

Mountain Home Idaho

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*Camas flowers blooming north
of Mountain Home*



Mountain Home is the crossroads of the West.

Mountains, desert, history and the future are the heart of this high-desert community.

Rich in unique canyon lands and pristine wilderness, the Mountain Home area is a boundless playground for people who love the outdoors. The surrounding landscapes carved with geological wonders invite you to indulge yourself in some of the natural treasures of the Gem State.

Whether you plan to climb rocks or a sand dune, or fish in a lake or a blue-ribbon trout stream, make Mountain Home the hub of your outdoor adventure.

The Mountain Home area is noted for its agricultural production, dairy farms and family owned ranches. The famous Idaho potatoes, sugar beets, barley, wheat, corn and hay are major crops you can see growing in the fields. In autumn, you can watch massive machines harvest these crops and deliver them to the processors.

Golf, play tennis, swim, pitch horseshoes, or take a leisurely stroll through one of our 17 parks. See a movie or go dancing. Fast-paced or slow-paced, Mountain Home will suit your particular lifestyle. An excellent variety of lodging is available: hotels, motels, campgrounds and RV parks. You will also find numerous restaurant offerings.

You'll find large-city conveniences concentrated in a small-town, friendly atmosphere. Relax without traffic jams and crowded sidewalks. Visit the museum, and browse in the shops and boutiques.

Mountain Home is close neighbors with Mountain Home Air Force Base. The base offers various community activities, including an air show attended by tens of thousands. The Air Force brings people from all over the world to Mountain Home, making it an international community.

Mountain Wonderland Loop

From the golden glow of aspens in autumn to the rainbow-colored meadows of spring, Mountain Home's high-country offers its own four-season playground.

Original Site of Mountain Home

Seven miles northeast of town on Highway 20, you can see the ruins of the Jackson School House. Rattlesnake Station was the original site of Mountain Home until the railroad was built in 1883 then it was moved to its present location. Just past the school, turn right onto Teapot Road and drive three miles on a gravel road to see Teapot Dome, a famous landmark for Oregon Trail emigrants. Climb the rugged, hour-long trek to the top for a panoramic view of the vast Owyhee Desert. Explore the Oregon Trail Scenic By-Way, where you can still see remains of the wagon ruts.

Anderson Ranch Reservoir

In 1950, Anderson Ranch Dam was the world's largest earth-filled dam. Creating a reservoir 17 miles long bordered by 50 miles of shoreline, it is an attractive destination for everyone from bird-watchers to boaters. Set up camp at one of the many private or public campgrounds. Services in the Anderson Ranch Reservoir areas of Pine, Fall Creek, and Featherville include lodging, a marina, RV sites, convenience stores, propane, gasoline, restaurants, and homey taverns.

Trophy Fishing & Wild Waters

The South Fork of the Boise River below Anderson Dam is known for its blue-ribbon fly-fishing. Winding along the river for 11 miles to Danskin Bridge, the road provides access to spectacular whitewater rafting, kayaking, and canoeing. Eventually, the road leads to the remote farming community of Prairie and loops back to Ice Springs and then to Fall Creek.

Hunting

This region offers a wide range of hunting opportunities whether it is big game, upland game or waterfowl. Come enjoy a hunters favorite pastime.





Natural Hot Springs

Above the dam, between Pine and Featherville, be sure to stop at Johnson Bridge where natural hot springs flow into the river. Take your shoes off and relax in one of the steamy pockets on the edge of the icy South Fork. Eight miles beyond Featherville to the east is Baumgartner Campground, a unique outdoor atmosphere for campers and nature lovers. Follow the self-guided nature path that winds around the hot-water sitting pool.

Bird's-Eye View

Perched at 9,500 feet on Trinity Mountain is the highest fire lookout in the Boise National Forest. The hike on the narrow road leading to the lookout is a 22% grade but well worth the effort. The view of the nine mountain lakes is unsurpassed in beauty, especially in early summer when the brilliance and variety of alpine flowers is astounding (large vehicles not recommended). Check locally for road conditions. Campgrounds are available at Big and Little Roaring Lakes and Big Trinity Lake. Trailheads are conveniently located for those lakes that can only be reached by hiking or on horseback.

Idaho Past & Present

Ten miles north of Featherville stands the remnants of Rocky Bar. Considered the center of a mining operation that yielded millions of dollars in gold, Rocky Bar was destroyed in 1892. Several buildings, including the jail house, still remain.

Visit Atlanta

Atlanta is another old mining town north of Rocky Bar that also thrived in the late 1800s. A fire claimed most of the buildings in 1941, but several structures remain and are recorded on the National Historic Register. Despite its ghost-town resemblance and mountainous isolation, Atlanta is very much alive with its 40 year-round residents. Atlanta is home to the oldest established post office in Elmore County, founded in 1867. Nearby, both improved and primitive campgrounds serve as gateways to the pristine Sawtooth Primitive Area. Check locally for road conditions and vehicle recommendations.



Explore The Scenic Desert Loop

Take a scenic drive through the high desert, starting in **Glenns Ferry** at Three Island State Park and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, an area noted for one of the most famous river crossings on the historic Oregon Trail: Three Island Crossing.

Proceed from there through **Hammett** to **Bruneau Dunes State Park** and climb North America's tallest single-structured sand dunes, the largest of which stands 470 feet high. Stop in at the Bruneau Dunes State Park Environmental Center and learn how they were formed. This phenomenal creation of sand and water is an oasis full of wildlife and waterfowl. Within the park's boundaries, you will find marshes, high desert and dune habitat, hiking trails, and a full-service campground.

As you drive from **Bruneau**, you'll enter the **Birds of Prey Wildlife Area**, encompassing over 482,000 acres of the densest population of nesting raptors in the world.

Continue to **C. J. Strike Dam Recreational Area** which was built in the early 1950s to create a recreational haven for fishing, hunting, camping, and boating. With only minor fluctuations in water levels, outdoor sporting opportunities are unparalleled. Enjoy everything from sailboarding to waterskiing. Easy access to the lake, boat ramps, camping areas, picnic grounds, and the availability of a wide variety of fish, including bass, crappie, catfish, blue gill, trout, and sturgeon, make this a popular getaway.

There is no question that the desert is a vacationland of contrast and beauty but so are the mountains. You'll find much to explore within a short driving distance from Mountain Home.



Winter Wonderland

The mountains are as beautiful covered in snow as they are in wildflowers. This high-country area is a winter destination for cross-country skiers and photographers. Enjoy 350 miles of groomed snowmobile trails from Pine to Fall Creek and stop at the warming hut nestled in the Anderson Ranch Recreation Area.

The desert and the mountains offer limitless opportunities for both the adventure-seekers and sightseers. Make Mountain Home your base camp, so you can get there and have plenty of time to fully enjoy yourself. Branch out—like the rivers that run wild through the rock, sand, and trees of Idaho.

Prior to visiting any area with undeveloped roads, please check road and weather conditions.



Events



Mountain Home Historical Museum 1st Thursday luncheon features local history storytelling

The Farmers Market is located downtown at Railroad Park on Main Street. Stroll through to see the selection of local specialties, organic food, crafts, fruits and vegetables. May-October Saturday, 8am-1pm.

Camp Wilson Boy Scout Jamboree and Barbecue is held every May in the mountains above Pine. The public is invited to attend the barbecue.

Craze Dayz Celebration & Carnival: Get Craze with the locals downtown and enjoy vendors, entertainment, a carnival and much more.

Daniel Dopps Memorial RAM PRCA Rodeo the last weekend in June at Optimist Park.

Annual Garden Tour features local area gardens for viewing in June.

July 4th Festival in Carl Miller Park from 8am-4pm. Enjoy one of the best fireworks displays in Idaho at dusk at the Desert Canyon Golf Course.

Mountain Home Historical Museum's Pioneer Breakfast in July at the caboose in Railroad Park. Then take a free self-guided tour of the 1944 Union Pacific Railroad Caboose, which is open week-ends during the summer.

Concerts in the Park is presented free by the Mountain Home Arts Council at Carl Miller Park during July and August.

Movies in the Park are offered free by the Mountain Home Lion's Club from late spring to early fall, weather permitting.

Elmore County Fair & Rodeo is held annually the second full week of July in Glens Ferry.

Rumble & Roar Car Show is sponsored by the Mountain Home Lion's Club held in August at Carl Miller Park.

Events

Mountain Home Basque Festival is held in August at the Basque Block, next to the landmark Bengoechea Hotel, the cultural heart of Basque history in our community.

Mountain Home Music Festival is a Multi genre music featuring Jazz, Blues, Country and Rock. This event is the 3rd Saturday in August at Optimist Park.

Mountain Home Historical Society's Annual Pie Social is held on the Historical Museum's lawn. Enjoy a slice of homemade pie and ice cream while listening to live music. Don't forget to stay for the pie auction.

Bruneau Dunes Observatory hosts an annual Star Party. Come out and view the stars!

Air Force Appreciation Day was started in 1961 by the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce as a means to thank all the local military for all they do for our country and our local communities. It has evolved into a 2-day event which is scheduled for the Friday and Saturday following Labor Day each year. The parade Saturday is Idaho's largest parade.

Fall Harvest Festival is when local and regional vendors line the downtown sidewalks, and streets are blocked off for live entertainment, Farmers Market, Dinner on a Farmer, and historical hayrides throughout town.

Christmas Parade of Lights is the first Friday in December. The parade of lights winds through downtown Mountain Home and continues to Rail Road Park for the lighting of the big Christmas tree. Santa and Mrs. Claus join the festivities riding in on a firetruck.

Rotary Club Festival of Trees is the 1st Saturday in December and features uniquely decorated trees and wreaths. Come and enjoy the holiday spirit.

Victorian Christmas Tea at the Museum is when you can get out your best hat and gloves and enjoy a spot of tea at the Museum.

Mountain Home Scottish Highland Games is a new event that showcases Scottish and Celtic cultures, games and attire.

Mountain Home Country Music Festival is the first weekend in August and is brought to you by Bi-Mart for 3 big days! A mile high of country music, camping and family fun!
www.mountainhomefestival.com

Community Events Website www.whattheHisgoingon.com

Outdoor Recreation

Oregon Trail Backcountry Byway: Travel the way of the old Oregon Trail

Local Art: There are many spots around town that feature local artists, who have created everything from a bike rack, to murals that reflect our history, traffic boxes, and to a wall covered in pennies—can you guess how many?

Walking/Biking: The Mountain Home Walking Path has over two-and-a-half miles of hiking and biking trail. Take the kids or the dogs for a stroll.

Rock Hounding: Explore the high desert and search for Bruneau jasper, petrified wood, smokey quartz, and fossils. We're called the Gem State for good reason.

Disc Golf: Head out to Optimist Park for a round of disc golf on 18 holes that will challenge even the most seasoned player.

Fishing/Fly Fishing: Pack up your fishing gear and try your luck at CJ Strike Reservoir, Anderson Ranch Reservoir, the Snake River or the South Fork of the Boise River. Local catches include bass, crappie, trout, and Kokanee salmon. The kids can try their luck at Legacy Park.

Hunting: This area is a hunting mecca. Get your tag and hunt for deer, elk, bear, pronghorn and upland birds.

Wildlife and Birding: Take a drive and watch for eagles, osprey, hawks, sandhill crane, hummingbirds, bluebirds and many other species. In the mountains, you can see deer, elk, bear, mountain lions, and wolves.

Swimming: The Community Pool is open during the summer months and is a great place to cool off.

Camping: The Anderson Ranch Recreational area provides lots of opportunity for camping. The Bruneau Dunes State Park and Three Island State Park have sites available year round. CJ Strike Dam has numerous day or overnight camping areas.

Snow Sports: There are over 350 miles of trails for snowmobiling in the Trinity Mountains and Fairfield areas. If snowmobiling isn't your cup of tea, try snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing or kite skiing.

ATVing/Dirt Biking: The area has numerous places to ride and explore on an all-terrain vehicle or dirt bike.

Geocaching: There are over a 1,000 caching sites in the local area. Bring your GPS and search for treasure.

Dune Sledding: Sled the highest single sand dune in the North America at Bruneau Dunes State Park.

Stargazing: There are no city lights to obscure your view at the observatory at Bruneau Dunes State Park. The observatory is open to the public every Friday and Saturday in the summer.

Boating/Water Activities: Take your water toys and play at CJ Strike Reservoir or Anderson Ranch Reservoir.

Things to Do

Golfing

Desert Canyon Golf Course

1880 E 8th N
208-587-3293

Crossings Golf Course

1289 West Madison, Glens Ferry
208-366-2313

Elk Valley Resort

3561 N Pine-Featherville Rd
208-653-2376

Hiking

Teapot Dome hiking trail

near Bennett Mountain

Boise National Forest

Bruneau Dunes State Park

Danskin Mountains Trail System

Parks

Bruneau Dunes State Park

27608 Sand Dunes Rd
208-366-7919

Three Island State Park

1083 S Three Island Park Dr, Glens Ferry
208-366-2394

17 local area parks in Mountain Home
www.pr.mountain-home.us

Wineries

Cold Springs

7853 W Ringert Ln, Hammett
208-366-7993

Crossings Vineyards

1289 West Madison, Glens Ferry
208-366-2313

Sweetbriar Vineyard & Winery

12150 Hwy 20

Museums

Mountain Home Historical Museum

180 South 3rd East
208-587-6847

Glens Ferry Historical Opera Theatre

128 E Idaho Ave, Glens Ferry
208-366-7408

Glens Ferry Historical Museum

161 W Cleveland Ave, Glens Ferry
208-366-2320

Entertainment

Freedom Lanes-Bowling

830 N 2nd E
208-587-4448

Take One Cinema

650 W 8th S
208-587-5338

City & Government

- 1** Chamber of Commerce
205 N 3 E
208-587-4334
- 2** City Hall
160 S 3 E
208-587-2104
- 3** Desert Mountain Visitor Center
2900 American Legion
208-587-4464
- 4** Elmore County Courthouse
150 S 4th E
208-587-2129
- 5** Fire Department
220 S 2 E
208-587-2117
- 6** Liquor Store
275 E 4th N
208-587-3772
- 7** Mountain Home Historical Museum
180 S 3 E
208-587-6847
- 8** Mountain Home Airport
2610 Airbase Rd
208-587-3585
- 9** Mountain Home Public Library
790 N 10 E
208-587-4716
- 10** Police Department
2775 E 8 N
208-587-2101

- 11** Senior Citizen Center
1000 N 3rd E
208-587-4562
- 12** St. Lukes Elmore
895 N 6th E St
208-587-8401
- 13** US Post Office
350 N 3rd E
208-587-5222

Schools

- 14** North Elementary School
290 N 12 E
208-587-2585
- 15** West Elementary School
415 W 2 N
208-587-2595
- 16** East Elementary School
775 N 10 E
208-587-2575
- 17** Hacker Middle School
550 E Jackson St
208-587-2500
- 18** Mountain Home Jr. High School
1600 E 6th St
208-587-2590
- 19** Mountain Home High School
300 S 11th E
208-587-2570

Places to Stay

Lodging

- 1** **Best Western Foothills Inn**
1080 U.S. 20
208-587-8477
bestwestern.com/foothillsinn
- 2** **Hampton Inn & Suites**
3175 Foothills Ave
208-587-7300
mountainhomesuites.hamptoninn.com
- 3** **Hilander Motel**
615 S 3rd W
208-587-3311
- 4** **Mountain Home Inn**
1180 U.S. 20
208-587-9743
mountain-home-inn.magnusonhotels.com
- 5** **Thunderbird Motel**
910 Sunset Strip
208-587-7927
- 6** **Towne Center Motel**
410 N 2nd E
208-587-3373

RV Parks/Campgrounds

- 7** **Cottonwood RV Park**
125 Bradford St
208-587-4426
Cottonwoodrvpark.webs.com
- 8** **Fort Running Bear RV Park**
25094 Camas Reservoir Rd
208-653-2494
fortrunningbear.com
- 9** **Golden Rule Mobile Home Park**
220 E 10th N
208-587-5111
- 10** **Mountain Home KOA**
220 East 10th N
208-587-5111
- 11** **Mountain Home RV Park**
2295 American Legion Blvd
208-580-1211
mtnhomervpark.com
- 12** **The Wagon Wheel**
1880 East 5th North # 3
208-587-5994
thewagonwheel.com

Restaurants

1 A.J.'s Restaurant and Lounge
1130 U.S. 20
208-587-2264

2 BRIE*STA Coffee Company
925 Airbase Road
208-598-0071

3 Domino's Pizza
950 W. 6 S
208-587-5000

4 El Herradero
210 E 5th N
208-587-0694

5 El Herradero Taco Express
1855 Airbase Rd
208-587-2286

6 Frankies Burgers
270 N. Main St
208-587-7747

7 Grindes Diner
550 Airbase Road
208-587-5611

8 Kurly's on the Green
1880 E 8th N
208-587-3836

9 Kurly's Sports Bar & Grill
124 E. Jackson
208-587-3836

10 Lucky Perk Coffee & TCBY
390 American legion Blvd
208-587-9048

11 McDonald's
2840 American Legion Blvd
208-587-8650

12 McDonald's
755 Air Base Road
208-587-8942

13 Pizza Hut
605 Airbase Rd
208-587-4404

14 Shiok
13654 SW Venable St
208-832-9888

15 Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta
1465 American Legion
208-587-2840

16 Taco John's
495 N Main St
208-587-5832

17 Timber Creek Espresso
1420 America Legion Blvd
208-587-2246

18 Timber Creek Espresso
1135 Hwy 20
208-587-4762

19 Winger's Grill & Bar
3150 NE Foothill Ave
208-587-1212

Additional Restaurants:

Arby's - BBQ & Soul Food - Burger King - Dilly Deli
Fatty's Pizza - German House - Hwy 30 Drive-in
Jack in the Box - Jade Palace - KFC - Los Pinos
Manhattan Bistro - Martin Family Mexican Restaurant
Papa Murphy's - Red Pavilion - Subway - Wendy's

For more listing of Sports Bars, Lounges and Saloons visit the City Business Directory: www.mountain-home.us Click the "Shop Local" Link.

Shopping

- 1** Bealls
295 N 2nd E
208-587-9506
- 2** D & B Supply
555 Airbase Rd
208-587-3207
- 3** Desert Mountain Visitor Center
2900 American Legion Blvd
208-587-4464
- 4** Idaho Youth Ranch
385 N 2 E
208-587-2360
- 5** Lane's Appliance & TV
290 N Main St
208-587-5656
- 6** Museum Gift Shop
180 S 3rd E
208- 587-6847
- 7** St. Vincent de Paul
250 E 5th N
208-587-0701
- 8** Walmart
2745 American Legion Blvd
208-587-0601

Additional Shopping:

Country Chic@Cheeps - DeMeyer Furniture
Dollar Tree - Game Stop - Gingerbread House
House of Flowers - Jennie's Fashion Boutique
Just Restyled Vintage Décor - Maurice's
Mulberry Place - Nancy's Nick Nacks
New to You - Sally's Beauty Supply
Sav-Mor Drug - Sears - Stoecker Jewelers

Additional Business Services:
www.mountainhomechamber.com



