



Points of Interest – Boise Parks and Recreation

1. Willow Lane Athletic Complex

Six sports fields host adult softball leagues and tournaments. Amenities also include a tournament soccer field, seasonal concessions, playground, wetlands and restrooms.

2. Veterans Memorial Park

The brick Patriot Walk leads to memorials and flags honoring veterans of all wars and the Battle of Wake Island. Amenities include walking paths, a restroom, reservable picnic site and shelter, large playground, open play areas and a lake with docks for fishing.

3. Esther Simplot Park

Water features are the focus of this 55-acre park. Paved and gravel pathways weave through grassy areas, picnic shelters, along a meandering stream, across bridges and around islands. Ponds offer swimming and fishing access.

4. Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park

A popular destination for boaters, swimmers and standup paddleboard enthusiasts on hot summer days, the park features a 22-acre pond. Fishing is permitted. Accessible docks can be reached from Whitewater Park Boulevard and the Greenbelt.

5. J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation Boise Whitewater Park

Adjustable wave features entertain boaters and spectators at this river recreation park, which opened in 2012. The riverbank is popular with anglers and wildlife watchers. Greenbelt users are welcome to stop by and watch the boaters, surfers and stand up paddle boarders take on the waves!

6. Idaho Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

A plaza with statues, flags, stone benches and plantings honors Idaho's Fallen Firefighters. A new memorial opened in 2013 celebrates the first responders at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

7. Kathryn Albertson Park

An urban wildlife habitat area with 3/4 mile walking loops, the park features two reservable gazebos suitable for formal ceremonies. Interpretive signs educate visitors about the wildlife habitat, history and landscaping.

8. Shoreline Park

This shady park features a scenic overlook of the river.

9. Ann Morrison Memorial Park

Donated by Harry W. Morrison in honor of his late wife, this large park opened in 1959. A picturesque fountain cascades into an elevated pool. Amenities include a large playground, restrooms, reservable shelter, lighted ballfields, open play areas, tennis courts, an 18-hole disc golf course, bocce courts and horseshoe pits. Smoking and vaping are only allowed in designated areas.

10. Pioneer Walk

A landscaped pedestrian pathway with benches and lighting, the walkway links downtown with the Greenbelt through the River Street neighborhood.

11. Julia Davis Park

The city's oldest park, Julia Davis opened in 1897 and is home to Zoo Boise, the Idaho State Historical Museum, Boise Art Museum, Idaho Black History Museum, Discovery Center of Idaho and an expansive Rose Garden. Amenities include four tennis courts, horseshoe pits, two reservable pavilions, a playground, bocce courts and restrooms. A seasonal boathouse rents paddle boats for use on the pond. Smoking and vaping are only allowed in designated areas.

12. Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park

Large mature trees provide shade for a reservable shelter and picnic sites. Other features include a large playground, bocce courts and restrooms.

13. Natatorium Pool

One of the city's most popular municipal pools, the Natatorium features a large outdoor pool with diving boards, a hydrotube, tot wading pool, concession stand, sun decks and grassy areas.

14. Warm Springs Park (undeveloped)

The undeveloped park features a 2-acre wetland designed to improve water quality by filtering it through a pond, marshes and aquatic vegetation.

15. Warm Springs Golf Course

Shaded by mature trees, the 18-hole golf course offers scenic vistas of the Foothills and the Boise River. Lessons are available for all ages and abilities. A pro shop sells equipment and apparel. Meals, snacks, and hot and cold beverages are served in the clubhouse restaurant. Open from sunrise to sunset year round. warmspringsgolfcourse.com

16. Bagley Park

This 7-acre neighborhood park in Southeast Boise features a perimeter pathway, restroom, picnic shelter, basketball court, volleyball court, tennis courts and open play areas.

17. Bethine Church River Trail

A tranquil walking-only gravel path, the 1.8-mile river trail features wooden bridges, Boise River overlooks and prime wildlife habitat. The Bethine Church River Trail is part of the statewide Idaho Birding Trail, which incorporates some of the state's best bird-watching hotspots, diverse habitats, and a glimpse of Idaho's rich natural heritage. Bicycles and E-scooters are prohibited. fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/ibt

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game photo

18. Marianne Williams Park

One of Boise's largest parks, Marianne Williams Park offers scenic views of the East Foothills and nearly 2 miles of Greenbelt pathways. Amenities include open space, two ponds, natural areas, paved pathways, a restroom, shelter, gazebo, and grassy play areas. Dogs and bikes are prohibited on sidewalks in the interior of the park.

19. Quail Hollow Golf Course

In 2013, the 140-acre Quail Hollow Golf Course was donated to the City of Boise. The 18-hole championship course is managed by Boise Parks and Recreation. quailhollowboise.com

20. Alta Harris Park (undeveloped)

This 20-acre site was donated by the Harris family in honor of the late Alta Harris.

21. Golda Harris Nature Preserve

The preserve is located north of the East Parkcenter bridge and just south of Warm Springs Avenue. Amenities include natural pathways, seating, interpretive signage and wildlife viewing areas. Due to the sensitivity of the surrounding plants and wildlife, dogs are not allowed in the preserve.

Other Points Of Interest

22. Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial

An inspirational tribute to the memory of Anne Frank, the 1.6-acre memorial is located next to the Boise Public Library and The Cabin. The site features a 180-foot sandstone wall with quotes from philosophers, poets and presidents encircling pathways, ponds and reflective water falls. A bronze statue of Anne Frank overlooks a 90-foot reading circle. Staff and volunteers offer interpretive walks for school groups and visitors. wassmuthcenter.org/about-the-anne-frank-memorial/

23. MK Nature Center

Operated by the Idaho Fish & Game Department, the 4.6-acre site features underwater viewing stations and educational signs. Open from sunrise to sunset, the center is home to a living exhibit of fish, aquatic life forms, riparian ecology and stream hydraulics. A visitor's center offers educational programs. idf.idaho.gov/site/mk-nature-center

24. Barber Park

Operated by Ada County, Barber Park is the starting point for the Boise River float to Ann Morrison Park each summer. Boats are available for rent seasonally. Amenities include pathways, open areas and an events center. adacounty.id.gov/parksandwaterways/open-space-and-trails/barber-park/

History of the Greenbelt

Strolling along the pathways that parallel the river, you may get a sense that this beautiful setting has always been here for us to enjoy. However, until the 1960s the river was a dumping ground for industrial waste and raw sewage. The riverbank was choked with trash and weeds.

In 1964, the city completed a comprehensive plan and updated the zoning ordinance. During the process, it was recommended that the city acquire land along the Boise River to create a continuous "green belt" of public lands stretching the entire length of the community.

Soon, a grass-roots effort was launched to clean up the waterway and create public access to the river corridor. In 1966 and 1967, three small parcels of land were donated to the city to launch the "green belt."

In 1968, the first Greenbelt Plan and Guidelines were adopted by the Board of Parks Commissioners.

A Greenbelt and Pathways Committee was appointed to guide the City of Boise in the development of the Greenbelt.

The first Greenbelt Ordinance was adopted in 1971, which required a minimum setback of 70 feet for all structures and parking areas.

Since then, the City of Boise has pieced together numerous parcels to expand the pathway. Now, thousands of people enjoy walking and bicycling year-round along the 25 miles of pathway maintained by the Boise Parks and Recreation Department.

Ribbon of Jewels

The Boise River Greenbelt serves as the uniting ribbon that links these precious jewels – the properties given to the city in honor of some of Boise's finest civic leaders. The parks are legacies of these remarkable women and their commitment to their community.

Map labels include: Esther Simplot Park, Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park, Kathryn Albertson Park, Ann Morrison Park, Dona Larsen Park, Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park, Golda Harris Nature Preserve, Marianne Williams Park, Alta Harris Park, Sue Howell Park, and the Capitol Bridge.

An offer by Tom Davis to the city fathers of 43 acres with the provision that...the land would always and forever be used for public purpose... began the legacy of the Ribbon of Jewels.

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Ann Morrison Park
Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park
Dona Larsen Park (owned & managed by Boise State University)
Esther Simplot Park
Golda Harris Nature Preserve
Julia Davis Park
Kathryn Albertson Park
Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park
Marianne Williams Park
Sue Howell Park (undeveloped)

Other Resources

Ridge to Rivers
The Boise Foothills rise above Idaho's Capitol and largest city, providing a postcard backdrop that inspires and soothes the soul. An interconnected network of roads and trails courses through these hills, linking not only neighborhoods with public lands but also connecting people with the natural environment. With over 220 miles of trail, there is something for everyone. For more information on trails, current trail conditions and etiquette, visit ridgetorivers.org or on Facebook.

Trail maps for the lower Foothills and Shafer Butte near Bogus Basin are available at local bike and outdoor stores and the Boise Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1104 Royal Blvd.

ACHD Roadways to Bikeways Plan
The Roadways to Bikeways Plan provides a broad vision, policy, goals and objectives for how the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) can facilitate and improve conditions for bicycling in Ada County over the next 50 years. The Plan envisions a bicycle network that connects local neighborhoods, schools, public facilities, business districts and environmental features. Once achieved, this Plan will improve Ada County residents' health, enhance their quality of life, help improve and protect the County's vital natural resources, and be a source of pride to the community. Visit the ACHD bicycle page for more information and the current Ada County Bikeways Map: achdidaho.org

Boise River Greenbelt

One of Boise's most popular parks, the Greenbelt meanders along the Boise River for nearly 25 miles. The pathway stretches west past the Willow Lane Athletic Complex, and east to the Barber Valley. It links Warm Springs Golf Course with more than a dozen major parks providing open space and wildlife habitat in the heart of the city. While it is difficult to determine exactly how many people use the Greenbelt, there is no doubt that it is one of the most widely used amenities in the Treasure Valley. A favorite of bikers, skaters, walkers and runners, it also accommodates commuters who welcome an alternative transportation route. The Boise Parks and Recreation Department has added features to improve the accessibility to the pathway.

Greenbelt Etiquette

Please observe the following courtesies and safety guidelines.

- The Boise River Greenbelt is open daily from sunrise to sunset.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all times.
- Users should always stay on designated trails.
- Safety first! Wear a helmet and watch out for roots along this tree-lined pathway.
- Motorized vehicles and hoofed animals are prohibited (except for park maintenance vehicles, patrol vehicles and approved mobility devices used by people with disabilities).
- Non-paved sections of the Boise River Greenbelt are only for pedestrians (i.e. the Bethine Church Trail).
- Dogs are allowed on-leash. The leash must be 8-feet-long or less for the safety of all users.
- Users on wheels should always maintain speeds safe for conditions.

If there is an emergency, call 911 for assistance.

Distance & Orientation Trail System

The Distance & Orientation Trail System (DOTS) was created to help Greenbelt users identify their location in emergencies and to find local points of interest. The Capitol Bridge is the starting point for the DOTS system, which runs east and west on both sides of the river.

Smoke Free Zone

Smoking and vaping are prohibited on the Greenbelt and all other city parks (except for designated areas in Julia Davis and Ann Morrison parks).

Be Courteous, Be Kind, Share the Path

It's up to all of us to protect the experience we know and love on the Boise River Greenbelt. Following a few simple rules when you travel this popular pathway can help create a safer experience for everyone. Sharing the path is about ensuring people of all ages and abilities have a positive experience while using the Greenbelt – a place that is so special to Boise.

Be Mindful of Your Surroundings
The Greenbelt is a safe, fun and beautiful place to visit. Help improve everyone's experience by staying alert and being tuned in to your surroundings when on the path. Be aware that pedestrians, cyclists, e-scooter users and people with mobility devices all share the path.

Say On Your Left
It's the Boise way! When passing another user or users on this multi-use path, offer a quick "on your left" to announce your presence. If you're on a bike, a bell ring works great, too.

Take Care of Each Other
Be kind when interacting with others and always be courteous of fellow Greenbelt users – whether they are on foot, on wheels or walking with a pet on a leash. All user groups have rights and responsibilities to the Boise River Greenbelt and to each other. It's also important to respect the natural habitat and wildlife that call the Boise River and its banks home.

Slow Down
While there is no posted speed limit on the Greenbelt, it is up to every user to travel safely and be mindful of others. Always pay attention to posted signs, be aware of changing weather conditions and do what you can to be a responsible user.

Safety Tips

The Greenbelt is a safe and popular place enjoyed by thousands of people annually. Users should follow these simple common-sense suggestions:
















- Stay alert. Take off your head phones and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, leave the area.
- Travel in well-lit areas. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, isolated pathways or alleys.
- Carry a cellphone. Know your location in case you need to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Report to the police unwanted contacts by strangers. Be able to describe the person accurately.
- Walk with a companion.























In case of emergency, dial 911.

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












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|  | Paved path maintained by Garden City |  | Connecting Bike Route |
|  | Paved path maintained by Ada County |  | Bike Repair Station |
|  | Paved path, no bicycles, maintained by BPR |  | Outdoor Fitness Gym |
|  | Dirt path |  | Parking |
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