

You're Invited!

Please join our membership to be a part of the Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway! You'll learn more about all our intrinsic qualities and values.

With your membership you can volunteer to help our committees make the byway an informative and pleasant activity for our growing local and visiting population!

___ I would like more information on the Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway.

___ I would like to join this important rural effort!

Name: _____

Company: _____

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Membership dues are only \$10-\$20 annually. Please mail check to:

Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway

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Thank you for helping to preserve and enjoy our local scenic byway!



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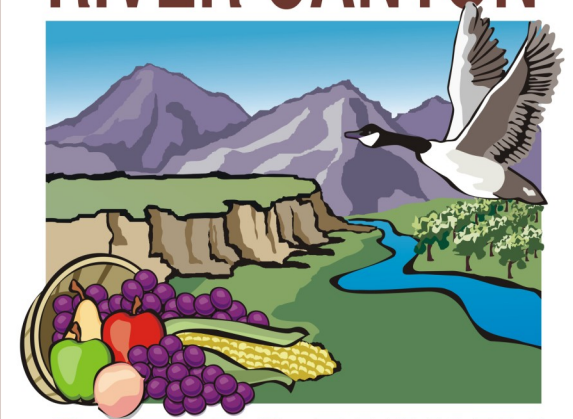
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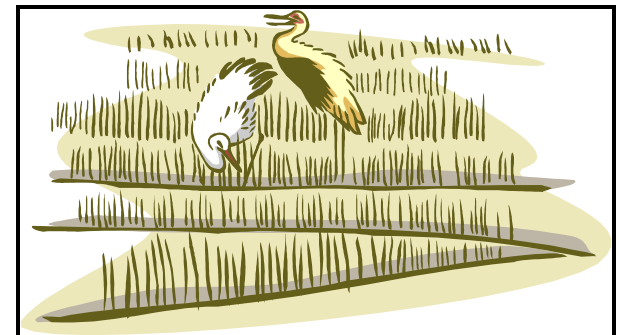
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SCENIC BYWAY

American byways are an essential connection to preserving natural, cultural and agricultural heritages to future generations.



Intrinsic Qualities of the Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway

About Scenic Byways

Throughout America, scenic and historic byways provide a rich collection of diverse landscapes, memorable places, and fascinating stories that reach from coast to coast. Idaho's 30 byways offer experiences and beautiful scenery for every traveler, no matter what age or interest.

Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway

The Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway travels through beautiful western Canyon County. This byway has a regional, national and international story to tell about the importance of Idaho's agriculture. Featured along the 53 mile byway are sweeping scenic vistas, historic sites, cultural events, recreation and local geology.

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The Byway is in its early development and as the time progresses, you'll find more signs and information becoming available. For now, please follow our map and enjoy our scenic vistas and take in the intrinsic values that will make this byway essential to our area.

## Canyon County

Canyon County was formed in 1892 when it was split from Ada County, two years after Idaho was admitted to the Union. Prior to its formation, the area today known as Canyon County was settled by pioneers who forged the Oregon Trail. Towns began to develop in the 1880's when the Oregon Short Line Railroad was built. Construction of irrigation canals and waterways provided the foundation for our agricultural based economy. Today, over 180,000 people call Canyon County home.

## Our Agricultural Heritage

The Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway highlights the rich agricultural heritage of Canyon County and the farmers and ranchers who work the land, provide food for communities and contribute an integral component to the Boise Valley's cultural fabric. The byway can connect the traveler to the stories of farms and communities through interpretive programs, events and local products and businesses.

Canyon County is home to some of the richest and most diversified farmland in the nation. Agribusiness is a significant economy, as indicated by these impressive facts:

- \* Canyon Country grows more than 100 different commercial crops and contains more than 2000 farms.
- \* There are 272,000 acres in farms; 205,000 irrigated acres. The average farm size is 122 acres.
- \* Farmers produce approximately \$300 million in sales annually.
- \* Top crops are sugar beets, seed crops, wheat onions, hops, potatoes, mint and field and silage corn. Other commercial crops include carrots, cauliflower, cantaloupe, pumpkins and spinach.
- \* Seed crops include onion, carrot, radish, lettuce, flax, alfalfa and beans.
- \* Canyon County raises 95% of the U.S. supply of sweet corn seed.
- \* Canyon County is one of three fruit-growing areas in Southwestern Idaho and together the three areas produce approximately 95% of all tree fruit in Idaho.
- \* The wineries of Canyon County are known for premium Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, and Riesling wines. Many of the wineries are open for tours along the byway.

## Scenic & Natural Qualities

- \* Lizard Butte, an extinct volcano with outcroppings that resemble a lizard, near the City of Marsing.
- \* Snake River and river islands.
- \* Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge at Lake Lowell.
- \* Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area near Parma.
- \* Owyhee mountain vistas.
- \* Productive agricultural lands.

## Historical Qualities

- \* Train depots in Caldwell and Nampa.
- \* Map Rock and other petroglyphs.
- \* Old Fort Boise replica.
- \* Historic barns and farmland.
- \* Old ferry sites.

## Cultural Qualities

- \* Rural farm stands, wineries, and vineyards.
- \* Farmer's markets in Caldwell and Nampa.
- \* Greenleaf Friends Academy.
- \* Wilder Museum.
- \* Basque Community Center.
- \* Harvest festivals in the fall.
- \* Summertime county fairs and rodeos.

## Recreational Qualities

- \* Fishing, boating and sportsmen access to the Snake River.
- \* Bicycling and hiking.