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## Your Guide to Visiting the Treasure Valley: Winter Itinerary

Welcome to The College of Idaho! Students say our Idaho setting is one of the best things about attending the C of I—from world-class opportunities for outdoor recreation to the myriad activities going on in the Northwest's third most populous metro area, there's always something new to experience. We invite you to spend a few days in the Treasure Valley and sample some of Idaho's treasures.

### Day 1

As you arrive in the Treasure Valley, you'll notice the snow-covered Boise Foothills to the north and Owyhee Mountains to the south, yet on The College of Idaho's campus in Caldwell, significant snowfalls



*Enjoy both downhill and cross-country skiing, as well as snowboarding and snowshoeing at Bogus Basin Ski Resort, just 45 miles from The College of Idaho.*

are rare and temperatures are relatively mild. That helps make The College of Idaho and the Treasure Valley a wonderful place during the wintertime. Students decorate their residence halls to match the festivity of the season, and events like the College's "Feast of Carols" concert add to the merriment.

After you've finished your campus visit, head to Downtown Boise for the **Festival of Trees**. Companies throughout the Treasure Valley donate specially decorated trees to the Festival, and proceeds from the trees and ticket sales go to local charities. Enjoy delicious hot apple cider or chocolate while you stroll through the paths of a magical winter wonderland. If you have younger children with you, don't miss the crafts table, where Santa's elves can help you create something unique to take home.

Once you've worked up an appetite, walk to **Fork** (199 N. 8th St., Boise), just a few blocks away from the Festival. This local favorite is known for its menu featuring numerous organic and local food options. Located inside an old bank building, you'll feel the history surrounding you as you dig into your delectable entrees.



*Enjoy Fork Restaurant's menu featuring locally-grown foods in Downtown Boise (reservation recommended).*

## Day 2

Dress warmly today, because we're off to the slopes! **Bogus Basin Ski Resort** ([bogusbasin.org](http://bogusbasin.org)) is a convenient 45-mile drive from Caldwell and features some of the best skiing and snowboarding you'll find in Idaho. As you drive there, pay attention to Simplot Hill, where the late billionaire and C of I supporter J.R. Simplot lived. While at Bogus you can check the expert slopes, or, if you're still learning, get lessons from one of the helpful ski instructors.

After a long day of skiing or snowboarding, take it easy and catch a movie at the **Reel Theater** (2105 Caldwell Boulevard, Nampa). The inexpensive tickets and concessions make this theatre a favorite of C of I students. The Reel Theater also is home to The College of Idaho's Free Movie Mondays. On the way home, stop for dinner at **Los Betos** (2501 Caldwell Boulevard, Nampa or 10th St. & Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell). Los Betos, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is a college student favorite for its tasty, inexpensive Mexican food that satisfies those late night cravings.



*The Idaho Steelheads are one of Boise's three professional sports teams.*

restaurants to peruse. One local favorite for lunch is **Bittercreek Alehouse/Red Feather Lounge** (246 N. 8th St., Boise) another farm-to-table restaurant. Afterwards check out **Lux Fashion Lounge** (785 W. Idaho St., Boise), a one-of-a-kind new and used clothing store. **The Record Exchange** (1105 W. Idaho St., Boise) is another popular stop because of its large selection of musical favorites, knowledgeable staff and regular in-store performances by up-and-coming artists. Bring a taste of Idaho back home with you by stopping at **The Chocolat Bar** (805 W. Bannock St., Boise) and the adjacent **City Peanut Shop** (803 W. Bannock St., Boise) for some hand-made artisan chocolates and a variety of freshly-roasted nuts. During winter, many Downtown Boise stores have holiday sales and decorations that make window-shopping a real treat.

Tonight, you'll be going to the **CenturyLink Arena** (233 S. Capitol Boulevard, Boise) to see the **Idaho Steelheads** hockey team. The Steelheads are one of Boise's three professional teams (along with the Idaho Stampede basketball team and Boise Hawks baseball team) that provide year-round sports entertainment. If you've never been to a hockey game before, it's a great opportunity to become acquainted with the sport. Tickets are inexpensive, starting at \$10 per person. The arena includes many different concessions to choose from, so make sure to take a look around before getting settled in your seat.

**For more information about Idaho's treasures, visit [collegeofidaho.edu/ouridahosetting](http://collegeofidaho.edu/ouridahosetting).**



*The Record Exchange in Downtown Boise is a mecca for music lovers.*

## Day 3

It's time to explore more of Boise, named by *Sunset* magazine as one of the West's 20 towns of the future and just a short 30-minute drive from The College of Idaho.

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