

# Adventures in Living

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## BIKE TRAILS THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN ENJOY

Idaho is known for its outdoor recreation opportunities and biking is one that ranks near the top. Common knowledge says we never forget how to ride a bike.... A family vacation that includes a bike ride on one of Idaho's many trails will also not be forgotten.

1. Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes – This 72 mile paved trail stretches across northern Idaho. Beginning in the historic Silver Valley, it continues along the Coeur d'Alene River past scenic Lake Coeur d'Alene and through rolling farmlands to Plummer. Along the trail are 36 unique bridges and trestles that cross mountain creeks, whitewater rivers and tranquil lakes.
2. Route of the Hiawatha – The Route of the Hiawatha trail is the crown jewel of all rail-to-trail projects in the country. Over 15 miles of railroad track has been converted into a beautiful biking and walking trail with a gentle two percent downhill grade. There are ten tunnels and seven trestle bridges up to 230 feet high.
3. Boise Greenbelt – The 22-mile Boise River Greenbelt is one of Boise's most beloved parks. The tree-lined pathway follows the river through the heart of the city and provides scenic views, wildlife habitat and pedestrian access to many of the city's popular riverside parks.
4. Wood River Trail System – The 32-mile paved Wood River Trail system connects the communities of Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, and Bellevue. The trail follows the Big Wood River along a historic route on the former Union Pacific railroad right-of-way, crossing several historic bridges and offering beautiful views of the valley.
5. Idaho Falls Greenbelt – Idaho Falls in Eastern Idaho gets its name from the beautiful falls in the center of town. The scenic six-mile paved trail follows both sides of the river and includes beautiful views of the river and the falls from the west bank.

## ENTER TO WIN A GREAT IDAHO GETAWAY!

There is still time to enter the Great Idaho Getaway for a chance to win one of three remaining travel packages. The July package features Southwest Idaho and includes accommodations at Sawtooth Lodge in Garden Valley, the Red Lion Hotel, Owyhee Plaza Hotel and Hampton Inn & Suites-Downtown in Boise and the Geyser Grand Hotel in Baker City, OR, whitewater rafting on the Payette River with Cascade Raft & Kayak, a jet boat trip through Hells Canyon with Hells Canyon Adventures, a performance at Starlight Mountain Theater, a special behind the scenes tour at the World Center for Birds of Prey Interpretive Center and wine tasting at Wood River Cellars.

Visit [www.greatidahogetaway.org](http://www.greatidahogetaway.org) and enter via email, Twitter or Facebook. Don't delay!

## GETAWAY OF THE MONTH - HARRIMAN STATE PARK



Located in eastern Idaho near the Wyoming border, Harriman

State Park lies within a 16,000-acre wildlife refuge in the greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Moose, elk, and sandhill cranes are common, as is North America's largest waterfowl, the trumpeter swan. Known as one of the best fly-fishing streams in the nation, the Henrys Fork meanders for eight miles through Harriman. Over 20 miles of trails are available for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and cross country skiing. Guided horseback tours are offered by a park vendor, Dry Ridge Outfitters, and views of the Teton Mountains are spectacular.

Within the park lies the old Railroad Ranch historical site. Owned by Union Pacific Railroad investors from 1902 to 1977, the park acreage served as a cattle ranch and private retreat of the Harriman and Guggenheim families. Today, Harriman State Park provides the perfect setting to enjoy the park's unique history in beautiful, natural surroundings. Tours of Railroad Ranch are offered Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through August 31.

Just a short drive from Harriman State Park is Mesa Falls Recreation Area. The Mesa Falls Scenic Byway (Hwy. 47) leads to the recreation area, where visitors will see the power and beauty of the falls and watch the osprey and eagles that frequent the area. The walkways make viewing safe for all. Big Falls Inn, an interpretive building and store, is open through mid-September from 9:30am to 5:30pm.

Traditional camping isn't offered at Harriman State Park, though there are a variety of accommodations capable of sleeping four to 40, and some meeting space available for rent. More lodging and vacation rentals are available in the nearby towns of Island Park and Macks Inn, or 20 miles to the south in Ashton.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Circle Mirror Transformation

Through July 23, 2011

Hailey, Idaho

### Malad Valley Welsh Festival

Through July 2, 2011

Malad City, Idaho

### Winchester Days

Through July 3, 2011

Winchester, Idaho

### Music on Main

Through August 11, 2011

Victor, Idaho

### Buhl Sagebrush Days

July 2-4, 2011

Buhl, Idaho

### Whoopee Days 4th of July Celebration

July 3, 2011

Rexburg, Idaho

### Harrison Fireworks Over the Lake

July 4, 2011

Harrison, Idaho

### Fireworks Extravaganza at Silverwood

July 4, 2011

Athol, Idaho

### Hailey 4th of July Celebration

July 4, 2011

Hailey, Idaho

### Boise Fourth of July Festivities

July 4, 2011

Boise, Idaho

### Custer Day

July 9, 2011

Stanley, Idaho

### Lakeside Lavender You-Cut Festival

July 9-10, 2011

Nampa, Idaho

### Shoshone Arts in the Park & Mannie Jamboree

July 9-10, 2011

Shoshone, Idaho

### Annual Summer Music Festival at Roseberry

July 14-16, 2011

Donnelly, Idaho

### Silver Spokes Bicycle Jam

July 14-17, 2011

Wallace, Idaho

### smART Festival

July 16-17, 2011

St. Maries, Idaho

### Castleford Classics Motor Jamboree

July 16-17, 2011

Castleford, Idaho

### Boise Whitewater Festival

July 16-17, 2011

Boise, Idaho

### Hot Summer Nights

July 22-23, 2011

Riggins, Idaho

### Julyamsh Pow Wow

July 22-24, 2011

Post Falls, Idaho

### National Day of the Cowboy

July 23, 2011

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