

# GREENBELT Roise Kiver

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# 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.

In case of emergency, dial 911.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Amenities include a large Boise Parks and Recreation Admin Office playground, restrooms, 1104 Royal Blvd. | Boise ID 83706 eservable shelter, lighted parks.cityofboise.org | bpr@cityofboise.org ballfields, open play areas tennis courts, an 18-hole (208) 608-7600 | TTY: (800) 377-3529 disc golf course, bocce courts and horseshoe pits. Smoking and vaping are only allowed in

## Points of Interest – Boise Parks and Recreation

1. Willow Lane Athletic Complex P | | 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 (P) 🚻 🕙

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 (P) া 💝 🛇

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 mming and fishing access.

1. Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park 💎 🎱

5. J.A. and Kathryn Albertson

**Family Foundation Boise** 

Adjustable wave features entertain

boaters and spectators at this river

ecreation 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

. Idaho Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park 🕑 া 🍣

first responders at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

This shady park features a scenic overlook of the river.

Donated by Harry W. Morrison in honor of his late wife, this large park

9. Ann Morrison Memorial Park (P) | | | |

opened in 1959. A picturesque fountain cascades

A plaza with statues, flags, stone benches and plantings honors Idaho's

7. Kathryn Albertson Park

An urban wildlife habitat area with

/4 mile walking loops, the park

uitable for formal ceremonies.

eatures two reservable gazebos

Interpretive signs educate visitors

about the wildlife habitat, history

and landscaping.

Fallen Firefighters. A new memorial opened in 2013 celebrates the

arders take on the waves

8. Shoreline Park (P) it

into an elevated pool.

designated areas

Whitewater 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.



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

A landscaped pedestrian pathway with benches and lighting,

the walkway links downtown with the Greenbelt through the

horseshoe pits, two reservable pavilions, a playground, bocce courts

pond. Smoking and vaping are only allowed in designated areas.

12. Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park (P) 🚻 😂 💝

Large mature trees provide shade for a

One of the city's most popular municipa

pools, the Natatorium features a large

hydrotube, tot wading pool, concession

outdoor pool with diving boards, a

stand, sundecks and grassy areas.

features include a large playground,

bocce courts and restrooms

13. Natatorium Pool P ## 😂

reservable shelter and picnic sites. Other

and restrooms. A seasonal boathouse rents paddle boats for use on the

11. Julia Davis Park (P) 👬 💎

1897 and is home to Zoo Boise, the Idaho

Idaho Black History Museum, Discovery

Center of Idaho and an expansive Rose

State Historical Museum, Boise Art Museum,

Garden. Amenities include four tennis courts.

River Street neighborhood.

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. Baggley Park (P) 🛉 🕅 🔇

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 walkingonly 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







Idaho Department of Fish

# One of Boise's largest parks,

18. Marianne Williams Park (P) #|# (\*\*)

1arianne Williams Park offers enic 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 idewalks in the interior of the park.

19. Quail Hollow Golf Course P 🚻 😂

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



P Parking Available | | Restrooms | Ribbon of Jewels | No Smoking

The city's oldest park, Julia Davis opened in

late Alta Harris.

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

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

#### Other Points Of Interest

20. Alta Harris Park (undeveloped)

21. Golda Harris Nature Preserve 💎 🕙

22.Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial P

An inspirational tribute to the memory of Anne Frank, the 1.6acre 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.

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#### 23. MK Nature Center (P)

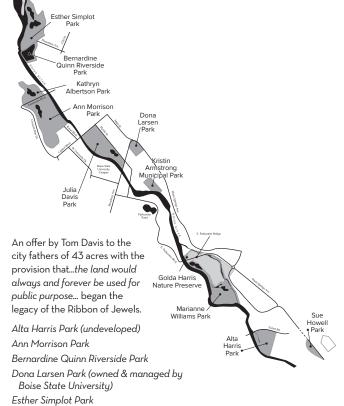
Operated by the Idaho Fish & Game Department, the 4.6-acre site features underwater viewing stations and educational signs. Open from sunrise to sunset, the center is home to a living exhibit of fish, aquatic life forms, riparian ecology and stream hydraulics. A visitor's center offers educational programs.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

#### 24. Barber Park P iii

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/Parks-Waterways/Barber-Park

## 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.



## **Boise River Greenbelt**

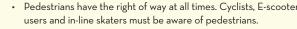
One of Boise's most popular parks, the Greenbelt meanders along the Boise River for nearly 25 miles. The pathway stretches west past the Willow Lane Athletic Complex and east to the Barber Valley It links Warm Springs Golf Course with more than a dozen major parks providing open space and wildlife habitat 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

• Stay only on designated trails



- · All Greenbelt users should stay to the right and use caution under bridges and at blind corners where vision could be impaired
- · Pedestrians should not walk more than two abreast
- · Motorized vehicles and hoofed animals are prohibited. (Except for maintenance, patrol and vehicles for disabled visits.)
- Non-paved sections are restricted to foot traffic only.
- Dogs are allowed only on a leash of 8 feet or less. Dog owners are responsible for picking up after their pets.
- · Cyclists, E-scooter users and in-line skaters should maintain speeds
- A person passing other users must notify the users that they are passing—example: "Passing on your left." The person has the responsibility to pass freely and clearly. It is also the responsibility of the passer not to hinder the approaching user.
- Don't harass or encroach on wildlife. Disturbing or collecting any vegetation or natural habitat along the Greenbelt is prohibited

Distance & Orientation Trail System



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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, inking not only neighborhoods with public lands but also connecting people with the natural environment With over 190 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 outdoo stores and the Boise Parks and Recreation Administration Office,

#### **ACHD Roadways to** Bikeways Plan

1104 Roval Blvd.

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

#### NW) users identify their location in emergencies and to find local points of interest. The Capitol Bridge is the starting point for the

The Distance & Orientation Trail System

(DOTS) was created to help Greenbelt

0.5 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).

#### Wildlife on the Greenbelt

The Boise Greenbelt is an urban wildlife watcher's dream. Over 150 different kinds of birds and numero mammal, reptile and amphibian species live in the riparian habitat corrido along the Boise River. Greenbelt visitors can see and hear a surprising variet of wildlife. Tall cottonwood trees provide perches for large birds such as great blue heron, osprey, great horned owl, red-tailed haw and bald eagle. Numerous smaller birds can be seen in the trees and shrubs. Common species to watch for include black-capped

chickadee, northern flicker



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California quail, yellow warbler

song sparrow, American kestrel, black-billed magpie, belted kingfisher and Bullock's oriole. The river itself attracts waterfowl such as Canada geese, wood duck, common merganser and mallard. Muskrat, mink and even beaver can be seen swimming in the Boise River. Mule deer, red fox, coyote and raccoon may be seen slipping through the vegetation along the riverbanks. Early morning and evening are the best times to see the "wild" side of Boise's Greenbelt.



Golda Harris Nature Preserve

Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park

Sue Howell Park (undeveloped)

Julia Davis Park

Kathryn Albertson Park

Marianne Williams Park

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 rive was a dumping ground for industria waste and raw sewage. The riverbank was choked with trash and weeds.

History of the

Greenbelt

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 Comr

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 vear-round along the 25 miles of pathway maintained by the Boise Parks and Recreation Department













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