



## Idaho Facts and Trivia



1. The Cataldo Mission is the oldest building in the state.
2. American Falls is unique from most communities because the entire town was moved in the mid-1920s, when the original American Falls Dam was constructed.
3. Founded in 1891, the College of Idaho is the state's oldest four-year institution of higher learning.
4. In Idaho, law forbids a citizen to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds.
5. The Dworshak Reservoir is more than 50 miles long. The Dworshak Dam is in Orofino.
6. Idaho is second only to Alaska in designated wilderness area.
7. The economy of Idaho City originally developed around gold mining in the 1860s.
8. In 1973, the Sawtooth Recreation Area opened its doors north of Ketchum, making the community the gateway to the Sawtooths.
9. Idaho's world-famous hot springs are located in Lava Hot Springs.
10. Hell's Canyon is the deepest gorge in America.
11. Shoshone Falls, the Niagara of the West, spills over a 212-foot drop near Twin Falls.
12. Kuna is known as the Gateway City to the Birds of Prey Natural Area.
13. At an elevation of 5,897 feet, Mackay calls itself the Top of Idaho because it is the nearest city to Mt. Borah, the highest mountain in Idaho.
14. Soda Springs boasts the largest man-made geyser in the world.
15. Lewiston is located at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The elevation is 738 feet above sea level.
16. Post Falls is known as Idaho's River City.
17. Rigby is known as the birthplace of television, since it is Philo T. Farnsworth's hometown. Farnsworth pioneered television technology.
18. Weiser is home of the National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest.
19. Sawtooth Mtn. Range was named for its jagged profile.
20. Seven Devils Peaks, one of the highest mountain ranges in Idaho, includes Heaven's Gate Lookout, from which sightseers can look into four states.