

NATIONAL IDAHO DAY



On May 17th, National Idaho Day recognizes the 43rd state to join the union. A wave of settlement made its way into The Gem State following in the footsteps of the Corps of Discovery. Miners, traders, and missionaries made their way West into the territory of the Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Bannock peoples. On July 3, 1890, the state became the 43rd state of the United States.

The state is dominated by the Rocky Mountains range. Snake River winds its way through the rugged western border of the state carving the deepest river gorge in North America. [Hells Canyon National Recreation Area](#) provides spectacular views of the dramatic landscapes the Snake River took thousands of years to sculpt.

Idaho doesn't lack scenery. Take any byway, and the next turn will reveal a whole new vista to observe. For example, Craters of the Moon [National Monument & Preserve](#) will seem to erupt before your eyes. This vast lava field formed from ancient volcanic activity.

While exploring Idaho, don't forget to investigate [Hagerman's Fossil Beds](#). Excavations of these well-preserved fossils have fascinated paleontologists for generations. If there is an equine interest, be sure to study the Hagerman Horse, too!

Beyond the fossils, entire cityscapes of stone appear. The City of Rocks encountered by native peoples, pioneers, and modern-day adventurers became a kind of waystation or landmark for those who were westward bound.

Inventors seem to like Idaho. Beyond the list of patents for improvements to printing presses and railroad technology, Idaho is the home of the television. Philo Farnsworth invented the necessary technology that brought the small screen to the mass market.