



**GETTING A TASTE OF
THE SIMPLE LIFE**

AN IDAHO WEEKEND GETAWAY IN CANYON COUNTY

We've got a whole trip planned for you.

The first sip of a good wine. The sweetness of an apple just picked from the tree. The smell of fresh air while driving through wide-open country.

What if you could get a taste of the good life, just for one weekend?



FRIDAY

After a long work week of endless deadlines and rush hour traffic, hit the open road toward Caldwell, Idaho. If you're driving from Boise, you'll pass through Meridian and Nampa to see the suburbs slowly fade away into miles of patchwork farmland, with the rugged Owyhees in the distance.



INDIAN CREEK

5:00 PM

Driving into Downtown Caldwell, you'll find a small frontier settlement that's been transformed into a burgeoning community with a thriving food and wine scene. Many chefs, business owners and entrepreneurs from Boise are setting up shop in Caldwell with boutiques, restaurants and more.

Grab a glass of wine or an ice cream cone. Browse the shelves of antique stores for hidden finds. Feel free to roam.

At the center of it all is Indian Creek Plaza. Known as the "front porch of Caldwell," this vibrant outdoor venue is filled with shady trees, bubbling fountains and an amphitheater — all surrounded by some of Caldwell's best-loved restaurants, retail and entertainment.

Join in a game of cornhole, play with your kids in the fountain or catch a live concert. In the winter, you can look at the thousands of colorful holiday lights strung up through town, or ice skate along an outdoor ice track that meanders through the heart of the city.

INDIAN CREEK STEAKHOUSE

6:30 PM

After exploring the town a bit by foot, stop by the Indian Creek Steakhouse for a hearty meal. Saddle up to the bar for a local Idaho brew or handcrafted cocktail and order your choice of steak.

One bite into some locally-raised beef and locally-sourced Idaho potatoes and you'll quickly see why this down-home joint is such a local favorite. With a mechanical bull and live local music, feel free to kick off your boots and dance the night away here.



LODGING

8:00 PM

Check into a cozy stay at the Best Western Caldwell Inn and Suites. The hotel is located just off I-84 in east Caldwell, complete with a pool, hot tub, fitness center and complimentary breakfast.

If you're hauling an RV, pull up to a campsite at Canyon Springs RV Resort. Located just 10 minutes from Downtown Caldwell, the resort is surrounded by wide-open country and just steps away from a clear blue freshwater pond. The campgrounds also feature full-service hookups and a community lodge where guests can watch the game.

SATURDAY

FLYING M COFFEE

As the sun starts to rise over the Owyhees, walk over to Flying M for a cup of house-roasted coffee and some fresh-baked pastries. Covered with local art and full of homegrown charm, this eclectic cafe is the perfect spot for a quick breakfast.



LOVELY HOLLOW FARM

Drive 20 minutes north on the AgVenture Trail to Lovely Hollow Flower Farms. Wander through vibrant gardens blooming with dahlias, daisies and daffodils. Take time to smell the flowers, pick them and create your own colorful bouquet. (Be sure to take some pictures so you can capture the moment!)



AGVENTURE TRAIL

The AgVenture trail is a self-guided adventure through working farms, orchards, and produce stands across the Snake River Valley. Rub shoulders with local farmers, learn new skills, and experience the simple life along the 40-mile loop through Idaho's booming agricultural community.

- FARM TO FORK
- HORSES
- RANCH
- PRODUCE
- FLOWER FARM

LITTLE COW MOUNTAIN

Just 16 minutes southeast is Little Cow

Mountain Farm. Roam the green pastures and learn how the ranchers tend the land and take care of the thousands of animals they raise here. You'll get up close to chickens, cows and horses, and you might make a furry friend (or two) along the way.

After touring the pastures, go for a quick hike right outside the gates of the farm. You can wander through the high desert where thousands of hawks, eagles and other raptors nest. If you're quiet enough, you might spot some deer or elk trotting through the sagebrush.



LAKEVIEW PRODUCE

On the way back to Caldwell, swing by

Lakeview Produce. This classic produce stand has been a hidden local secret for years. Pick through bushels and baskets of fresh local produce, all grown in orchards and farms just miles away. Grab a pie or loaf of artisan bread baked just that morning. Chat with the owner for a while — they'll know all the secrets for picking the best apples.



VINE AND BRANCH RANCH

After working up an appetite, walk over

to the Vine and Branch Ranch. Order a fresh plate made with hyper-local ingredients grown right here and at other farms close by, including Peaceful Belly Farms, McIntyre Farms, Teton Wildflower Honey and more.

Pair the Solstice Pasta with some local cider, sit back... and taste the simple life.

While you're at the ranch, walk over to Peaceful Belly Farms. The organic gardens here grow over 180 veggies, fruits, berries and flowers, all raised by hand. Tour the gardens, smell the fresh produce and pick up some snacks along the way.

If you plan ahead, you can sign up to take a class and learn how to can vegetables or make cheese. The folks at Peaceful Belly are down-to-Earth and love to talk about their passion for growing good food.



AMANO

Head back to Downtown Caldwell for

some well-deserved margaritas and street tacos at Amano. This up-and-coming local favorite is located in a gorgeously renovated historic brick building right along Main Street. Run by the Alamilla family, this high-end restaurant features the bold, complex flavors of Mexican cuisine and fresh local ingredients harvested right here in the valley.



SUNDAY



ORCHARD HOUSE



After sleeping in a while, take a quick 15-minute drive to the Orchard House in Marsing. This homey, cozy joint is tucked alongside the lush vineyards of Idaho wine country, serving up fresh coffee and breakfast to locals and out-of-towners alike. Order a fresh batch of beignets — fluffy, sweet French doughnuts sprinkled with powdered sugar — and a pot of freshly-brewed coffee for the table.



STE CHAPELLE



After a long brunch, drive just 4 minutes down the road to Ste Chapelle Winery.

Named after a famous European cathedral, this winery looks like a scene taken out of the French countryside. The wine tasting room features lofty ceilings with gothic, vaulted windows looking out to the green vistas of vineyards outside. Here, you can taste bold, flavorful wines that have earned national and international acclaim.



HUSTON VINEYARDS

After taking in the views one last time from the outdoor patio, drive a few minutes down the road to Huston Vineyards.

Located just off Chicken Dinner Road, this winery is known for its award-winning Chicken Dinner White and Chicken Dinner Red wines. The name of these wines (and the road they're named after) come from a quirky Idaho legend involving a potholed road, an Idaho governor and an incredible chicken dinner.

The owners, Greg and Mary Algers, would love to tell you the whole story.



PARMA RIDGE

Finish the afternoon with a farm to fork dinner at Parma Ridge Winery. Nestled on a ridge overlooking the entire Snake River Valley, this winery is also home to an upscale restaurant no foodie should miss.

From appetizers to full-course meals, each dish is infused with fresh ingredients and local flavor. Order a juicy, grass-fed ribeye steak with a side of mashed Idaho potatoes, or a lightly smoked salmon pan-fried in lemon butter.



HAT RANCH

After tasting wines in the Algers' beautiful rustic barn, head over to Hat Ranch Winery, just five minutes away. From their spacious tasting room, you can enjoy panoramic views of the Owyhee mountains and the vineyard below while sipping on a glass of wine. The vineyard here is known for its award-winning Dry Moscato and Sauvignon Blanc.



After getting a taste of the simple life for a weekend, you'll leave the valley feeling a little more grounded, a little more rooted...and maybe even a little more connected to the land we share.

