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**KUNA**

According to the 2000 Idaho Census, **Kuna** is the fastest growing city in Idaho.

The **Kuna Chamber of Commerce** is located in The Visitor Center which serves as the Gateway to the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

As you travel the Western Heritage Historic Byway, be sure to stop and enjoy the friendly services of **Kuna** and the unique landscape and feathered inhabitants of the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

**MARSING**

Located on Hwy. 55.

**Marsing** is the "Hub" of a spectacular natural resource area. To its east are the Orchards and Vineyards of Sunny Slope with fruit and vegetable markets and its award winning wineries.

To the west lie farms and dairies on the flat alluvial plains

left by the Snake River that dissects the area with its flow to the Pacific Ocean.

Overlooking the **Marsing** valley is nature's historic rock formation sitting atop Lizard Butte. The Lizard can be seen from miles away, lazily sunning itself while protecting the area from atop its high perch.

The **Marsing** valley is also the "Gateway of the Owyhees." The mountain range provides people with enormous and endless possibilities for enjoying its natural outdoor recreational activities.

**MCCALL**

Located 108 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55 N.

Nestled in the mountains on the shores of Payette Lake, **McCall** has long been a popular summer and winter resort. There are many great things to see and do in and around **McCall**.

Brundage Mountain Resort ski area is just eight miles north of **McCall**. For the ski enthusiast, there is Alpine, telemark, and Nordic skiing. Over the years, this historic frontier town has earned the name "Ski Town USA," by sending local skiers to compete in the Winter Olympic Games. Snowboarding, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, sled-



(Photo courtesy McCall Chamber of Commerce)

ding, sleigh rides and ice skating are also popular.

For the photographer or sight-seer, the elk viewing is incredible during the winter months.

The last weekend of January and the first week of February, snow lovers line the streets in downtown **McCall** for the McCall Area Chamber of Commerce, Annual Winter Carnival, famous for its incredible ice sculptures.

There are ten days of exciting activities and events. McCall Area Chamber of Commerce, Winter Carnival snow sculpting receives

national recognition with teams going on to compete in international events.

**McCall** has a wide variety of licensed and bonded outfitters to provide a safe outdoor experience. They offer adventures such as white-water rafting and pack trips for the hunter and fishing expeditions. There are a number of sports shops specializing in fishing, hunting, biking, rafting, kayaking equipment (sales and rentals) and much more. Not only does **McCall** offer dazzling scenery and fantas-

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**MERIDIAN**

Located 10 miles west of Boise on I-84.

Meridian, is centrally located between Boise and Canyon County. Idaho's fastest growing city, Meridian retains its small town atmosphere. Attractions include **Roaring Springs Water Park**, the Northwest's largest water park, **Wahooz Family Fun Zone**, 7 acres of family fun, and stock car racing at Meridian Speedway.

Pine Street School is a restored one-room schoolhouse museum. Visit the landscaped beauty of Idaho Peace Officers Memorial. Initial Point, south of Meridian, is the beginning point for all surveying done in Idaho. The north south Boise meridian runs through this point and gives Meridian its name.

The original downtown area is home to many small retailers, including quaint cafes, a tea room, antique and gift stores; as well as a walking tour of historic homes. Meridian Dairy Days, the third week of June, celebrates the town's dairy heritage.

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tic skiing, but it's friendly, relaxed atmosphere, fine dining, lodging, shopping and entertainment are just the right ingredients for a perfect vacation.

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**MELBA**

Located approximately 15 miles south of Nampa off Hwy. 45.

Melba, is the center of the Seed Heart of America. It sits only six miles north of the mighty Snake River. It is the center of a large farming area where, with permission to hunt, some of the best pheasant population resides. The fall brings duck and goose hunting to the area.

Melba sits on the edge of The National Conservation Area for the Birds of Prey where visitors can see raptors of all kinds from

the golden and bald eagle to hawks, owls, falcons and other rare birds of prey all year long.

Each year on the Fourth of July, Melba hosts about 7,000 people with one of the most spectacular fireworks displays in the Treasure Valley. Throughout the day there are arts and crafts booths, food booths, ball games, games for kids, lots of entertainment by local talent and a northwest sanctioned tractor pull.

It is only forty miles from Melba to Silver City with several historic points of interest in between. At the Owyhee County seat at Murphy where the "largest small museum" in the U.S. is open three days a week, you can see a collection of artifacts that show you the mining and ranching skills of the area for the last 150 years.

You will see famous cemeteries at Wilson and Reynold's

Creek. On the first Sunday of June each year the Owyhee County Outpost Days is held with re-enactment of traditions from the old days. The prevailing winds isolate Melba and it is often called the "banana belt."

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