



## Rexburg Chamber of Commerce

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Folk Dance Festival**



## FACTS TELL THE STORY

### HERE ARE SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT REXBURG

ELEVATION: 4,865 Feet  
POPULATION: 22,000

JANUARY (Coldest Month) 10.0° F  
JULY (Hottest Month) 83.4° F

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER: Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – in association with the Cotton Tree Conference Center – Stop in for information about things to do and see in and around the area. Free local maps and brochures.

AIRPORT: Lighted, paved runway, 4,200 feet with parking area, main hanger and shop with major and minor repairs, charter service, rentals and flight instruction. 80, 100 LL, jet A fuel available. 27 private hangers.

CAMPING: Beaver Dick Park is located west of Rexburg, off State Highway 33 right after crossing the Henry's Fork. Named in honor of an area pioneer, the park features children's playground equipment, camping sites, picnic area and a dock. Twin Bridges, located south of Rexburg along the Archer Highway, has shaded picnic and camping facilities in a woodland setting. Information on many locally owned RV parks is available at the Chamber Office.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Available in Rexburg are Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Senior Citizen, Pink Ladies, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Sons of Utah Pioneers and other civic clubs.

IDAHO CENTENNIAL CAROUSEL: This 1926 Spillman Engineering Carousel was renovated in 1990 to commemorate Idaho's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It has 12 newly carved horses and 26 repaired horses along with repaired chariots. Music is by Stinson Band Organ Company in Ohio. The organ runs on a paper roll, providing the old-fashioned original sounds. It is one of approximately 170 antique wooden carousels still existing in the United States. The carousel is housed in a new building at Porter Park.

**IDAHO INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Rexburg is the home of the Idaho International Dance and Music Festival. Each year, during the last week in July and the first week in August, dance teams from all over the world come to Rexburg. This festival is internationally acclaimed and is known as one of the finest dance and music festivals in the world.

**MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:** Home of the annual Whoopee Days and Madison County Fair with display buildings, arena, chutes and a new grandstand.

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Skateboarding at Clair Boyle Skate Park, snowmobiling, swimming, water slide, bicycling, hiking, walking, camping, golfing, tennis, and racquetball are just a few of the many activities available in Rexburg. A wide selection of fishing streams and lakes are within easy access.

**REXBURG:** Rexburg has many fine physicians, dentists, and a full-service hospital available. This, coupled with a variety of grocery, fast food, restaurant, gas stations, pharmacy and department stores, helps to meet any need that residents and visitors of Rexburg may have.

**REXBURG NATURE PARK:** The Nature Park is a 15-acre park located near the fairgrounds on the west side of Rexburg. The park was created to provide an area for joggers and cyclists to exercise. Fishing ponds area available for everyone, one pond has been designated for children under 12 years of age, with special attention to the needs of handicapped individuals.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Smith Park—Tennis courts, baseball diamonds, locomotive, gazebo and children's play area, picnic tables, barbecue area. Porter Park – Tennis courts, baseball diamonds, carousel, waterslide, sand volleyball, covered picnic areas.

**BYU-IDAHO:** Brigham Young University-Idaho, accommodates approximately 13,500 students per year. The university has an indoor and outdoor walking/jogging track, beautiful gardens, arboretum, large library and several fine arts theaters. BYU-Idaho is open to the public.

**SUNBIRD PROGRAM:** Rexburg has the privilege of hosting approximately 1,800 Sunbirds (retired Seniors from the hot southern states) each year. The Sunbirds are invited to participate in the University Continuing Education Program, use the University Resource Library and their recreational facilities.

**TETON DAM FLOOD MUSEUM:** Come visit the museum to find out more about the history of Rexburg. Many historical and educational displays.

**YELLOWSTONE BEAR WORLD:** See bears and other animals roaming in a natural habitat. Drive through THEIR world for close-up encounters with these delightful, fun filled animals.

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO NEAR REXBURG

**BIG SPRINGS:** This is where the Henry's Fork of the Snake River rises to the surface. The springs are full of trout... but for looking only. Located about 65 miles north of Rexburg (5 miles east of Mack's Inn).

**CAVE FALLS / BECHLER MEADOWS:** The southwestern corner of Yellowstone can only be accessed through Idaho, via east of Ashton. The scenic, 28-mile drive leads to Cave Falls on the Fall River.

**CIVIL DEFENSE CAVES:** Located about 30 miles northwest of Rexburg, look for the sign a few miles past the sand dunes.

**CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT:** This strange land was created, not by meteors, but by volcanoes and flowing lava. The desolate land is only 100 miles southwest of Rexburg. Visions of the moon only 1½ hours from Rexburg.

**GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK:** 100 miles east of Rexburg, the towering Tetons with Jenny Lake nestled beneath are one of the most magnificent sights in North America. Visit Teton Village and Jackson Lake and return over the fantastic mountain pass to Rexburg within 90 minutes.

**HARRIMAN STATE PARK:** Known as the "Railroad Ranch", the Park and surrounding Targhee National Forest comprise a 16,000-acre wildlife refuge. Located 18 miles north of Ashton, fishing is allowed and tours are offered.

**HENRY'S LAKE:** A shallow lake known for producing big trout catches. Henry's Lake is surrounded by lush meadowland and the towering Sawtooth Mountain Range. Located 60 miles northeast of Rexburg.

**HOT SPRINGS:** Hot springs are operated commercially year round. One is at Green Canyon east of Rexburg off Highway 33; the other is 20 miles southeast of Rexburg at Heise and is reached via the Archer Highway.

**IDAHO FALLS LDS TEMPLE:** The Temple itself is closed to the public, but there are guided tours of the grounds, located right by the falls...and visitors are welcome. Visitor's center is located on the grounds.

**ISLAND PARK RESERVOIR:** This lake, formed from the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, is home of the infamous Island Park Rodeo...July 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a beautiful lake surrounded by lodgepole pines, with fantastic fishing, located 60 miles north of Rexburg.

**JACKSON WYOMING:** Located only 90 miles east of Rexburg, Jackson is the southern entrance to the Grand Teton National Park and a summer retreat for artists, artisans and actors. Visit the national elk refuge, go on a float trip, visit the ski resort, or ride the tram, winter or summertime, to over 10,000 feet.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY RECREATION LAKE:** This Lake is located south of Rexburg off U.S. Highway 20. The man-made lake offers swimming, boating, picnic spots and a softball field.

**JOHNNY SACK CABIN:** 65 miles north of Rexburg at Big Springs, this famous cabin is on the National Register of Historic Places. It has a visitor center and is open for tours during the summer.

**LAVA HOT SPRINGS: Soda Springs:** Located 100 miles south of Rexburg on the Portneuf River, these springs contain more minerals than any other hot springs in North America. The 22 minerals in the baths at the resort are claimed to have medicinal powers.

**MESA FALLS SCENIC BYWAY:** Highway 47 east of Ashton as been designated a scenic route. The highlights are Upper and Lower Mesa Falls, where the Henry's Fork of the Snake River plunges through a deep, rocky canyon over 114' and 65' drops. The upper falls can be reached via a well-maintained road. The lower calls are accessible via a trail only. Located about 35 miles north of Rexburg. Excellent viewing area from the Upper Falls.

**MOUNT SAWTELLE:** The top (9,902 feet) is accessible by car during the summer, affording a spectacular view of three states and Yellowstone National Park. Wildflowers are abundant on Sawtelle.

**SAND CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND RESORT:** Located 17 miles north of St. Anthony at the end of the Sand Creek Road, the Wildlife Management Area offers a close-up view of sand hills, cranes, swans and an occasional moose and deer. Campgrounds are available, excellent fishing.

**SKI RESORTS:** Grand Targhee Ski Resort and Kelly Canyon Ski Resort: At most, one hour from Rexburg. Needless to say, skiing is a popular sport in this area. In the summertime, just visiting the resorts and riding the lifts to the tops of the peaks can be exhilarating.

**ST. ANTHONY'S SAND DUNES:** Located just 15 miles north of Rexburg is Idaho's miniature Sahara, one-to-five miles wide and 35 miles long. The sand dunes are 10 to 100 feet high and are particularly beautiful when the sun sets over them.

**SUN VALLEY-KETCHUM:** One of America's foremost ski resorts, Sun Valley takes on a whole new dimension in the summertime with ice skating, golf, swimming, horseback riding,

and tennis...not to mention Sun Valley Village. Located 150 miles west of Idaho Falls, about 3½ hours from Rexburg.

**TETON DAM SITE:** Site of Teton Dam can be reached 15 miles northeast of Rexburg on Highway 33. The paved road is marked and informational signs tell the story of the 1976 Teton Dam flood.

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK:** The first of the national parks, Yellowstone was discovered and explored in 1808 by John Colter, formerly of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Only a few of the spectacular attractions are: Old Faithful, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Devil's Grotto, Yellowstone Lake, and Mammoth Hot Springs. The park's west entrance, West Yellowstone, is a frontier town located 75 miles north of Rexburg...just over one hour away.