Boise River Greenbelt

BOISE HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

  ○ Here you can watch surfers and kayakers take on waves hundreds of miles from the Pacific Ocean.
    ■ Esther Simplot Park, near Quinn’s Pond.

  ○ “Go with the Flow” as you pass under the Fairview Avenue Bridge and enjoy this immersive artwork along the Greenbelt.
    ■ Greenbelt underpass, near 2053 W Fairview Ave #110.

[12] FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS SCULPTURE GARDEN
  ○ This location carries special meaning for Boise’s first responders. Visit the life-size bronze statue by Idaho artist Agnes Vincent “Rusty” Talbot and see the 10-foot beam from the World Trade Center honoring emergency responders lost on 9/11.
    ■ Idaho Fallen Firefighters Memorial, 1791 Shoreline Park.

[13] ANNE FRANK HUMAN RIGHTS MEMORIAL
  ○ Walk through history at this educational memorial that tells the story of Anne Frank.
    ■ Behind the Boise Public Library Main Branch, southwest corner of Capital and River.

[14] GENE HARRIS BANDSHELL
  ○ Can you hear the music? This historic site plays host to concerts in Julia Davis Park.
    ■ Behind the Boise Art Museum, off Julia Davis Dr.

[15] BOISE TOURIST PARK INTERPRETIVE SIGN
  ○ Learn more about this park location, once known as Boise Tourist Park, by finding the interpretive sign along the Greenbelt path.
    ■ Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park, 500 S Walnut St.

ADA COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

[16] WARM SPRINGS MESA HISTORIC ROCK WALL
  ○ Find the historic wall date stamped “Wm M 4-7-32.”
    ■ Between Warm Springs Golf Course and the East Parkcenter Bridge along the path.

[17] BARBER PARK
  ○ This stop is where floaters pump up their rafts and head down the Boise River during float season.
    ■ 4049 S Eckert Rd.

[18] ADA COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL / BOISE RIVER TRAIL FOUNDATION KIOSK
  ○ This is an educational site that recognizes “Champions of the Greenbelt.”
    ■ Near the entrance to the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation office, 5657 E Warm Springs Ave.

[20] DIVERSION DAM
  ○ This dam, located on the Boise River, was completed in 1909. It is operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
    ■ Diverted water fills the New York Canal, the primary irrigation channel for Ada and Canyon Counties.
    ■ Located along Highway 21, south of Warm Springs Ave.

[21] SANDY POINT BEACH
  ○ A popular place to cool off in the summer, this site, managed by Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, marks the southern tip of the Boise River Greenbelt.
    ■ At Lucky Peak State Park, 9723 ID-21, Boise.

IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND LANDS HIGHLIGHTS

[6] PLANTATION ISLAND BRIDGE
  ○ Cross the bridge that connects Plantation Island to the Ada County Greenbelt and Garden City side of the Greenbelt. This bridge was removed during historic flooding in the spring of 2017 and replaced with help from community donations.
    ■ This bridge spans the south channel of the Boise River, reconnecting the Greenbelt across Plantation Island.

[19] BARBER POOL CONSERVATION AREA
  ○ The Greenbelt parallels this expansive wildlife refuge, which is home to more than 300 species of wildlife. The conservation area is also one of the last active nesting sites of bald eagles in Boise.
    ■ Visible from the Greenbelt path along E. Warm Springs Ave, between Hwy 21 and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

EAGLE HIGHLIGHTS

[1] THE DETROIT RIP RAP
  ○ At this location, find a series of cars put in the river in the early 1950s to shore up the banks.
    ■ More than a dozen cars on the riverbank south of Hwy 44.
    ■ Visibility depends on river flows.

  ○ At Reid Merrill Park, locate the chicken coop that houses the big rooster from the Merrill Egg Farm. Read the plaque to learn more about the history of the site.
    ■ In Reid Merrill Park, 500 E Share Dr., Eagle.

GARDEN CITY HIGHLIGHTS

[3] WEST BRIDGE
  ○ Connecting the north and south sides of the Garden City Greenbelt, this bridge is 12 feet wide and spans approximately 175 feet over the Boise River. It’s a crucial link for safe biking and walking.
    ■ Located just east of Eagle Island in Garden City.

[4] GARDEN CITY LIBRARY AND POLLINATOR HABITAT
  ○ At this location you can borrow a book and learn more about the importance of pollinators in a special garden. Fun fact: Garden City was the first designated Bee City USA in Idaho.
    ■ 6015 N Glenwood St., near River Pointe Park.

[5] GLENWOOD BOISE RIVER GAUGE
  ○ This is where USGS monitors the flow of the Boise River. Data is available online at waterdata.usgs.gov.
    ■ N Glenwood St. at the bridge.

[7] GARDEN CITY ART BENCHES
  ○ Take a seat and reflect on the environment that surrounds the Greenbelt on one of four benches designed by area artists. Locations include:
    ■ In Mystic Cove Park at the end of 48th St., Garden City.
    ■ In Heron Park, 3858 Reed St., Garden City.
    ■ Along the Greenbelt at the end of 40th St., Garden City.
    ■ Along the Greenbelt at the end of 50th St., Garden City.

BOISE HIGHLIGHTS

[8] CHINESE GARDENS INTERPRETIVE SIGN
  ○ Find the interpretive sign that will give you some insight into the historic Chinese Gardens in Boise.
    ■ Just before Veterans Memorial Parkway, but before the Old Soldiers’ Home.

[9] THE OLD SOLDIERS’ HOME INTERPRETIVE PARKER
  ○ This site was once the location of the Old Soldiers’ Home. Built in 1894, the building was eventually taken down in the 1970s and the area is now a park.
    ■ Located along the north side of the Greenbelt.
BOISE RIVER GREENBELT POINTS OF INTEREST

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KEY

- Green: City of Eagle Greenbelt
- Brown: Garden City Greenbelt
- Teal: Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands
- Red: City of Boise Greenbelt
- Blue: Ada County Greenbelt
- Gray: Continue to Greenbelt via streets
- Restrooms

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