

YOUR TRAVEL STYLE: Outdoor Action (Winter)

"don't take life seriously because you can't come out of it alive" – Warren Miller



SUN. SNOW. SMILES.

If just can't seem to shake the passion you've had for playing in the snow since you were five, Southwest Idaho is the place for you.

It starts with two killer ski hills, but the fun doesn't stop there. From ice-fishing to dog sled races to backcountry snowmobiling, Southwest Idaho makes it easy to get out and enjoy some outdoor fun. No wonder our largest city, Boise, was named the #1 Adventure City by National Geographic Adventure Magazine. Bottom line? You're sure to find wintertime action. Let's get specific...

DOWNHILL SKIING &

BOARDING: Here, hitting the slopes is easy. Choose between Brundage Mountain (350"+ average snowfall) in McCall or Bogus Basin, just 14 miles from downtown Boise. Both offer plenty of powder days, runs fit for every level of skier and full-service rental shops. In addition, Brundage offers some fabulous backcountry skiing overlooking beautiful Payette Lake.

NORDIC SKIING: Southwest Idaho offers more groomed Nordic Trails than you can shake a pole at. You'll find them at Bogus Basin, throughout the Payette and Boise National Forests. In most instances, you'll find convenient Park N' Ski areas that are well-marked and easy to access.

SNOWMOBILING: Whether you want to race across a frozen lake or just enjoy a leisurely ride in the forest, you'll find plenty of opportunities on the hundreds of miles of trails throughout Southwest Idaho's mountain areas: McCall, Cascade, Garden Valley, Smith's Ferry, Lowman, Featherville, and Idaho City. Enjoy a guided trip or explore on your own.

SLEIGH RIDES: Hey, not every minute can be action packed. But you might be surprised while sitting comfortably in your guided sleigh how the sight of a majestic elk in its natural winter habitat gets your heart racing.

ICE SKATING: Love hockey? Ice skating? Curling? Hit the ice. Idaho Ice World in Boise or Manchester Ice & Event Centre in McCall offer a wide range of programs and activities.

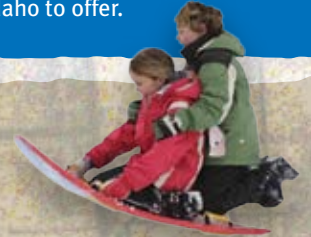
SLEDDING: OK. So there's a couple of ways to do this. You can just find a nice wooded hill near your cabin or hotel. Or you can head up to Bogus Basin or Southfork Landing in Garden Valley and take in their groomed tubing hills (complete with automated lifts) and enjoy all the speed without the effort.

Things To Do

Where To Stay

Most of the Southwest Idaho's winter fun is found in its mountain areas. Consider staying in a hotel, cabin or bed & breakfast in beautiful Garden Valley, Cascade, Donnelly or McCall.

Another option is to use Boise and the surrounding areas as your jumping off point. You'll enjoy all the conveniences of the city, but be within 40 minutes of Bogus Basin, one hour of Idaho City and just two hour drive of almost everything Southwest Idaho to offer.



Also Consider

There's a lot more to Idaho than just outdoor adventure. Here are a few more itinerary items to consider:

ENJOY A NIGHT (OR DAY) ON THE TOWN: Browse the Boise Art Museum, watch some live theater, or just take in dinner and movie. You'll find it in Boise.



WINE: The Snake River Valley Appellation, the nation's newest wine region is right here. Tour wineries. Taste. Relax.

HOT SPRINGS: Explore some of Idaho's many natural hot springs. You'll find them scattered throughout Southwest Idaho from Marsing to Lowman and everywhere in between.

Start Planning

SKIING:

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area:
(800) 367-4397
Brundage Mountain: (800) 888-7544

SLEIGH RIDES: Bogus Creek Outfitters:
(888) 264-8727

HOT SPRINGS: Given's Hot Springs
208-495-2000

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