# Eastern Idaho Guide

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With two nearby national parks, stunning backdrops, wide open spaces, and endless wild beauty to explore, it's no wonder Eastern Idaho's Yellowstone Teton Territory attracts art and music lovers from across the globe.

> Find inspiration in this world-class recreational hub, delight in the unexpected on charming Main Streets, or even take home a one-of-a-kind painting from prizewinning artists. Eastern Idaho's growing arts and culture scene is waiting to be uncovered.



# Welcome!

Welcome to Eastern Idaho! Tucked away next to two geological wonders—Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks—and surrounded by scenic vistas, towering mountains, and rolling farmlands, Eastern Idaho is a recreational mecca known for its pristine powder skiing, endless trails for biking, hiking, and snowmobiling, and unbeatable hunting and fishing opportunities. But while recreation might be what brings you to the region, it will be the area's arts, culture, and history that make you want to stay. In our small towns, you'll find museums, performing arts venues, and world-class music festivals that will keep even the most urbane visitor entertained. Our cultural maturity may surprise you. You can go to the opera, listen to a symphony performance, or see a touring Broadway show. The region is home to wonderful historic and cultural museums and a growing university, plus there's an emphasis on public art that supports the creative and expressive health of our residents and visitors alike.

Where else can you hike in the morning and hear performers like Brandi Carlile and Lyle Lovett in the afternoon and on through the night? Float a river then watch students from around the world share their own folk traditions in dance? Or learn about the birthplace of television, watch a fine artist at work, and gaze at the stars through a university-level planetarium, all in the same day?

You might be surprised at the breadth and depth of the creative and cultural activity going on here. It's all inspired by our natural beauty and laidback lifestyle. This, too, deserves exploration!

# **Yellowstone Teton Territory**

The Yellowstone Teton Territory's Eastern Idaho region is comprised of Idaho Falls, Rexburg, St. Anthony, Ririe, Rigby, Dubois, Spencer, Island Park, Ashton, Swan Valley, and Teton Valley's Victor, Driggs, and Tetonia. Each town and city offers its own cultural and recreational appeal from top-tiered galleries and museums to incredible performance venues and stunning natural wonders. On *yellowstoneteton.org*, download our *Visitors Guide* for a snapshot of each. But one thing reigns true no matter which community you visit: Each has its own character and charm waiting to be explored.

# **Regional Lodging**

Begin your arts and culture excursion exploring Eastern Idaho's quaint city streets with a basecamp. Whether you're looking for a rustic lodge or a resort hotel with easy access to Main Street amenities, or want the perfect RV site, Yellowstone Teton Territory has it all. Visit *yellowstoneteton.org* and click the lodging tab to access information on properties for all styles and budgets.

# **Using This Guide**

Art can be so many things! Maybe it's a photo of the Tetons at sunset or a song that evokes happy memories—art is what inspires you. And Eastern Idaho is full of that inspiration. Inside the pages of the *Eastern Idaho Arts & Culture Guide*, you'll find ideas, recommendations, and information about the region's burgeoning arts scene, from must-visit galleries, annual performances, and world-class festivals, to all of the local's favorites each town has to offer. Take home art that catches your eye, take a step back in time at a captivating museum, and walk the vibrant Main Streets where the unexpected awaits. Use this as a launchpad for your day exploring. In its pages you'll find a sampling of the favorite performing arts, galleries, events, and more. For more information about each area, visit *yellowstoneteton.org* or visit the chamber of commerce for each area (contact information listed on page 30).





# Idaho Falls

Eclectic, authentic, exhilarating; Idaho Falls has it all! The Yellowstone Teton Territory's biggest city, Idaho Falls is bursting at the seams with a menagerie of arts and culture must-sees for every visitor. From the celebrated Colonial Theater and historic Museum of Idaho to fine art galleries and nationally renowned acts taking the stage, the city's vibrant arts community is an anchor for the region. You'd be hard-pressed to not find a nationally acclaimed show on any given week in Idaho Falls. Find inspiration on a leisurely walk along the Greenbelt and the falls, where flowing water and beautiful open space are sure to delight. Soak in the sounds of the cello, violin, and more during a live orchestra performance of the Idaho Falls Symphony; the melodic tunes of composers, past and present, played by top-tiered musicians will leave you spellbound.

Make plans to stroll the bustling Idaho Falls Cultural District, home to an array of galleries featuring local, regional, and national artists. A vintage theater restored to its original glory, a noteworthy museum, art centers and galleries, dance studios, restaurants, shops, even the public library—all of this and more are within just a few blocks in the historic downtown's cultural district. Set against the scenic Snake River, the cultural district has attracted kudos nationally. The Idaho Falls Arts Council runs the historic Willard Arts Center and Colonial Theater. Today, this half-block-long landmark houses two visual art galleries, nine artist studios, and more. IFAC presents roughly around sixteen mainstage shows each season, most of which are at the Colonial Theater. The Carr Gallery and the Hall Gallery feature eight visual arts exhibitions every year that highlight local and national talent. You can catch a wide varity of acts at IFAC. One night it might be acrobats flying through the air, the next a comedy show will have you belly laughing in your seat or you'll find yourself transfixed by ballerinas spinning, jumping, and twirling across the stage. Visit *idahofallsarts.org* for a full schedule and more information.

With its farmers markets, free open-air concerts, art museums and more, Idaho Falls—always known as a gateway to outdoor adventure—is now also becoming a cultural destination as well.

# See A Show!

#### **Favorite Venues & Attractions**

#### Broadway

Broadway lovers, mark your calendars! The Idaho Falls Arts Council, in partnership with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, is bringing four one-night performances of some of the country's biggest traveling Broadway shows for an incredible spellbinding experience without having to travel to Los Angeles or New York. Offerings included *The Wizard of Oz, An American In Paris*, and more; catch a Broadway performance right here in Idaho.



#### Symphony

For seventy consecutive seasons, the Idaho Falls Symphony has presented an annual concert series that brings the best of classical music to a variety of local venues, including Freeman Park, the Colonial Theater, and the Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts. Here's an opportunity to hear the sounds of your favorite composers and hum along while a full orchestra performs classic tunes, loved by the young and old. Become spellbound by the talent exuded by the symphony musicians. Visit *ifsymphony.org* for schedules and events.

#### **Opera**

If you are looking for the incredible high-reaching notes, jaw-dropping performances, whimsical costumes and melodrama of opera, catch a performance by the Idaho Falls Opera Theatre. Throughout the year, the theatre puts on a number of different operas, including favorites such as Mozart's Cosi fan tuttle, on the stage at the Civic Center for the Performing Arts, a stunning, newly renovated performance space at Idaho Falls High School.

#### Plays, Ballet, Concerts, & More

Check the Idaho Falls Arts Council's packed schedule for rock music, seasonal shows, Broadway, symphony, dance, and more! The Civic Center for the Performing Arts and the Colonial Theater offer incredible opportunities like a night with country legend Lyle Lovett, a festive ballet performance of *The Nutcracker*, and a variety of plays sure to delight and surprise even the most discerning arts fans.

# Galleries

Stroll Main Street and discover incredible works of art by local, regional, and national talent hanging inside gallery walls.

#### The Carr Gallery 498 A Street

Contemporary artwork by emerging and established artists from across the nation.

**Local's tip:** Enjoy an intimate performance in the Carr Gallery with up-and-coming local musicians; a perfect date night on the town. *Idahofallsarts.org* 

#### Hall Community Gallery 498 A Street

Located on the second floor of the Willard Arts Center. **Must see:** Regional artists and artwork. *Idahofallsarts.org* 

### Eagle Rock Gallery

804 Pancheri Drive

Featuring acclaimed fine art, sculptures, photography, glass art, and much more inside the two-thousandsquare-foot gallery situated on the beautiful Snake River Greenbelt. **Must see:** Prize-wining impressionist watercolorist Lina Aman. *eaglerockgalleryfineart.com* 

#### Willowtree Gallery 210 Cliff Street

Look for the enchanting mural depicting an Idaho Falls of long ago by painter Dustin Lyon. **Must see:** Original art and limited-edition prints, as well as handcrafted jewelry. *facebook.com/ willowtreegallery* 

#### Norrell Gallery of Photographic Art 1935 East 113 South

Fine art photographer Greg Norrell's studio features images of the Greater Yellowstone Region and beyond. **Local's tip:** Visit his website for hundreds more pieces. gregnorrell.com

#### Idaho Glass Studio

Handblown glass art creations, gifts, and more. **Locals tip:** Open by appointment only. glass4gifts.com



### Your Festival Bucket List

Idaho Falls is chock-full of festivals and events. Start your bucket list with these local's favorites—and there's more where that came from! Visit *yellowstoneteton.org* for even more.

#### Gem and Mineral Show APRIL

*ifrockhounds.com/ifgms-show* Gems, jewelry, and mineral dealers featured in more than forty special exhibits. Enjoy demos on faceting, knapping, wire wrapping, opal and rock polishing, and much more.

#### Eagle Rock Art Guild Annual Sidewalk Sale

JULY

Local and visiting artists, live entertainment, food, and fun for all. Located on the east bank of the Snake River on the River Walk.

#### **Festival of Trees**

NOVEMBER

Enjoy a walk through the stunning array of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, sit down for a meal or treat, purchase gifts and watch local entertainers perform.

#### Museum of Idaho, Museum After Dark HELD MONTHLY

*museumofidaho.org/afterdark* Fun, unique, and sneakily educational monthly events for a grown-up night out.



#### Must-Visit Museums The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

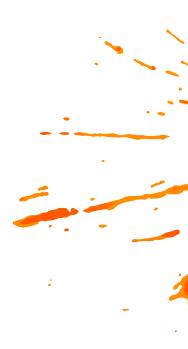
The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, located next to the Snake River on Broadway, serves as an anchor to the Idaho Falls Cultural District. It features four galleries of display space for a permanent collection and excellent traveling exhibits, as well as classroom space, and a museum store. "Eternal Momentum," the sculpture out front, was created by Idaho artist Mark Stasz. *theartmuseum.org* 

#### ARTitorium on Broadway

ARTitorium provides welcoming, fun-focused, and imaginative experiences in the arts for kids and families. Try your hand at a creation station, browse the virtual gallery, perform in front of the green screen, fly down the turbo twister slide, and much, much more! Located in downtown Idaho Falls, ARTitorium is the perfect way to spend your day. *artitoriumbroadway.org* 

#### The Museum of Idaho

A favorite of visitors and locals, the Museum of Idaho holds a variety of exhibits that rotate biannually. The museum has permanent Idaho displays as well as several different traveling exhibitions every year. It is the place where adventure begins and Idaho history comes alive! Bringing the world to Idaho and Idaho to the world, the Museum of Idaho is as beautiful as it is fascinating. The museum welcomes more than one hundred thousand visitors to its breathtaking space, which houses 25,000 artifacts, objects, and specimens. In the fall of 2019, the museum completed phase one of its mammoth expansion, adding more than twenty thousand square feet of space to the facility. museumofidaho.org





# **Live Music!**

Go where the locals go and catch a show at these favorite bars and restaurants.

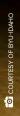
#### BlackRock Fine Wine & Craft Beer 343 Park Avenue Live music throughout the year. blackrockidaho.net

**The Celt Pub & Grill** 398 West Broadway Street Don't miss Irish live music nights.

Hurricanes 888 North Holmes Avenue Comedy nights, karaoke, live music. Hurricanesidaho.com

Idaho Brewing Company 775 S Capital Avenue Live music throughout the year. *idahobrewing.com* 

Roadhouse Saloon 1680 Lindsay Boulevard Live music, karaoke. roadhouse-saloon.busi ness.site



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# Rexburg & St. Anthony

A stone's throw from Idaho Falls, the midsized city Rexburg and nearby small town of St. Anthony are steeped with character, culture, and fun for all. The cityscape is anchored by the architecturally captivating Rexburg Temple, part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The illuminated structure is visible for miles, and visitors are welcome for a tour or to stroll through the public gardens. Rexburg is home to a pair of fascinating museums that can keep you busy for a day or two of discovery. At the Legacy Flight Museum, you can see historic planes on display, while the Museum of Rexburg tells the story of region's history, including a mesmerizing exhibit on the historic 1976 Teton Dam collapse. Rexburg is also home to a variety of notable festivals celebrating everything from dance and music to the art of storytelling, our deeply rooted pioneer heritage, and poetry.

Rexburg is home to the Brigham Young University, Idaho campus, a four-year college boasting more than fifteen thousand students from across the country and abroad. The campus houses a stunning performance venue where choirs, ballets, and theater frequent the stage. The BYU-Idaho campus also brings concerts to the students and surrounding community for affordable rates, making the arts accessible for all budgets. Whether you want to see violinists, ballet, or bell ensembles, the variety of talent that hits this stage is spellbinding, and ranges from musical productions and visiting dance troupe performances, to concerts by the hometown favorites: the talented BYU choir. No trip to the area would be complete without a visit to Yellowstone Bear World, the region's only drive-through wildlife park. Here you can go on a guided wildlife excursion, bottle-feed a bear cub, learn about Yellowstone's worldclass wildlife, and top the day off with exciting amusement rides.

Nearby, St. Anthony is a thriving artist's community with art galleries and artist studios under the umbrella of notable Upper Valley art leader Idaho Art Lab, an artist's haven with a community makerspace (the biggest in Idaho, to be exact!), visual art center, and gallery.

Anchored by the efforts of volunteers, the mission of Idaho Art Lab is to provide opportunities to people of all ages, ability, or economic status to engage in the arts. The space offers educational programs and gallery exhibits, and is a gathering place for residents to bring art into their lives. Visitors can enjoy the Paint Your Own Pottery Studio with ready to paint ceramic pieces for a fantastic afternoon of fun. Or, you can tour the Makers Space and see more than a dozen different techniques and mediums used for creating, from animation to faceting. The guided tour includes exciting demonstrations. Idaho Art Lab has an artist-resident program where artists from throughout the region come to live, and hone their craft. Tour the gallery, visit the Art Supply Store, and leave inspired to bring Idaho Art Lab's many initiatives back to your town. Contact Idaho Art Lab for a schedule and the Art Walk Map of public art murals and sculptures, galleries, and studios at (208) 932-0893; idahoartlab.org.



#### See A Show! Favorite Venues & Attractions

Rexburg is a small city, but cultural opportunities abound. You can catch performances by internationally renowned musicians or hear a concert put on by the famed Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra.

#### **Local Theater**

Watch a lively performance of family classics such as *Beauty and the Beast, The Music Man*, and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* to name a few by the Rexburg Community Theatre. Visit *rctheatre.org* for tickets and location.

#### **Nationally Acclaimed Performances**

Located on the campus of BYU-Idaho, the Hart Auditorium, the Center, Barrus Concert Hall, and Snow Drama Theatres host a variety of toptiered performances as part of its Center Stage Performing Arts Series. *byui.edu/center-stage* 

#### **World-Renowned Orchestra**

Rexburg Tabernacle Orchestra, sometimes called the Rexburg Symphony, is a ninety-piece, city-run orchestra that performs at the historic Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center.

#### Plays

The Romance Theater, built in 1917, has been restored to its Roaring Twenties Deco-style and is a favorite site of family entertainment. Catch a movie, concert, or play held at the theater throughout the year.



# Galleries

Glimpse budding university students' work and take in traveling shows by national talents or maybe even discover the unexpected; Rexburg and St. Anthony's gallery scenes are just that: unexpected.

#### **Rexburg** Jacob Spori Art Gallery at BYU-Idaho 243 South First East

The gallery features the work of local and regional artists as well as the university's permanent collection. **Must see:** Catch a renowned touring show. *byui.edu/spori-gallery* 

#### HERE Gift Gather Gallery 5 West First South

Equal parts creative outlet, unique gift shop, and gallery.

**Must-see:** Ceramics from artists like Nathan T. Williams and painter Rick Shorten. Find details on Facebook.

#### Kendall Davenport Fine Art 1174 N Yellowstone Hwy

Rexburg artist Kendall Davenport of Kendall Davenport Fine Art has mastered an art form using Photoshop to create realistic panoramic landscape paintings, painted in the digital fine art medium. *kendalldavenport.com* 

# St. Anthony

Yellowstone Teton Gallery at Idaho Art Lab

#### 2355 South Yellowstone Highway

Features local artists' original works of art at a variety of showcases and special gallery events throughout the year. **Must-see:** Three times a year, Idaho Art Lab hosts the Big ART EXPO with more than twenty exhibiting and demonstrating artists. Big ART EXPO is the third Saturday of February, June, and October. *idahoartlab.org*.

#### Wooden Nickel Stained Glass Gallery 555 West Main Street

Vibrant stained-glass artwork hangs inside the Wooden Nickel Stained Glass Gallery. **Local's tip:** Inquire about a custom piece.

#### Take A Class! Area Art Classes

- Are you a Van Gogh in the making? If so, you can sip your favorite wine and create fantastic art to hang on your wall at **The Grape Van Gogh** in Idaho Falls—perfect for ladies' night or evening with the family!
- Candle making, cookie creations, soap making, and so much more! **HERE Gift Gather** fun classes are a Rexburg favorite.
- Learn to paint in a variety of mediums, perfect your paper arts skills, or try your hand at the wheel and create pottery at **Idaho Art Lab** in St. Anthony's classes.
- Let your inner artist shine at Driggs' **Local Galleria's** Wine & Palettes. Paint a striking moose, colorful Christmas tree, and more.

### Your Festival Bucket List

From international dancers to story tellers who will leave you speechless, the must-dos are fun and compelling. Make plans to start with these favorite festivals in Rexburg and St. Anthony. And there's so much more!

#### Teton Storytelling and Arts Festival AUGUST

#### tetonstorytelling.org

A good story transports you to a different place and comes alive with each word. The Teton Storytelling and Arts Festival, held each summer at the Romance Theater in Rexburg, brings two days of storytelling, live music, food, and fun.

#### Idaho International Summer Fest JULY

*idahointernationaldancefestival.com* For one week each July, dozens of international performers gather in Rexburg to present traditional ethnic dance and music from their native lands. Activities have included twotime Grammy-winning LT Smooth, an art show competition and exhibit, street dances, classes for young people, and gala performances.

#### **Big Art Expo**

#### THIRD SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY, JUNE, AND OCTOBER *idahoartlab.org*

This family-friendly event gives you a chance to tour the Idaho Art Lab's community-use makerspace. Meet artists and makers working in each of our maker labs. Watch a potter at work on the pottery wheel, see how gemstones are cut or faceted, learn about lost wax metal casting, animation, printmaking, and more!

# **Must Visit Museums**

#### Geology Museum at BYU-Idaho

The BYU-I Geology Museum is curated by the department and houses small but exceptional collections of minerals, rocks, and fossils. The crown-jewel of the museum is the Keith and Mauna Proctor Mineral Collection. This collection is extraordinary in its quality and beauty. It includes extensive specimens of many mineral varieties and forms, including a 30 cm (12 in), green tourmaline crystal.

byui.edu/geology/geology-museum

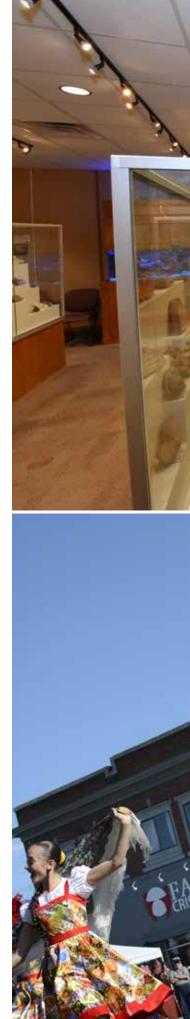
#### **Legacy Flight Museum**

The Legacy Flight Museum in Rexburg was started in 2006 by local aircraft enthusiast John Bagley. This collection includes several "Mustangs," a rare King Cobra, and many other military planes, and all of them are airworthy! Open Monday through Saturday in summer and Friday and Saturdays only in winter. *rexburg.org* 

#### **Museum of Rexburg**

Located inside the historic Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center, the Museum of Rexburg houses pictures and artifacts of Rexburg history, including artifacts from the historic Teton Flood, and is home to the Upper Snake River Valley Historical Society Museum. The museum was formerly known as the Teton Flood Museum. It captures some of the drama of June 5, 1976, when the Teton Dam collapsed, driving 25,000 people from their homes and causing an estimated \$800 million in damages. Step back in time as you discover relics from early pioneers, an Idaho opal and agate collection, World War I and II items, and much more.

This museum also houses the Rexburg Children's Museum. Both the Museum of Rexburg and the Rexburg Children's Museum open new exhibits and activities each month. Find more information at *rexburg.org*.





# **Live Music!**

Go where the locals go and catch a band at these favorite bars and restaurants.

#### The Basement

50 College Avenue, Rexburg Rexburg's underground music scene with regional and local talent. thebasementrexburg. com

Spurs & Spokes 30 North Bridge Street, St. Anthony Special events featuring live music.



# Island Park & Ashton

The Eastern Idaho region is dotted with charming small-town communities that are anchored by access to unbelievable outdoor adventures, be it world-renowned fly fishing or endless trails for snowmobiling, hiking, and biking. And while the recreation is incredible, the communities that make up the region also have cultural gems you might be surprised to uncover. Cruise along U.S. 20 and spend a day or two exploring the communities along the way: Ashton, and Island Park. Be on the lookout for public art by nationally renowned bronze sculptors. Pop into a locally owned coffee shop where Idaho-made artisan goods await. Catch a lively show at the much-loved dinner playhouse. Unbelievable talent and exceptional finds are waiting to be discovered.

In Ashton, stop at the Shoppe On Main for delicious brewed coffee and artisan finds made by local Idaho artists ranging from stained glass to striking jewelry. You may also uncover one-ofa-kind treasures at Main Street thrift shops and view lovely public art.

#### **Pillars of Ashton**

On a walk about town, stop by Ashton's Pocket Park on Main Street where you'll find the striking public art piece, the Pillars of Ashton, by renowned sculptor Daniel Borup. Each side of the four-sided piece beautiful captures a scene of Ashton: dog sledding faces north, biking and Mesa Falls faces west, a farmer hard at work in his fields faces south, and east showcases the train track and fly fishing. The bottom of each side has small images created with help by the community as part of the project. Daniel's work is featured in public art projects all over the country, including a public safety memorial in Texas, a family enjoying the day in Meridian, Idaho, and more. Daniel also has a piece at the baseball fields in St. Anthony called "Every Day a Double Header."

#### See A Show! Favorite Venues & Attractions

#### **Old-fashioned Dinner Theater**

Family-friendly, down-right hilarious, and sure to leave you wanting more; it's all waiting at the famous dinner theater, Yellowstone Playhouse. Now in a new location in Island Park, Yellowstone Playhouse has been entertaining visitors for more than a decade with laugh-out-loud musical spoofs and plays chock full of hilarity and fun. Get your fill of a delicious homemade dinner served while shows like *The Princeless Bride* and *The Greatest Road Show in Idaho* play. For showtimes and tickets, visit *yellowstone playhouse.com*.



### Your Festival Bucket List

Take a step into the past perusing antiques and catch all the fun to be had in snow! There's something for everyone in Island Park and Ashton.

# Buffalo Run Antiques & Collectables Show

LABOR DAY WEEKEND Island Park

Discover more than forty different vendors with items ranging from antiques, quilts, and knives to crafts and jewelry. *buffalorunrvpark.com/events* 

Fort Henry Buckskinners Rendezvous JUNE

#### Ashton

Experience nad learn about the lifestyle of early 1800s fur traders and mountain men in this fantastic festival celebrating Idaho's roots. Leather working and crafts, knife and tomahawk throwing, trader booths, games, and more for the whole family.

forthenrybuckskinners.com

#### Wild West Winter Fest JANUARY Island Park

A vintage sled show, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snow graffiti, snow sculpture, and more; celebrate the wonder of snow during Island Park's annual Winter Fest. *yellowstoneteton.org/ Wild-West-Winterfest* 

#### Seasonal events and live music, western-style

Escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life on a world-class fishing trip after a relaxing day on the water return to kick back, dine, and dance the night away at Lakeside Lodge and Resort in Island Park. The lodge has a packed calendar each month with live music sure to get you on the dance floor. Groove and shake to the sounds of Satin Steel or two-step with a rock and roll flare to Kip Attaway. Christmas lightings, Halloween costume parties, 4th of July fun, and so much more; Lakeside Lodge is an event in its own right. *lakesidelodgeandresort.com* 







#### **Galleries** Shoppe on Main

406 Main Street, Ashton An eclectic coffee house that's part shop and part gallery bursting with all-things-Idaho from arts and artisan goods made by local and regional makers. Must-see: Discover a year-round selection of souvenirs for the annual American Dog Derby held each February. shoppeashton.com

# **Live Music!**

Two-step, boogie, and kick back with a night of Idaho-style fun.

Lakeside Lodge & Resort Bar & Grill 3875 Lake Side Lodge lane, Island Park Frequent live music lakesidelodgeandresort. com

**Shotgun Bar** 3519 Yale-Kilgore Road, Island Park Local band favorites

# Winter

**Snowscapes (Teton Valley)** 

Winter Season Opening Day at Grand Targhee Resort (Teton Valley)

Nutcracker Ballet (Idaho Falls)

Midnight Madness and Light Parade (Rigby)

Victor Holiday Festival & Light Parade (Teton Valley)

New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade and Fireworks at Grand Targhee Resort (Teton Valley)

Festival of Trees (Idaho Falls) Wild West Winter Fest (Island P<u>ark)</u>



Annual Spring Break Away at Grand Targhee Resort (Teton Valley)

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Annual Pond Skim and Cardboard Box Derby at Grand Targhee Resort (Teton Valley)

Cowboy Poetry Gathering (St. Anthony)

Crazy Horse Hill Climb Snowmobile Races at Grand Targhee (Teton Valley)

Mountain Brewer's Beer Fest (Idaho Falls)

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### Summer

Alive After Five (Idaho Falls) Bank of Idaho River Concert Series (Idaho Falls)

Live! In Rexburg (Rexburg)

Music on Main (Teton Valley)

**Targhee Fest (Teton Valley)** 

Driggs Digs Plein Air (Teton Valley)

Grand Targhee Bluegrass Festival (Teton Valley)

Idaho International Summer Fest (Rexburg)

Eagle Rock Art Guild Annual Sidewalk Art Sale (Idaho Falls)

Teton Storytelling and Arts Festival (Rexburg)

Pioneer Days Celebration (St. Anthony)

Buffalo Run Antique Collectables & Craft Show (Island Park)





# Fall

Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival (Teton Valley) Big Art Expo (St. Anthony) Boo at the Zoo (Idaho Falls) October Fest (Idaho Falls) Experience Rexburg (Rexburg) Wydaho Rendezvous Mountain Bike Festival (Teton Valley)

# **Teton Valley**

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With the stunning Teton Mountains as its backdrop, it's no wonder Teton Valley is full of musicians and artists who call the small valley that includes Victor, Driggs, and Tetonia home. Grand Targhee, a family-friendly ski resort, is just up the road from Driggs in Alta, Wyoming, where powder is plentiful, and the terrain is incredible, and when it's time for après, the famous Trap Bar & Grill comes alive with tunes sure to get you on the dance floor. In the summer, the resort hosts two jam-packed festivals bringing bluegrass, rock, and blues legends to the stage including acts like Brandi Carlile, Widespread Panic, and the Infamous Stringdusters.

In the valley, restaurants and local shops filled with Idaho art and goods are sure to delight visitors. The Teton Arts Council's studio space offers time for budding artists to practice their skills on the pottery wheel or learning print making. The nonprofit group helps the arts community thrive. Its Teton Arts Gallery in the Driggs City Center features rotating shows, with unbelievable talent from local and regional names like Linda Swope and Helen Seay.

Arts and culture lovers will relish the plentiful events and attractions offered in the valley. Driggs is home to an eclectic local art store and gallery-where you can pop in for the Wine & Palettes night and create your own work of art while you sip a beverage of your choosing. The Downtown Driggs Association adds excitement throughout the year with a variety of celebrated events like the Driggs Digs Plein Air art festival, a snow-sculpting competition and jamboree, and a symphony showcase for four Sundays each summer. Victor's free concert series Music on Main is a summertime treat, and the talent is out of this world. Thousands flock to the city park where top talent rocks the house while patrons enjoy food, arts, celebrate music, and enjoy hanging out with friends. You can also explore the history of the Greater Yellowstone Region at the Teton Geotourism Center museum and gallery or take a step back in time at the Teton Valley Museum. There is so much to see and do-the only question is where to begin!

#### See A Show! Favorite Venues & Attractions

#### **Comedy & Annual Events**

Improv, live music, film festivals—the Wildwood Room in Victor is the event center in Teton Valley, hosting a variety of familyfriendly fun events throughout the year. In the winter, you can catch a special night with celebrated improve group LAFF STAFF and enjoy for a night of non-stop fun. The Wildwood Room is also where local nonprofits host fantastic annual events, complete with live music, dancing, or even a chili cookoff. *wildwoodroom.com* 

#### **Theater, Al Fresco**

Each summer the Downtown Driggs Association brings Shakespeare in the Park, a nationally recognized outreach program of the College of Arts and Architecture at Montana State University, to the Driggs City Plaza stage. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy food and drink while actors bring Shakespeare plays like "Othello" or "Henry IV, Part I" to life. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy food and drink while the actors transfix the audience. Upcoming performances can be found at *downtowndriggs.org*.

#### **Old-Fashioned Plays**

Pierre's Playhouse in Victor features first run movies weekly throughout the year, but come Christmas time, the theater returns to its original roots as a playhouse. Add whimsy to any December visit and catch a performance of holiday classic "A Christmas Carol," featuring local talent and spectacular piano playing. Visit *pierres playhouse.org* for more information.

#### **Symphony on Sundays**

Each summer, the Downtown Driggs Association brings the sound of the symphony to theDriggs City Plaza stage. This free outdoor concert series is held on select Sundays throughout the summer. Soak in the sounds of string quartets, violinists, and more from the Idaho Falls Symphony during an intimate al fresco performance. Find dates and info at *downtowndriggs.org.* 

# Galleries

Internationally acclaimed painters, unexpected finds, exciting wildlife art, and more; Teton Valley's galleries run the gamut of eclectic to exceptional.

#### **Heron Glass**

#### 246 North 5th East, Driggs

Hand-blown glass art by Ralph Mossman and Mary Mullaney. **Must-see:** Take a glassblowing class with the celebrated artists. *heronglass.com* 

#### **Scott Christensen Studio**

**By appointment only, Victor** A prolific landscape oil painter celebrated in shows across the Intermountain West and United States. **Local's tip:** Budding artist? Participate in one of Scott's workshops. *christensenstudio.com* 

#### **Dave McNally Fine Art**

By appointment only, Driggs

A prolific artist and alpinist, Dave McNally has spent his career exploring and painting the western landscapes he calls home. *davemcnallyart.com* 

#### Local Galleria

#### 25 South Main Street, Driggs

Specializing in fine art, design, and art education, the Local Galleria is an art-lovers haven!

**Local's favorite:** Sign up for one of the Wine & Palettes nights held typically three times a month with owner and artist Teri McLaren. *tetonvalleylocalart. com* 

#### **Teton Arts Gallery in the** 60 South Main Street, Driggs

Run by arts nonprofit Teton Arts, the Teton Arts Gallery located inside the Driggs City Center showcases the works of gifted Teton Valley artistss. **Must-see:** Crane Festival Gallery held in September. *tetonartscouncil.com* 









# **Must Visit Museums**

#### **Teton Valley Museum**

Teton Valley Museum takes you back to the early days of life in the shadow of the Grand Teton. From an infamous bandit, an attacking grizzly, mountain man and American Indian battles, and the John Colter stone to a real pioneer school room, the museum showcases the history of the area. The museum hours vary; visit *tetonmuseum.com*.

#### **Teton Geotourism Center**

The Teton Geotourism Center brings an interactive experience, offering the traveler an introduction to the culture, heritage, food, art, geology, and music of the area. The museum is the portal for your journey on the Teton Scenic Byway and guides you through the magnificent expanse of the rolling hills and farmland in displays that showcase the area's valley's spectacular resources. Displays of local ski patrollers and their trustee search and rescue dogs, the annual hot air balloon festival, as well as trapping, dog sledding, and more are sure to delight. Visit the art gallery inside the Geotourism Center with an ever-changing showcase of local talent. *discover tetonvalley.com* 

# Your Festival Bucket List

The list of festivals in Teton Valley is full of excitement and fun for all. Once you kick off your Teton bucket list—from bluegrass to plein air art—you'll be ready to come back for more.

#### **Driggs Digs Plein Air**

#### JULY

Hundreds of plein air artists head to Teton Valley for a week of celebrated plein air events from workshops, quick draws, paint outs, an exhibition and sale, and so much more. *driggspleinair.org* 

#### **Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival** SEPTEMBER

The Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival is a week-long event filled with tours, workshops, presentations, and film, culminating in a community-wide celebration of the Greater Yellowstone region's exceptional wildlife, irreplaceable natural resources and the fall migration of the sandhill crane on the Driggs City Center Plaza. Enjoy poetry reading, ballet performances, a crane art gallery, art auction, and so much more celebrating the intersection of art and cranes. *tetonlandtrust.org* 

#### **Music On Main**

EIGHT THURSDAYS, SUMMER Music on Main, presented by the Teton Valley Foundation, brings world-class acts of diverse genres (Los Lobos, Reckless Kelly, and Trombone Shorty, to name a few) to Teton Valley for summer shows. Held at Victor City Park, the concerts are true family affairs, with hula-hoopers and dancers of all ages. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. *tetonvalleyfoundation.org* 

#### Targhee Fest and Bluegrass Festival at Grand Targhee Resort JULY & AUGUST

A festival atmosphere unlike any other, dance and jam to nationally renowned acts set in the backdrop of the scenic mountainside for three days of must-experience good times. In July, don't miss the annual rock and blues festival, Targhee Fest, and come back for three days of nonstop bluegrass music in August at Bluegrass Fest. grandtarghee.com

#### **Teton Valley Balloon Rally**

#### 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

Enjoy four mornings of hot air balloon launches and a walk-in balloon experience, and enjoy the magic of hot air balloons souring above the Tetons. *tetonvalleyballoonrally.com* 



What do you get when you combine freezing temperatures, a dozen teams of sculptors, and a whole lot of snow? Dazzling creations you have to see to believe. Snowscapes, the Art of Sculpting Snow, is a large-scale art form inspired by the Tetons most abundant winter natural resource: snow! Held each January in Driggs City Center Plaza, the event is complete with snow stomping, sculpting, and a fantastic showing of the brilliant creations, from towering owls to whimsical creatures or tributes to our local farmers. Watch as giant blocks of snow are transformed into stunning displays, then vote for your favorite. *driggssnowscapes.org* 











# **Live Music!**

When the sun goes down in the Tetons, the music gets rocking! See top-tiered acts, regional favorites, and local up-and-comers at a variety of venues throughout Teton Valley.

#### The Knotty Pine Supper Club 58 S Main St., Victor

See the hottest acts around, from Louisiana's award-winning Galactic to singer songwriter Lucas Nelson and James McMurtry. *knottypinesupperclub.com* 

#### Tetonia Club

#### 6266 S Main St., Tetonia

Catch local favorites at Tetonia's new bar the Tetonia Club featuring open mic nights and local bands.

#### West Side Yard

#### 31 W Center St., Victor

Hit the dance floor at West Side Yard where bands and DJs keep the party going in downtown Victor. *westsideyard.com* 

#### Grand Targhee Resort's Trap Bar and Grill 3300 Ski Hill Road, Alta, Wyoming

At Grand Targhee Resort, the Trap Bar and Grill brings in hot bands during both its summer and winter seasons. Enjoy an aprés show after a day on the slopes. grandtarghee.com

# Swan Valley, Ririe, & Rigby

Western heritage, flowing trout waters, and scenic vistas define the character of the small towns of Swan Valley, Ririe, and Rigby. The area is most known for its incredible access to the world-renowned South Fork of the Snake River, but the residents who call the community home add a charm that's a delight no matter the season. Catch a lively dinner theater performance, peruse local arts and crafts, discover the history of the television, and so much more.

# See A Show!

#### **Favorite Venues & Attractions**

#### **Dinner Theater**

Mountain River Ranch is located eighteen miles northeast of Idaho Falls, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of Eastern Idaho. This family-owned business has been treating its guests to great food, fun, and hospitality since 1985. Nestled on the banks of South Fork of the Snake River with the bluffs as a backdrop there is no shortage of natural beauty.

Dinner shows are on Friday and Saturday evenings. Shows include a Wild West shoot-out, horse-drawn wagon ride, dinner, and a lively musical variety show. The ranch also hosts guests for weddings and company picnics. In the winter, Mountain River Ranch offers traditional sleigh ride dinner shows. Nearby resorts feature golf, swimming, mini golf, and zip lines. Mountain River Ranch is the perfect place for endless amounts of family fun! Visit their website at *mountainriverranch.com* for more information.

# Must Visit Museum

Jefferson County Historical Museum (also known as the Farnsworth TV and Pioneer Museum) fills 14,000 square feet with exhibitions of the pre-electric and early electric era, as well as the history of Jefferson County, early photography, and profiles of Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of television in Rigby. Explore the colorful past of Eastern Idaho with a captivating display for the first television tube. Learn more about Native American tribes known to the region. For a special treat, enjoy a look at the life of local writer Vardis Fisher, the author of *Mountain Man*, which was made into Robert Redford's acclaimed film, "Jeremiah Johnson."



### **Live Music!**

Learn to two-step, belt a tune, and rock out at these local watering holes.

#### The Ririe Bar

265 Main Street, Ririe A hidden gem featuring live music, country dancing every Thursday, and karaoke. *theririebar.com* 

#### **Top Cat Pub**

172 East Main Street, Rigby Also known as TC's Pub, enjoy shows and karaoke.

### Your Festival Bucket List

#### Swan Valley Art Fair & Fiddle Contest

JULY

Enjoy live music, a fiddle contest, arts, crafts, and fun for the entire family at this annual summer favorite. Presented by the Swan Valley American Legion Post 97, the event is held at Swan Valley Park.

# Directory

# Idaho Falls

Galleries The Carr Gallery 498 A Street Idahofallsarts.org

**Eagle Rock Gallery** 804 Pancheri Drive *eaglerockgalleryfineart. com* 

Hall Community Gallery 498 A Street Idahofallsarts.org

Idaho Glass Studio glass4gifts.com

Norrell Gallery of Photographic Art 1935 East 113 South gregnorrell.com

**Willowtree Gallery** 210 Cliff Street facebook.com/willowtreegallery

Museums ARTitorium on Broadway 271 W Broadway St *artitoriumonbroadway.org* 

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho 300 S Capital Avenue theartmuseum.org **Museum of Idaho** 200 N Eastern Avenue *museumofidaho.org* 

Venues BlackRock Fine Wine & Craft Beer 343 Park Avenue blackrockidaho.net

**The Celt Pub & Grill** 398 West Broadway Street

**The Colonial Theater** 450 A Street *idahofallsarts.org* 

Hurricanes 888 North Holmes Avenue hurricanesidaho.com

Idaho Brewing Company 775 S Capital Avenue *idahobrewing.com* 

#### Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts

501 Holmes Avenue idahofallsidaho.gov/495/ Civic-Auditorium

**The Phoenix Theater** 257 W Broadway Street *artidaho.org* 

**Roadhouse Saloon** 1680 Lindsay Boulevard *roadhouse-saloon.business.site*  **Willard Arts Center** 498 A Street *idahofallsarts.org* 

# Rexburg & St. Anthony

**Galleries HERE Gift Gather Gallery** 5 West First South, Rexburg

Jacob Spori Art Gallery at BYU-Idaho 243 South First East, Rexburg byui.edu/spori-gallery

**Kendall Davenport Fine Art** 1174 N Yellowstone Hwy, Rexburg *kendalldavenport.com* 

Yellowstone Teton Gallery at Idaho Art Lab 2355 South Yellowstone Highway St Anthony

Highway, St. Anthony idahoartlab.org

**Wooden Nickel Stained Glass Gallery** 555 West Main Street, St. Anthony

#### Museums Geology Museum at BYU-Idaho 525 S Center Street, Rexburg

byui.edu/geology/geology-museum

Legacy Flight Museum 400 Airport Road, Rexburg rexburg.org

**Museum of Rexburg** 51 N Center Street, Rexburg *rexburg.org* 

#### Venues

**The Basement** 50 College Avenue, Rexburg *thebasementrexburg.com* 

Brigham Young University Concert Halls 525 S Center St, Rexburg byui.edu

**Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center** N Center Street, Rexburg

**Rexburg Temple** 750 S Second Street, Rexburg

**The Romance Theatre** 2 East Main Street, Rexburg **Spurs & Spokes** 30 North Bridge Street, St. Anthony

# Island Park & Ashton

Galleries Shoppe on Main 406 Main Street, Ashton shoppeashton.com

#### Venues Lakeside Lodge & Resort Bar & Grill

3875 Lake Side Lodge lane, Island Park *lakesidelodgeandresort. com* 

#### Shotgun Bar

3519 Yale-Kilgore Road, Island Park

#### **Yellowstone Playhouse**

5163 North US 20, Island Park *yellowstoneplayhouse. com* 

# **Teton Valley**

#### Galleries

Dave McNally Fine Art By appointment only, Driggs davemcnallyart.com

#### **Heron Glass**

246 North 5th East, Driggs *heronglass.com* 

**Local Galleria** 25 South Main Street *tetonvalleylocalart.com* 

**Scott Christensen Studio** By appointment only, Victor *christensenstudio.com* 

**Teton Arts Gallery** 60 South Main Street, Driggs *tetonartscouncil.com* 

#### Museums Teton Geotourism Center

60 South Main Street, Driggs *discovertetonvalley.com* 

**Teton Valley Museum** 137 ID 33, Driggs *tetonmuseum.com* 

**Venues** Driggs City Center Plaza 60 South Main Street, Driggs

**Grand Targhee Resort's** Trap Bar and Grill 3300 Ski Hill Road, Alta, Wyoming grandtarghee.com

#### **The Knotty Pine**

Supper Club 58 South Main Street, Victor *knottypinesupperclub.com* 

**Pierre's Playhouse** 37 North Main Street, Victor *pierresplayhouse.com*  Wildwood Room 7705 Lupine Drive, Victor wildwoodroom.com

**Tetonia Club** 6266 South Main Street, Tetonia

**The West Side Yard** 31 West Center Street, Victor *thewestsideyard.com* 

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Venues Mountain River Ranch 98 North 5050 East mountainriverranch.com

**The Ririe Bar** 265 Main Street, Ririe *theririebar.com* 

**Top Cat Pub** 172 East Main Street, Rigby

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# Helpful Resources Emergency: Call 911

#### **Primary medical facilities**

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, 3100 Channing Way, Idaho Falls, 208.529.6111

Madison Memorial Hospital, 450 E. Main St., Rexburg, 208.359.6900

Mountain View Hospital, 2325 Coronado St., Idaho Falls, 208.557.2700

Teton Valley Health, 120 E. Howard, Driggs, 208.354.2383

**Visitor Centers** Ashton Chamber of Commerce, 714 Main St., Ashton, 208.652.3355, *ashtonidaho.com* 

Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center, 355 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, 208.523.1010 ext.1

Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, 365 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, 208.523.1010, *idahofallschamber.com* 

Idaho Falls Parks & Recreation, Idaho Falls, 208.612.8480, idahofallsidaho.gov

Island Park Chamber of Commerce, Island Park, 208.558.7755, islandparkchamber.org

Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 167 W. Main Street, Ste. 2, Rexburg, 208.356.5700 or 888.463.6880, rexburgchamber.org

**Rigby Chamber of Commerce**, Rigby 208.745.8111, ext. 21, *rigbychamber.com* 

St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce, 420 N. Bridge St., Ste. C, St. Anthony, 208.624.4870, stanthonychamber.com

**St. Anthony Tourist Information Center at Idaho Art Lab**, 2355 S. Yellowstone Hwy., St. Anthony, 208.932.0893

Teton Regional Economic Coalition, 60 S. Main St., Driggs, 208.354.2500, *discovertetonvalley.com* 

**Teton Geotourism Center**, 60 S. Main St., Driggs, 208.354.2500

Yellowstone Teton Territory, 167 W. Main Street, Ste. 2, Rexburg, 800.634.3246, *yellowstoneteton.org*  Caribou-Targhee National Forest, 208.524.7500, *fs.usda.idaho.gov/ctnf* 

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, 208.334.4199, parksandrecreation.idaho.gov

Idaho State Parks Reservations, 888.922.6743, parksandrecreation.idaho.gov

Idaho Fish and Game, 1.800.ASK FISH (554.8685) or 208.525.7290, *idfg.idaho.gov* 

National Park Service, nps.gov

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, blm.gov/id

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# Did You Know?

Idaho Falls was ranked in the top 5 cities for arts in the state.

**Rexburg** was named the **top college town in idaho** thanks to its bustling BYI-Idaho campus. The collegiate town attracts students from across the globe, and with it a variety of fantastic cultural opportunities.

The Idaho Art Lab in St. Anthony is home to the largest makers space in Idaho.

**Fred Mugler**, a well remembered local icon affectionately called Driggs the **"Cultural Hub of the Universe."** The phrase rings true thanks to the endless festivals and events.

At just over 33 miles long, **Island Park** is home to the world's **longest Main Street in America**.

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