



Caldwell

• THE HISTORY BUFF •

9 AM

Head to [The Java Station](#) for your morning cup of joe and a fresh-made pastry (we highly recommend the banana bread). This is a place meant for lounging, so grab a paper and hang out with the locals.

10 AM

You're close by already, so be sure to pass by the [Caldwell Train Depot](#) located at 7th and Main in the heart of Downtown. Originally built in 1906 to serve local customers, this Union Pacific Depot played an important part in the development of downtown and has been fully restored.

10:30 AM

Enjoy a self-guided tour through historical Caldwell, stopping at 15 notable structures. From residences to churches, these buildings tell the story of Caldwell. Print off your free brochure [here](#).

12:30 PM

Head over to the [College of Idaho](#), the state's oldest private liberal arts college, for lunch at Café Bon Appetit. The café, a buffet open to the public, and its corresponding catering company, are run and staffed by students and their food is fresh, sustainable and local. As their name says, bon appetit!

1:30 PM

After lunch walk around one or two of the College's many museums. On weekdays, you've got your choice of the [Rosenthal Gallery of Art](#) or the Glen L. and Ruth Evans Gem and Mineral Collection. If it's a Friday, head to the [Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History](#)—it is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region.

3:30 PM

Hop one town over to Nampa to check out the incredible [Warhawk Air Museum](#) (open Tuesday through Sunday), an organization that represents the American experience of World War I, World War II, and the Cold War Era including the Korean War and Vietnam War. With a big focus on the war at home, and featuring authentic aircrafts, this is one spot any history buff must check off their list!

5:30 PM

Head back over to Caldwell and get your cowboy on; [Indian Creek Steakhouse](#) is your next stop on the Caldwell hit list. You can saddle up—literally—to the bar for an Idaho microbrew or hand-crafted cocktail, and then grab a table and order your cut of choice. Don't forget the Idaho potato!

7:30 PM

It's believed that some of the first Pacific Northwest grape vines were planted in Idaho (1864 to be exact), and Caldwell sits right in the center of this (delicious) tradition. Head over to [The Orchard House](#) in the Sunnyslope Region of town to try their delicious homemade pear pie and a glass or two of award-winning wines made right outside the door.