

**WINTER WONDERLAND.  
WINTER MAGIC.**

# A WINTER WEEKEND IN CALDWELL

**Remember how magical winter used  
to be when you were a kid?**

That warm fuzzy feeling as you walked underneath the glow of Christmas lights or when the first snowflakes began to fall. That giddiness and excitement as you raced across the ice skating rink. That taste of a warm meal by the fire after a day out in the cold...

In Caldwell, you can still experience all of this and more. Take a quick weekend winter getaway and escape to the Snake River Valley for some classic winter fun.



# FRIDAY



## DOWNTOWN CALDWELL

5:00  
PM

As you drive into Downtown Caldwell, you'll find the historic town painted in a colorful glow. Along six blocks of the city's downtown Indian Creek Park, you'll find over a million LED Christmas lights. Bridges are turned into colorful tunnels of light. Glittering displays of penguins, trains and vineyards glow along the banks of Indian Creek. Take some time to explore the creek, you never know what you will find in this one-of-a-kind Winter Wonderland.

At the center of it all is Indian Creek Plaza, the heart of Caldwell's laid-back food and entertainment scene. Here, you'll find a huge outdoor ice ribbon filled with families and couples ice skating under the lights. With a few bucks, you can rent some skates and join in.

Skate underneath the glowing lights as you glide through the bustling city square. Feel the winter wind in your hair. It's ok to let yourself feel like a little kid again.

## INDIAN CREEK STEAKHOUSE

7:00  
PM

When your hands start to feel cold, head into Indian Creek Steakhouse for a hearty meal. The local steaks are grilled over the fire to perfection, with charred grill marks and marbled meat so tender it practically melts in your mouth. The mashed potatoes are silky, creamy and made from Idaho-grown potatoes.

The homey atmosphere here is sure to warm you up. On a Friday night, you're bound to hear some classic country sing-alongs from local bands. Don't be surprised if you find people swing dancing on the dance floor — kick up your boots and join in!



## LODGING

10:00  
PM

Head back to a cozy bed & breakfast that feels like home. Located right on the edge of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge just 10 minutes outside Caldwell, The Ranch is a spacious country home that can sleep up to 16 people and overlooks the waters of Lake Lowell. The home has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, a large dining room and pool room, all decorated in rustic farmhouse decor.

For a more luxurious stay, book a weekend at Roost. Housed in an iconic bright red barn and surrounded by fields and farms, this newly renovated guesthouse is a stylish getaway tucked into the countryside just north of Caldwell.

# SATURDAY



## LOCAL SHOPS



After a lazy Saturday morning watching the snow fall, drive back into town to hit up the local shops in Caldwell. The streets are filled with boutiques, antique shops, bookstores and more.

**Flying M** Fuel up for your day with 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.

**Rediscovered Books** A local bookstore at its best. Browse the shelves of handpicked new and used books, and you'll quickly realize just how much of a passion the owners have for reading.

**Idaho Soap Company** Find a quirky gift for someone you love, from handmade soaps to locally-made jewelry and more.

**Fireside Mallow** Get everything you need to make gourmet smores. This locally-owned shop is filled with marshmallows with crazy flavors — from peppermint to piña colada and more.

**Bella Blue** Put together your new favorite outfit. This boutique features casual clothes with a distinctly Idahoan style and colors inspired by Idaho landscapes.

**Idaho's Cowboy Supply** Embrace your inner cowboy or cowgirl with authentic Western clothing. This store is stocked with classic boots, belts, hats, jackets and more.



## FIRE & ICE POTTERY



Head to the Fire & Ice Pottery Studio at Indian Creek Plaza. Tap into your inner artist and paint some ceramic pottery. You can make a dragon come to life, personalize your own coffee mug, create a timeless Christmas ornament and so much more.

You're not just creating something beautiful here — you're creating memories too.



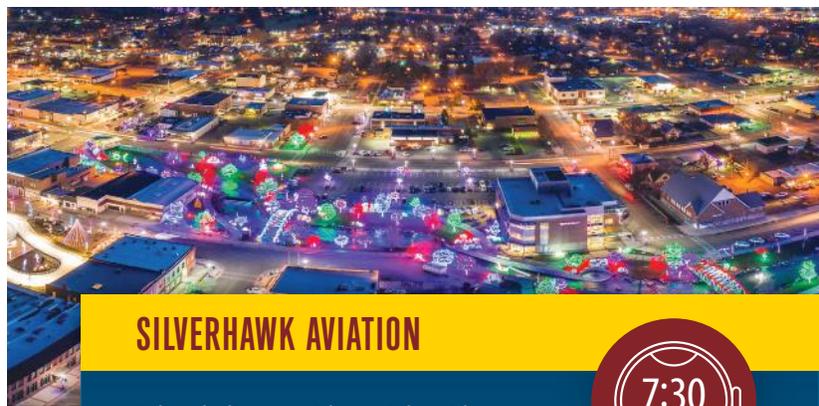
## THE GRIT



Walk over to The Grit for a hearty meal. Housed in a historic brick building in Downtown Caldwell, this restaurant makes each of their dishes from scratch and smokes their meat in-house.

Chef Faucher describes his food as "a little bit classy, with a touch of grit." From souped-up burgers to salmon tacos and poutine, the menu is a melting pot of traditional American cooking and bold new flavors.

Not sure what to order? Try the 2C burger. Topped with extra bacon, crispy onions, black pepper sauce and blue cheese, this mouthwatering creation is definitely a local favorite. For dessert, order the empanadas — filled with a seasonal fruit and served with vanilla ice cream and a special dipping sauce.



## SILVERHAWK AVIATION



Take a helicopter ride at night with Silverhawk Aviation. From a couple hundred feet above the ground, you'll be able to see downtown Caldwell all aglow with holiday lights. During the ride, you'll see the landscape in a whole new way. It's simply stunning from up here.

# SUNDAY



## BRUNCH & WINE



On your way out of town, stop at **Amano** for a Mexican-inspired brunch. Every meal here is handmade from scratch. (In fact, Amano means “by hand” in Spanish!) Order a stack of the chef’s special french toast, or try any of the other holiday dishes infused with flavors from Mexico.

After getting your fill, drive along the Sunnyslope Wine Trail to some of Idaho’s best award-winning wineries. During the winter, the fast-paced “get-it-done” attitude of the valley changes. You can sit back, relax and chat with the winemakers.

**Koenig** The winemakers here chase perfection when it comes to wine. Inspired by centuries-old winemaking traditions, Koenig’s winemakers locally source their grapes from sustainable vineyards in the region.

**Hat Ranch** Taste award winning Chardonnay, Petit Verdot, and Moscato from Wine Press Northwest’s 2019 Idaho Winery of the Year.

**Williamson Orchards & Vineyards** Combining “new world” technology with “old world” tradition, Williamson is known for making rich wines with notes of fruit and oak. Their sunny tasting room has the feel of a rustic farmhouse.

**Leaving Caldwell, you’ll feel rested, recharged and ready for whatever the winter brings. Sometimes, it just takes getting back to the simple life to remember how magical this season can be.**

## About Destination Caldwell

Destination Caldwell is a grassroots team of local citizens, downtown property owners, and business leaders seeking to create better opportunities to live, work and play. Together, we’re growing our economic base and vitality of the city to attract and retain business and residents. Since our founding in 2013, Destination Caldwell projects have attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors and generated millions of dollars in economic impact.



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