

The Idaho Association of Museums

invite you to discover Idaho through its diverse museums featuring history, science, natural history, and the fine arts along with parks, zoos, and nature centers. This information is current as of May 2019. Hours of operation vary widely, so we suggest you contact the museums before you visit to ensure they are open. This brochure includes the members of the Idaho Association of Museums and does not include all museums in the state.

NORTHERN ATHOL

Farragut State Park and the Museum at the Brig
PARKSANDRECREATION.IDAHO.GOV/PARKS/FARRAGUT.ASPX
 13550 E Highway 54 • 208-683-2425
 Farragut Naval Training Station History 1942-46. Farragut Technical College. Boy and Girl Scout history relative to the park, local area history, and Idaho Dept of Parks and Rec history. Museum at the Brig open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

COEUR D'ALENE Museum of North Idaho

MUSEUMNI.ORG
 115 NW Blvd Coeur d'Alene • 208-664-3448

Discover the rich history of the Coeur d'Alene region. Exhibits explore the Coeur d'Alene Indians, steamboats, railroads, communities, recreation, Forest Service, Farragut Naval Training Station, and the Ice Age Floods. In the theater room watch *Portraits of Coeur d'Alene*, a twenty-minute presentation. Open April-October.

HARRISON Crane Historical Society

CRANEHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM
 201 Coeur d'Alene Avenue • 208-689-3111

The museum is in the first home built in Harrison. On display are historic photographs, period furnishings, and artifacts from the local area, as well as logging and sawmill equipment from the early 1900s. Also on site is the town

jail dating from 1920. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

POST FALLS Post Falls Historical Society & Museum

POSTFALLSMUSEUM.WEEBLY.COM
 101 E. 4th Street • 208-262-9642

Explore exhibits featuring the unique history of Post Falls and the Spokane River. Learn the stories of the German immigrant Fredrick Post, Chief Andrew Seltice, the Coeur d' Alene Tribe and the founding of our "River City". Special displays chronological the timber industry, school history, pioneer homelife and local military service. Within easy walking distance to the falls, Falls Park and Treaty Rock. Open May-October.

RATHDRUM Rathdrum Westwood Historical Society

RATHDRUMHISTORY.COM
 7940 W. Second Street. • 208-625-0014

The museum is the artifact. It is the old Kootenai County jail built in 1892 and restored using the original blueprints. There are items donated by residents, a collection of old photos and interviews from the 1980's, and much information about the history of the jail, Rathdrum and the area. Tours on summer weekends. Open year round

WALLACE The Barnard-Stockbridge Museum

BARNARDSTOCKBRIDGE.COM
 312 Fourth Street • 208-556-5580

Face the past, literally. Wallace's new Barnard-Stockbridge Museum opened Aug. 2019 inside the landmark Holy Trinity Episcopal Church building. The museum highlights stunning large format prints from the 200,000 plus images in the University of Idaho's Barnard-Stockbridge photo collection as well as an extensive genealogical research center. Open May-October.

Northern Pacific Railway Depot Museum

NPDEPOT.ORG
 219 Sixth Street • 208-752-0111

This beautifully restored 1901 chateau style railroad depot tells the rich history of transportation in the "mining camp" through a series of exhibits. New interactive exhibits and displays annually. Learn about two transcontinental railroad spur lines coming into the Coeur d'Alene Mining District and a third transcontinental railroad mainline just 30 miles south. Open year round.

Wallace District Mining Museum

WALLACEMININGMUSEUM.COM
 509 Bank Street • 208-556-1592

Tells the story of the Coeur d' Alene Mining District in regards to local history, local mining efforts, and the area's unique heritage. The museum educates and entertains through its repository of the area's written, graphical, three-dimensional objects, documents and a committed staff. A back-up repository for the University of Idaho, the museum supports research efforts; preserves and protect the museum collection; and, provides cultural tourism visitor center services. Open year round.

NORTH CENTRAL KAMIAH

Kamiah Valley Historical Society

518 Main Street • 208-935-2209

Exhibits about the history of Kamiah, early missionaries, and the Bordwell sisters. Also featured is a display of mastodon bones found in the area. Open June-August.

LAPWAI Nez Perce National Historical Park

NPS.GOV/NEPE
 39063 US Highway 95 • 208-843-7009

This is a park about a people for all people. The land unites the Nez Perce across time, keeping their culture

alive. At the Spalding Site visitor center's museum view a movie and exhibits on Nez Perce culture and history. Open year round.

LEWISTON Nez Perce County Historical Society

NEZPERCECOUNTYMUSEUM.COM
 0306 Third Street • 208-743-2535

Preserves over 150 years of the county's rich history on a historical campus that includes museum exhibits, historic photograph collection, archives, research library, the Heritage House and Trolley Car 8. Open year round.

MOSCOW Appaloosa Museum

APPALOOSAMUSEUM.ORG
 2720 W Pullman Road • 208-882-5578

Located in the heart of Palouse Country, home of the Appaloosa, the museum preserves, studies and exhibit objects and information that illustrate the history of the breed and the Palouse region. At the Museum's Activity Center, Gift Shop, and Picnic Grounds visitors learn about the history of the Appaloosa horse – a past as unique and colorful as its coat pattern.

McConnell Mansion Museum & Latah County Historical Society

LATAHCOUNTYHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG
 110 S. Adams Street • 208-882-1004

LCHS exists to preserve the heritage of Latah County, and put it to use for the benefit of its citizens and communities. They accomplish these ends with exhibits at the historic McConnell Mansion, educational programs, research facilities, public events, community collaborations, and publications. Open year round.

OROFINO Clearwater Historical Museum

CLEARWATERMUSEUM.ORG

433 Bartlett Street • 208-476-5033
 Learn about the history, heritage and people of Idaho's Clearwater region. Featuring displays from prehistory to the 20th century. Open May-November.

SOUTHWESTERN BOISE

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

BASQUEMUSEUM.EUS

611 Grove Street • 208-343-2671

From famous explorers and 16th century whalers to local sheepherders, learn about this unique ethnic group with roots in Idaho. The Historic Jacobs/Uberuaga House, a pioneer home and boarding house, is adjacent to main building. Open year round.

Boise Art Museum

BOISEARTMUSEUM.ORG
 670 Julia Davis Drive • 208-345-8330

With a series of exciting new exhibitions each year, a permanent art collection, special events, education programs, studio art workshops, and a unique gift store, there is something for everyone at BAM. Open year round.

Discovery Center of Idaho

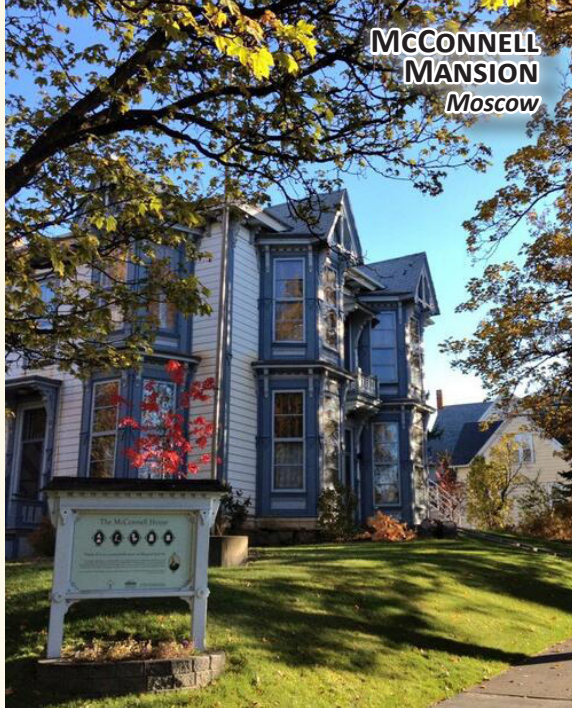
DCIDAHO.ORG
 131 W Myrtle Street • 208-343-9895

The Discovery Center of Idaho is an interactive science center providing exhibits and educational programs that offer authentic, sensory experiences making science, technology, engineering and math tangible. Their mission is to inspire lifelong interest and learning in STEM. Open year round.

Dry Creek Historical Society

DRYCREEKHISTORY.ORG
 5006 W. Farm Court • 208-229-4006

Centered around the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead, built between 1863 and 1868. It is the oldest continuously inhabited residence in Idaho. The restored Farmstead is now maintained as a muse-



um depicting 19th Century agricultural life in SW Idaho. Open May-September.

Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology

IDAHOMUSEUM.ORG
 2455 Old Penitentiary Road • 208-368-9876

Located next to the Old Idaho Penitentiary in Boise's Historical District, the museum offers exhibits and educational programs about Idaho's fascinating geologic history and vast mining heritage. Open April-October.

Idaho State Museum

HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV
 214 S Broadway Ave • 208-780-5188

The Idaho State Museum is a fun, interactive experience where people of all ages and backgrounds come to explore the story of Idaho. The Museum shows the profound relationship between Idaho's people and its land have always defined what it means to live here. The Idaho State Museum provides space for exhibitions, artifacts, in addition to educational programs that help Idahoans and visitors understand our story.

Old Idaho Penitentiary

HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV/LOCATION/OLD-PENITENTIARY
 2445 Old Penitentiary Rd • 208-334-2844

The Old Idaho Penitentiary opened its doors in 1872 to house some of the West's most desperate criminals. Today, visitors can experience over 100 years of Idaho's unique prison history with a visit to Solitary Confinement, cell blocks, and the Gallows. Open year round.

Wassmuth Center for Human Rights

WASSMUTHCENTER.ORG
 777 South 8th Street • 208-345-0304

The Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial is located in the heart of Boise's cultural district, at the intersection of the Boise Greenbelt and South 8th Street. Open year round.

CALDWELL Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

COLLEGEOFIDAHO.EDU
 The College of Idaho, Boone Hall • 208-459-5507 • 2112 Cleveland Blvd.

The only natural history museum in southwestern Idaho, the museum exhibits a wide range of biodiversity collections including butterflies, African mammals, Egyptian archaeology, local fossils, insects, and much more. Open year round.



EAGLE Eagle Historical Museum

CITYOFEAGLE.ORG/163/EAGLE-MUSEUM-OF-HISTORY-AND-PRESERVATION
 67 E State Street • 208-939-2669

This inviting museum is owned and operated by the City of Eagle. It brings together the biggest and best collection of Eagle history and memorabilia. Eagle was first founded by a small group of settlers on Eagle Island in 1863 and has now grown into a charming urban community. You are invited to take a minute and come see all the museum has to offer. Open year round.

EMMETT Gem County Historical Village Museum

GEMCOUNTYMUSEUM.ORG
 501 E First Street • 208-365-9530

The five-building complex exhibits the history of Gem County from the Native Americans era up through later periods of irrigation and farming. It includes a Victorian cottage that houses Governor Frank H. Hunt's possessions and an historical library. Tours and presentations are available. Open year round.

IDAHO CITY Boise Basin Museum

IDAHO CITY.HF.ORG
 501 Montgomery Street • 208-392-4550

The Boise Basin Museum houses an extensive collection of early photographs, tools and artifacts from the Basin's colorful mining and logging history. More historic displays are located in the adjacent Brogan Park, Pon Yam Resource Center and Strauss House. Open May-October.

KUNA Kuna Historical Society and History Center

KUNAHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG
 329 Main Street • 208-861-9131

The goal of the Historical Society is to collect items representing the Kuna area's past and make them available to the public. The Kuna Historical Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open year round.

MCCALL Eagle Historical Museum

CIHMUSEUM.COM
 1001 State Street • 208-315-4906

The museum's four-acre site consists of eight National Register of Historical Places structures, seven of which were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937 for the Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association. The crown jewel of the site is the three-story log home Fire Warden's House. Exhibits focus on local and regional subjects: CCC, fire lookouts, the McCall Mill, logging, Smokey

MELBA Melba Valley Historical Society

MELBAHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM
 310 Carrie Rx • 208-870-1299

Exhibits focus on the history of the Melba Valley with emphasis on schools, military veterans, businesses and organizations and home life. Open May-October.

MERIDIAN Children's Museum of Idaho, Inc.

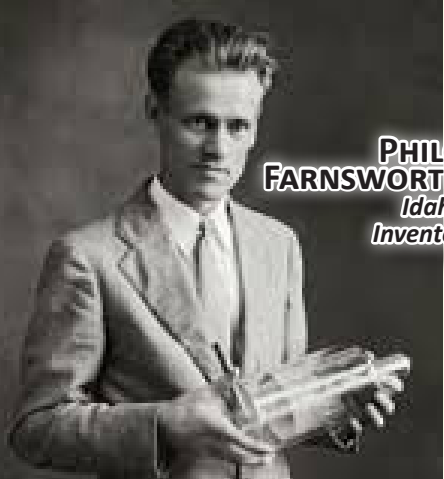
CMIDAHO.ORG
 790 South Progress Avenue • 208-870-1299

Interactive hands-on children's museum for ages 2-8. Featuring programming and exhibits designed to expose children to real life experiences and inspire future explorers, innovators and critical thinkers through purposeful play. Open year round.

Meridian Historic Center

MERIDIANCITY.ORG/OURHISTORY
 33 East Broadway Avenue • 208-489-0602

Volunteer members of the Meridian Historical Society run the Meridian History Center. They have collected resources, references, and original documents related to Meridian and people of the area. The Meridian Historical Society is collaborating with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission and Meridian Library District to maintain their collection. Open year round.



MOUNTAIN HOME

Mountain Home Historical Society Museum

MOUNTAIN-HOME.US/MUSEUM.HTM

180 S Third East • 208-587-6847

Mountain Home Historical Museum is housed in a historic Carnegie Library. Built in 1908, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Among the artifacts are those from mining, agriculture, and railroads. The museum also focuses on the cultural heritage of the community, including Basques, Chinese, and Native Americans. Free tours and classes available. Open year round.

MURPHY

Owyhee County Museum & Library

OWYHEEMUSEUM.ORG

17085 Basey Street

• 208-495-2319

The Owyhee County Museum (est. 1961) features artifacts pertaining to the early days of Owyhee County. Step back in time and learn how life was for the early miners, ranchers and farmers of the county. Exhibits include the original Murphy School House, Marsing train depot and caboose, a stamp mill and a full building of farm equipment. School groups encouraged Home to Outpost Days festival every first weekend of June. Open year round.

NAMPA

Warhawk Air Museum

WARHAWKAIRMUSEUM.ORG

201 Municipal Dr

• 208-465-6446

The Warhawk Air Museum is home to 40,000 square feet of authentic WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam era Aircraft, thousands of personal collections of wartime memorabilia, vintage automobiles, gift shop and more. Open year round.

PARMA

Old Fort Boise Historical Society

109 Parma Rd

• 208-722-5138

Museum and replica of the fur trade era Hudson Bay Company fort built in 1834. Exhibits include Native American photographs, farm machinery, a pioneer log cabin, and more. Open June- August.

PAYETTE

Payette County Historical Society

PAYETTEMUSEUM.QWESTOFFICE.NET

90 S Ninth Street • 208-642-4883

Features county history and is housed in a 1904 building with thirteen stained glass windows. Items on display



include a one-of-a-kind 1861 six-pound Civil War Confederate cannon. Open year round.

Arco/Scoville Experimental Breed Reactor-1 Museum at Idaho National Laboratory

INL.GOV/EXPERIMENTAL-BREEDER-REACTOR-1

Van Buren Blvd • (208) 526-0050.

EBR-1 was built in 1949 and is the first tower plant in the world to produce electricity using atomic energy. The reactor was dedicated a national historic landmark in 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It is now a museum open to the public. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

CENTRAL

BELLEVUE

Bellevue Historical Society

BELLEVUEHISTORICALSOCIETY.WORDPRESS.COM

Main Street • 208-788-4061

The main museum is the old City Hall. At first it housed the fire engine and city offices. In the back is the old jail/drunken tank built before 1900. Also find a historic cabin with old cook stove, bed, washstand and furnishings. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

CHALLIS

North Custer Museum

1211 Main Street • 208-879-2846

The museum displays artifacts, pictures and printed information of historical significance to the North Custer County area, with emphasis on ranching, mining and the lifestyle of early settlers. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day; Wednesdays-Sundays 10-3.

DONNELLY

Long Valley Preservation Society, Valley County Museum, and Historic Roseberry

HISTORICROSEBERRY.COM

13131 Farm to Market Road

• 208-315-4629

A 23 building complex of old buildings, including several Finnish statures, Museum, 1905 Store, Research Center and Barn. The museum collects and displays Valley County Artifacts. The Research Center allows people to find Valley County information. Open June-September, 1-4 p.m., Fri-Sun.

HAILEY

Blaine County Historical Museum

BCHISTORICALMUSEUM.ORG

218 N Main St. • 208-788-1801 • bchistoricalmuseum.org

At the Blaine County Historical Museum visitors can explore the Wood River Valley's pioneer past, research family histories, and view vignettes of mines, schools, ranches, famous literary personalities, period fashions, and political memorabilia. Each display shows aspects of the life that early inhabitants and pioneers experienced. Open Memorial Day through October.

MACKAY

Lost River Museum & S. Custer County Historical Society

MACKAYIDAHO-CITY.COM/LOST-RIVER-MUSEUM.HTML

109 South Main Street • 208-589-3109

Displays and exhibits depict the history of the Lost River Valley and the old mining town of Mackay. Featured in its new Main Street quarters of nearly 4000 sq. ft are 20

themed display areas including a full-sized sheep wagon and mining tunnel.

KETCHUM

The Community Library Regional History Museum

comlib.org/museum

180 First Street East, Forest Service Park • 208-726-8118

The Regional History Museum is a collecting museum and has exhibits for the public about Central Idaho. The exhibits rotate and cover topics such as ski history, Ernest Hemingway in Idaho, regional historical events, and the documentation of cultural change. Welcome to all ages. Free admission. Open year round.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts

SUNVALLEYCENTER.ORG

191 Fifth Street East • 208-726-9491

Enriching our community through transformative arts and educational experiences. The Center's museum space and offices are located in Ketchum, along with two facilities in Hailey to better serve the needs of the growing population of southern Blaine County. The Liberty Theatre houses Company of Fools professional acting company. Also featured is a historic house that was the birthplace of Ezra Pound and a newly built, state of the art freestanding classroom. Open year round.

OAKLEY

Oakley Valley Historical Museum

140 W. Main Street • 208-862-3495

The Oakley Museum tells the story of Oakley from its beginning. All exhibits relate to the heritage of Oakley.

SALMON

Lemhi County Historical Museum

LEMHIMUSEUM.ORG

210 Main Street • 208-756-3342

Featuring American West, Lemhi, Shoshone, Mining, Ranching, Chinese and Salmon River artifacts & exhibits.

Sacajawea Interpretive Cultural and Educational Center

SACAJAWEACENTER.ORG

2700 Main Street • 208-756-1188

Interpretive Center and gift shop open seasonally. Park and walking trails open year round. The Sacajawea Center interprets the rich cultural and natural history of the Salmon and Lemhi River Country, which was shaped in part by the Lewis and Clark Expedition and Sacajawea as well as her people, the Agaidika Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Open Memorial – Labor Day.

TWIN FALLS

Herrett Center for Arts & Science

herrett.csi.edu

315 Falls Avenue • 208-732-6655

Exhibits feature pre-Columbian artifacts, contemporary art, fossils, and regional archaeological discoveries, including the Simon Clovis Cache and the Huntington Canyon Mammoth. Digistar 5 public planetarium shows are offered in the Faulkner Planetarium. The Centennial Observatory features one of the world's largest fully wheelchair-accessible public telescopes. Unique educational selection offered in the gift shop. Open year round.

EASTERN

IDAHO FALLS

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

THEARTMUSEUM.ORG

300 South Capitol Avenue • 208-524-7777

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho (TAM) has championed the visual arts since 2002 through innovative exhibits and educational art programs. Located on the greenbelt walkway overlooking the Snake River in Idaho Falls, TAM is home to five galleries, a children's interactive area, a classroom/workshop space and an eclectic gift shop. Open year round.

Collectors Corner Museum

900 John Adams Parkway • 208-528-9900

Over 125 different collections are exhibited plus a "Barbie" and "Feature" room. Something for everyone, toy cars, trains, planes, bears, coins, military, tools, Star Wars, Harry Potter, PEZ, Disney, GI Joe, and 25 mystery pull-outs. Come explore, share memories, and have a great time. Gift shop, too. Open year round.

Museum of Idaho

MUSEUMOFIDAHO.ORG

200 N Eastern Ave • 208-522-1400

The Museum of Idaho serves an estimated 100,000 people each year through world-class traveling exhibits, important artifacts, a wide array of educational camps, classes, and events, and everyday learning in the humanities and sciences. MOI: Bringing the world to Idaho, and Idaho to the world. Open year round.



REXBURG

Museum of Rexburg

MUSEUM.REXBURG.ORG

51 N Center Street

• 208-359-3063

The Museum of Rexburg, formerly the Teton Flood Museum, is home to the Teton Flood Exhibit. Here you can also explore the rich history of Rexburg and the surrounding area. Honoring the accomplishments of pioneers and others to build a lasting, vibrant community. Open year round.

POCATELLO

Bannock County Historical Museum

BCHM-ID.ORG

3000 Ave. of the Chiefs

• 208-233-0434

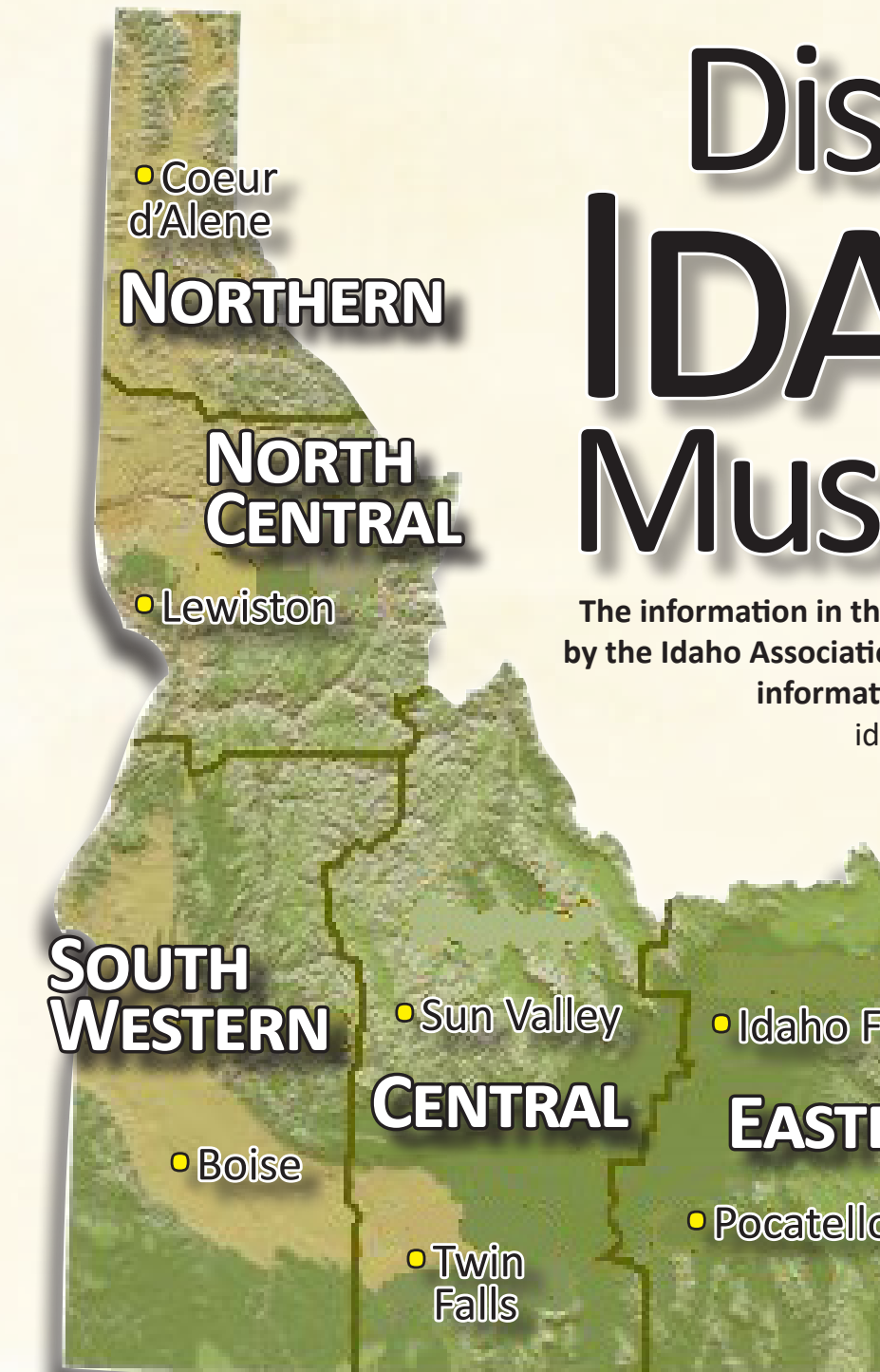
The Museum houses exhibits, objects and records relating to Bannock County's and Pocatello's history. Museum staff also manage the Fort Hall Replica and Pocatello Junction Frontier Town which share the compound with the museum. Open year round.

Idaho Museum of Natural History

IMNH.ISU.EDU

921 8th Avenue • 208-282-5417

Acquires, preserves, studies, interprets, and display objects relating to the natural history of Idaho and the Northern Intermountain West for research and education. It seeks to enhance an understanding of Idaho's natural and cultural heritage. Curators in Anthropology, Earth Science, and Life Science lead national and international research.



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