



## FACT SHEET

**Location:** Southwest Idaho

**Population:** 56,541, Caldwell city limits; 710,000, Treasure Valley metropolitan area

**Nearby Airport:** Boise Airport (BOI) is located less than 30 miles from Caldwell. Boise is served daily by Delta, Southwest, United, U.S. Air, Alaska Airlines and Allegiant.

In addition, the Caldwell Industrial Airport is located southeast of downtown. It is a city-owned, public airport.

**Climate:** Caldwell enjoys four distinct seasons. It's location in the high desert assures mild winters and low humidity. The average daily temperature in winter is 47°F. During summer and fall the temperature increases to a daily average of 81 °F.

**Elevation:** 2,375 ft.

**Time Zone:** Mountain Standard, Mountain Daylight Time

**Mountains:** Owyhee and Boise Mountain Ranges surround the city.

**Water:** Boise River – a calm river located at the north end of town, perfect for fishing. Caldwell also borders the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, which encompasses Lake Lowell. Lake Lowell is a 14.5 sq-mile reservoir perfect for boating, fishing and wildlife viewing.

**Large Caldwell Companies:** West Valley Medical Center, Crookham Seed Company, Southwark Metal Manufacturing, Best Bath Systems, Fresca, Capitol Distributing

**Hotel Rooms:** 197

**Hotel Room Tax:** 7 percent

**Sales Tax:** 6 percent

**Brief History:** Caldwell's inception largely occurred as a result of the construction of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, which connected Wyoming to Oregon through Idaho. Robert E. Strahorn came to the Boise River Valley in 1883 to select a route for the railroad, and rejected the grade into Boise City as too steep, therefore choosing a site 30 miles to the west in Canyon County. Caldwell was named after one of Strahorn's business partners, Alexander Caldwell, a former Senator from Kansas.

Irrigation canals and waterways were constructed throughout Canyon County, and these facilities provided the foundation for an agricultural-based economy in Caldwell. The Oregon Short Line Railroad became part of the larger Union Pacific Railroad network and in 1906 the Caldwell freight and passenger depot was constructed. Caldwell experienced moderate growth as an agricultural processing, commercial retail and educational center during the twentieth century.



## UNIQUE CALDWELL ATTRACTIONS

### ***Sunnyslope Wine Region***

<http://sunnyslopewinetrail.com>

Idaho's first American Viticulture Area (AVA), Snake River Valley, stretches across 12 counties in Southwest Idaho and two counties in Oregon, with a large concentration in the Caldwell area, known as Sunnyslope. The region boasts many award-winning wineries with more on the way. Lush orchards give way to scenic valleys and rugged mountains, providing the ideal setting for wine tasting.

### ***Indian Creek Plaza***

<https://www.indiancreekplaza.com>

Maintained and programmed by Destination Caldwell, this outdoor venue has special events and features year-round. In the summer, you can play in the fountain, catch a summer night concert, or attend an exciting festival. In the winter, enjoy outdoor ice skating, holiday activities, fire pits and our heated outdoor lounge to take away the chill. The plaza is open for visitors to enjoy year-round.

### ***AgVenture Trail***

[AgventureTrail.com](http://AgventureTrail.com)

On the AgVenture Trail you'll experience the simple life in the heart of Idaho's Snake River Valley. This farm loop featuring local farms, ranches, produce stands, u-pick farms and equestrian centers offers hand-on experiences. Connect with the land and your food while you pick fresh produce or flowers, tend farm animals, learn to make cheese, or dine on a world-class farm-to-fork meal. Get the peak AgVenture experience May through October.

### ***Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge***

[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/deer\\_flat/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/deer_flat/)

Nestled in rolling sagebrush hills, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge on the Caldwell city limits provides a watery oasis for resident and migratory wildlife, including spectacular concentrations of mallards and Canada geese. Lake Lowell is part of the refuge, and includes 28 miles of shoreline. The lake is a great spot for boating, fishing and viewing over 200 avian species. The refuge, established in 1909 is one of the oldest refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

### ***Van Slyke Agricultural Museum***

<https://www.cityofcaldwell.org/play/van-slyke-museum>

Located outdoors at Memorial Park, the Van Slyke Agricultural Museum is a treasure trove of artifacts. Telling the story of Idaho's pioneers, ranchers and farmers, the Van Slyke Museum has items dating back to when Idaho was a territory. Artifacts include vintage agricultural equipment, a railcar and caboose, and two Civil War-era cabins built in 1864. The descendants of both cabin owners still reside in the Treasure Valley!



## ANNUAL EVENTS

*Farm to Fork Farmers' Market and Tuesdays on the Creek Concert Series*

**Annual May – October**

<https://www.indiancreekplaza.com/farm-to-fork-farmers-market>

For generations Caldwell families have produced award-winning fruits, vegetables, grains, spices, and wines. Get the freshest produce to create excellent meals at home or find the perfect gift from local craftsmen or specialty food producers. The Farm to Fork Farmers' Market is held in conjunction with the Tuesdays on the Creek Concert Series which brings regional and national touring musicians right to our front porch.

*Caldwell Night Rodeo*

**Annual in August**

<http://www.caldwellnightrodeo.com>

One of the largest and longest-running annual events in Canyon County, the Caldwell Night Rodeo draws over 40,000 rodeo fans a year over five action-packed nights. With over 500 world-class contestants, the event features some of the best professional cowboys, cowgirls and animal athletes in the world, and is an annual stop on the professional rodeo tour.

In 2015, Caldwell Night Rodeo was voted the “#1 Large Outdoor Event” in Canyon County, one of the “Top 10 Rodeo's in the US” by *Real Time Cowboy Magazine* and one of the “101 Best Events in the West” by *American Cowboy Magazine*.

*Sunnyslope Wine Trail Festival*

**Annual in August**

<http://sunnyslopedwinetrail.com/events>

Put on by the wineries of the Sunnyslope Wine Trail, this annual event takes place in downtown Caldwell at Indian Creek Plaza. It is an afternoon filled with food, music, art and—of course—wine!

*Indian Creek Festival*

**Annual in September**

<https://www.indiancreekplaza.com/indian-creek-festival>

Always a popular event, the Indian Creek Festival highlights include a Cardboard Kayak Race down Indian Creek, as well as one of Idaho's largest classic car cruises and car shows. The festival is also family friendly, you can even enter your dog into the dog parade!



*Winter Wonderland*

**Annual November – January**

<https://www.destinationcaldwell.com/things-to-do/winter-wonderland/>

Every year, the city of Caldwell transforms into a real-life winter wonderland from the weekend before Thanksgiving until the first week of January. Over one million holiday lights cover trees, buildings, bridges all over town, painting the city in a mesmerizing glow. Children, families and couples skate under the lights on Idaho's only outdoor ice-skating ribbon. A singing Christmas tree stands tall on the corner of Indian Creek Plaza. Visiting Caldwell in the winter is a reminder of just how magical this season can truly be.

**For additional info about Caldwell, visit [www.destinationcaldwell.com](http://www.destinationcaldwell.com)**