

## We are excited to have our Tour & Education Luncheon at the Idaho State Historical Museum!



**The Idaho Historical Museum:** provides a fun, interactive experience where people of all ages and backgrounds come to explore the story of Idaho. Furthermore, the Museum looks at how Idaho's unique landscapes have shaped, and continue to shape, our experience. The Museum shows the profound relationship between Idaho's people and its land have always defined what it means to live here. Through exhibitions, artifacts, and educational programming, the Museum helps Idahoans and visitors understand our story.

**Located in downtown Boise's Julia Davis Park:** the Idaho State Museum is the official museum of Idaho's history.



As early as 1893, the collections of the Idaho State Historical Society were on view in a variety of locations, including Boise City Hall, the Carnegie Library, and the Idaho State Capitol. The Idaho Legislature authorized a new facility in 1939 and the original Idaho State Historical Museum building was completed in 1950. The museum has now undergone a dramatic expansion to provide more exhibits, artifacts, and programming for visitors of all ages. The newly reimagined Idaho State Museum reopened in the early fall of 2018. This project consisted of a two story, 35,600 square foot addition to the existing Idaho

Historical Museum in Boise. The design includes greatly expanded exhibit space including space for major traveling exhibits, enlarged lobby and retail area, and a 310 seat lecture hall and auditorium.

**Exhibits are focused on Idaho's settlement, agriculture, land management, landscape, state parks, and the Oregon Trail:** Galleries throughout the space are devoted to Idaho's three geographical areas: North, Central and South. Each highlight how the land itself has dictated the life lived there. North Idaho's gallery, for example, highlights its longstanding ties to mining and timber, lakes and rivers, and the destruction that can come from forest fires, including a special exhibit that focuses on the 1910 Big Burn wildfire near Wallace. Visitors will even feel heat from the exhibit as they pass through. The Idaho State Museum features over 80,000 square feet of exhibit space with over 500 artifacts combined with immersive, innovative technology to tell the story of Idaho. From the lakes and forests of the north down to the deserts and canyons of the south, visitors can explore each space and understand the important relationship between Idaho's

land and its people and how they have shaped, and continue to shape each other over time.

