



Sunflowers of Elmore County, ID (photo by Liza Morgan)

Wing. Watch for the frequent air shows held at the base.

Mountain Home offers considerable outdoor recreation. In the summer, nearby C.J. Strike and Anderson Ranch Reservoirs await anglers and boaters. In the winter, the open country and rolling hills of Elmore County are perfect for snowmobiling. A worthwhile detour at Glens Ferry will bring you to Three Island Crossing State Park, adjacent to a significant river crossing spot on the Old Oregon

Trail. Learn about the trail at an informative interpretive center, or even journey across the river to view the historic islands from a bluff above the river. Then, stop at nearby Carmela Winery for a taste of the local vintage or take in a round at its Vineyards Greens golf course.

For more information please phone **Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce** (208) 587-4334 or visit our website at www.mountainhomechamber.com

NAMPA

Located 20 miles west of Boise on I-84.

In the heart of the Snake River Valley lies the second largest city in Idaho. **Nampa** offers you many things to do and places to go. A cool evening drive through the lush valley west of Boise leads to quiet backroad farms and the sweet smell of fields in Canyon County. Stop at the fruit and vegetable stands and the u-pick orchards around the area.

Take Highway 55 south of **Nampa** to find beautiful orchard country around Sunny Slope, where Ste. Chapelle Winery celebrates with summer Sunday Jazz Concerts. Ste. Chapelle Winery, three miles north of Marsing, invites visitors to stop for a taste of Idaho in a glass. For the fisherman, drive along the rocky Snake River Canyon where the bass

fishermen net their limits.

Take 12th Avenue through **Nampa**, turn west on Lake Lowell Avenue to the dam, and follow the signs to the Deer Flat National Wildlife Lake Lowell Visitors Center.

The refuge consists of 11,585 acres. Waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds are year-round residents. Bald eagles may be seen during the winter months along with Mallards and Canadian Geese. The refuge is open daylight to dark. Picnic facilities, boat ramps, water-skiing and fishing are all available at Lake Lowell.

Make sure you join the 10-day Snake River Dayz celebration every July, featuring the famous **Snake River Stampede**. It's one of the top 11 rodeos in the country. An additional activity is an all-horse drawn parade.

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NEW MEADOWS/ MEADOWS VALLEY

Located 12 miles north of McCall on U.S. Highway 55.

The fantastic views, friendly, low-key atmosphere and pure, sweet water makes **New Meadows** a worthwhile destination during your stay in Idaho. With the distinct four seasons of this mountain valley, you will find an abundance of year-round activities. In the summer, an excellent small reservoir for fishing or camping is Lost Valley Reservoir, just a few miles off U.S. 95 between **New Meadows** and Council.

Many enjoy mountain biking, rafting and kayaking the untamed rivers, relaxing and swimming in natural hot springs and discovering Idaho's vast wilderness for unparalleled hunting. Nearby Brundage Mountain offers great skiing during the winter months and there are many places for snowmobilers.

Various small communities are scattered throughout the valley. Although some do not have services, they may be of interest. For those wanting to get a glimpse of the history of this ranching and logging community, you may wish to visit the Historic Railroad Depot.

The original depot built in 1911, was used to link mining

activities in the area. Just east of **New Meadows** is Packer John's Cabin, built in 1863 to serve as the sight for the First Territorial Convention for the Idaho Territory. North of town, the 45th parallel bisects the valley floor, a landmark where a community built and maintained information center has been established.

You will find this friendly community to have the best that rural Idaho can offer, with a laid-back atmosphere to help you get away from it all.

PAYETTE LAKE

Located on the north edge of McCall on Highway 55.

Payette Lake is the pride of McCall. With its clear water, tree-lined shores and high mountain location, **Payette Lake's** profound reputation is well deserved.

Water-skiing, boating, fishing and winter snowmobiling are just a few of the opportunities the lake offers visitors. The shore town of McCall spices up this area even more with its 4th of July celebration and annual winter carnival.

WEISER

Beautiful **Weiser**, located at the confluence of the Snake and Weiser Rivers, is a must-see as you travel through Idaho. Visitors can enjoy a great meal at any of our restaurants and then walk it off visiting numerous business and residential buildings (which are on the National Historic Register), as well as enjoying some terrific shopping with our friendly merchants. You shouldn't miss the old Intermountain Institute (behind Weiser High School),

which was built under the premise that "every boy and girl who is willing to work can acquire an education" and was incorporated in October of 1899.

One of the buildings, Slocum Hall, now houses the offices of the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest & Festival. This event celebrates its 58th birthday during the year 2010, and is held annually during the third full week in June – the 2010 event will run June 21 through June 26. It brings fans and performers of all ages from all over the world. If rodeo action is your thing, stick around! The Weiser Valley Roundup provides roatin' tootin' action the weekend following the 4th of July annually. If motorized, muddy, messy events are more your thing, the annual Mud Drag Races are held the first weekend in October. It started in 2003 and has grown annually – 100+ drivers, vehicles of all shapes and sizes and thousands of spectators!

Take a step back in time and come enjoy our very own Illustrious Onionskin Players, who provide musical melodrama family entertainment. Mark the first three weekends in March and come join us to boo and hiss the villains and cheer for the hero and heroine.

They are at home in the renovated Star Theater, built in 1917. Another multi-talented troop, the Weiser Little Theater, offers theater-in-the-round entertainment twice yearly in late fall and early spring and has been delighting audiences with plays such as *On Golden Pond* and *Arsenic and Old Lace* for years.

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts will enjoy the Weiser River Trail. This trail (Idaho's longest) winds its way through 84 miles of roadless canyons and alpine meadows.

Whether you are a hiker, biker, equestrian, cross-country skier, or

photographer you're sure to find an activity to please. **Weiser** is also the gateway to the famous Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, which offers water sports including water-skiing, boating and fishing as well as plenty of whitewater for those adventurous souls. Four-wheel drive enthusiasts also recommend the Weiser Sand Dunes, located west of Weiser.

Websites: www.weiserchamber.com, www.whyweiser.com, www.fiddlecontest.com, www.weiserrivertrail.org

WILDER

The City of **Wilder** sits on a bench between the Boise and Snake Rivers about 100 feet higher than the valley below. It once was a desert but with the coming of water in 1906 it became some of the best farmland in the northwest. Potatoes, onions, fruit, grain, hay, our signature crop – hops, and cattle are in abundance. We are a city of about 1,800 people, a rather stable population. We are growing with about 60 new homes in the past three years. We have a k-12 school system.

We have a trailer factory and a meat processing plant which does much of the meat for fast food chains. **Wilder** has several churches of different protestant denominations, a very good Mexican restaurant (Alejandra's), an American-Mexican drive-in, other stores and shops in the area. Outside of town along the Snake River is a recreation trailer park. Just south of us is an excellent 18 hole golf course, River Bend.

Over all it is a good place to live or visit. For more information, please phone (208) 482-6259 or write **Wilder Chamber of Commerce**: P.O. Box 1, Wilder, Idaho 83676.

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