Summer is a Breeze in Boise

May 2019 – The City of Trees is bustling with food and drink festivals, outdoor activities, and fun all summer long. Visitors and residents have many options for some fun in the sun and beating the heat, Boise-style.

Get Outside
Boise summers are meant for getting up and moving in the great outdoors! Dust off your paddle boards and kayaks (or rent your gear) and take them for a spin on Quinn’s Pond or the Boise Whitewater Park. The three new park features include a second adjustable wave downstream from the original wave and two new drop structures designed to create a rolling wave for beginner and intermediate surfers and kayakers. A bike ride or hike is served up with a view when you use the 150-mile Ridge to Rivers trail system in the Boise Foothills. The Boise Greenbelt is turning 50 in September with a series of events to honor this beloved Boise pathway. Breathe in the fresh mountain air at Bogus Basin as you explore the trails, ride the Glade Runner mountain coaster, or take the scenic chairlift ride. Visiting in July? Cycling legend George Hincapie will be hosting Boise’s first Gran Fondo race during the annual Twilight Criterium weekend. This is also a great summer to start cycling since the Bike Skills Park, donated by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation at the Military Reserve is anticipated to open in August.

Make Your Way Downtown
The nine-to-fivers’ favorite after-work event Alive After Five is back every Wednesday through August with a lineup of eclectic headlining bands. Experience Boise’s Basque culture with a weekend of food, dancing, and kalimotxos at the annual San Inazio Festival on the Basque Block July 26-28. Boise’s best restaurants and Idaho wines come together for an unforgettable evening under the stars on Capitol Boulevard at Capitol Table in September.

Sip Through Summer with Local Wine, Cider, and Beer
Craft brews, wines, ciders, and cocktails are available year-round, but summer is prime patio season. Idaho celebrates Idaho Wine and Cider Month each June with events from the Idaho Wine Commission and wineries throughout the state. Kick off Idaho Wine and Cider Month with a stroll down Freak Alley and a lobby hop tasting of Idaho’s best wine and ciders. Get your favorite bottle of Idaho wine signed by Governor Brad Little, then close out the month with Vinoyasa yoga at Indian Creek Cellars.

Get Festive with the Family
Keeping kids entertained on vacation can be tough, but not in Boise! The Snake River Stampede is back again at the Ford Idaho Center as a top 10 regular season professional rodeo in the country. The Road to X Games stops in Boise for the 2019 Boise Park Qualifier in June. Cheer on the home team, the Boise Hawks, this summer at the Hawks Stadium. Step into the wild at the Boise Zoo’s new African Gorongosa exhibit this July. Whether you like the fast rides or not, the fried Twinkies and ice cream potatoes at the Western Idaho Fair in August never disappoint. Children’s eyes fill with wonder as 40 hot air balloons grace the Boise skyline during the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic in August.
Stay Cool

Need a break from the heat? Enjoy the refreshing air conditioning Boise’s museums and cultural exhibits offer. The Idaho State Museum reopened this fall after four years of incredible renovations. Discover another piece of Boise’s history at the only Basque Museum and Cultural Center in the U.S. Embrace your artsy side by visiting the new summer exhibitions at the Boise Art Museum. If you’re looking for something more hands-on, the Discovery Center of Idaho’s STEM exhibits are fun for people of all ages to explore.

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