889

### Happy Sushi

Owner Mr. Lee is originally from Korea. He trained to be a sushi chef for two years prior to opening the Happy Sushi in 2005. Mr. Lee has developed his own style and proudly rolls each sushi so that it is appealing to the eye and the palate. Seating at the sushi bar allows you to watch the chef in action. Fresh fish is flown in twice weekly.

**Location:** 20 West 400 North, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri Lunch, 11 am-2:30 pm; Mon-Thurs Dinner, 5 pm-9:30 pm, Fri Dinner 5 pm-10 pm, Sat 12 pm-9:30 pm, Sun, 4 pm-9 pm

**Information:** 435.752.1467

### Indian Oven

Authentic Indian cuisine. Experience the unique food and culture of India while dining at the Indian Oven. Fresh aromatic breads and rice, meat and vegetarian dishes; many from family recipes. Family dining with at-the-table ordering or buffet. Try Raita, a tangy mixture of cucumber, tomatoes, onions and spices, mixed with homemade yogurt. Take-out service available 11:30 am-10 pm Mon-Sat.

**Location:** 130 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat lunch: 11:30 am-2 pm; dinner: 4:30 pm-10 pm

**Information:** 435.787.1757

### Juniper Take-Out

Juniper Take-Out is home of heavenly rolls and honey butter, fried chicken and breaded turkey breasts, french fries with the West's famous fry sauce, mashed potatoes, homemade desserts and more.

**Location:** 35 East 400 North, Logan (Albertson's shopping center)

**Hours:** Tues-Thurs, 11 am -9:30 pm; Fri and Sat, until 10 pm

**Information:** 435.752.3100

### Kamin Thai Cuisine

This restaurant is located in a charming cottage with beautiful landscaping that was originally a private home. Authentic Thai dishes are made from scratch with ingredients shipped from Thailand.

**Location:** 51 West 200 South, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11am-3 pm and 5 pm-8 pm; Fri and Sat, 11 am to 10 pm

**Information:** 435.755.6453

### Korean B. B. Q. & Market

Korean food and oriental foods market.

**Location:** 111 South Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11 am-9 pm

### La Ranchera

Authentic Mexican grocery and taqueria, carnacera and panadería. Your hosts will be gracious and helpful, but speak very little English. You can buy imported Mexican foods, fresh-made tacos and other menu items as well as fresh breads, cookies and pastries by the dozen or single serving.

**Location:** 96 North 100 West, Logan

**Open:** Mon-Thurs. 9 am-6 pm; Fri, 8 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.753.9136

### Le Nonne Ristorante

Enjoy authentic Tuscan Italian food in a beautiful historic home with lovely outdoor garden seating in the summer. Their ravioli is handmade. Reservations recommended.

**Location:** 129 North 100 East, Logan

**Hours:** Lunch, Mon-Fri 11:30 am- 2 pm; Dinner, Mon-Sat, 5:30 pm-9:30 pm

**Information:** 435.752.9577

### Mandarin Garden

Mandarin Garden has been serving delicious Mandarin-style Chinese food for more than 20 years. Take-out available.

**Location:** 432 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am- 9:30 pm; Fri, 11 am-10 pm; Sat, noon-10 pm

**Information:** 435.753.5789

### Shaffer House Bakery

Family owned and operated for over 25 years. This bakery is a local gathering spot for early morning coffee and conversation, and features mouth-watering cinnamon rolls, an array of donuts and other delicious pastries. Soups and sandwiches are also available.

**Location:** 1045 North Main, Suite A, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 5 am-6 pm; Sat, 5 am-5 pm

### The White Owl

The Owl, as locals call it, is located in a former bookstore and has been a favorite hangout for decades, serving up locally brewed beers from around the state. Located in historic downtown Logan, the Owl offers outdoor seating on the rooftop deck during the summer. Proprietor John Calderwood can often be seen enjoying a beer while chatting with the customers who are enjoying a mouth-watering burger or brat, or a bowl of chili in winter. Their signature veggie basket comes in two sizes loaded with fried onion rings, breaded mushrooms and cauliflower, zucchini strips and french fries—with or without breaded chicken strips. Live music Thursdays at 9 pm.

**Location:** 36 West Center, Logan

**Hours:** Every day, 11:30 a.m-1 a.m.

**Information:** 435.753.9165

## Shopping

### Aggie Ice Cream

Utah State University, the state's agricultural college, has played an important role in pioneering the production of dairy products since 1888, when the first creamery opened in the Old Main building.

Their current location features dozens of ice cream flavors and Aggie-made cheeses. Cheese boxes are available during the holiday season. Soups and sandwiches are available. Look for cartons of Aggie ice cream in the campus store, and in town at Macey's and Lee's markets. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** Utah State University Campus, Logan; Nutrition and Food Science Building, 750 North 1200 East.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9 am-10 pm; Sat, 10 am-10 pm, May-Sept. Closes one hour earlier Oct-April

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** Store: 435.797.2109, Office: 435.797.2112; [www.aggieicecream.com](http://www.aggieicecream.com)

### Alvey's Candies

Alvey's Candies is a local family-owned and operated shop that creates delicious chocolates and candies, including the house specialty, the Alvey candy bar. Store owner Shari Alvey grew up watching her grandmother make chocolates in her candy store and has carried on the family tradition.

**Location:** 1300 North Main, Logan, in the Cache Valley Mall

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-9 pm; Sun, noon-5 pm

**Information:** 435.753.8888; [www.alveyscandies.com](http://www.alveyscandies.com)

### Anderson's Seed and Garden

Anderson's Seed and Garden reflects local heritage not only because of its historic building, but because of the agricultural community it has historically served. The building was constructed in the late 1880s and was originally Sydney Steven's Implement Company. In 1942, Anderson's Seed and Garden was started by Nottie Anderson, and is now owned and operated by her grandson, Mark A. Anderson. Anderson's carries nursery stock and bulbs, tools, pesticides, organic products, lawn seeds, fertilizers, bulk vegetable and flower seeds, grass seeds, pasture mix, bedding plants, trees and shrubs and seasonal items. They have unique bird feeders, locally made candles, cotton kitchen



## What about those crazy addresses:

### Mormon Town Planning

Most towns established in the West by Mormon pioneers are laid out in the typical pattern often referred to as the "Mormon Village." This pattern was a modification of a townsite plan known as the Plat of Zion devised by Joseph Smith, the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. People lived in town and had large enough lots (usually eight 1.25-acre lots to a large 10-acre block) to accommodate a barn, granary, other outbuildings, a garden and yard. Larger farms were located outside the borders of the town, so farmers traveled to work in their fields.

Streets are oriented on north-south and east-west axes in a grid pattern, with the town square at the center. Streets are named for the number of blocks in a given direction from the town square. For example, 200 East is the second street east of the town square. Thus, you can locate any address in a Mormon-settled town by knowing its coordinates: 550 East 200 South is 5.5 blocks east and 2 blocks south of the town square.

In 1996 the American Planning Association presented the Planning Landmark Award to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in recognition of the contributions of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young to the development of early Latter-day Saint settlements. "The planning and founding of more than 500 communities in the American West is regarded by many planning historians as one of the most significant accomplishments in the history of American city development," said Bruce Parker, former president of the Utah chapter of the American Planning Association.

towels for embroidery and weigh their bulk seeds on an antique scale. Come in and talk with Mark or any one of the knowledgeable gardeners who work there.

**Location:** 69 West Center, Logan  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm  
**Open:** Year-round  
**Information:** 435.752.2345;  
email: andersonseed@comcast.net

### Bluebird Candy

The Bluebird's rich hand-dipped candies are a chocolate-lover's delight. Try their number one seller, the Victoria. They've been making candy since 1914, a true tradition. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure). A second location is in the Albertson's shopping center at 49 East 400 North.

**Location:** 75 West Center, Logan  
**Open:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-5 pm;  
**Albertson's location:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-7pm  
**Information:** 435.753.3670

### Cache Valley Gardeners Market

This lively market features locally grown fruits and vegetables and garden plants from the Northern Utah area, as well as hand- and homemade crafts and foods from local artisans and entrepreneurs. On any Saturday from the first of May to the first of October, enjoy live music played by local folks, informative demonstrations of crafts and art and an array of fresh breads, cheeses, beverages and snacks.

**Location:** Pioneer Park at 100 South 100 East, Logan  
**Hours:** 9 am-1 pm  
**Open:** Saturdays, from the first of May-mid-October  
**Information:** 435.755.3950; www.gardenersmarket.org

### Cache Valley Visitors Bureau Gift Shop

Your one-stop shop for Cache Valley gifts and products. Guidebooks, souvenirs, shirts, hats and so much more.

**Location:** Historic courthouse, 199 N. Main, Logan  
**Hours:** 8 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri  
**Information:** 435.555.1890; www.tourcachevalley.com

### Charlie's Supreme Ice Cream

Charlie's Supreme Ice Cream has been scooping up tasty ice cream (made locally at Heart to Heart Foods) for years. Visit Craig "Charlie" Earl's shop and get a taste of real Utah ice cream. Open late for weekend fun.

**Location:** 1219 North Main, Logan  
**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-11 pm; Fri and Sat, 11 am-midnight. Closes half-hour earlier on weekdays in winter.  
**Information:** 435.753.4355

### Country Village Antique Mall

For years this was the location of Griffin's Feed Supply, now a place to find the treasures you've been searching for. Browse the individually stocked booths for collectable books, kitchen ware, furniture and a variety of other unique antiques.

**Location:** 730 South Main, Logan  
**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 9 am-6 pm  
**Information:** 435.752.1678

### Cox Honeyland

The Cox family are fourth-generation beekeepers and their company opened in 1929. The intermountain area, with its dry climate, is considered one of the best areas for production of low-moisture honey that stores well. Watch bees at work behind the glass observation hive, and educational videos on honey production and why Utah is the Beehive State are available for viewing and purchase. Gourmet honey products and unique gifts are available. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 1780 South Hwy 89/91, just south of Logan  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; 10 am-6 pm June-December.  
**Information:** 435.752.3234; www.coxhoney.com

### Crumb Brothers Artisan Breads

With years of experience in fine dining establishments, owner Bill Oblock toured France and attended the San Francisco Baking Institute where he learned the art of making artisan breads and pastries. These delicacies are made using natural starters and simple fresh ingredients in an environmentally friendly bakery. Fresh deli sandwiches feature locally grown vegetables and herbs and locally produced meats and cheeses. Crumb Brothers supports the natural environment of Northern Utah by landscaping their property with native grasses and plants, which you can enjoy from the patio in summer. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 291 South 300 West, Logan and at Cache Valley Gardeners Market  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat 7 am-1 pm  
**Open:** Year-round  
**Information:** 435.792.6063

### Fuhriman's Framing and Fine Art

Locally owned and operated by Sue Fuhriman. Sue has an excellent eye for art and sells the work of local artists, including her husband Jerry's Cache Valley landscapes, and work by artists like Colleen Howe, David Winder and potter Sharon Brown-Mikkelsen.

**Location:** 75 South Main, Logan  
**Hours:** Tues-Fri, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 10 am-5 pm  
**Information:** 435.752.0370

### Gossner Foods

This family-owned company was founded in 1966 by Edwin Gossner, a cheese maker from Switzerland who came to Cache Valley to start a cheese business because he felt the conditions here were ideal, similar to those in Switzerland. The company specializes in several varieties of cheese, plus shelf-stable milk—a form of milk that does not require refrigeration and that was pioneered at Utah State University. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 1051 North 1000 West, Logan  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 8 am-6 pm Open until 7 pm in summer  
**Information:** 435.752.9365; www.gossner.com



### Grandpa's Shop

Lawrence Hills is a lifetime woodworker who learned the craft in his father's woodworking shop. Wooden toys are well built to last for years and to become heirlooms for later generations. Lawrence crafts handmade items for children such as rocking horses, wood block sets and a child-sized chair and table set. Some custom designs are available. Available at the Cache Valley Gardeners Market in summer, or at the shop by appointment.

**Hours:** 1970 North 1100 East, North Logan

**Open:** Call for appointment.

**Information:** 435.755.8010;  
email: utahpilgrim@yahoo.com

### Heart to Heart Foods

Cache Valley is home to many dairy farms and dairy-related businesses. Ice cream is the house specialty at Heart to Heart Foods. Visit the Heart to Heart factory store during summer and buy a delicious Creamie or a Charlie's ice cream by the 3-gallon tub. Charlie's ice cream is also available at Charlie's Supreme Ice Cream in Logan.

**Location:** 142 West 3200 North, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, noon-4 pm

**Open:** Open to the public in summer

**Information:** 435.753.9602

### Just So Creations

Sharon Ohlhorst has lived in the Bear River Heritage Area for 25 years. She makes polymer clay wearable art (earrings, barrettes, pendants, pins, eyeglass leashes) and home décor items (eggs, kaleidoscopes, candle holders, business card holders, pens, key rings). She uses all local materials—including rocks or other natural items as embellishments. Some of her items incorporate traditional quilt designs and others represent local landscapes. Polymer clay is man-made clay with tremendous versatility as an art form. She says, "While the medium that I use is different and modern, the items I create are very similar, in my mind, to those used and worn by residents in the valley throughout its inhabitation. I believe

that Cache Valley residents have always done what they could, even in simple ways, to bring beauty to their home and person."

**Open:** By appointment only or at the Cache Valley Gardeners Market in summer.

**Information:** 435.752.2289; email: sohlhorst@weber.edu

### Limberpine Designs

Kirk Dahl makes hardwood cutting boards and small household furniture with locally harvested woods in most of their boards and furniture. By using urban hardwoods, they protect natural forests and reduce transportation and energy costs. Kirk has been making fine furniture for 15 years.

**Location:** Cache Valley Gardeners Market or call for appointment

**Information:** 435.755.7159;  
email: kirkdahle@hotmail.com

### Masako Nakashio, Japanese Paper Artist

Masako is a Japanese Washi paper artist and has been working with Japanese art since high school, making Origami birds mounted on marble weights, clear glass magnets with Washi paper designs and Obi-inspired art in shadowboxes. The Obi is the traditional sash worn by Japanese women, and Masako has modified this sash to create beautiful shadowbox displays.

**Location:** Cache Valley Gardeners Market

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.753.2678

### On the Avenue

A unique boutique of traditionally hand-crafted gifts specializing in a variety of wood and fabric items for home décor. Handmade dolls, quilted runners, candles, pillows, floral arrangements, framed art, antique furniture, collectibles and seasonal and holiday decorative items. Many items are made by local Cache Valley artisans. Their quaint building was built in the early 1900s and is located in Logan's historic downtown.

**Location:** 34 Federal Ave, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-7 pm

**Information:** 435.753.1150



Hit the slopes at Beaver Mountain Ski Resort, the longest running family-owned ski resort in the United States. It's located just off the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway and features four lifts and perfect powder. — Travis Seeholzer

### Only By Hand at Marie's

Embroidery, needlepoint, crocheting and other forms of needlework are very popular activities in northern Utah. Only by Hand carries supplies for needle workers, including Hardanger and cross-stitch patterns by nationally known local artist Emie Bishop. Call for more information about classes and products.

**Location:** 1414 E. 1220 N., Logan

**Hours:** Wed.-Sat, noon-6 pm; or by appointment

**Information:** 435.752.1401;  
email: obhmarie@comcast.net

### Rumplestiltskins

Monica Hall has been helping people create beautiful fiber arts since 2004. Here you'll find fine knitting yarns, wool, hand spinning supplies, spinning wheels and all accessories for fiber arts. Bring your projects to fiber arts night on the second and fourth Fridays, 6-9 pm.

**Location:** 55 South Main, Logan

**Hours:** Tues-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; closes at 3 on Thurs  
**Information:** 435.750.6161

### Stylish Fabrics/Bernina

Stylish Fabrics opened in the 1960s, supplying patterns and fabric for clothing. Today, the shop specializes in fabric and batting for quilt making, a well-developed local craft. Their inventory is so complete and high quality that many out-of-state customers send here for materials. Stylish Fabrics also sells machine-quilted quilts made by local women. The front windows usually have a colorful quilt display.

**Location:** 138 North Main, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 9:30 am-6 pm

**Information:** 435.752.4186

### Sweet Peas Natural Market

Located in a 1906 downtown building, Sweet Peas Natural Market carries products from many "green" sources in an effort to lessen the impact on the environment. They are a community market, emphasizing local producers of food and other goods. Part of their mission is to help support sustainable agriculture and make it possible for local



growers to stay in business. They carry organic produce, natural groceries and health and body care products.

**Location:** 25 West Center, Logan

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 10:30 am-6:30 pm

**Information:** 435.753.1939

### The Busy Bead

Christina is a self-taught jewelry and crafts maker. She sells her products at the Gardeners Market in Logan and at other arts and crafts shows. She works with gourds (grows them, dries them and makes bowls and birdhouses out of them), makes jewelry out of natural materials such as stones, shells and glass beads, and makes handmade soaps from all-natural materials such as palm, coconut and olive oils. She makes everything by hand.

**Location:** Cache Valley Gardeners Market, or call for appointment

**Information:** 435.764.0604;

email: sierra\_maia@comcast.net

### The Spirit Goat

The Spirit Goat offers handcrafted soap made with goat's milk and a mixture of vegetable-based oils. Other natural ingredients, like oatmeal, honey, and calendula petals, are added to selected soaps to provide specific skincare qualities. They also make other natural products including lotions, balms and pet shampoo bars.

**Location:** Products can be purchased at Sweet Pea Natural Market and at the Gardeners Market (see separate listings), or from the Spirit Goat website.

**Information:** 435.245.5960;

www.spiritgoat.com

### Tig Works

Freehand metal art formed and shaped in blacksmithing fashion. From 40 years of welding experience, Bill Hedgecock has turned his interests to this creative art, forming and shaping copper and brass into whimsical shapes, wind spinners, wall hangings and unique three-dimensional star and tree spinners.

**Location:** Look for Tig Works at local art festivals or Gardeners Market.

**Information:** 435.792.4667, 435.752.6553

or 435.740.0591;

email: hedgebush2001@yahoo.com

## Mendon

### Experiences

#### Wellsville Hawkwatch

Most western hawk species can be viewed Sept-Oct. This site is located 3,000 feet above the canyon bottom, so be prepared for a 3-mile hike. Best to visit in early fall when Hawkwatch International volunteers are camped at the site. Visit Bridgerland Audubon Society website for schedule and location of Hawkwatch outings. [www.bridgerlandaudubon.org](http://www.bridgerlandaudubon.org)

**Location:** Deep Canyon Trailhead, located at the west end of 300 North in Mendon. Take Center Street to 7200 West to 300 North, turn west.

**GPS:** 41.71357° N 112.005° W

**Information:** [www.hawkwatch.org](http://www.hawkwatch.org)

## Nibley

### Shopping

#### Windy Hollow Alpacas

Cache Valley's agricultural horizons are constantly expanding. Enjoy what nature gave the Andean people thousands of years ago—the luxurious fiber from alpaca. No other fiber animal comes in as many colors, from pure white to black and all the browns, tans and grays in-between. At Windy Hollow, alpacas are raised and sold, as well as the raw fleece and roving for spinning. Some fleece clothing products available to order. Farm visits welcome by appointment only.

**Location:** 5336 Hollow Road, Nibley

**GPS:** 41.65093° N 111.82277° W

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.245.5123; [www.whalpaca.com](http://www.whalpaca.com)

## Paradise

### Experiences

#### Paradise Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

Artifacts from the early history of Paradise and southern Cache Valley are preserved in this museum housed in the old Mormon tithing office.

**Location:** 8970 South 200 West, Paradise

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.245.3842

### Shopping

#### Weeks Berries of Paradise

The growing conditions in Paradise produce superior flavor in Weeks' berries, including strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, huckleberries, blueberries and black, red and white currants. They also produce juices, syrups and freezer jams available year-round. Stop by to purchase their delicious wares, but call first in the summer since often everyone is out in the fields. A roadside stand is located on the west side of Hwy 89/91 in Wellsville near 4100 South. Look for their products in many local stores, including Cache Valley Visitors Bureau Gift Shop, Cox Honeyland and at the Gardeners Market. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 880 East 8600 South, Paradise, or roadside stand or Gardeners Market

**Hours:** Vary at different sites

**Information:** 435.245.3377

## Providence

### Lodging

#### Providence Inn Bed & Breakfast

This old Mormon meetinghouse is built of local stone and nestled in the pleasant community of Providence, just south of Logan. The Old Rock Church was built in 1871 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Providence Inn Bed & Breakfast was built as an addition in 1926. The Inn provides comfort, charm, delicious breakfasts and a beautiful setting for a business or pleasure trip. Small conference facilities available.

**Location:** 10 South Main, Providence

**Information:** 435.752.3432 or 800.480.4943;

[www.providenceinn.com](http://www.providenceinn.com)

### Shopping

#### Casper's Malt Shoppe, Providence

Both Casper's production plant and Casper's Malt Shoppe provide a 10-minute video presentation that lets you discover the process of creating their famous confections and learn about the company's history. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 585 West 100 North, Suite I, Providence

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-midnight; Fri-Sat, 10 am-1 am

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.713.0056

## Richmond

### Experiences

#### High Creek Canyon

Birding is good all the way up High Creek to the trailhead at the road's end. Look for Winter Wren (June), American Dipper, Plumbeous Vireo and Western Tanager. The scenery is beautiful. Several trails depart from the trailhead and provide access to the high mountain habitats within Mount Naomi





Pete Schropp and one of his five “girls,” the Brown Swiss cows whose milk is used to make farmstead cheese at historic Rockhill Creamery in Richmond.

Wilderness. Habitat consists of stream, riparian, mountain shrub, Bigtooth maple, aspen and conifer. Visit this site any season except winter.  
**Location:** 8 miles northeast of Richmond  
**GPS:** 41.96851° N 111.69861° W

**Richmond Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum**  
 Early Mormon, Native American and other local history artifacts are preserved in this museum.  
**Location:** 29 South State St, Richmond  
**Hours:** Thurs, 10 am-3 pm or by appointment  
**Information:** 435.258.5277

### Restaurants

**L.D.'s Cafe**  
 L.D. Bowcutt started L.D.'s Cafe 45 years ago. L.D.'s serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and

is a favorite of many valley residents. Weekends are popular for their steak and shrimp dinners. Hamburgers are hand shaped and fries are fresh-cut. Stop by on St. Patrick's Day and try their traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner and green-colored beer. The building once housed a mortuary and barber shop.  
**Location:** 39 West Main, Richmond  
**GPS:** 41.92245° N 111.80975° W  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 7:30 am-10 pm; Sun, 7:30 am-noon  
**Open:** Year-round  
**Information:** 435.752.0929

### Shopping

**Casper's Ice Cream Production Plant**  
 In the town that celebrates Black and White Days (named after black and white Holstein cattle) to honor dairy farming in Cache Valley, Casper's

Malt Shop makes delicious dairy treats, including Casper's famous Fat Boy ice cream sandwiches and Casco ice cream sundaes on a stick. The production plant location also includes a malt shop. Both Casper's production plant in Richmond and Malt Shoppe in Providence provide a 10-minute video presentation that lets you discover the process of creating their famous confections and learn about their company's history. Featured on the Cache Valley Food Tour (see Visitors Bureau for brochure).

**Location:** 11805 North 200 East, Richmond; turn west on 11600 North, go 1 mile to the entrance of Casper's Ice Cream.  
**GPS:** 41.94694° N 111.80175° W  
**Hours:** Richmond: Mon-Thurs, noon-9 pm; Fri-Sat, noon-10 pm. Open one hour later in summer.  
**Open:** Year-round  
**Information:** Richmond: Malt Shop: 435.258.5219; General: 435.258.2477.

**Rockhill Creamery**  
 Rockhill Creamery hand crafts raw milk cheeses using traditional artisan techniques. The cheeses are made with care from milk produced by the farm's Brown Swiss cows. The farmstead is listed on the National Historic Register, and was honored at the 2007 Utah Heritage Foundation Awards for best adaptive use of an historic site. Tours are available by reservation. Cheeses are sold at the Cache Valley Gardeners Market, Crumb Brothers Artisan Bread and Lee's Marketplace in Logan.  
**Location:** 563 South State St, Richmond  
**GPS:** 41.91107° N 111.8094° W  
**Hours:** Sat 11am-4 pm  
**Open:** mid-April to mid-October  
**Information:** 435.258.1277; [www.rockhillcheese.com](http://www.rockhillcheese.com)

## » River Heights «

### Shopping

**Zollinger's Apple Cider/Fruit and Tree Farm**  
 This Utah Century Farm was established in 1904 by William Zollinger, a Swiss-German immigrant. He established one of the first apple orchards in Cache Valley. When grandson Ron Zollinger took over the management of the family farm in 1980, he improved its operation. At this historic farm you'll find 13 varieties of apples, cider in the fall, and pumpkins and squash. Ron has expanded his horticulture activities to the production of a wide variety of trees, shrubs and perennials. The farm and land was put into a conservation easement to ensure the historic property will always be used for agriculture.  
**Location:** 1000 River Heights Blvd., River Heights. Go east on Logan's Center Street, turn south (right) on 1000 East. Farm is on the east (left) side of the street.  
**GPS:** 41.72578° N 111.59307° W  
**Hours:** Nursery: 10 am-5 pm April-Nov; fruit and cider: 10 am-5 pm Sept-Dec  
**Open:** Seasonally  
**Information:** 435.752.7810; email: [zollingerfruitandtreefarm@hotmail.com](mailto:zollingerfruitandtreefarm@hotmail.com)

## » Smithfield «

### Experiences

**Smithfield Livestock Auction**  
 Every Thursday at 10 am farmers, ranchers and buyers converge on the livestock auction in Smithfield where cattle, sheep and other livestock are sold. News and animals are both exchanged. If you want to get a real feel for the agricultural way of life, try visiting the auction, and stop into the café for a burger and a drink.  
**Location:** 711 South 100 West, Smithfield  
**Hours:** 10 am until everything is sold  
**Information:** 435.563.3259



## Heritage Sites

### Old Morgan Pea Factory

In 1920 the Morgan Pea Factory opened. It was later bought by Del Monte Foods and has since been turned into a can-making factory. Look for the brick building with the original name built into the masonry.

**Location:** Main Street in Smithfield

**GPS:** 41.82045° N 111.83313° W

**Information:** 435.245.3439

## Shopping

### Smithfield Implement

This farm and ranch supply business was founded in 1914, and has always housed dry goods or mercantile. J.M. Roylance bought it in 1919, and his son still runs it. Just strolling through the aisles of this 100+-year-old building is an experience you won't forget. The store stocks everything from implement parts in the basement to "boots, britches and hardware" on the main floor. You can get Dutch ovens, canning equipment, cowboy hats, rubber irrigating boots, blue jeans, tools, kitchen gadgets and just about anything else. Many locals feel great loyalty to Smithfield Implement and would rather shop there than anywhere else.

**Location:** 99 North Main St, Smithfield

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 9 am-5:55 pm

**Information:** 435.563.3211

## Trenton

## Shopping

### Brindley's Harness Works

Marla Brindley Trowbridge carries on a century-old tradition of harness making and leather repair. She makes and repairs anything from reins to full harness and gear for horses. She also makes leather apparel.

**Location:** Trenton

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.563.5394; email: marla@sisna.com

## Wellsville

## Experiences

### American West Heritage Center

Discover what western life was like from 1820 to 1920 at this 160-acre living history center. Learn to spin wool, weave rugs, milk a cow or just enjoy the fresh mountain air and beautiful scenery on a wagon ride around the site. The center offers hands-on learning as you visit with Native Americans, mountain men and pioneers dressed in period costume. Visit the spacious welcome center featuring exhibits on local history, a spectacular view of the Wellsville Mountains and a gift shop featuring Made in Utah products. During the summer season, wander through arts and crafts demonstrations, visit military encampments, Native American villages and mountain men rendezvous sites. Enjoy a Dutch oven dinner and tap your toes to western entertainment.

**Location:** Wellsville, 6 miles south of Logan

on US Hwy 89/91

**GPS:** 41.6607° N 111.8991° W

**Hours:** Living History site: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm;

Welcome Center: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat, 10 am-4 pm

**Open:** Welcome Center: year-round except holidays;

Living history site: Memorial Day-Labor Day.

**Information:** 800.225.FEST or 435.245.6050;

www.awhc.org

### Wellsville Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

See a collection of pioneer artifacts and take a tour of the Mormon tabernacle in the first town to be established in Cache Valley (the south end of the valley, just off Hwy 89/91).

**Location:** Wellsville Tabernacle, Main and Center Streets, Wellsville

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.245.3643

## Heritage Sites

### Wellsville Tabernacle

This tabernacle was once used as a meetinghouse by early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons). It was built in 1908 and reflects Mormon architecture at the beginning of the twentieth century. Its Gothic English architecture and chapel with balcony, wooden benches and slanting floor are unique among Cache Valley's religious buildings.

**Location:** 75 South 100 East, Wellsville

**Hours:** Tours available

**Information:** 435.245.0795

## Shopping

### American West Heritage Center Gift Shop

The gift shop features many Made in Utah, Native American and Western items. Located in the Welcome Center.

**Location:** Wellsville, 6 miles south of Logan

on US Hwy 89/91

**GPS:** 41.6607° N 111.8991° W

**Open:** Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat, 10 am-4 pm

**Information:** 435.245.6050;

www.americanwestheritagecenter.org

### S.C. Creative Studios

Sean Cudney was born and raised in Wellsville. His interest in sculpting began with other art forms, including engraving. Sean uses mostly urban woods such as oak, black walnut and cedar; also local stone. His sculpture themes range from historical figures to Native American and wildlife themes.

**Location:** 320 East 100 North, Wellsville

**Hours:** 9 am-6 pm by appointment.

**Open:** Call first

**Information:** 435.770.2537; www.seanstudios.com

### Slide Ridge Honey

Martin James has been a beekeeper for a decade. He is the Cache County and Box Elder County bee inspector. His family business is dedicated to the support of Utah's agricultural heritage and the long-standing tradition of bee keeping in the Beehive State of Utah. Martin can be seen at the Cache Valley Gardeners Market enthusiastically explaining the work of the bees as viewed through a transparent demonstration hive. Buy Slide Ridge Honey at the Gardeners Market or other summer festivals or directly from the company.

**Open:** By appointment

**Information:** 435.752.4956;

email: slideridgehoney@hotmail.com

### Birder's Paradise

With three national wildlife refuges, a federal waterfowl production area, extensive marshland and a wide variety of mountain habitat, the Bear River Heritage Area bird population is numerous and varied. Bridgerland Audubon Society, www.bridgerlandaudubon.org, in Logan, Utah, is one of the area's largest and most active clubs. Their website offers maps, numerous links to other birding sites and information on free field trips. Also visit www.seidaho.org/bird\_chart.htm and www.bearriverheritage.com, Things To Do.



# Cache Valley

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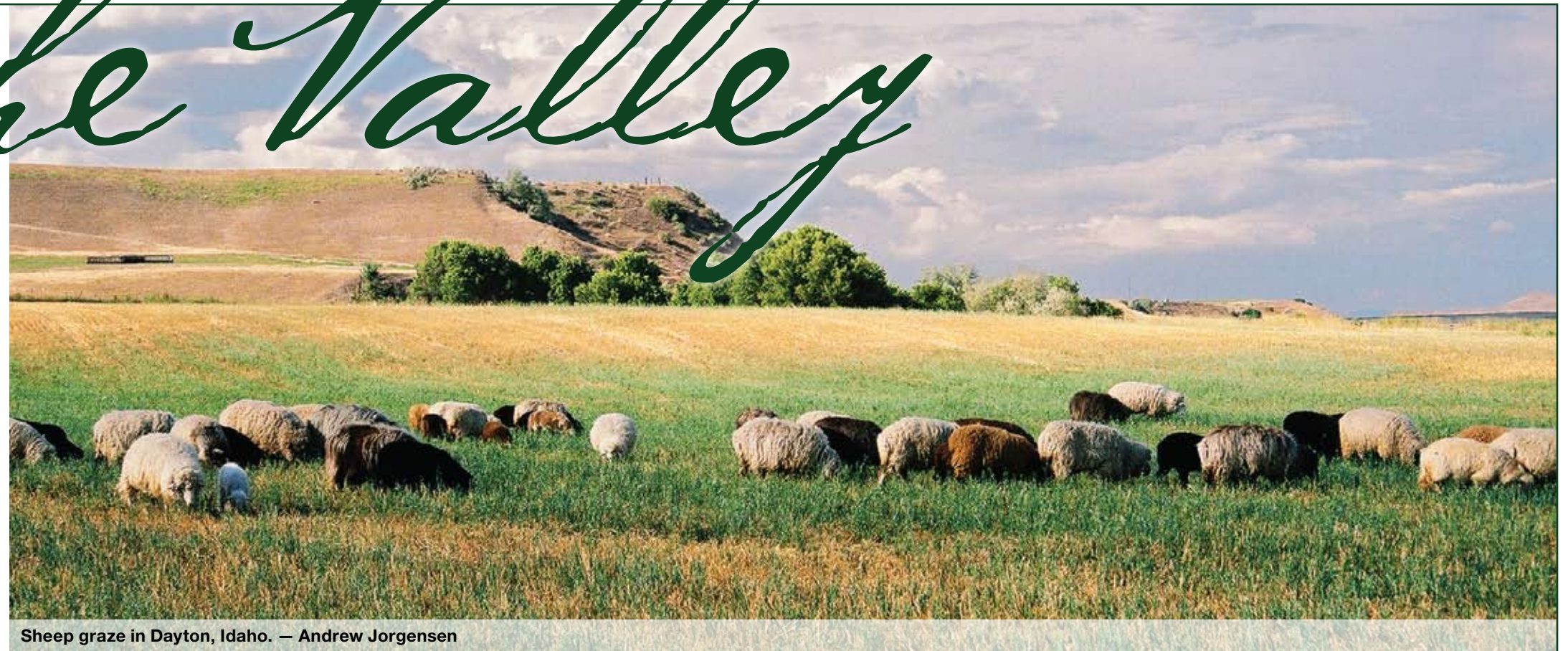
## Preston Area Chamber of Commerce

49 N. State St., Preston, 83263  
208.852.2703  
[www.prestonidaho.org](http://www.prestonidaho.org)  
[pacc@dcdi.net](mailto:pacc@dcdi.net)

Cache Valley was originally named Willow Valley because of the abundant willows growing along its many rivers and streams. Later, the name was changed to Cache Valley for the practice of early fur trappers to cache, or hide, their furs in the area.

The valley is about 50 miles long, 20 miles wide, surrounded by rugged mountains and straddles the Utah-Idaho border. It is a green oasis in the arid West and even greener because of the irrigation system that was established by early settlers.

The area was originally only known to Indians (primarily Shoshone and Ute) and fur trappers. Soon



Sheep graze in Dayton, Idaho. — Andrew Jorgensen

after the Mormons settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, they began colonizing nearby areas. The first pioneer settlement in Cache Valley was at Wellsville in 1856, although cattlemen tending Brigham Young's herds were there earlier. They encountered the area's cold winters, which killed the cattle and prevented settlement efforts until a few years later. The southern, or Utah portion of Cache Valley hosts 80% of the valley's population, while the northern end in Idaho is more rural.

## Clifton

### Experiences

#### Twin Lakes

This wetlands area offers songbirds, marsh birds, water fowl and many loons in the spring. Visit this site spring and summer.

**Location:** Twin Lakes Road. Take Westside Hwy from Dayton, north

**GPS:** 42.1911° N 111.96493° W.

### Restaurants

Papa Jay's (see listing under Shopping)

### Shopping

#### Papa Jay's World Famous Beef Jerky

Locally owned and operated for many years by local entrepreneur Jay Moyle, Papa Jay's grocery is now owned by his daughter Mary, who continues the tradition of making her dad's famous homemade beef jerky. Jay always enjoyed talking about the history behind drying meats and experimenting with making jerky at home.

He tried different meats and flavorings until he settled on the best recipes, which he kept secret. Jay joked that the whole family smelled like beef jerky until 1977 when the hobby went pro and he started producing commercially out of his convenience store. Papa Jay's also makes homemade beef sandwiches and other lunch specials you can enjoy in his café corner. Papa Jay's will turn your wild game into delicious jerky or provide other custom orders upon request. Stop by on your way through the scenic area around Clifton and make Papa Jay's your stop for lunch.

**Location:** 10 S Main. Take Westside Highway from Dayton, north

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 8 am-7 pm

**Information:** 208.747.3772; [www.papajays.com/index.htm](http://www.papajays.com/index.htm)





Franklin is the oldest town in Idaho and early settlers actually thought they were in Utah. This mercantile is located on historic Main Street. — Lisa Duskin-Goede

## Dayton

### Shopping

#### Creations by Coral

Coral Cahoon learned to crochet from her grandmother and other teachers and has been crocheting for 30 years. She has been in business since 1998 perfecting her own custom designs and instructions for heirloom doilies. Heirloom doilies have your surname or other lettering crocheted into a design that can be framed. Coral's signature pineapple-edged doilies make a beautiful gift to last a lifetime. Call Coral for an appointment.

**Location:** 1145 N. Westside Hwy  
**Hours:** By appointment  
**Information:** Home: 208.747.3671, Cell: 208.851.1108  
 email: mphoon@msn.com

#### Viking Leather

Thirty years ago Max Gundersen started in the upholstery business in the Salt Lake City area. Since moving to Idaho in 1974, he has created and tooled leather products including gun cases, chaps, bridles and other items. The business has a large market, both local and nationally, and sells to major stores and mail order companies.

**Location:** 1439 N. Westside Hwy  
**Hours:** Mon-Fri 8 am-4:30 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm  
**Information:** 208.747.3260

## Franklin

### Experiences

#### Pioneer Historic National Scenic Byway

On this route, travelers can retrace some steps of Idaho's pioneers and follow the path of early-day Yellowstone Park visitors. From Franklin, Idaho's oldest settlement, it follows US Hwy 91 north to Preston, then Idaho State Hwy 34 north through Thatcher and Grace to US Hwy 30. It then goes east to Soda Springs where it meets the Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway and from there it heads north on Idaho State Hwy 34 to the Wyoming border. This route offers the shortest distance and time between Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park. Check the website for the Pioneer Historic National Scenic Byway at [www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org/](http://www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org/) For more information, visit the information kiosk at the south approach to Franklin, or stop by LaTienda convenience store located at 2 South State Street in Franklin.

**Location:** Begins at the Utah-Idaho state line  
**GPS:** 42.01354° N 111.80423° W  
**Information:** Preston Chamber of Commerce: 208.852.2703; Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce: 888.399.0888

### Heritage Sites

#### Franklin Relic Hall

The village of Franklin is the oldest European-American settlement in Idaho, established in April 1860 by Mormon pioneers moving northward from Utah. The Relic Hall, a museum of local history, is housed in a log building built as a museum in 1937 in tribute to the log homes of the early settlers. Exhibits inside the Hall have remained relatively unchanged since they were installed in 1937. The collection includes farm implements, photos of settlers and a Yellowstone Park touring stagecoach. In addition, there is a replica of the old fort that

was the first structure when Franklin was settled. Next to the Relic Hall is the stone building that was used as the Franklin Cooperative Mercantile Institute, part of the cooperative movement instituted under Brigham Young. The idea was to locally produce as much of what was consumed as possible, to avoid dependence on "imported goods" from the coasts.

**Location:** 111 E. Main  
**Hours:** Summer season, June 1-Sept 30, Tue-Sat, 11 am-3 pm, by appointment during off season.  
**Information:** 208.646.2309

#### Hatch House and Doney House

The Hatch house is a Greek Revival style house built with local limestone in 1872 by Lorenzo H. Hatch, one of the earliest settlers of Franklin. A carpenter and farmer, he was the first Mormon Idaho legislator and served as mayor and Mormon bishop of Franklin. Since Hatch was the local bishop, he built his house large enough to accommodate visiting dignitaries and travelers. The original floor plan included a front parlor, hallway and staircase on one side, a kitchen in the back and four bedrooms (three upstairs and one downstairs). A brick addition was built in 1905. Descendants of L.H. Hatch lived in the house until the 1940s. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places but is not open to the public. This is also the site of the Doney house, which has been moved from its original location. Built in 1864 by John Doney, it is the second oldest house in Idaho and a good example of a pioneer rock house. View both houses from the street.

**Location:** 125 E. Main  
 Old Village Hall and Jail  
**Location:** 122 E. Main  
**Hours:** By appointment during city office hours; Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm  
**Information:** City office: 208.646.2300

### Cache Valley Heritage Driving Tour

A self-guided heritage driving tour of Cache Valley provides an enjoyable day of learning about the history and settlement of this area. The tour takes you through 30 cities and towns located in Cache Valley, Utah and Idaho. You can obtain a copy of the Cache Valley Historic Driving Tour from the Cache Valley Visitors Bureau located in the historic courthouse at 199 North Main St. in Logan.



## Restaurants

### La Tienda and Borderline Grill

Originally founded by Billy Hobbs, La Tienda has been in business for over 30 years. Traditionally, it was a gathering place for locals to meet and discuss the day's business over coffee. The Idaho lottery tickets for sale and a large variety of beers also make it a popular spot. La Tienda expanded its operations in 2007 in this remodeled building to incorporate the Borderline Grill with its seafood and prime rib dinners. The new Beer Den cools 2,000 cases of domestic and imported beers and a wine room highlights 200 of the finest of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California wines. La Tienda is not an ordinary convenience store—it's a destination in and of itself!

**Location:** 2 S. State St.

**Hours:** Borderline Grill—Weekdays 7 am-9 pm; Weekends 7 am-10 pm; Sun 7 am-7 pm

**Open:** La Tienda—24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Information:** 208.646.2402

## Shopping

La Tienda (See listing under Restaurants)

## ← Oxford →

## Experiences

### Oxford Slough

This wetlands area offers songbirds, shore birds, marine birds, marsh birds, waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes. Visit this site any season but winter.

**Location:** 1 mile north of Oxford. Take Westside Hwy from Dayton, north

**GPS:** 42.2784° N 112.01212° W

## ← Preston →

## Experiences

### Glendale Reservoir

This site offers songbirds, birds of prey, marine birds, marsh birds and waterfowl. Camping and restrooms are available. Visit this site any season.

**Location:** 3 miles northeast of Preston

**GPS:** 42.12906° N 111.8078° W

### Oneida Narrows Reservoir

This area contains wetland and juniper habitats. Expect to see songbirds, birds of prey, upland birds and water fowl. Some visitors have seen Trumpeter Swans in the winter as well as Wild Turkeys, eagles, Osprey and pelicans. Visit this site any season except winter.

**Location:** 15 miles northeast of Preston. Take State Hwy 34 north of Preston, turn east on State Hwy 36 to the Oneida Narrows Road sign.

**GPS:** 42.27888° N 111.74438° W

### Riverdale Hot Springs

Riverdale Resort features a large outdoor swimming pool and hot tubs fed by natural hot water, including a therapeutic jetted tub. A hydro-tube pool, children's pool, gaming room and snack bar make this a good family outing. The resort has eight motel rooms with hot tubs in every room. Visit [www.riverdaleresort.com](http://www.riverdaleresort.com).

**Location:** Five miles north of Preston, Idaho, next to the Bear River at the intersection of State Hwy 34 and 36

**GPS:** 42.16467° N 111.8376° W

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 10 am-9 pm, except on Fri 10 am-10 pm

**Information:** 208.852.0286

email: [riverdale@allidaho.com](mailto:riverdale@allidaho.com)

## Heritage Sites

### Bear River Massacre Site

On January 29, 1863, Colonel Patrick E. Connor led a group of California Volunteers from Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City to search for Shoshone



Mechanized machinery sorts potatoes off a conveyor belt as part of the fall harvest of Idaho's famous potatoes.  
— Lisa Duskin-Goede

Indians responsible for raids on settlers. The Indians had been pushed out of more and more of their lands in northern Utah and some of them had reacted by attacking settlers. In the early morning darkness, the soldiers attacked the winter camp of Chief Bear Hunter on Battle Creek, trapping them in the ravine. The soldiers slaughtered at least 250 men, women and children (some accounts say it was 400). It was the worst massacre of Native Americans in the West, but received little attention in part because it occurred during the Civil War when Americans' attention was more on events in the East than those in the West. The event is noted by several historical markers on US Hwy 91 outside of Preston. The various markers show how the event has been remembered; first as a "battle," and later as the massacre it was. There are often items of remembrance such as feathers

or little bundles of cloth left by visitors to the site. Please do not disturb them.

**Location:** About 2.5 miles northwest of Preston on US Hwy 91

**GPS:** 42.15288° N 111.90733° W

### Oneida Stake Academy

The Oneida Stake Academy started in 1888 in Franklin, Idaho, and was one of many schools founded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When the time came in 1889 to construct a building for the academy, Preston was chosen as the location because it was centrally located in the region. It is the oldest academy building still standing. Ezra Taft Benson and Harold, B. Lee, former Mormon Church presidents, were among graduates of the school. In 2002, the Franklin County School District needed the land occupied by the empty Academy building to



expand facilities at the high school and declared the building would be razed if funds could not be found to move it. A tremendous outpouring of community, regional, state and even national support raised the required \$1.2 million. On December 10, 2003, the building was lifted from its foundation and moved two blocks to Benson Park, a process that took a week. It is now being restored as a museum and community center; donations are still needed to complete the project. For more of the story visit [www.mormonhistoricsitesfoundation.org/projects/oneida.htm](http://www.mormonhistoricsitesfoundation.org/projects/oneida.htm)

**Location:** Benson Park at the corner of Oneida St. and 100 E.

**GPS:** 42.09611° N 111.87425° W

**Open:** By appointment

**Information:** Oneida Stake Academy Foundation, Inc., c/o Necia Seamons, 208.852.1837

### Shoshone Trail

The Shoshone Indians used this trail system to cross the mountains between Cache Valley and Bear Lake Valley and on into Wyoming. When Mormon settlers came, they used the trail to take mail between the valleys. A marker commemorating the pioneer mail route is located up Cub River Road (County Road 406 that turns off US Hwy 91 about 4 miles south of Preston, Idaho). The markers are about 12 miles up Cub River Road. When you get to the fork in the road, take the Willow Flat, Franklin Basin turn. There are two markers; one at Thomas Spring and one a little further on. The GPS coordinates are for the first marker.

**GPS:** 42.14559° N 111.64217° W

### Worm Creek Opera House

This old theater was named after a creek the flows through Preston. The theater was reopened about 30 years ago and now serves as playhouse for students performing in Westside High and Preston High musicals and performers in general from Northern Utah and Idaho. Other productions are presented

by Franklin County Theater Arts Council and Northern Cache Valley's Theatre Guild. The opera house also shows current movies. Call for information.

**Location:** 70 S. State St.

**Hours:** Call for play and movie times

**Open:** 208.852.0088

### Lodging

#### Cub River Canyon Guest Ranch

Cub River Canyon Guest Ranch is located at the site of Watercress Springs. Watercress Springs is technically not a hot springs, but instead is a "warm springs" at 78 degrees Fahrenheit. As the Shoshone Indians traveled back and forth from their summer hunting grounds in Wyoming to their winter camps near the hot water springs on the Bear River west of Preston, they stopped and camped here. Good food, shelter and a warm water spring were great attractions for them. The Hull family established a 620-acre ranch in the early 1900s and the Murdocks have recently converted the property to year-round recreation facilities, including a year-round geothermal outdoor pool. Located next to the Deer Cliff Inn in Cub River Canyon. Visit [www.cubriverguestranch.com](http://www.cubriverguestranch.com).

**Location:** 1942 N. Deer Cliff Rd., 8.5 miles up Cub River Canyon. Take Cub River Road east, about 4 miles south of Preston, between Franklin and Preston.

**GPS:** 42.12933° N 111.70577° W

**Information:** 208.852.2124

email: [cubriverguestranch@yahoo.com](mailto:cubriverguestranch@yahoo.com)

### Restaurants

#### Deer Cliff Inn

Deer Cliff Inn sits right on the scenic Cub River and has been family owned and operated since 1940. Their steak, seafood, local trout and famous roasted chicken and honey buttered scones can't be beat. The restaurant features live

entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Their regular season is May to October and by special arrangements for group parties anytime. Location: 2106 N. Deer Cliff Road, 8.5 miles up Cub River Canyon. Take Cub River Road east, about 4 miles south of Preston, between Franklin and Preston.

**GPS:** 42.12933° N 111.70577° W

**Open:** June-Aug: Open 5 pm daily, except Sun. May, Sept, Oct: Thurs, Fri, Sat, open 5 pm

**Holidays:** Open at noon. Closing times vary.

**Information:** 208.852.0643

#### Mis Amores Mexican Restaurant

Rosa and Gordon Brewster are your hosts at this family owned restaurant featuring delicious, authentic Mexican and American food. At this location since 2002, Gordon and Rosa have developed their own popular menu and recipes. Try the hearty homemade chicken soup, steaks, tacos and burritos.

**Location:** 101 N. State St.

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 11 am to 9 pm; Fri and Sat 11 am-10 pm

**Open:** Closed Sun.

**Information:** 208.852.7133

### Shopping

#### Angela's Scenic Wonders

Angelica I. Nielson has been a freelance photographer since 1988. Her photos have been published in travel brochures, in the Franklin County "BARN Again!" publication, "Barns and More" (available to view at Larsen-Sant public library in Preston), "Historic Barns of Southeastern Idaho" and "Idaho Magazine."

**Location:** 153 E. 200 N.

**Hours:** By appointment only

**Information:** 208.852.2889

#### Bear Claw Inc.

Russell D. and Susan Jorgensen have a national and international following in art circles for their wildlife and western art, limited edition sculpture,

oil paintings and limited edition prints. Living in western Wyoming and southeast Idaho influences Russell's choice of subject matter. Not only does he create the sculptures, but he also makes the molds from which the limited editions are made. Through extensive research and development, he now uses two casting media: Stone casting allows an exact solid cast of the original using a granite particle composition, while cold cast bronze uses a more extensive mold and cast development and is formed of metals and resin. Call Russell at Bear Claw to see their work.

**Location:** 22 N. State St.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.852.3060

#### Idaho Made

Tracy Carpenter was born and raised in Preston, Idaho. His great-great grandfather, a Swiss-German immigrant and one of the first settlers of Franklin in 1860, was a Zimmerman. The name was changed to the English, Carpenter, reflecting his trade as a craftsman. Tracy Carpenter is inspired by his ancestry. A self-taught wood worker, he crafts custom furnishings, period pieces and does custom restoration and built-ins using both local and out-of-state woods. You can see photos of Tracy's work at [www.idahomade.com](http://www.idahomade.com) or call for an appointment.

**Location:** 865 Ranch Loop Rd., Preston. Go 1.3 miles up Cub River Road, (about 4 miles south of Preston, between Franklin and Preston), then 2 miles up 3600 E./Nash Rd.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.852.5588 or 208.406.1447

#### True Value Mart

Bob's Mart, as locals have called it in the past, was in operation for nearly 50 years as J.C. Penney's. In 1987 Bud Elwell took over operation and with the help of Bob Merrill and Steve Bergquist, established a True Value Hardware store. The building was originally built by J.C. Penney in 1938 and was the second store in the J.C. Penney chain, which originated in Kemmerer, Wyoming, some





Sunset at Maple Grove Hot Springs.

### The Mink Creek Ghost

The small ranching community of Mink Creek at the north end of Cache Valley, Idaho, is home to the famous local phantom, the Mink Creek Ghost. The ghost was said to have arrived in a rushing wind at a farmhouse in the canyon, attacking a young girl by choking her. This occurred repeatedly over a period of time, and no effort of the residents, including prayer, blessings and neighbors staying in the home, was able to rout the spirit. The family eventually left the area after the death of their daughter who had been the target of the attacks. Some people say the ghost was the avenging spirit of a wealthy Danish relative who was killed by the girl's father after a visit. After the family moved away, the ghost never troubled the area again.

100 miles to the east. Current owners carry on the tradition of True Value Hardware. As you walk on the hardwood floors to explore the aisles, you'll get the historical feel of the building. In addition to hardware and sporting goods, True Value Mart carries products like Honda Power products, Russell Stover candies and Wrangler jeans. To serve the local community better, the store also has a tuxedo rental, balloon bouquets and Boy Scouts of America supplies. Explore the fabric department, where

quilts are on display and for sale and quilt classes are offered on Tuesdays. At Christmastime, True Value Mart sells tree permits in time for cutting for the holiday season. Parking for True Value Mart is located on the street and in the back.

**Location:** 44 S. State St.  
**Hours:** Mon-Sat 9 am-7 pm  
**Information:** 208.852.2627

### Wildgold

John Rasmussen is known for his antler carvings and antler composite products made of 70% pulverized antler. The artwork is sculpted and then painted in great detail. Raised near Island Park, Idaho and a Preston resident for over 20 years, John has been carving since 1978. He creates images of game and other birds, moose, wild sheep and others. He will carve exotic animals on consignment. His work is well known by hunters and collectors alike and is

sold nationally and internationally. Belt buckles, hat pins, bolo ties and tie racks are available. Visit [www.wildgoldltd.com](http://www.wildgoldltd.com).

**Location:** 306 E. 400 S.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.852.3310

## Thatcher

### Experiences

#### Maple Grove Hot Springs

In the early 1900s, the Hopkins family homesteaded the site where this hot springs was developed and for many years was known to locals as Hopkins Hot Springs. You can read about the interesting history of this family and the original uses of the site by visiting the front desk of Maple Grove Hot Springs. Hopkins Hot Springs became Maple Grove Hot Springs in 1945 and was operated as a commercial hot springs into the 1960s. The Timmons family bought the springs in 1999 and has put forth tremendous effort in restoring the facilities, including crafting two beautiful stone pools that immediately overlook the Bear River. Facilities include shower rooms and a kitchen for the use of all patrons. Campsites are available and can be reserved individually or in groups. Maple Grove Hot Springs is located along the Bear River at the north end of Oneida Narrows reservoir in southeastern Idaho's scenic Oneida Narrows canyon. This stretch of the Bear River is home to various songbirds, birds of prey, upland and water fowl including Trumpeter Swan, Wild Turkey, eagle, Osprey and pelicans.

**Location:** 11386 N. Oneida Narrows Rd., Thatcher. The turnoff to Oneida Narrows Rd. is about 18 miles north of Preston, off State Hwy 34

**GPS:** 42.30887° N 111.708° W

**Hours:** 10 am-10 pm, 363 days a year including holidays. Closed one Tue in April and Oct for pool cleaning

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 208.851.1137;

[www.maplegrovehotsprings.com](http://www.maplegrovehotsprings.com)

## Whitney

### Whitney, Idaho

Whitney was known as Hull's Crossing because of the placement of the Hull family farms and was settled by families from Franklin who needed extra land for crops. Prior to building their homes in 1869, they planted crops and started farming. In 1888, after the railroad came through, the town was given its present name. To this day, Whitney remains a farming community.

### Heritage Sites

#### Ezra Taft Benson Home and Gravesite

Whitney was the boyhood home of Ezra Taft Benson who served as Secretary of Agriculture in the Eisenhower Administration and as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1985 to 1994. The home in which he was raised and the red gambrel-roofed barn still stand on the family farm. The home and farm are private property, not open to the public. Benson is buried in the Whitney cemetery nearby.

**Location:** 2003 E. 800 S.

### Shopping

#### Fabric Farm

Eileen Winward owns this business and makes custom quilts, uses machine quilting and sells fabric and sewing supplies. Her business is also located in a historic neighborhood in Whitney.

**Location:** 1173 S. 1600 E.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 10 am-6 pm; most Sat, 10 am-2 pm

**Information:** 208.852.1419; email: [lylew1@plmw.com](mailto:lylew1@plmw.com)



## Downey

### Experiences

#### Downata Hot Springs

Natural hot water flows year-round through the large swimming pool and hot tub at Downata Hot Springs. The clubhouse provides changing room and lockers plus a café and game room. A zero depth water playground with water toys is popular with children. Two large hydro-tube rides thrill all ages. The resort accommodates overnighters at a bed and breakfast or RV park with hookups. Tent sites are also available. The Marshall family bought the ranch in 1907 and built the first pool. The warm water was often used for Mormon baptisms. The Marshalls joined forces with the Evans family and worked through the winter of 1929 to build the resort. Since then the resort has been operated by many families and has recently been upgraded by current owners. This site is just north of Franklin County, in Bannock County.

**Location:** 3.5 miles southeast of Downey on U.S. 91; about 25 miles north of Preston

**GPS:** 42.38963° N 112.08891° W

**Hours:** June-mid-Aug: Mon-Sat 11 am-9 pm. Off-peak season Sept 15-Mar 30 by reservation only

**Information:** 208.897.5736 [www.downatahotsprings.com](http://www.downatahotsprings.com)  
email: [info@downatahotsprings.com](mailto:info@downatahotsprings.com)

## Lava Hot Springs

### Experiences

#### Lava Hot Springs

Lava Hot Springs is a community rich in Western history. The abundance of natural resources in the region such as the odor-free mineral hot springs, plentiful wildlife and water supplies attracted many American Indian tribes who welcomed the opportunity to bathe, rest and worship in an area regarded by all as neutral territory. Westward

exploration and expansion brought mountain men, trappers, traders, the Oregon Trail and pioneers to the region. The coming of the railroads provided convenient transportation to the general public and Lava Hot Springs developed into a health and recreation area. Location: Just over the Franklin County line, in Bannock County. Take US Hwy 91 from Preston about 33 miles to the I-15 north on-ramp and follow the signs to the McCammon/US Hwy 30 exit.

**Information:** 208.776.5500; [www.lavahotsprings.org](http://www.lavahotsprings.org)  
email: [findout@lavahotsprings.org](mailto:findout@lavahotsprings.org)

## Swan Lake

### Lodging

#### Smithland Bed and Breakfast

In a remote and peaceful setting, this business is in Bannock County, just a few miles north of the Franklin County line and about 21 miles north of Preston. Steve and Aprille Smith are your hosts at their four-bedroom log home located on 480 acres with lots of wildlife and a few horses. Hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, hunting, bird watching or swimming at nearby Downata Hot Springs are just some of the activities you can enjoy in the area. A handicap accessible room is available.

**Location:** 10286 E. Red Rock Rd., Swan Lake. Off US Hwy 91, about 21 miles north of Preston

**GPS:** 42.35228° N 112.02625° W

**Open:** Year-round, call for reservations

**Information:** 208.897.5148; [www.smithland.cc](http://www.smithland.cc)  
email: [smithland8@aol.com](mailto:smithland8@aol.com)

### Shopping

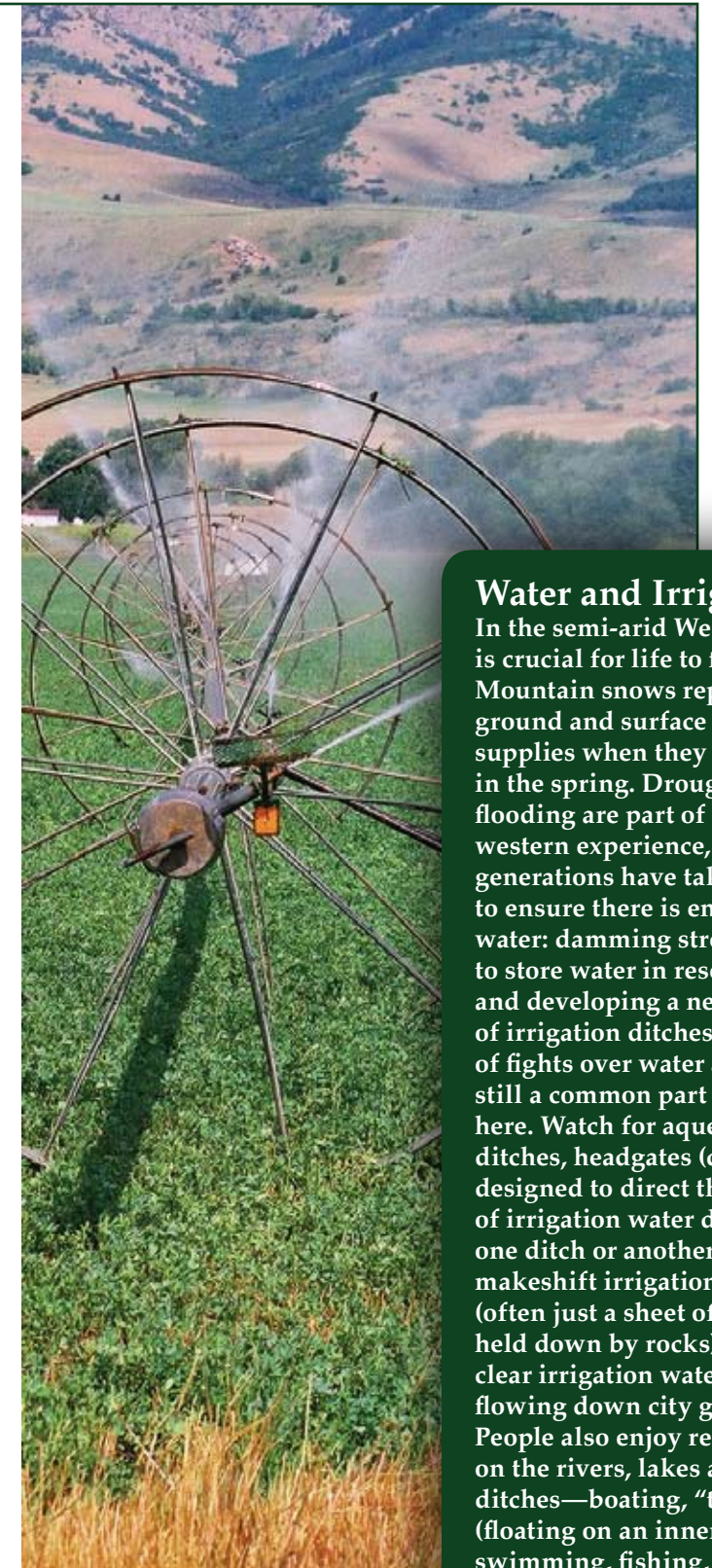
#### Thomas Mercantile

This old-time mercantile is owned by Mary and Kim Thomas, who took over the business from Kim's parents. The store is located in Swan Lake, which is actually in Bannock County, but it's such a local institution we decided to include it anyway. The Swan Lake post office is inside, as is a large selection of fabrics and tools for quilting. Kim is also a piano tuner and restorer and usually has several pianos in the back room that he's working on when the flow of customers allows. Thomas Mercantile has had the same phone number since the 1950s.

**Location:** 31087 S. US Hwy 91, Swan Lake, about 18 miles north of Preston

**GPS:** 42.31314° N 112.00257° W

**Information:** 208.897.5561



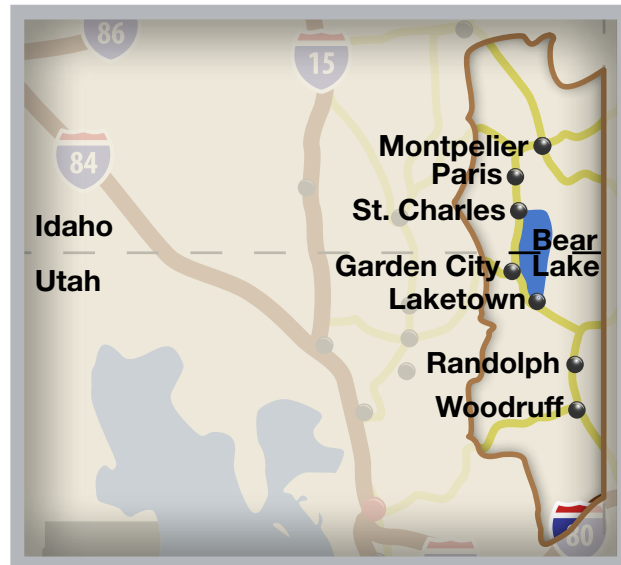
— Lisa Duskin-Goede

### Water and Irrigation

In the semi-arid West, water is crucial for life to flourish. Mountain snows replenish ground and surface water supplies when they melt in the spring. Drought and flooding are part of the western experience, and past generations have taken steps to ensure there is enough water: damming streams to store water in reservoirs and developing a network of irrigation ditches. Stories of fights over water are still a common part of life here. Watch for aqueducts, ditches, headgates (devices designed to direct the flow of irrigation water down one ditch or another), makeshift irrigation dams (often just a sheet of plastic held down by rocks) and clear irrigation water flowing down city gutters. People also enjoy recreation on the rivers, lakes and ditches—boating, "tubing" (floating on an inner tube), swimming, fishing, and water skiing are all popular water-centered pastimes.



# Bear Lake Country



**Bear Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
2628 US Hwy 89  
P.O. Box 26  
Fish Haven, Idaho 83287  
1.800.448.BEAR (2327)  
www.bearlake.org

*Bear Lake is a deep natural lake that changes color with the sky, and is best known for its breathtaking turquoise color sparkling on sunny days. Keep your eyes open for the legendary Bear Lake monster. The lake is the center of the Bear Lake Valley, which straddles Utah and Idaho. Shoshone and Bannock Indians lived and hunted in the valley for hundreds of years. The first whites journeyed here as part of the Donald MacKenzie Snake River expedition of 1818-1819. In the 1840s, the Oregon Trail cut through the valley, bringing*

*thousands of emigrants through the region. Only one settled here in those early years: Thomas L. "Peg Leg" Smith, who ran a cattle business, trading post and horse exchange near present-day Dingle, Idaho. After the passage of the Homestead Act in 1862, Brigham Young feared the valley would fall into non-Mormon hands and sent a group of people under the leadership of Charles C. Rich to colonize. Between 1863 and 1870, they established communities at Paris, Idaho, and Garden City (then called Kennedyville), Laketown, Woodruff and Randolph, Utah.*

*The valley is known for harsh winters and short growing seasons (Woodruff averages only 57 frost-free days a year), but there is fertile land for livestock. Surrounded by traditional ranching country, the lake is a mecca for recreation. The wetlands on the north end of the lake are a haven for wild birds; the*



The turquoise waters of Bear Lake are also known as the Caribbean of the Rockies. — Lisa Duskin-Goede

*flatlands near the lake host raspberry fields and towns; the steep mountains on the west are part of Wasatch-Cache National Forest, with its fir-juniper forests, trails and wildlife.*

## — Bear Lake Area —

### Experiences

#### Bear Lake

This site offers songbirds, birds of prey, shorebirds, marine birds, upland birds, marsh birds, waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes and many Canada Geese. Bear Lake is well known for ice fishing. The Bonneville Cisco run occurs in January.

**Location:** 24 miles south of Montpelier on U.S. 89  
**GPS:** 42.06605° N. 111.38781° W.

#### Bear Lake Hot Springs

This region has numerous hot springs. The mineral water at Bear Lake Hot Springs emerges at 118 degrees Fahrenheit, and cools while it is pumped from the mountain into the tubs. Characteristics similar to those of Lava Hot Springs to the northwest can be found in this water. Area residents come to relax in the pools while enjoying the view of Bear Lake. Food and

### Local Businesses and Institutions

Entrepreneurship has flourished in this region, and many businesses are rooted in local culture. Small businesspeople like saddle-makers, sign painters, hot springs owners, Dutch oven cooks and hunting guides continue to ply their trades. In the 1860s, Brigham Young instituted the "cooperative" movement, in which communities banded together in businesses such as dry goods, milling, and cabinetmaking. Some modern businesses are the descendants of these old "co-ops," and some of the buildings in which the co-ops were housed still stand. Cheese, ice cream, chocolate candies and other confections are made in this region, with some businesses dating back to the early 1900s. You may see abandoned condensed milk and sugar beet processing plants in some communities, and we have agricultural implement stores that are more than a century old. Another institution, Utah State University, began as Utah Agricultural College, or the "A.C." in 1888. Today, many businesses are located in historic buildings like old churches and depots.





— Andrew Jorgensen

camping are available.

**Location:** 7 miles East North Beach State Rd on the northeast side of Bear Lake (Idaho)

**GPS:** 42.11018° N. 111.26522° W.

**Hours:** Mothers Day-Labor Day, 10 am-10 pm daily

**Open:** May-October

**Information:** 208.945.4545

### Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge

The Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge is located on the north shore of Bear Lake. Over 18,050 acres of the Dingle Swamp, open water and grasslands have been dedicated to preserving bird and wildlife habitat. The reserve is home to Sandhill Cranes, herons, Snowy Egret, white pelicans, Canada Geese and a variety of waterfowl. The refuge's White-faced Ibis colony of 5,000 birds is one of the largest in the West. Trumpeter Swans are beginning to nest and use the refuge. In May,

Canada Geese hatch by the hundreds; ducks and cranes follow shortly thereafter. This refuge also includes the 1,015-acre Thomas Fork Unit near the Wyoming border and the Oxford Slough Waterfowl Production Area near Oxford, Idaho. To get to the north entrance, take the Paris-Dingle Rd (200 North) from Paris and go east just under 3 miles. Follow the refuge signs, cross the canal and watch for the sign on your right (south) side. Another access is from North Beach (Turnpike) Rd north of 400 North in St. Charles. Turn east and drive several miles. This road runs along the refuge's southern border next to Bear Lake. Coming from Montpelier, take Airport Rd south from US Hwy 89 for about 7 miles to the refuge's north entrance.

**Location:** North shore of Bear Lake along US Hwy 89 in Idaho. There are several ways to get

to the refuge, as noted above.

**GPS:** 42.2369° N. 111.3532° W.

**Information:** 208.847.1757

### Cisco's Landing

Take a guided pontoon boat tour of Bear Lake from the Bear Lake Marina with a licensed Coast Guard captain. Personalized eco-tours of the area feature historical, cultural, wildlife, ranches and hiking information.

**Location:** 1065 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City, Utah

**Hours:** By reservation

**Information:** 435.946.2717; cell 435.757.6377; [www.ciscoslanding.com](http://www.ciscoslanding.com)

### Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway

Visit the National Oregon-California Trail Center and celebrate the history and scenic wonders of the 2,000-mile Oregon-California Trail, part of the largest voluntary migration ever. Sites in this area are documented within the diaries of emigrants, in military records and by early mountain men and settlers. For more detailed information on Idaho's scenic byways, visit [www.idahobyways.gov](http://www.idahobyways.gov)

**Location:** Begins at the Utah/Idaho state line and follows US Hwy 89 north to US Hwy 30, then north and west to Soda Springs, where it meets the Pioneer Historic Byway. The route then goes to Bancroft, Lava Hot Springs and McCammon, Idaho.

**GPS:** 42.32278° N. 111.29725° W.

**Information:** Stop by the Oregon-California Trail Center in Montpelier.

## —► Bloomington, Idaho ◄—

### Shopping

#### Frog Hollow Pottery

Handmade wheel-thrown pottery by Leslie Salinas includes plates, bowls and jars, and often incorporate whimsical designs of local wildlife and plants. Leslie is self-taught and uses high-fired porcelain clay for her work. She has been a potter for 25 years and has shown her work at

various galleries in Idaho and Utah. Leslie always loved frogs, and when she moved to Bloomington and found that she lived in the middle of what locals called Frog Hollow, she knew that would be the name of her business.

**Location:** 250 North Main St, Bloomington

**Open:** By appointment; or stop in at the studio

**Information:** 208.945.2102

## —► Fish Haven, Idaho ◄—

### Lodging

#### Bluebird Inn

The Bluebird Inn is an old homestead overlooking Bear Lake, with lush gardens and an outdoor hot tub. There are five charming rooms, each with a fireplace, and your stay includes a full breakfast in the sunny dining room.

**Location:** 423 Hwy 89, Fish Haven

**GPS:** 42.00547° N. 111.4135° W.

**Open:** Year-round, call or e-mail for reservations

**Information:** 800.797.6448

or 208.945.2571, [www.thebluebirdinn.com](http://www.thebluebirdinn.com)

### Shopping

#### Fish Haven General Store

Built in the early 1960s, this was one of the first gas stations along the shores of Bear Lake.

Now a convenience store, it carries Bear Lake raspberry products and is still selling gas.

**Location:** 2637 US Hwy 89, Fish Haven

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 9 am-6 pm;

Fri-Sat, 9 am-10 pm,

May 1-Labor Day

**Information:** 208.945.2148

### Agriculture

European settlers brought agriculture to the Bear River watershed in the nineteenth century. It remains a vital economic activity here, and the landscape of fields, pasture lands, barns and irrigation ditches reflects this. Ranching and dairy farming can be found throughout the region, and you'll also find raspberry farms (around Bear Lake and Paradise in Cache Valley), potato farms (southeast Idaho) and fruit orchards (Box Elder County, Utah). Businesses that support agriculture, such as equipment dealers, feed stores, irrigation supply stores and feed lots, are located in many towns. Agriculture has also helped bring new cultural groups into the region to work on farms and ranches. Japanese-Americans came in the mid-twentieth century, and today, you may find workers with Latino, Asian or Eastern European origins. The historic agricultural landscape includes hay derricks (made of large wooden poles), rail fences and old barns.



### Gladys's Place

This deceptively small building is home to a deli, souvenir shop, liquor store and Idaho lottery. Gladys is a well-loved mainstay of the community. Come in, explore and introduce yourself. Be sure to have one of Gladys's deli sandwiches, baked beans or salads; call ahead and request one of her famous raspberry orange pastries. Bear Lake raspberry products available.

**Location:** 2703 US Hwy 89, Fish Haven. Located on the west side of the highway.

**Hours:** Sun-Thurs, 8 am-8 pm; Fri-Sat, 8 am.-9 pm

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 208.945.2306

## — Garden City, Utah —

### Experiences

#### Garden City Park Boardwalk

Amble through the cattails and learn about wetlands ecology on this short boardwalk from Garden City Park to the lakeshore.

**GPS:** 41.93912° N. 111.39335° W.

#### Pickleville Playhouse

A delightful family operated theatre that features melodramas and other productions suitable for any audience, along with a meal for any appetite before the show. And yes, there really was a town called Pickleville, right here! It was named after Warren W. Pickle, who secured funding for a culinary water project in the 1870s. Pickleville and Garden City merged in 1890.

**Location:** 2049 South Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**GPS:** 41.90942° N. 111.38941° W.

**Hours:** Nightly except Sunday; late June-early Sept.

**Information:** 435.946.2918; [www.picklevilleplayhouse.com](http://www.picklevilleplayhouse.com)

### Lodging

#### Bear Lake KOA and Lakeview Market

Cabins, camping sites and RV sites available. Full service grocery on site.

**Location:** 485 North Bear Lake Rd, 1 mile north of the

main intersection in Garden City

**GPS:** 41.95762° N. 111.39931° W.

**Hours:** Market: Sun-Thurs, 7 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat, 7 am-10 pm; Market closes at 6 pm in winter

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.946.3454;

[www.bearlakecampgrounds.com/amenities.html](http://www.bearlakecampgrounds.com/amenities.html)

#### Bear Lake Motor Lodge

Motel rooms and restaurant. (See listing under restaurants.)

**Location:** 50 S Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Information:** 435.946.3271

### Restaurants

#### Bear Lake Pizza Company and The Chocolate Bear

After eating one of their famous pizzas, go next door for homemade chocolate-dipped raspberries!

**Location:** 240 South Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 11 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.946.3600, summer season

#### Bear Lake Restaurant and Motor Lodge

A mom and pop diner serving old-time favorites as well as locally made goods. Try Lott's homemade soups and cakes, or if you are too full, take home a jar of Chad's homemade raspberry syrup, all available in the restaurant.

**Location:** 50 S Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Summer, 7 am-9 pm; winter, 7 am-8 pm

**Information:** 435.946.3271

#### Bear Trapper Steak House

Great rustic atmosphere brought to you by the same folks who own Bear Lake Pizza Company and The Chocolate Bear.

**Location:** 216 South Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Open:** Seven days a week in summer.

**Information:** 435.946.8484

#### Hometown Drive-In

**Location:** 105 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** 8 am-10 pm

**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day

**Information:** 435.946.2727



The Three Sisters formation inside Minnetonka Cave, which boasts nine limestone caverns.

#### LaBeau's & the Sweet Shoppe

**Location:** 69 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 8 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.946.8821

#### LaBeau's Too

**Location:** 79 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11 am-7-ish pm

**Information:** 435.946.2725

#### Lakeside Pizza & Pantry

Fresh home-style pizza, lasagna, salads, cheese breadsticks and sandwiches. Try the homemade raspberry ice cream at Grandma's Pantry on a hot summer night.

**Location:** 80 West Logan Hwy, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 11 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 am-10 pm

**Open:** Year-round Fri and Sat—Closed Sunday

**Information:** 435.946.2870 or 435.946.8865

#### Quick and Tasty

Upon entering Garden City from Logan Canyon, Quick and Tasty greets you with fresh-cut home fries and raspberry shakes.

**Location:** Located in Raspberry Square at 28 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 8 am-10 pm

**Information:** 435.946.2875

### Shopping

#### Bear Lake Chevron

Raspberry products and hunting and fishing licenses are available at this top-notch gas station and convenience store.

**Location:** 604 West Logan Rd, Garden City

**Hours:** Daily, 6 am-9 or 10 pm in summer; 7 am-7 pm winter

**Information:** 435.946.3604



### Calder's

Calder's family-operated raspberry farm has been in business for more than a decade. They sell wholesale to local malt shops, and have a stand for fresh picked raspberry sales when the crop is plentiful.

**Location:** Berry stand is located at approximately 425 N. Bear Lake Blvd, on the west side of the road across from Garden City Park.

**GPS:** 41.94038° N. 111.4074° W.

**Hours:** Available during berry season when the crop is good. (Late July until middle of August.)

**Open:** Noon until sold out

**Information:** Tammy at 435.946.8863

### Clea's Nifty Gifts

Clea's Nifty Gifts has been in business in Garden City since 1987. The store features locally made hand-crafted items, souvenirs and raspberry products. Stop by and find one-of-a-kind and handmade kitchen items, games, doll clothes and children and baby wear.

**Location:** 55 West Logan Rd, Garden City

**Hours:** summer: daily, 10 am-6 pm; weekends in winter from 10 am-5 pm

**Open:** summer: May 15-Labor Day; winter: after Labor Day-Oct 15

**Information:** 435.946.8538

### Garden City General Store

The main part of this building was built in the late 1800s, and throughout the years additions have been added. Buy locally made products while grabbing those forgotten groceries.

**Location:** 116 South Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Mon-Sun, 8 am-9 pm, May 1 thru Oct 31

**Information:** 435.946.2877

### Lakeview Market

You can find local raspberry products here, fresh produce, kitchen and hardware supplies along with traveler's supplies at this full-service market.

**Location:** 485 North Bear Lake Rd, 1 mile north of the main intersection in Garden City

**GPS:** 41.95762° N. 111.39931° W.

**Hours:** Market: Sun-Thurs, 7 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat, 7 am-10 pm; market closes at 6 pm in winter

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 435.946.3454

### Lighthouse Landing

This building originally sat farther down on the beach, and in the early 1990s the owners moved it closer to the main street and opened the gift shop. They carry gifts, antiques and mementos.

**Location:** 18 North Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** 9 am-dusk

**Open:** summer season

**Information:** 435.946.8610

### Pickleville Country Store

Pickleville Country Store was once a tavern and survived 60 years to its present use as a local general store.

**Location:** 2123 South Bear Lake Blvd, Garden City

**Hours:** Sun-Thurs 8 am-8 pm; Fri and Sat, 8 am-9 pm

**Open:** May-Sept

**Information:** 435.946.2644

## Georgetown, Idaho

### Heritage Sites

#### Georgetown Relief Society Hall

This small pioneer building is over 125 years old and in its early days functioned as a school, local chapel and meeting hall.

**Location:** 161 Third NW St, Georgetown

**Hours:** Daily

## Laketown, Utah

### Experiences

#### Bear Lake Livery & Chuck Wagon

Enjoy a scenic ride on a wagon, eat delicious catered Dutch oven dinners with live music and cowboy poetry—all set in the mountains surrounding Bear Lake. Reservations required.

**Location:** 71 E Center, Laketown

**Hours:** Call Mike and set up an appointment

**Information:** 435.946.8623

### Ice Fishing

Bear Lake has four species of fish that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The Bonneville Cisco is the most well known and at the annual Cisco Disco in January try your hand at netting some of these little fish through a hole in the ice! For more information on fishes of the region visit <http://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/bearlake.html>

**Location:** East side of Bear Lake. Drive to south end of lake and turn north on East Lakeshore Rd at the Laketown intersection.

**GPS:** 41.95688° N. 111.27543° W.

**Information:** Wildlife Resources, 435.946.8501

### Lodging

#### Laketown Lodge

This beautifully restored 1900s building was always known as the Rock Store in Laketown, and for many years served the community as its general store. It was saved from demolition in 2005 and underwent a complete renovation to its present use as a first-class lodging facility. The lodge now has eight bedrooms and seven bathrooms, a full kitchen with professional appliances and seating for 35 in the dining room. Perfect for your family reunion, retreat or convention.

**Location:** 11 North Main St, Laketown

**Open:** By reservation only

**Information:** 801.755.3322; [www.laketownlodge.com](http://www.laketownlodge.com)

### Shopping

#### Dee's Super Service and General Store

This unique building was modeled after the first Little America in Wyoming some 60 years ago. The store was once a garage and eventually converted to a gas station, service station and grocery store. Towing and complete car service is available.

**Location:** 431 North Main in Laketown; at the corner of US Hwy 89 and Laketown turn-off

**Open:** 7 am-9 pm daily in summer; closes earlier in winter

**Information:** 435.946.3372

## Montpelier, Idaho

### Experiences

#### Bar H Bar Working Ranch

This cattle ranch has been worked by the Harris family for five generations and is located on the Oregon Trail and adjoining National Forest land. McGee Harris and his family converted it into a working ranch resort so that others could experience the adventures of ranching life. The 9,000-acre ranch can give you a workout and a vacation at the same time because you work along with the cowboys in their daily activities. When you are helping out at Bar H Bar, you're doing it because it needs to be done, not because you need something to do! Tasks vary with the seasons—calving, branding, doctoring, fixing fence, irrigating and putting up hay are all possibilities, or you can take a nature hike to look for wildlife. Horses are available for every level of rider—no experience necessary.

**Location:** 13895 Nounan Rd. The ranch is located between Montpelier and Soda Springs, 8 miles south of Soda Springs. Coming from Montpelier, take Nounan Rd from Hwy 30, between Bennington and Georgetown. Nounan Rd eventually becomes 8 Mile Rd as you get closer to Soda Springs.

**GPS:** 42.87605° N. 111.55284° W.

**Information:** 800.743.9505; [www.barhbar.com](http://www.barhbar.com)

#### Montpelier Ranger District

The District manages the activities of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Books, maps, travel and recreation information is available.

**Location:** Located in the Oregon-California Trail Center at 322 North 4th St, Montpelier

**Hours:** 8 am-4:30 pm, Mon-Fri

**Information:** 208.847.0375;

[www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee)



## General Stores

General stores have been the lifeblood of remote communities in Rich and Bear Lake counties throughout the years. Some 60 years old and older, the many general stores that are still in business once supplied local farmers and ranchers with tools and equipment they needed to run their businesses, and provided the essentials for families spread throughout the region. The general store was true to its name, carrying everything from flour and local produce to irrigation boots and sewing supplies. Some general store buildings were once repair garages or taverns or eating places. Now catering to travelers as well as locals, the stores carry beach and camping supplies, grocery essentials, souvenirs and locally made food products. In Idaho, some general stores provide a chance to purchase lottery tickets. The sales from lottery tickets and alcohol provide a strong economic base for local school districts. Stop by any of Bear Lake Country's general stores for a real homegrown experience.



You're sure to find a treasure at he Jailhouse store in St. Charles. — Lisa Duskin-Goede

### The National Oregon-California Trail Center

History comes to life in this museum where you can interact with costumed guides who depict some of the thousands who traversed the 2,000 miles of the Oregon/California Trails. View a 20-minute historical video and ride in a bumping covered wagon simulator. Visit Peg Leg Smith's Gift Shop. Call for events scheduled at the Allinger Community Theatre, and experience the Scenic Trails Encampment.

**Location:** 320 North 4th, corner of

Highways 89 & 30, Montpelier

**Hours:** 9 am-5 pm, Sun-Thurs; 9 am-6 pm, Fri-Sat, May-Labor Day. Oct 1-Apr 30 by reservation only

**Information:** 208.847.3800 or 866.847.3800;

[www.oregontrailcenter.org](http://www.oregontrailcenter.org)

### Rails and Trails Museum

**Location:** 322 North 4th St (downstairs in the Trail Center), Montpelier, Idaho

**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day

## Heritage Sites

### Montpelier Historic Old Town

Visit Old Town Montpelier and take photos of the bears, where signs in front of the buildings describe the history of the area. Look for the Bank of Montpelier that was robbed by Butch Cassidy in 1896. Cassidy and his pals got away with over \$16,000. The Montpelier Historic District is on the

National Register of Historic Places and located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and 6th St.

**Location:** Downtown Montpelier, Idaho

**Information:** 208.847.0067

## Restaurants

### Aho's Espresso Deli

Aho's tiny Espresso Deli is locally owned and operated by Carla Aho. This popular gathering place cheerfully serves up delicious homemade foods and friendly conversation. Sandwiches made to order use fresh breads baked by the local senior center. Top that off with Utah roasted deli coffees, local produce, dairy products and fresh pastries. Aho's strives to remain true to its quality service and foods, local clientele and products. The historic building is decorated with 1960s memorabilia. It's a special place to come and sit for awhile, take a trip down memory lane and get to know your neighbors. Inquire about Aho's catering for family reunions, birthday parties or local tours.

**Location:** 835 Washington St, Montpelier, Idaho

**Hours:** 8 am-4 pm Mon-Fri, and Sat 8 am-2 pm

**Information:** 208.604.0050

### Butch Cassidy's Restaurant and Saloon

A local gathering place with down-home cooking. Buffalo burgers, huckleberry shakes and desserts, cocktails and more are available from this old west style restaurant and saloon. There's also a gift and tobacco shop.

**Location:** 230 North 4th, at the junction of US Hwy 89 and Hwy 30 North, Montpelier, Idaho

**Hours:** Restaurant, 6 am-10 pm seven days a week.

Saloon, 10 am-1 am or 2 am weekends

**Information:** 208.847.3501;

[www.butchcassidysinc@cs.com](mailto:www.butchcassidysinc@cs.com)

### Dan's Drive-In

For the last 50 years people have enjoyed fast food at this location. It was an Arctic Circle for many years, and now Dan's Drive-In has been in business for more than a decade. Their

## Shopping

### Daryl Woolstenhulme Saddles

Maker of working saddles, also does leather work and repair.

**Location:** 123 North 10th St, Montpelier, Idaho

**Open:** By appointment

**Information:** 208-847-2330

### Jensen's Market

Local Mom and Pop grocery store, owners Mike Jensen and his dad Reed bought the place in 1972 and ran the grocery store together. Today, Mike features a custom butcher counter, grocery, deli, wines and produce. The building was built in 1954 and has always been used as a grocery or general store. Tucked away on a side street, Jensen's market is well kept with a pleasant and friendly atmosphere and quality products.

**Location:** 120 N. 8th St, Montpelier, Idaho

**Hours:** 8 am-6 pm, Mon-Sat

**Information:** 208.847.0087

### Split Diamond Bar Ranch

Cow-bred horses raised, trained and sold. Owner Marsha Transtrum grew up in a ranching family in Star Valley, Wyoming, and has been raising and training cutting horses for two decades. Call for an appointment to see her horses.

**Location:** 29205 US Hwy 30, Montpelier, Idaho (8 miles north of Montpelier in Bennington)

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.847.3810

### Walton's Feed, Inc.

The historic buildings of the wheat plant, which make this site an interesting stop, are a grain elevator and a mill that were built in 1952. Soon after their completion, Art Walton bought the plant and founded Walton's Feed. Farmers



bring their wheat and barley crop to Walton's, who buy it and produce rolled grain for feed products. Barley is rolled and mixed with molasses for calf feed, and other feeds are produced for horses and colts. In Walton's store you can browse for saddles, ropes, gloves, boots and work clothes, and learn about the supplies needed to run a ranch or farm. Walton's also sells food storage products.

**Location:** 135 North 10th St, Montpelier, Idaho

**Hours:** 8 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri. Open until noon during fall harvest season.

**Information:** 208.847.0465 or 800.847.0465;  
http://waltonfeed.com

## Paris, Idaho

### Experiences

#### Paris Historical Museum

Artifacts and photos from local history.

**Location:** 34 South Main, Paris

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm or by appointment

**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day

**Information:** Elaine Webb: 208.945.2289  
or Carol Wilcox: 208.945.2081

#### Pioneering Adventures

Pioneer-style living farm. Enjoy hay wagon and covered wagon rides, Dutch oven dinners, tipi village, camping, reunions and special events, including hand cart treks with pioneer program.

**Location:** 220 West 2nd North, Paris

**Hours:** By reservation only

**Open:** June-Labor Day

**Information:** Idaho, 208.945.3349; Utah, 435.713.4059

### Heritage Sites

#### Bear Lake County Courthouse

The courthouse was designed by Truman O. Angell, the architect who also designed the Salt Lake City Mormon Temple, Brigham Young's Salt Lake residence, and many other buildings in the region. Additions have been made and its style

is described in the National Historic Register as late nineteenth and twentieth century revival.

**Location:** 7 East Center St in Paris

#### Bear Lake Market Antiques

This historic building was built in 1898 and housed Sheppard's Mercantile where clothing, fabrics and other essentials were sold. The current owners run a Pizza and Deli in the back, and the main store carries antiques of every kind. Walk through the beautiful building with hardwood floors and enjoy learning about the past through the antiques.

**Location:** 5 North Main, Paris

**Hours:** 10:30 am-6 pm; closed Sun and Mon

**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day

**Information:** 208.945.1079

#### Paris Tabernacle

This Romanesque-style Mormon tabernacle was constructed in 1889 of red sandstone from a quarry 18 miles away. This place of worship is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is still used by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The building is open to the public. A small museum houses heirlooms and art objects left by early settlers.

**Location:** Main St, Paris

**GPS:** 42.22577° N. 111.4008° W.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day

### Restaurants

#### Paris Cafe

Located across the street from the historic Paris Tabernacle, this restaurant is a great place to visit if you enjoy cattlemen's stories and good cooking. Paris has a unique staff consisting mostly of high school students who work all summer. The cafe closes the week that school starts.

**Location:** 48 South Main St, Paris

**Hours:** 11 am-8 pm, Mon-Sat

**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day

**Information:** 208.945.1267

### Shopping

#### Beehive Bears Custom Carving

Master carver Kirk Topham has always been an artist in one media or another, but in recent years his interest in wildlife and carving led him to create the now famous chainsaw bears. Kirk's whimsical carvings of the bears and other wildlife can be seen all around the region and in his showroom in Paris. If you see something you'd like created, Kirk will create it for you.

**Location:** 757 North Main, Paris

**Hours:** 11 am-5 pm, Mon-Sat

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 208.241.7074; www.beehivebears.com

#### Mountain High Furnishings

Dennis Bingham was an upholsterer and restorer of old cars before he began crafting beautiful handmade rustic furniture. He uses pine gathered from local forests and shed antlers to make unique leather and pine chairs, love seats, tables and other original pieces. Stop by his shop in Paris and inquire about his work. There is always a work of art in progress. While traveling, see Dennis's work in West Yellowstone and Ennis, Montana galleries.

**Location:** 11 West Center, Paris

**Open:** Call for hours

**Information:** 208.945.1889

#### Paris Springs Organic Self-Serve Farm

Bill Magnetti's farm is an Idaho State Organic Certified farm. Being organic means that no chemicals have been used to control pests or weeds. Bill hand weeds between plants and uses mulch and mustard plant as groundcover. Stemming from childhood memories of his Italian parents and grandparents cooking with garlic, he now enjoys specializing in growing different varieties of garlic. Bill is knowledgeable about how to grow and store garlic in this region. It has acclimated to the Bear Lake area, and is planted in September and harvested in summer. To judge



The historic Paris Tabernacle is an early Mormon pioneer structure and the interior ceiling was built by a shipbuilder.  
— Lisa Duskin-Goede



garlic, Bill says you first go by the initial bite and taste, and then the after-burn! Your imagination is all it takes to use garlic in any home-cooked meal. Stop by the self-serve farm and take home a bag of the fresh pungent bulbs.

**Location:** Farm stand 220 South Main, Paris  
**GPS:** 42.22186° N. 111.40122° W.  
**Open:** August and September  
**Information:** 435.901.9131

## — Randolph, Utah —

### Experiences

#### Bear River Meadows

You'll find Sandhill Crane, Long-billed Curlew, and American Bittern.

**Location:** 1.5 miles north of Randolph  
**GPS:** 41.69549° N. 111.10945° W.

#### Little Creek Reservoir

Expect to see Double-crested Cormorant and Dusky Flycatcher. For more birding, drive up either Old or New Canyon west of the reservoir.

**Location:** 3 miles east of Randolph  
**GPS:** 41.67587° N. 111.2267° W.

### Heritage Sites

#### Randolph Historic Jail

This three-cell jail was built in 1880 of plank and 5 tons of spikes. The site is operated by the local chapter of Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Their museum is a log cabin near the jail, and both sites are owned by the organization.

**Location:** At the south end of 1st East in Randolph  
**Hours:** By appointment  
**Information:** Daughters of Utah Pioneers Captain: 435.793.3144 or other members: 435.793.3435 and 435.793.3485

#### Wilford Woodruff Home

This two-room log cabin houses artifacts and information about early Mormon leaders. Wilford Woodruff, the third president of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints lived here. The building now serves as a visitor information center. Tours of the cabin are available.

**Location:** Next to the post office at 75 South Main St, Randolph  
**Open:** May 30-Labor Day; call for hours  
**Information:** 800.448.2327

### Shopping

#### Argyle Boot and Saddle Shop

Bret Argyle started working with leather, creating belts and repairing tack while in his youth. Today he has converted the garage in his home into a boot and saddle shop. Stop in and order a pair of boots or buy the grandchildren a pair of chaps. Custom-made saddles are an important part of his work. Call ahead for an appointment.

**Location:** 3320 N SR 16, Randolph (north of Randolph)  
**Hours:** By appointment  
**Information:** 435.793.3182

#### Gator's Drive-In

Home of the best raspberry shakes in Randolph! They also serve delicious home-cut fries and freshly made fast food. Gator's also has the only lodging in Randolph (four cabins with plumbing), so make sure to call ahead if you plan on staying the evening.

**Location:** 120 South Main St, Randolph  
**Hours:** Mon-Wed, 11 am-8 pm; Thurs-Sat, 11 am-9 pm; Sun, noon-7.  
**Information:** 435.793.3170

## — St. Charles, Idaho —

### Experiences

#### Minnetonka Cave

Located in Wasatch-Cache National Forest, this underground cave experience is one for the entire family. Its natural stalagmites, stalactites, and banded travertine have been forming for thousands of years and were discovered

by Europeans in 1906. The US Forest Service administers the cave.

**Location:** 10 miles up St. Charles Canyon in Idaho; watch for a sign on Hwy 89  
**GPS:** 42.08778° N. 111.51925° W.  
**Hours:** 10 am-5:30 pm, June-Labor Day  
**Information:** 435.245.4422

### Heritage Sites

#### Gutzon Borglum Monument

This monument honors the birthplace of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mount Rushmore.

**Location:** Look for the monument near the center of town in St. Charles  
**GPS:** 42.11147° N. 111.38779° W.

### Restaurants

#### Bear Cave Drive-In and General Store

The Bear Cave Drive-in is found at the St. Charles intersection dubbed Bear Cave Corner. It's home of the Bear Cave Monster (2 quarter-pound top sirloin beef patties with ham and cheese); and the Bear Cave General store, catering to the beach and camping set. Before heading over to Bear Lake's north shore, stop at the drive-in for lunch and refreshments, and explore the store for beach and camping supplies. At the end of the season, on Labor Day weekend, the store throws a big garage sale. Stop by on your way through St. Charles and pick up some bargains on food and beach items and lots of other miscellaneous treasures.

**Location:** 554 North Main (US Hwy 89), St. Charles (Bear Lake north shore)  
**GPS:** 42.12314° N. 111.39039° W.  
**Hours:** Drive-in: 11 am-8 pm, Mon-Thurs; open until 10 pm Fri-Sat. Store: 8 am-8 pm, Mon-Sat. Both closed Sun.  
**Open:** Memorial Day-Labor Day  
**Information:** 208.945.0927

### Shopping

#### The Jailhouse

This jailhouse was built in about 1870 and was originally Bear Lake County Jail, located in

Paris. About 30 years ago, the owners of Bear Lake Handicrafts moved the historic building to this site in St. Charles to help preserve its history and provide a home for the work of local craftspeople. The jailhouse has also been the home of the Paris Post, a local newspaper, and later an abstract office. In its original use, it must have been a formidable structure with its stacked 2x6 construction, iron bars and cell walls. Today, the owners of The Jailhouse would love to have you come and browse the delightful antiques, the local handicrafts and decorations, and muse about the happenings of the past.

**Location:** 101 North Beach Rd, St. Charles, around the corner from the Bear Cave  
**Hours:** Most weekends and holidays, noon-6 pm  
**Open:** May-Oct  
**Information:** 801.544.5366; and cell: 801.721.2297

### Raspberry Shakes

The long lines at fast-food establishments don't seem to deter many people, who come from all over just for famous Bear Lake raspberry shakes and fast-food hamburgers. There are many homegrown fast-food establishments in the Bear Lake region. Try them all and decide for yourself which one is your favorite!



# Pioneer Trails



## Pioneer County Travel Council

430 E. Martin, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho 83246  
888.201.1063  
[www.seidaho.org](http://www.seidaho.org)

**Southeast Idaho Visitor Center**  
208.766.4788  
Open seasonally

**Malad Chamber of Commerce**  
208.766.4010  
59 Bannock St., Malad, Idaho, 83252

*Historic roads and trails crisscross Oneida County including part of the Oregon Trail and the Oneida Wagon Road, a toll road that ran from Malad to Blackfoot, Idaho. The toll road was also known as the Gold Road, and bandits repeatedly robbed the*



Abandoned homes dot the rolling hills of Chesterfield Townsite, a ghost town that is being resurrected by area residents and descendants of original settlers.  
— Julie Hollist

*stagecoaches that carried gold from Montana mines to Salt Lake City. Legend has it that some of the robbers' loot is still hidden in the Samaria Mountains behind an old iron door.*

*The first European-Americans to settle the Malad Valley came in 1854 to raise horses and hay for the Ben Holliday Stage Lines. They left because of conflicts with the region's Indians. Settlers returned to the area in 1864 and established irrigation canals in what is now Malad City. Most of the early settlers were Mormon converts from Wales and some of the minutes from early town meetings were recorded in both English and Welsh. The western part of the county is home to the Curlew National Grassland where the Dust Bowl drought left the land severely eroded. Today the area is a model for land reclamation.*

*For a complete listing of historic properties registered in this area visit [www.nationalregister-of-historicplaces.com/ID/Onida/state.html](http://www.nationalregister-of-historicplaces.com/ID/Onida/state.html). Walking/driving tours of local historic buildings are available at tourist sites in Malad or call the Southeast Idaho Visitor Center, 208.766.4788, during summer months or the City of Malad at 208.766.4010.*

## Malad

The town of Malad got its name when Donald McKenzie brought a party of trappers through the area between 1818 and 1821. They drank the river water and got sick so the Frenchmen named the river the Malad, which means sick or ill. The town was settled in 1862 after the passage of the Homestead Act. An important boost to Malad's economy was the stage lines and freighters that

came through the valley on their way to mines in Montana on what was known as the Gold Road.

## Experiences

### Black Pines

Birds of the Black Pines include shrub-dependent/obligate species (Sage Thrasher, Brewer's Sparrow, Sage Grouse, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse) and a wide variety of pinyon-juniper and woodland/forest birds (Pinyon Jay, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Blue-gray Gnat-

## Independence and Self-Sufficiency

One of the primary values of people in this region is to be self-sufficient. In some cases this is a religious value; in others it comes from many generations of living off the land and learning that one must be able to handle any situation. Evidence of this can be seen in the popularity of home gardening and canning, freezing and drying food, particularly for long-term emergency food storage. Home arts such as sewing, quilting, crocheting, tatting and weaving are common, chiefly among women though some men participate too. The idea is to make what you need yourself rather than buy it. Many people either make their own tools or improvise solutions to problems, fixing things "with spit and baling wire." Adaptive reuse—the art of finding a new purpose for something old—is a type of folk recycling. Examples include quilting, salvage art and other activities.



## Domestic and Community Landscapes

People shape the landscape to meet their practical or aesthetic needs in hundreds of ways. Watch for examples of diverse and interesting ways people have shaped the Bear River regional landscape:

- Yard art and interesting mailbox supports, including placing old farm equipment, wheels, covered wagons and sheep camps that show pride in one's heritage
- Architecture, including old stone houses, interesting barns and outbuildings
- Town layout, particularly the presence of a town square in most Mormon-settled towns
- Cemeteries and gravestones—the layout of the cemeteries sometimes reflects the layout of the town, and gravestones have poems, sayings and symbols that provide windows into a community's values
- Whitewashed letters on hillsides, usually standing for the local high school's name
- Historic trails



This mailbox art near Malad is a great example of folk art found in the Bear River Heritage Area.  
— Sarah Barsness

catcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-naped Sapsucker, Virginia Warbler, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Long-eared Owl, Northern Goshawk, Ruffed Grouse, Blue Grouse). Scott's Oriole has been noted in the region.

The Black Pines are situated at the east side/southeast edge of the Raft River Valley.

I-84 runs north-south on the east side of the Black Pines. Local access can be obtained in a variety of ways using the I-84 Juniper exit, or from the Raft River Valley (Malta) side

using local highways and side roads, including the Park Valley/Strevell road at the south end of the range. The best canyon affording reasonably safe access for vehicles with good clearance is 6-Mile Canyon; the small 6-Mile Reservoir occasionally hosts a variety of water birds. Some dirt roads should not be attempted in wet weather or early spring. Unfortunately, much of the Black Pine range burned in a recent catastrophic wildfire and the extent of long-term destruction to bird habitat is unknown.

**Location:** Black Pine Rd. 5 miles north of the Utah/Idaho border on I-84, west

**GPS:** 42.13989° N 112.98376° W

## Curlew National Grassland

The Curlew National Grassland is the only national grassland in the Intermountain West, and was established in 1960 to improve soil and vegetation and to promote sound agricultural practices. The land was cultivated and farmed in the early 1900s and you can still see evidence of many old homesteads in the area. The homesteaders abandoned the area during the Dust Bowl days of the 1920 and 1930s, leaving the land badly eroded. The Grassland is operated as a land reclamation demonstration project. The Sharp-tailed Grouse strutting ground on the western edge of the Grassland draws birdwatchers and photographers from all over in March and June to see the incredible "dance" the male grouse perform to attract mates. Camping is available.

**Location:** Western Oneida County, 25 miles southwest of Malad.

**GPS:** 42.08367° N 112.65694° W

Information: 208.766.4743;

[www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee)

## Daniels Reservoir

Songbirds, upland birds, marsh birds, water fowl. Visit this site spring and summer.

**Location:** 15 miles west of Malad

**GPS:** 42.34896° N 112.43743° W

## Malad Welsh Heritage Festival

Malad has the largest per capita concentration of persons of Welsh ancestry outside Wales itself and celebrates its heritage with the annual Welsh Heritage Festival each June. The festival features music, poetry, storytelling, history, folk arts and crafts and games of Welsh heritage.

**Information:** Malad Valley Welsh Society, Jean Thomas, president 208.766.4417; [www.maladidaho.org/welsh\\_days.htm](http://www.maladidaho.org/welsh_days.htm)

## Oneida Pioneer Museum

This local museum is housed in a building that was built in 1914 as a drugstore. The original

safe and pressed-tin ceiling are still intact. The museum had its origins in a collection of mementos gathered by Miss Hattie Morgan and the Native Daughters of the Idaho Pioneers group in the 1930s. The museum displays a variety of local artifacts including furniture, photos and other materials from the old Evans Co-op.

**Location:** 27 Bannock St.

**Hours:** Tue-Sat 1 pm-5 pm Apr.-Sept., or by appt.

**Information:** Museum, 208.766.9247, or call City Hall out of season 208.766.4010. Alternate numbers are 208.766.2770 and 208.766.2737

## Westside Ranger District

The Westside Ranger District manages the activities of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, the Curlew National Grassland and the BLM lands in the region.

**Location:** 75 S. 140 E.

**Hours:** Mon, Tues and Thurs 8 am-4:30 pm

**Information:** 208.766.4743;

[www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee)

## Heritage Sites

### Evans Co-op Building and True Value Hardware

This block housed the first department store in Idaho, the Evans Co-op, which was part of the Mormon cooperative movement of the 1860s, where local production and purchasing was encouraged through cooperatives. The block, including both the co-op building and the old J.N. Ireland Bank, is on the National Register. The co-op is now a True Value Hardware Store and carries house wares, appliances, sporting goods and hardware.

**Location:** 25 N. Main St.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm

**Information:** 208.766.2284



### Oneida County Courthouse

This is an Art Deco brick veneer building built in 1939 as part of a WPA project. It has an elaborate terracotta entry.

**Location:** 10 Court St.

### Lodging

### Chantilly's Bed and Breakfast

Find the comfort of a bed and breakfast atmosphere housed in this historic home, built around the turn of the century. Call proprietor for season information.

**Information:** 208.766.4961

### Restaurants

### Dude Ranch Cafe

This local gathering spot features home-style cooking, including homemade soups, bread and pies.

**Location:** 65 N. Main St.

**Hours:** Tues-Thurs 8:30 am-8 pm;

Fri and Sat open until 9 pm

**Open:** Most of the year, except in the dead of winter

**Information:** 208.766.4327

### Me and Lou's Diner

Home cooking with freshly made pies and scones. "Scones" in this part of the country are not the baked English scones that you find elsewhere. They are delicious light and airy deep-fried bread, similar to a Mexican sopapilla. Drizzle some honey into the air pockets and enjoy. Try their chicken fried beef steak, prime rib, fettuccini and shrimp dishes. Breakfast is served all day.

**Location:** 75 S. 300 E.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 7 am-9 pm, Sat until 10, Sun until 8

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 208.766.2919

### Malad Drive-In

In business since 1955, the Malad Drive-In features scones and fresh strawberry shakes in addition to the usual drive-in fare of burgers and fries. In old-style fashion, they still come to your car to take your order.

**Location:** 12 W. 100 N.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11 am-9 pm

**Open:** Closes for a month in Jan.

**Information:** 208.766.4316

### Tillie's

Wonderful Mexican food made by Tillie herself and served in a cozy and friendly environment. Homemade tortillas and chips.

**Location:** 331 S. Main St.

**Hours:** 10:30 am-2:30 pm and 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

**Open:** Mon-Thur

**Information:** 208.766.2277

### Shopping

### Cindy's Scrapbooking

Cindy's Scrapbooking offers supplies, workshops and bi-annual scrapbooking conferences. Visit the website for photos and information about classes and merchandise.

**Location:** 44 N. Main St.

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs 11 am-5 pm, Fri and Sat 10 am-5 pm

**Information:** 208.766.2666;

[www.cindysscrapbooking.com](http://www.cindysscrapbooking.com)

### Paula's Fine Hand-Dipped Chocolates

Get a local favorite treat for your special occasion or chocolate cravings. Paula learned the art of hand-dipped chocolates from her mother and still makes them the way her mother did. Custom orders only.

**Information:** 208.766.2578; call for ordering information

### Red Hawk Trading

This is the place to purchase locally made canvas tipis, tents and camp supplies. Red Hawk made the world's largest tipi for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. They also specialize



Phosphate mining is an important industry in the Soda Springs area. Here, the slag, or impure excess, is poured off in a fiery spectacle. — Andrea Graham

in making reproduction tents that are authentic to various historic periods, including the early mountain man period of the West.

**Location:** 5400 W. 321 N.

**Hours:** Call for appointment

**Information:** 208.766.2960; [www.redhawk-trading.com](http://www.redhawk-trading.com)

### Rex Lippold, Wildlife Artist

Rex creates custom artwork with a wildlife theme. His favorite medium is painting in oils but he also does leatherwork and woodcarving. He repairs art, frames and antiques.

**Location:** 188 N. Main St.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.766.2918

### Scott Service

In 1927, Bryan Scott's grandfather, Milton Scott, opened a small store with ice, groceries, coffee

and slot machines. People would come from Holbrook with their teams of horses and stop at Milton's place. His son, Khalil, built a shop large enough for 2-ton trucks. Bryan now has several manufacturing enterprises at this site, from agricultural implements to medical equipment. For the home or ranch, he makes custom iron art mailbox stands, branding irons, gates, livestock stalls and bucking chutes. Art designs for mailbox stands are cut freehand using a plasma torch. He can custom make a fancy arch entrance with your brand or logo. Bryan says people prefer one-of-a-kind items and that's why he continues to produce things by hand.

**Location:** 4701 W. Hwy 38

**Hours:** 8 am-5 pm

**Information:** 208.766.2588



## Samaria

### Heritage Sites

#### The Blue Goose

Clarence Hughes runs this charming 1892 store, which was moved to the town park in Samaria to keep it from being torn down. It's a popular hangout for school kids and farmers in the afternoon. He sells local crafts, cookbooks, candy and sodas, and has video rentals. Historic photos and newspaper clippings adorn the walls and make for fascinating browsing as well.

**Location:** 4426 W. 4900 S.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm

**Information:** 208.766.5381

#### Samaria Cemetery and a Local Legend

You can find a variety of old and new style headstones in this cemetery, including a headstone for a man's amputated leg. In 1878, Ben Waldron lost his leg in a threshing accident. The leg was buried on the east side of the cemetery and was given a headstone with a leg carved on it, along with the initials "B.W." and the date. Ben died in 1914 and was buried on the west side of the cemetery, far from his lost leg. It was said that after the leg was buried, Ben had constant pain and said it was because his leg had been laid in the grave in a twisted position. The leg was exhumed and it had indeed been laid in an unnatural position. The leg was straightened and reburied. Waldron had no more trouble with pain and lived for several more decades.

**Location:** 4700 West 5000 South (one-quarter mile west of these coordinates)

#### Samaria Historic District

Samaria, about 9 miles southwest of Malad, was once the largest town in the Malad Valley. Settled in 1868 by homesteaders, the town did well until the railroad was routed through Malad. After

that, the primary businesses developed around the railroad terminal and Samaria remained a farming community. A number of historic buildings are in the area and the district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Location:** Approximately 9 miles southwest of Malad.

The historic district is roughly bounded by Main and 3rd Street, 1st Ave. north and the south end of 2nd St.

## Weston

### Experiences

#### Weston Reservoir

Visit this site spring and summer to see birds of prey and waterfowl.

**Location:** 13 miles east of Weston, in Weston Canyon.

Look for North Deep Creek Rd. or State Hwy 36 heading east out of Malad.

**GPS:** 42.12111° N 112.11915° W

### Pioneer Trails East

#### Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce

Soda Springs, Idaho

888.399.0888

[www.sodaspringsid.com](http://www.sodaspringsid.com)

#### Grace Chamber of Commerce

[www.graceidaho.com](http://www.graceidaho.com)

*Caribou County is part of the Pioneer Trails region of the Bear River Heritage Area, so named because several old overland trails pass through this region, the most notable being the Oregon/California Trail.*

*Caribou County is home to some famous landmarks that were important to nineteenth-century emigrants such as Sheep Rock near Soda Springs. Soda Springs was also the point at which the Hudspeth's Cutoff portion of the Oregon Trail took off to the west. This part of Idaho was part of the early Mormons' settlement*

*efforts, and it is still heavily populated with members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. However, because it is in Idaho rather than Utah, certain cultural differences became evident. For instance, parts of this region were seen as a refuge for people seeking to escape the Mormon Church's influence, and some of the towns here had beginnings quite different from those of typical Mormon settlements.*

*This region is also rich in mineral and geothermal activity, leading to such phenomena as phosphate mining and natural hot springs. Agriculture, including raising famous Idaho potatoes, remains an important part of the economy.*

## Bancroft

### Lodging

#### Kelly Toponce Guest Ranch

Michael and Eileen Chambers welcome visitors to their working ranch north of Bancroft. With a small herd of cattle, lots of horses, and an outfitters license, they can provide pack trips, hunting trips, snowmobile excursions and fishing in their own trout pond.

**Location:** 705 Kelly Toponce Canyon Rd. From US Hwy 30 a few miles west of Soda Springs, take Old Highway 30 through the town of Bancroft. Turn north on Kelly Toponce Rd.

**Lat/Long:** 42.85188° N 112.00128° W

**Open:** Year-round, call for reservations

**Information:** 208.648.7347; e-mail [chmbramuc@aol.com](mailto:chmbramuc@aol.com)

### Shopping

#### Cowboy Boots by George

Bootmaker George Millward learned his trade in Arizona, but in 1995 moved back to his home ranch in Idaho, where he creates

custom cowboy boots. Customers will get personalized measurements and their choice of a wide range of leathers, toe and heel styles, stitching, colors, inlay designs—anything you want!

**Location:** 2792 Kelly Toponce Rd. From US Hwy 30 a few miles west of Soda Springs, take Old Highway 30 through the town of Bancroft. Turn north on Kelly Toponce Rd.

**Lat/Long:** 42.82208° N

111.97233° W

**Open:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.648.0837

or e-mail [bootsbygeorge@dcdi.net](mailto:bootsbygeorge@dcdi.net);

[www.cowboybootsbygeorge.com](http://www.cowboybootsbygeorge.com)

### Cemeteries

The Bear River Heritage Area has more than 100 cemeteries that provide a source of comfort when remembering friends and loved ones and insight into local culture. Gravestones may provide much more than just name and dates of birth and death. They may indicate ethnic backgrounds, birthplaces, religious affiliations, military honors and cause of death.

When you visit a cemetery, note the stone mason's artistry. Symbols and decorations reflect religious and cultural backgrounds. In the Heritage Area you will find engravings of Latter-day Saint temples, Buddhist mandalas, Catholic crosses, a Star of David and Native Indian motifs. Mottos and poems offer a look into the mind and philosophy of the deceased. Pictures and engravings show favorite pastimes and occupations. Some graves bear a small gold plaque indicating the person was a Utah Pioneer. Items of remembrance placed at graves should never be removed by anyone except the owner. Many gravesites are unmarked and in remote areas, reflecting the lives and culture of early Native Americans and pioneer settlers.

Listings of cemeteries can be found on the web. Search by county name, state and the word "cemetery." You may also find contact info for the cemetery sextant.





«————» *Chesterfield* «————»

## Experiences

## Chesterfield Townsite

In 1881-1882, Mormon settlers came to this area north of Bancroft at the invitation of their friend and relative Chester Call, who had established a ranch nearby. Their hope was to build a thriving community, but in 1882, the Oregon Short Line Railroad was built through Bancroft instead of their community. While Chesterfield continued to grow for several years, the agricultural depression of the 1920s and 1930s dealt the final blow to the town, and it became a ghost town. Now many of the buildings are being restored, there is a museum, and guided tours are available in the summer. Most of the buildings were built between 1884 and 1904, and the site is a National Historic District.

**Location:** From the SH34/US30 Junction, go 15 miles west to Bancroft. At Bancroft turn north on Chesterfield Rd. and go 11 miles to the site

**Lat/Long:** 42.86404° N 111.90026° W

## Upper Portneuf River

Upper Portneuf River is a birding area that includes; songbirds, birds of prey, upland birds, water fowl, as well as Sandhill Cranes, Sharp-tail Grouse and Sage Grouse. Local habitat includes farmland and mixed forest. Visit this site any season but winter.

**Location:** Chesterfield Reservoir, approximately 12 miles northwest of Bancroft, from Old Hwy 30, follow the signs to Chesterfield Reservoir

**Lat/Long:** 42.88719° N 111.95825° W

Grace

## Experiences

## Grace Fish Hatchery

Come watch newly hatched fish (fry and fingerlings), learn about fish reproduction and stocking, and maybe try your luck in a nearby creek! This fish hatchery was built in 1946 and supplies fish stock to southeast Idaho lakes, rivers, and streams. The primary fish produced in the hatchery's sixteen vats and raceways is Rainbow trout. Other species include Cutthroat trout, Lake trout, and Splake. The hatchery grounds include a shaded picnic area and access to fishing on Whiskey Creek, which gets stocked throughout the fishing season with Rainbow trout. Visitors are welcome, and if you call for an appointment, you can have a guided tour, though there is almost always someone around to answer questions.

**Location:** South of Grace. Take State Hwy 34 (SH34) 7 miles south of town to mile marker 39.5, turn east onto Fish Hatchery Rd. Travel approximately 2 miles; turn right to head down to the hatchery

**Lat/Long:** 42.48737° N 111.7102° W

**Hours:** Daily 7 am-7 pm

**Information:** 208.427.6364

## Heritage Sites

## Last Chance Canal

Without the extensive networks of irrigation canals created by settlers of this region, farming as it now exists would have been impossible in this arid area. Residents created cooperatives to organize the use of the water, with families owning shares that gave them the right to irrigate their land on

a scheduled basis. The water shares were usually sold with the land, though later, it became common for developers and others to try to buy up water shares from people who weren't using them. An engineering masterpiece for its time, the Last Chance Canal was completed in the early 1900s to divert water from the Bear River to Gentile Valley.

**Location:** North of Grace, Idaho, a mile east of State Hwy 34. A few miles north of Grace, turn east on Telford Road and go one mile to see a sign and two overlooks of the canal

**Lat/Long:** 42.5911° N 111.73914° W

## Lodging

## Central Links and RV Park

This farm located in the Gem Valley in the Caribou Highlands of southeastern Idaho was first cleared of its sagebrush in the 1880s. Bart and Cherie Christensen, who raise wheat, barley, and seed potatoes on the land, decided to create a couple of golf fairways for their five children to play on, and it grew to nine holes of challenging golf weaving in and around lava reefs. The course is now open to the public and has a clubhouse and pro shop. There is also a 10-site RV park. The course is named after the old settlement of Central that was nearby.

**Location:** North of Grace. Turn west at mile marker 48.5 (watch for the Golf! sign) on Hwy 34, go 5 miles.

**Lat/Long:** 42.6088° N 111.78895° W

Open: Open Apr. 1-Oct. 15, call for exact dates.

**Information:** 208.425.3233; e-mail: [centrallinksgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:centrallinksgolf@yahoo.com); [www.centrallinksgolf.com](http://www.centrallinksgolf.com)

## Shopping

**London Drug Company**

Established in 1950, this is the place to get



frozen homemade pie dough so you can have perfect piecrusts, too.

**Location:** 6 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm

**Information:** 208.425.3766

### Marie Prescott Jenkins, Plein Aire Painter

The direct and vital experience of painting outdoors is at the root of Marie Prescott Jenkins' work. Her landscapes cover many parts of the West, and often include wildlife and human figures. Since winters are long in Idaho, she also paints portraits and floral still lifes. Her work is in private collections in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and it has been shown in a variety of juried exhibitions in Idaho and Utah. She offers painting workshops upon request. Galleries featuring her work include Tara James Gallery in Pocatello and Relics Gallery in Salt Lake City.

**Location:** 489 State Hwy 34 in Niter, south of Grace

**Hours:** Stop by the studio or call for appointment.

**Information:** 208.425.3660; e-mail: mprescottjenkins@allidaho.com; www.mprescottjenkins.com

### Neva Harrison, Wildlife Artist

You can visit Ms. Harrison's studio to see her original paintings, or you can find prints of her work in several businesses in Soda Springs.

**Location:** 1452 Wide Hollow Rd.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.425.3463; www.widehollowimages.com

### Potatoes

Beginning in September, local potato farmers sell their newly harvested potatoes in 50 pound bags. Watch for opportunities to buy real Idaho spuds, often found along State Hwy 34, near Grace, or along US Hwy 91 in Preston.

**Location:** Various, along SH34 or US91 near Grace and Preston, Idaho

### This Olde Stuff Antique Store

Quilts, clocks, Depression glass, books, and more.

**Location:** 12 S. Main St.

**Hours:** Mon- Sat, 11 am-7 pm in the summer; 11 am-dark in the winter

**Information:** 208.425.3900; or, if you want to visit on a Sunday, call 208.425.3162 to make arrangements

## Henry

### Heritage Sites

#### Henry Store

This old store in Henry, Idaho, was originally built as a trading post for Indians, trappers, and later gold miners from Caribou Mountain. Also known as Chester Store by locals, after one of the owners. The original building was destroyed by fire, and the current building was constructed in 1913. Henry Store is no longer in business but remains as a heritage site.

**Location:** 20 miles north of Soda Springs, on State Highway 34.

**Lat/Long:** 42.90722° N 111.52931° W

## Soda Springs

### Experiences

#### Alexander Reservoir

Marine birds, marsh birds, waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes, and Trumpeter Swans in winter. Visit this site any season.

**Location:** 2 miles west of Soda Springs, on US30/SH34

**Lat/Long:** 42.65617° N 111.66618° W

#### Bar H Bar Ranch

This 9000-acre working ranch can give you a workout and a vacation at the same time,

because you work along with the cowboys in their daily activities. When you are helping to do something at Bar H Bar, you're doing it because it needs to be done, not because you need something to do! Tasks vary with the seasons-calving, branding, doctoring, fixing fence, irrigating, putting up hay are all possibilities, or you can take a nature hike, looking for wildlife. Visit us on the web!

**Location:** 13895 Nounan Rd. (8 miles south of Soda Springs, take 8 Mile road off of Idaho US

Highway 30. This becomes Nounan Rd. This is technically in Bear Lake County, between Montpelier and Soda Springs)

**Lat/Long:** 42.5639° N 111.50618° W

**Open:** Call for appointment

**Information:** 800.743.9505; www.barhbarranch.com

#### Blackfoot Reservoir

Birding area. Shore birds, marine birds, upland birds, marsh birds, water fowl, Sage Grouse and many Sandhill Cranes in fall. Habitat includes wetlands, shrubsteppe, and farmland. Visit this site any season but winter.

**Location:** 17 miles north of Soda Springs on SH34

**Lat/Long:** 42.83172° N 111.55324° W

#### China Hat

Geological site. Ancient volcanic flows and rhyolite domes. This site also features farmland and sagebrush steppe. Best during spring and fall. This is a stop along the Pioneer Historic National Scenic Byway. [www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org](http://www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org)

**Location:** 10 miles north of Soda Springs on SH34

**Lat/Long:** 42.78658° N 111.57491° W

#### Hilda Thompson Wetlands Project

Songbirds, birds of prey, shore birds, marine birds, upland birds, marsh birds, water fowl, Sandhill Cranes and Trumpeter Swans. Visit

this site any season.

**Location:** 4 miles north of Soda Springs on SH34.

**Lat/Long:** 42.69787° N 111.61211° W

### Pioneer Historic Museum

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers built this museum in 1983. It features antiques, photographs, and books, depicting local history. Special tours outside the regular hours and days can be arranged by calling the numbers below.

**Location:** Near 50 Center St. downtown Soda Springs.

(Behind Sanders Furniture, 148 S. Main.)

**Hours:** Fri-Sat, 1 pm-4 pm, June 1-Oct. 1

**Information:** Call Sanders Furniture at 208.547.3706 and ask for Linda; or call 208.547.3831 or 208.547.3770

### Monsanto Soda Springs Plant

Southeast Idaho has a long history of phosphate mining and processing, and the most visible evidence of that industry is Monsanto's elemental phosphorous plant just north of Soda Springs. Established in 1952, the plant runs three furnaces that turn phosphate ore into elemental phosphorous, which is used in herbicides, hydraulic fluids, and food products. Waste slag from the furnace is poured in molten red streams onto the slag heaps to the west of the plant; this spectacular sight can be seen from Hooper Spring Park, (Heritage Site) just outside of town. Tours of the plant are given by special arrangement.

**Location:** Plant : 1853 US State

### Why Is It Called Soda Springs?

The region around Soda Springs, Idaho, is a very active geothermal area. Early trapper and pioneer diaries are replete with descriptions of the strange geology in the area. The rocks for miles around were described as being of the "soda formation," which consisted of mounds of rock created by mineralized water. Warm and cold springs abound in the area, and early on, it was discovered that some of the water was naturally carbonated. Hence the name Soda Springs. Formation Springs and Cave, and Hooper Spring, are two of the geothermal sites in the area.



Hwy 34 N. Hooper **Spring Park:** One mile north of Soda Springs, on 3rd E. (Government Dam Road.) Also accessed from North Hooper Ave. (Hwy 34) via Hooper Rd.

**Lat/Long:** 42.68532° N 111.59625° W

**Open:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.547.4300; e-mail: p4info@monsanto.com

### Pioneer Historic Byway

On this route, travelers can retrace some steps of Idaho's pioneers and follow the path taken by early-day Yellowstone Park visitors. From Franklin, Idaho's oldest settlement, it follows US Hwy 91 north to Preston, then Idaho State Hwy 34 north through Thatcher and Grace to US Hwy 30. It then goes east to Soda Springs, where it meets the Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway; and from there it heads north on Idaho State Hwy 34 to the Wyoming border at Freedom. This route offers the shortest distance and time between Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park.

**Location:** Begins at the Utah-Idaho state line in Franklin, Idaho

**Information:** Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce: 888.399.0888; [www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org](http://www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org)

### Soda Springs Ranger District

In Caribou County, manages the activities of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Books, maps, travel and recreation information available.

**Location:** 410 N. Hooper Ave. (State Hwy 34)

**Hours:** Mon-Thur, 8 am-4:30 pm

**Information:** 208.547.4356; [www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee)

## Heritage Sites

### Brigham Young Cabin Site

A summer cabin was built in 1870 for Latter-day Saint (Mormon) Church President Brigham Young. The cabin was used for many years as a stopping place for Young and other church leaders as they traveled through the area doing church business. The home was destroyed in 1944 in an attempt to move it.

**Location:** A marker flanked by logs from the cabin stands in front of the Brigham Young Lodge and indicates the site where the cabin once stood on the south side of US30/SH34 between 1st and 2nd Streets in Soda Springs.

### Camp Connor Site

General Patrick Edward Connor, with California and Nevada volunteers, was ordered by President Lincoln to protect the overland travel routes in the West. (This is the same Connor who led his troops to slaughter upwards of 300 Shoshone Indians at the Bear River Massacre in January, 1863. Please see the Cache Valley, Idaho, section of this Guide for information on the massacre site). He established what came to be known as Camp Connor, one of the first military posts in Idaho Territory, which covered 1 square mile along the north bank of the Bear River. Approximately 300 soldiers were stationed here until the post was abandoned in 1865. A group of 53 families, dissidents from the Mormon Church known as Morrisites, arrived in Soda Springs with General Connor and the infantry in May 1863. The settlers started a community west of the military camp between Soda Creek

and the river later known as Lower Town. After grain crops froze for several years in a row, a majority of the people left.

**Location:** Off of US30 / SH34 in Soda Springs, turn south on 3rd W. Proceed 1/2 block and turn right into the first parking lot entrance of the Mormon Church. Proceed to the northwest corner of the parking lot, where you will find interpretive signs about Camp Connor.

### Fairview Cemetery

This old cemetery is home to several interesting graves. The Wagon Box Grave is the 1861 burial site of an Oregon Trail emigrant family of seven killed by Indians and buried together in the wagon box from their covered wagon. You can also find a Morrisite headstone. The Morrisites were followers of Joseph Morris who broke from the Mormon Church. After Morris' death at the hands of a Utah posse in 1863, some Morrisites came to this area and founded a community called Morristown, most of which is now under Alexander Reservoir (look for foundations when the water is low). Also, Cariboo Jack of Caribou Mountain gold mining fame is buried here.

**Location:** On the west side of the Soda Springs Captive Geyser in the center of Soda Springs, on 1st W. St.

### Formation Springs and Cave

This preserve established by the Nature Conservancy protects crystal-clear pools and a unique wetland complex at the base of the scenic Aspen Mountains. The cold springs that feed the terraced pools and creek system deposit high concentrations of travertine (calcium carbonate), which gives the site its unique geology. Perhaps the most impressive physical feature is Formation Cave, which is almost 10 feet tall at the

entrance and 200 feet long. The ponds attract numerous wintering waterfowl and support a healthy trout population. Watch for mule deer, raptors, and numerous songbirds. This site is a stop on the Pioneer Historic National Scenic Byway.

**Location:** Two miles north of Soda Springs, on SH34, then one mile east on the Trail Canyon Road. On the left with a buck and pole fence at the entrance.

**Lat/Long:** 42.69338° N 111.54101° W

### Hooper Spring Park

Free, clear sparkling soda water still is available in a beautiful Soda Springs city park located 2 miles north from the center of town. A prime attraction for more than 160 years, soda water from these springs was known nationally after rail service reached this resort area in 1882. W.H. Hooper, Salt Lake City's leading banker and president of Zions Cooperative Mercantile Institution, had his summer home here. He did much to found and promote Soda Springs and its soda water industry while serving as Utah's delegate to Congress. This site is a stop on the Pioneer Historic Scenic Byway.

**Location:** One mile north of Soda Springs, on 3rd E.

**Lat/Long:** 42.67863° N. 111.60458° W.

### Hudspeth Cutoff

This is a branch of the Oregon Trail. On July 19, 1849, Benoni M. Hudspeth, captain of a wagon train headed for California, and John Myers, the wagon train's guide, decided to open a new wagon route to shorten the northern and more established route through Fort Hall. Instead of following the main trail northwest, Hudspeth and Myers led their party due west from Soda Springs. This alternate route, 132 miles long, rejoined



the older California Trail route northeast of the City of Rocks, some 30 miles south of Burley, Idaho.

At the junction of US Highway 30 and State Highway 34, 6 miles west of Soda springs, turn north and travel about 100 yards. Turn right and follow the old highway to the end of the asphalt. By taking a short walk toward the railroad tracks, you will find where the Oregon/California Trail Association has placed white markers identifying the beginning of the Hudspeth Cutoff.

**Location:** At the junction of US30 and SH34, 6 miles west of Soda Springs

### Oregon Trail Park & Marina

Here you can picnic in a place traversed by Oregon Trail travelers. The Oregon Trail, marked by white carsonite markers, heads up from Alexander Reservoir and crosses the road that leads down into the park.

**Location:** Just west of the Oregon Trail Golf Course and Cedar View Supper Club, west of Soda Springs, off of US30/SH34.

### Presbyterian Church of Soda Springs

This 1895 Gothic style church is built of local lava rock.

**Location:** The NE corner of City Park, at 109 S. 100 E.

**Hours:** Tours are available by appointment

**Information:** 208.547.3771

### Sheep Rock

Five miles west of Soda Springs is a great stone bluff rising several hundred feet above the Bear River. This is the point at which the Bear makes its sweeping left turn, around the base of Sheep Rock, and heads back south toward the Great Salt Lake.

Geologically, it marks the northern end of the Wasatch Mountain Range. Sheep Rock was a prominent landmark for emigrants on the Oregon Trail, and it is noted in numerous diaries from the period. From this point, three branches of the Oregon-California Trail diverge. The main route of the Oregon Trail heads northwest to Chesterfield and Fort Hall. The Hudspeth Cutoff, the route preferred by those going to California, heads due west. The Bidwell-Bartleson Trail, which was the route followed by the earliest group of emigrants in 1841, heads south down the Bear River to California. The Bidwell-Bartleson party encountered great difficulties on this route as they tried to cross the desert west of the Great Salt Lake, so this route was not used again.

**Location:** Five miles west of Soda Springs, on the south side of US30/SH34.

**Lat/Long:** 42.64601° N 111.71091° W

### Heritage Sites

#### Soda Springs City Hall

This building was built of local lava rock in 1902. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Location:** 9 W. 200 S.

#### Thomas Corrigan Park

Corrigan Park is located in downtown Soda Springs, Idaho, on the north side of US Highway 30/State Highway 34. It is a pleasant spot to stop and have lunch. While there, you can visit the Galloping Goose and the Dinky Engine, two locomotives that have a part in the history of the town. Between 1922 and 1936 the Galloping Goose provided the only means of transportation for phosphate mine

workers and others between Soda Springs and the town of Conda. Dinky Engine, a miniature locomotive, played a major role in the history of Caribou County by hauling supplies to the dam to build the Alexander Reservoir.

**Location:** North side of US30/SH34, in the center of town.

**Open:** Year-round.

### Lodging

#### Enders Hotel

Now an inn featuring a dining room, this 30-room Early Commercial style hotel was built in 1917 and restored in 2001. Guests will enjoy the authentic architecture and decor throughout, as well as the Somewhere in Time Antique Gift Shop and the Enders Museum. Guests receive a daily breakfast at the Geyser View dining room, from where you can get an excellent view of the Soda Springs Captive Geyser. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Location:** 76 S. Main

**Hours:** Dining room, museum and gift shop open

Mon-Sat, 7 am-9 pm; Sun 7 am-8 pm

**Information:** 208.547.4980

#### The Old Rock House

This is a small house with a big story. The Old Rock House, built in 1896 from rocks originally quarried for a railroad round house, was saved from eventual destruction by the loving care and hard work of its latest owner, Anna Beauregard. The house was built by William Hopkins. He and his wife lived in it until 1919, and then Iona Mikesell, a woman who worked as a local midwife, lived here from 1919 to 1971. During the time that Iona raised her 10 children here,

the house had other additions to make it more livable. These later fell down and were removed. After sitting empty for many years, the house was rescued and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Anna bought it in 2000, and spent five years restoring it to the comfortable and homey suite it is today. The wood inside, covered by many layers of paint, was restored to its original luster; the rock coursing was patched and stabilized and for the first time ever, the little two room house got a bathroom and hot running water. On the outside of the house, you can still see rags that were stuffed into the cracks years ago for insulation. The Old Rock House is open year-round and sleeps one or two persons. Call or check Anna's website for photographs showing the charm of the house, and for more information on reservations.

**Location:** 351E. Hooper Ave.

**Open:** Year around.

**Information:** 208.241.8884; [www.theoldrockhouse.com](http://www.theoldrockhouse.com)

#### Sheep Creek Guest Ranch

Family owned and operated, Sheep Creek Guest Ranch is a licensed outfitting business located in the Caribou National Forest on 2,000 private mountain acres. Whether it is hunting, fishing, shooting sports, snowmobiling, reunions, or just getting away for the weekend, you've found a mountain paradise. The ranch has a main lodge, six cabins, a restroom facility, and ample camping and RV parking areas. Sheep Creek Guest Ranch prides itself on its ability to accommodate a variety of activities.

**Location:** Lanes Creek Rd., off State Highway 34, NE of Soda Springs

**Information:** 877.787.0301



### Trail Creek Lodge

Trail Creek offers eleven rooms in a lodge, and amenities like a hot tub, sauna, and satellite big screen TV. You can get breakfast service or group meals, or you can prepare your own meals. Outdoor recreation opportunities include cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and fishing. Camping and RV hookups are also available.

**Location:** 3367 Trail Creek Rd. Off of US Hwy 34, NE of Soda Springs

**Information:** 208.547.3828; PO Box 693, Soda Springs, ID 83276; [www.trailcreeklodging.com](http://www.trailcreeklodging.com)

### Restaurants

#### Stockman's Bar & Grill

The Grill offers traditional western food and lots of it.

**Location:** 96 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 9 am-1 am; Sun 9 am-9 pm

**Information:** 208.547.9955

#### The Geyser View Dining Room

Located in the historic Enders building, the Geyser View Dining Room is open seven days a week. Enjoy the view of the Soda Springs Captive Geyser while dining, and be sure to take time to visit the Enders museum and antique gift shop, Somewhere in Time. Guests of the hotel receive one free breakfast per day.

**Location:** 76 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Sat, 7 am-9 pm; Sun 7 am-8 pm

**Open:** Year-round

**Information:** 208.547.4980

### Shopping

#### Eastman Drug

This is the oldest drugstore in Idaho. Stop in for an old-fashioned soft drink like iron

port. The store sells gifts, cards, and historical books by local authors, along with the usual drugstore stock.

**Location:** 116 S. Main, next to the Soda Springs Captive Geyser

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm; Sat 9 am-1 pm

**Information:** 208.547.3585

#### John Tarbet, Woodcarver

John Tarbet's talent for woodcarving brings him great pleasure. He especially enjoys carving bears and cowboy caricatures, carving mostly in basswood and cottonwood. Other items he makes include walking sticks and canes, relief carvings, Santa Claus figures, country dolls, and carved golf balls. Come see him at The Knot Hole in Soda Springs.

**Location:** 160 E. Hooper Ave.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.547.4455

#### Lau Family Farms

Lau Family Farms have been direct marketing grass-fed beef and lamb since July of 2004. John Lau is the fifth generation to live here, and his ancestors were one of four families sent by the Mormon Church to settle Soda Springs. The farm was established in 1882, and has received the Idaho Century farm designation. The Laus say "We love farming and ranching and are thrilled to be able to provide wholesome and tasty beef and lamb to so many families. We are moving increasingly toward management intensive grazing, which benefits both the land and our animals. We try to utilize new methods of weed control, like biological control via thistle-eating bugs, as well as some small scale spot spraying of weeds in our grazing fields. We work hard to be the best stewards of our land and animals that we can be."

The beef and lamb is sold as cuts, and as ¼, ½ or whole beef, ½ or whole lamb. You will find the Laus at the gardener's markets in Logan and Pocatello weekly from May through October. Their products are also available at the farm by appointment, and delivery is available to Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Logan and Ogden year-round.

**Location:** 675 E. US Hwy 30 on the north side of the road

**Information:** 208.547.3180; [www.laufamilyfarm.com](http://www.laufamilyfarm.com)

#### Nifty Needle Quilt Shop

Catering to the quilter, the Nifty Needle Quilt shop carries cotton fabrics for quilting and sells locally made machine quilts.

**Location:** 128 S. Main

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 10 am-5 pm

**Information:** 208.547.2441

#### Thompson Custom Guns

Shane Thompson has been working at the trade of gunsmithing for many years. The work requires precision and an eye for detail. Among other things, he provides custom metalsmithing, custom stocks, and precision machine inletting of gunstocks. He gets orders from all over the world.

**Location:** 1223 Bailey Creek Cr. Five miles south of Soda Springs, off of US HWY 30. Take 8 Mile Road/Bailey Creek Road.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Information:** 208.547.0383

## Wayan

### Experience

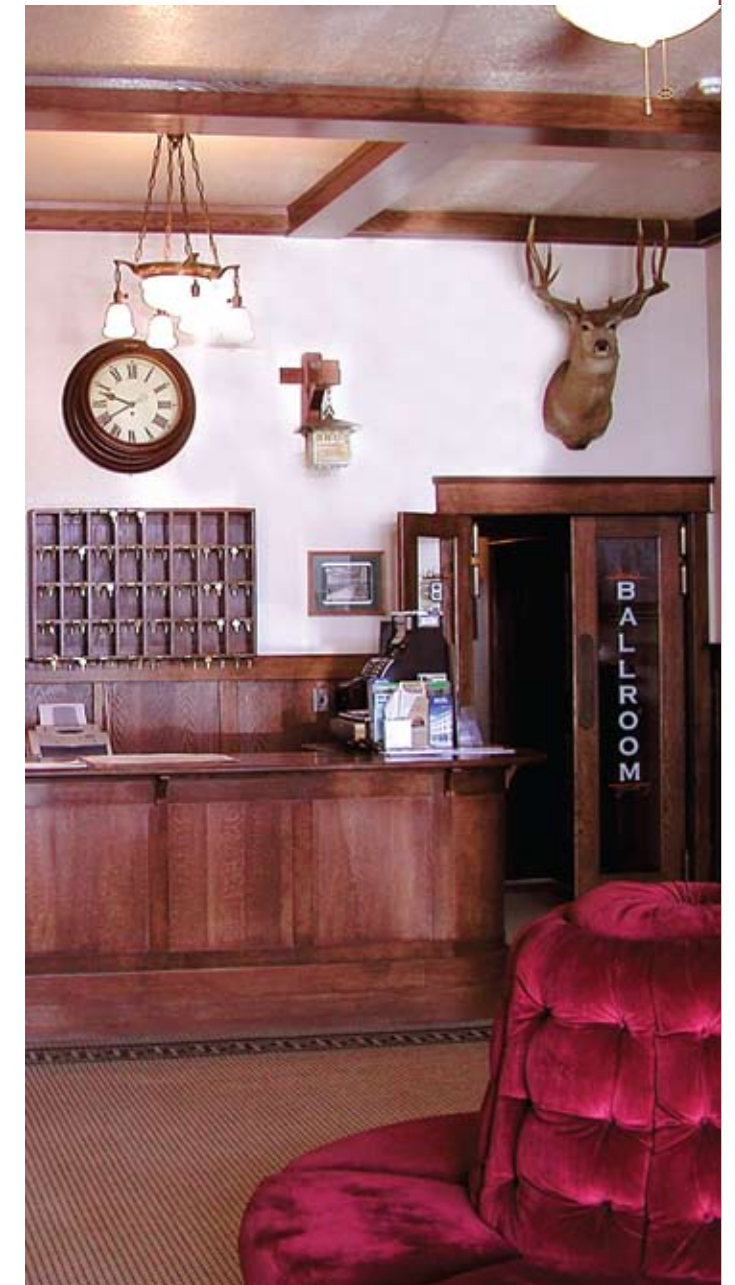
#### Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Birding area. Song birds, birds of prey, marine birds, marsh birds, water fowl, nesting Sandhill Cranes and Trumpeter Swans. Visit

this site any season but winter.

**Location:** 39 miles North of Soda Springs on SH34, in Wayan

**Information:** 208.237.6615; [www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=14612](http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=14612)





# Events

## January

### Cisco Fishery

The annual spawning run of the tiny Bonneville Cisco fish on Bear Lake takes place in mid- to late January, with as much as a week variation in the starting date. These little fish, a type of whitefish, are found only in Bear Lake. Regional fishermen flock to the lake and use nets to dip the fish out of the water, often through holes in the ice when the weather is cold enough, using them either for bait (the Bear Lake cutthroat and lake trout love them) or to fry and eat.

**Location:** Bear Lake

**Dates:** Mid- to late January

**Information:** Bear Lake Utah Division of Wildlife, 435.946.8501; call after 4 pm for recorded message about Bear Lake Cisco fishing.  
<http://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/bearlake.html>

### Soda Springs Winter Carnival

Fishing derby, snow machine poker run, ice sculptures, cross-country ski races.

**Location:** Soda Springs, Idaho

**Dates:** Third Saturday in January

**Information:** Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce, 888.399.0888 or 208.547.4964;  
[www.sodachamber.com/annualevents.htm](http://www.sodachamber.com/annualevents.htm)

## February

### Bald Eagle Day

This annual eagle-watching event is sponsored by the Division of Wildlife Resources. Bring binoculars or use spotting scopes set up by



Little girls dance the traditional May Pole Dance as part of Mendon, Utah's century-old May Day celebration.  
— Julie Hollist

biologists and volunteers. Contact Utah Wildlife Resources for locations.

**Date:** Usually early February

**Information:** 801.538.4771; <http://wildlife.utah.gov/calendar>

### Bear Lake Chocolate and Craft Festival

Fresh chocolates and vendors.

**Location:** Garden City

**Dates:** President's Day weekend

**Information:** Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce, 800.448.2327; [www.bearlake.org](http://www.bearlake.org)

## April

### Baby Animal Days

Baby Animal Days is one of the most popular events at the American West Heritage Center. Live baby animals to pet and learn about, crafts and demonstrations.

**Location:** 6 miles south of Logan, Utah on US Hwy 89-91

**Dates:** Mid-April

**Information:** 800.225.FEST or 435.245.6050;  
[www.awhc.org](http://www.awhc.org)

## May

### Daily Adventures at the American West Heritage Center

**Location:** 6 miles south of Logan, Utah on US Hwy 89-91

**Dates:** Costumed interpreters celebrate the history and heritage of the American West from Memorial to Labor Day. Call for special event and festival information.

**Information:** 800.225.FEST or 435.245.6050;  
[www.awhc.org](http://www.awhc.org)

### Mendon May Day

This event began in 1863 and features home-written songs, poems and longstanding traditions. Young

girls practice for hours to learn the songs and dances so they can dance around the Maypole. The entire community gets involved by making costumes, setting up the poles in the town square, preparing meals and planning the program that takes place in the Mormon church on the square.

**Location:** Mendon, Utah town square

**Date:** First Saturday in May

### Smithfield Health Days

This annual festival was created in 1925 as an outgrowth of President Theodore Roosevelt's call for better health in U.S.

## Community Celebrations

The yearly calendar is full of events that allow people to gather and celebrate. Some of these are open to the public, some are not. Agricultural festivals include Raspberry Days (Garden City, Utah), Black and White Days (Richmond, Utah), Wheat and Beet Days (Garland, Utah), Peach Days (Brigham City, Utah) and more. Pioneer Day, July 24, is a Utah state holiday that commemorates the day Mormon pioneers entered the Salt Lake Valley. In Idaho, where the date is not an official holiday, it is often celebrated in small-town churches. Ethnic events such as Cambodian memorial services, Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo and Scandinavian Midsommar all occur in Bear River communities. All counties have rodeos, usually during the county fair (August is a prime month for county fairs). Many of these celebrations are marked by parades, pancake breakfasts, races and other activities.



citizens. Today, the activities include a fun run, parade, health fair and screening and more.

**Location:** Smithfield, Utah

**Date:** Events throughout the first week in May; festival on Fri and Sat

**Information:** Smithfield City Recreation Center, 435.563.0048

### Wooltrek Days at Notlwonk Springs

Spinning and weaving demonstrations, potluck lunch, and fleece, roving and yarn sales, farm tour.

**Location:** 4420 West 14300 North, Cornish, Utah

**Date:** First weekend in May

**Information:** Fred and Jo Knowlton, 435.258.5539; fknowlton@msn.com

### Golden Spike Celebration

See reenactments of the driving of the golden spike that completed the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

**Location:** Golden Spike National Historic Site

**Date:** Each year on May 10

**Information:** 435.471.2209, ext. 29; [www.nps.gov/gosp](http://www.nps.gov/gosp)

### Richmond Black and White Days

This festival began in 1913 to promote and stimulate an interest in better quality dairy cattle. It has evolved from driving the cattle into the old tithing yard with judges riding horses through the herd to pick out the award-winning animals to its present status as one of the largest exclusively Holstein dairy shows in the United States. It has its own permanent grounds and pavilion and draws exhibitors from throughout the Intermountain West. It also includes a parade, food, horse pull and other public events.

**Location:** Richmond, Utah

**Dates:** Second week in May (ends on the third Saturday of the month)

### Old Ephraim Mountain Man Rendezvous

Held near a nineteenth-century trappers' rendezvous site. The event re-creates the food, trader's show and contests of the early 1800s rendezvous.

**Location:** Blacksmith Fork Canyon east of Hyrum, Utah

**Dates:** Memorial Day Weekend

### Memorial Day Decorating

Throughout this region, people flock to cemeteries on Memorial Day weekend to decorate family graves with flowers. It is common to see groups of people laughing and talking in the cemeteries as they encounter other friends and relatives. Many people cut flowers like lilacs, peonies and iris from their yards and make bouquets to set by the headstones of their loved ones. Drive or walk through local cemeteries on Memorial Day to see the beautiful display. Many communities also sponsor Memorial Day programs in the cemeteries. The historic site (ghost town) of Chesterfield, Idaho, has an annual "Decoration Day" event to open their season.

**Location:** Cemeteries throughout the region

**Dates:** Memorial Day weekend

## June

### Futurity and Derby Bull Event

This event focuses on bull riding, a rodeo event that requires a great deal of courage from the cowboys who participate. Riders from Idaho and surrounding states come to compete in this action-packed event. Local people bring in locally raised bulls.

**Location:** Oneida County Fairgrounds, Malad, Idaho

**Dates:** Call early May.

**Information:** Diane at Fair Board, in recorder's office, court house – 208.766.4116, ext. 101, or Travis – 208.766.3318

### Classy Country Classics Car Show

Hot rods, customs, classics and restored automobiles from miles around. Local merchants give sponsor's choice awards for their favorite cars. Games, prizes and craft booths make this a fun activity for the whole family.

**Location:** Malad, Idaho

**Date:** May or June

**Information:** Malad Chamber of Commerce, 208.766.2737 or 208.541.2770; [www.maladidaho.org](http://www.maladidaho.org)

### Good Ol' Days

Antique tractors and cars, quilt show, talent show and much more.

**Location:** Caribou County Fairgrounds, Grace, Idaho

**Date:** Last Saturday in June

**Information:** Grace Chamber of Commerce, 208.221.7321; [www.graceidaho.com](http://www.graceidaho.com)

### Black Gold Testicle Festival

Home grown celebration from the ranching and team-branding community. Friends and family do the cooking. T-shirts available at the festival and year-round.

**Location:** Rodeo arena in Woodruff, Utah

**Date:** Memorial Day weekend and the first weekend in June

**Information:** Kalon Downing, 435.793.4356;

[blackgold98@hotmail.com](mailto:blackgold98@hotmail.com); or

P.O. Box 177, Woodruff, Utah 84086

### Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival

The Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival provides displays, performances, lectures and artists, all related to the festival theme, which varies every year.

**Location:** Brigham City, Utah

**Date:** Second Saturday in June

**Information:** Brigham City, 435.734.6615; <http://brighamcity.utah.gov>

### Nibley Heritage Days

This event starts the Monday after Father's Day and ends the following Saturday. Events include a parade, baby contest, fair, basketball tourney, children's play, and a mayor's dinner for the older folks of the community.

**Location:** Nibley, Utah

**Dates:** Week after Father's Day

**Information:** City of Nibley, 435.752.0431

### Idaho Days

A celebration honoring the state's pioneers.

**Location:** Franklin, Idaho

**Dates:** Last weekend in June

**Information:** Town of Franklin, Idaho, 208.646.2300

### Clarkston Pony Express Days

This event celebrates the Pony Express route that crossed the mountain near Clarkston. Pony Express horse race, animal races, lawnmower races, a parade and dinner (by reservation) on Saturday.

**Location:** Clarkston, Utah

**Dates:** Third Friday and Saturday in June

**Information:** Clarkston City, 435.563.9090

### Corinne, The Gentile City

A comedic pageant celebrating Corinne's colorful history. Admission is free. Concessions and pre-show at 8 pm; show starts at 9. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

**Location:** City park, Corinne, Utah

**Dates:** Last Friday and Saturday of June

**Information:** 435.744.2065; [lanan@historiccorinne.com](mailto:lanan@historiccorinne.com).

## July

### Independence Day

Various towns throughout the region hold festivities on July 4. Some towns alternate years celebrating either July 4 or Pioneer Day on July 24. Montpelier, Idaho, holds a Lions Club Chuckwagon Breakfast on the 4th and sponsors a fireworks display on "M" hill after sunset. Woodruff, Utah, has a rodeo and patriotic programs. Star Spangled Week in Hyrum, Utah, includes a rodeo, patriotic program, parade, dance, fireworks, Dutch oven contest, booths, exhibits and entertainment. Logan, Utah, has one of the largest fireworks shows in the United States because Fireworks West (fireworks production company) is located there. Paris, Idaho, features a chuck wagon breakfast, pageant at the tabernacle, youth rodeo and a parade. Malad, Idaho, celebrates with cow pie bingo and a bed race. Most celebrations feature breakfasts. Check local calendars because some activities occur on the 4th itself, while others are on days preceding and following. Some of the communities with July 4th festivities include: Utah: Deweyville, Elwood, Grouse Creek, Plymouth, Willard, Brigham City, Perry, Logan and Woodruff. Idaho: Paris, Lewiston, Montpelier, Malad and Soda Springs.



### Cache Valley Cruise-In

Nearly a thousand classic cars cruise into Logan, Utah, for a four-day celebration with games, vendors, cars on display and parade.

**Location:** Cache County Fairgrounds, Logan

**Dates:** First Sat in July and preceding Thurs and Fri

**Information:** [www.cachevalleycruisein.com](http://www.cachevalleycruisein.com)

### Butch Cassidy Days

Did you know Butch Cassidy robbed the bank of Montpelier on Aug 13, 1896, at 3:13 pm. Bank robbery reenactment and festivities.

**Dates:** Two-day celebration, usually the closest weekend to the July 24

**Location:** Montpelier, Idaho

**Information:** Chamber of Commerce, 208.847.0067

### Samaria Days

This event celebrates Samaria, Idaho's history and Welsh heritage. Features parade, music, dances, baseball, carnival and contests. Candidates for queen compete in activities based on the daily work of early homesteaders.

**Location:** Samaria, Idaho (about 8 miles southwest of Malad)

**Dates:** Third weekend in July, near July 24 (subject to change)

**Information:** Four County Alliance of Southeastern Idaho, 208.317.1827

### Pioneer Day

The 24th of July is a holiday commemorating the day the Mormons entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. It is a state holiday in Utah but is also celebrated in Mormon communities in surrounding states. Depending on the location, you may find parades, picnics, pageants, fireworks, old fashioned games or simply quiet family celebrations. Lots of locals head for the canyons to have picnics in the cool mountain air. Locations (Utah): Some communities with celebrations include Corinne, Bear River City, Grouse Creek, Tremonton, Logan, North Logan and Park Valley. In Idaho, the town of Bancroft has a large celebration.

**Date:** July 24 or nearest weekend

**Information:** Chambers of Commerce or tourism offices in different communities

### Tremonton Days

Vendor booths, ball games, entertainment, food, fireworks and family activities.

**Location:** Jeannie Stevens Park, 670 North 1000 West, Tremonton

**Date:** Weekend nearest the 24th of July

**Information:** Tremonton City, 435.257.2625

### That Famous Preston Night Rodeo

Held on three nights in July, this is a PRCA event featuring nationally known cowboys and rodeo stock. It was started in 1935 by a group of Preston businessmen. Many families return during this event's weekend to have reunions and renew friendships. There is a carnival and parade each night in downtown Preston.

**Location:** Preston, Idaho

**Dates:** Last weekend in July

**Information:** 208.852.2703; [www.prestonidaho.org](http://www.prestonidaho.org)

### Garland Wheat and Beet Days

Celebrating over 100 years of agricultural traditions.

**Location:** Garland, Utah

**Date:** August

**Information:** Garland City; 435.257.3118

## August

### County Fairs

August is the usual month for county fairs. Come see rodeos, produce displays, livestock judging, 4-H exhibits, rides and more. Call each county's offices to verify dates.

**Locations:** Box Elder County, Utah—Tremonton, fourth weekend in August. Includes a working dog show and cowboy poetry. Cache County, Utah—Logan, second week in August. Rich County, Utah—Randolph, third week in August. Bear Lake County, Idaho—Montpelier, fourth weekend in August. Caribou County, Idaho—Grace, first week of August. Features a children's parade, main parade. RCA Rodeo Fri. and Sat. night. Franklin County, Idaho—Preston, third weekend in August. Oneida County, Idaho—Malad, second week in August, includes a rodeo and truck pull.



Feeding the apple press at one of the many festivals held at the American West Heritage Center in Wellsville, Utah.  
— Mike Bullock

### Annual Railroaders' Festival

Historically the railroad had yearly events for railroad employees and their families. Celebrate with the modern keepers of railroad history at the Golden Spike National Historic Site. Activities include the world championship professional spike driving contest, handcar rides and races, games, food, music and ranger programs.

**Location:** Golden Spike National Historic Site, Promontory, Utah

**Date:** Second Saturday in August

**Information:** 435.471.2209, ext. 29; [www.nps.gov/gosp](http://www.nps.gov/gosp)

### Bear Lake Raspberry Days

Celebrate the harvest of delicious raspberries at this annual festival featuring a wide variety of activities, such as a pancake breakfast, craft fair, dances, parade, concerts and fireworks. A rodeo is held at the Laketown Arena.

**Location:** Garden City, Utah

**Dates:** The first full weekend of August (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

**Information:** City Hall; 435.946.2901

### Martin Harris: The Man Who Knew (Pageant)

This LDS Church-sponsored pageant recalls the life of Martin Harris, a key player in the early history of Mormonism and the publication of the Book of Mormon, who lived his later life in Clarkston. Free admission, but tickets are required. The local church puts on a barbecue dinner prior to the pageant at a modest cost. Reservations are necessary for the dinner. Write Clarkston Town Dinner, PO Box 181, Clarkston, UT 84305.

**Location:** Clarkston, Utah, in the amphitheater adjacent to the Clarkston cemetery

**Dates:** Two weeks in August. Begins at dusk every night. Closed Sun and Mon

**Information:** 435.563.0059 for ticket availability; 435.245.3501 for pageant president; [www.martinharrispageant.org](http://www.martinharrispageant.org)

### Parimutuel Horse Races

One of the most exciting events in Southeastern Idaho. These races offer as much as a \$20,000 purse.

**Location:** Horse racetrack, Malad, Idaho

**Dates:** Call before June for info

**Information:** Diane at Fair Board in recorder's office, courthouse, 208.766.4116, ext. 101



### River Heights Apple Days

This small town on the south edge of Logan, Utah, celebrates its orcharding heritage with a celebration that includes games, food, and more.

**Location:** Heber Olsen Park, 400 South and 600 East, River Heights

**Date:** Last Saturday in Aug or first or second Sat in Sept

**Information:** City offices, Mon-Fri, 10-2, 435.752.2646; [www.riverheightscity.org](http://www.riverheightscity.org)

### Paradise Trout and Berry Days

Paradise is home to one of the largest commercial berry farms in the state, as well as a trout farm, so this event celebrates trout and berries and features a parade, pie-eating contest, basketball, 5k run, a trout dinner and raspberry delights.

**Location:** Paradise, Utah

**Dates:** The weekend before Labor Day

**Information:** 435.245.6737

## September

### Wellsville Founders Day

Commemorates the settling of the first white community in Cache Valley in 1856. Includes a parade, barbecue, baseball tournament, 5K and 10K races, patriotic musical program and a "buckaroo" rodeo for children.

**Location:** Wellsville, Utah, town square

**Dates:** Labor Day weekend

**Information:** 435.245.3686

### Malad Fall Festival

Local crafters gather to sell their wares in time for the holidays.

**Location:** Malad, Idaho

**Dates:** September

**Information:** Malad Chamber of Commerce, 208.766.2737 or 208.541.2770; [www.maladidaho.org](http://www.maladidaho.org)

### Peach Days

Established in 1904, this is one of the state's oldest harvest festivals. It celebrates the products of Utah's famous Fruit Way (Highway 89 south of

Brigham City) and includes a parade, carnival, fruit displays, entertainment, dancing, craft fair and a Dutch oven cook-off showcasing peaches. Grab a bowl of fresh peach cobbler and you'll think you're in heaven!

**Location:** Brigham City, Utah

**Dates:** The weekend after Labor Day

**Information:** 435.723.3931; [www.bcareaeachamber.com](http://www.bcareaeachamber.com)

## October

### Hunting

Hunting season opens throughout the region around this time. Locals turn out in huge numbers to spend some time in the outdoors and try their luck at getting some meat for the winter. Check with Idaho and Utah Fish and Game departments for details on particular species or specialized hunts (like the bow hunt), some of which occur other times of the year.

### North Logan Pumpkin Walk

Fall comes alive in Cache Valley as pumpkins are made into people, animals, cars, and much more! This popular fall activity features thousands of pumpkins set up in vignettes.

**Date:** Third week in October for five days, not including Sunday.

**Location:** North Logan City Park

**Information:** 435.752.1310, North Logan City

### Providence Sauerkraut Days

This town's German roots are reflected in this celebration featuring a Friday night dinner of sauerkraut and all the trimmings.

**Location:** Spring Creek Middle School

**Date:** Friday night; date may fluctuate

**Information:** 435.752.9441; [www.providencecity.com](http://www.providencecity.com)

## November

### Cache Community Connections Cache Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

**Location:** Logan Tabernacle, 50 North Main St

**Date:** Sunday prior to Thanksgiving at 7 pm

### Christmas Craft Bazaar

Locally made crafts, food, entertainment, prizes.

**Location:** Thirkill Elementary School, Soda Springs, Idaho

**Dates:** Second Sat in Nov

**Information:** 208.547.547.4426

## December

### Winter Market

Cache Valley Gardener's Market vendors and artisans all gather for a holiday celebration and sale.

**Location:** Bullen Center, 43 S. Main, Logan

**Date:** One Saturday in December

**Information:** Cache Valley Gardener's Market, 435.245.5960; [www.saabra.org](http://www.saabra.org)

### Frontier Christmas at the American West Heritage Center

Participate in a pioneer Christmas.

**Location:** American West Heritage Center, 6 miles south of Logan, Utah, on US Hwy 89-91

**Date:** First week of December

**Information:** 800.225.FEST or 435.245.6050;

[www.awhc.org](http://www.awhc.org)

### Malad Firemen's Ball

This Christmastime event honors and raises funds for local volunteer firemen. Most small communities cannot afford to maintain full-time fire departments, so they are dependent upon volunteers to protect their homes and lives. People come from all around to dance to live music, and try to win the generous door prizes.

**Location:** American Legion Building, Malad, Idaho

**Date:** Usually the last Saturday before Christmas, from 9 pm-1 am.

**Information:** Jerry Thomas at Jerry's Market, 208.766.4030 or Fire Chief Jeff Green at Quick Stop Convenience Store, 208.766.4732 or Four County Alliance of Southeastern Idaho, 208.317.1827

### Festival of Lights

The city of Preston, Idaho, goes all out for lighted Christmas decorations in its Festival of Lights, beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Throughout the region, homeowners take delight in decorating their houses and yards with lights and other decorations, but Preston is especially well-known for its flashy displays and the celebration that begins with a parade and fireworks. Hop in the car and take a drive around the area to get into the holiday spirit.

**Location:** Preston, Idaho

**Dates:** Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas

**Information:** Chamber of Commerce, 208.852.2703; [www.prestonidaho.org](http://www.prestonidaho.org)

### Parade of Lights and Parade of Homes

People decorate anything they can drive, push or pull and parade through the streets of Malad to end with a bonfire, food and fireworks. For the Parade of Homes, people decorate their houses and yards with holiday lights and decorations and invite the public to enjoy them.

**Location:** Malad, Idaho

**Dates:** Parade of Lights, every year in December. Parade of Homes, even years

**Information:** Four County Alliance of Southeastern Idaho, 208.317.1827

### Cache Community Celebrates

#### New Year's Eve

Nondenominational, nonalcoholic family New Year's Eve event. Family recreation, ice skating, tubing, kids activities, Fiesta Para la Familia live music and dancing.

**Location:** Downtown and various venues in Logan

**Date:** New Year's Eve

**Information:** Logan Parks and Recreation, 435.716.9250; [www.loganutah.org](http://www.loganutah.org) special events



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