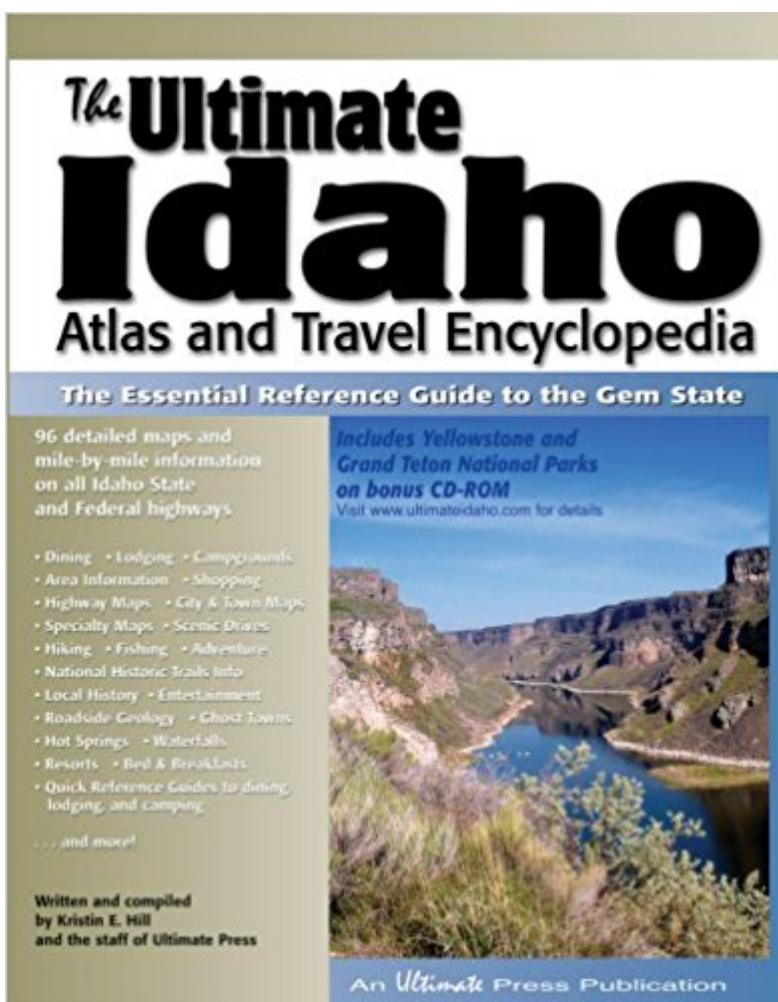


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# The Ultimate Idaho Atlas And Travel Encyclopedia: The Essential Reference Guide To The Gem State (Ultimate Guide Books)



## **Synopsis**

The most complete guide to the Gem State in print. 96 maps, 53 maps of towns and cities, over 1,600 restaurants, over 430 motels, every public and private campground, over 160 guest ranches and resorts, over 80 bed and breakfasts, vacation homes and cabins, over 180 outfitters and guides, airports, hundreds of fisheries, 107 public and private golf courses, 100s of museums and historical sites, 55 hot springs, hikes, over 50 scenic drives and side trips, more than 80 ghost towns, downhill and cross country ski areas, hundreds of attractions, 1,000s of photographs, weather information for over 50 locations, information on every city and town, 1,000s of things to do, 1,000s of addresses and phone numbers. Includes free photo CD-ROM of 100s of screensaver sized photos plus Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

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This is the dumbest travel book I've ever seen. It is basically a list of towns with a couple sentences about them. Then for larger towns you get a couple sentences about various attractions. And weird things, like one of the biggest sections (in a really cool town by the way) is a picture of a real estate agency with two paragraph about how great they are. There's barely any pictures in this book, that's how they chose to use one? Did this agency pay for this ad?) In some towns there are restaurants listed. Basically a 2 line listing of every restaurant in town. Absolutely no review or recommendations, or even descriptions to make you know where to go. Just name, address, what kind of food, and approximate price range. The list of campgrounds and hotels is no better. Basically

a list like you would see in a phone book, with a few things like number of rooms and amenities. No descriptions or recommendations. Peppered throughout the book are sidebars with history lessons or tips, but which don't really tie into anything you're reading, so I couldn't even follow it. In fact, the organization of the whole book is lousy. There is no organization that you can follow, such as following an interstate, or by areas. I can't really describe how regular travel books are written, but I can say that I've never had a problem following one before! Honestly unless you want to read a dictionary-like listing of things, I can't figure out how anybody would buy this useless book. All I can imagine is you would use your other guidebook to figure out where to go, then look that place up in this book to see if has anything to add. But what would you find? The information is so thin I doubt you've find anything else useful. I really tried to be fair. For example, I read that at the end of each section is a list of hikes. So I tried that out, but they're all lumped together, no map to give you an idea where they are compared to where you are, as if the authors forgot you are TRAVELING. Maybe at the end of the day this is a book for locals and I misunderstood it's purpose. Save your money. If you're looking for a regular travel book, one that has descriptions and tells you what is cool about an area and why you want to go certain places, then STAY AWAY from this book.

You will be better served to buy a road map. Black and white with lots of facts and figures. Nothing in color other than the cover and no commentary about what a newcomer can look forward to. Don't waste your money.

I was a new resident to Idaho and this book helped me get familiar with this great state. It's like a welcome manual for newbies. Highly recommend even if you're a native Idahoan....

very fast and accurate - thanks

I recently returned from a motorcycle trip that included Idaho and wish I would have had this awesome book before I left. It would have been a wonderful guide for touring this beautiful state. Speaking of beautiful, the word also describes much of the photography in this book. No matter where your interests lie, The Ultimate Idaho Atlas and Travel Encyclopedia can help you locate it. While many travel books read like an encyclopedia, this one does not. The style used by the author in this book has a way of grabbing and keeping your interest. Her sense of humor becomes apparent in many of the sidebar articles that provide a perspective of Idaho's landscape and people from the past and present. If Idaho was for sale, this book could get it sold!

We were considering a trip through Yellowstone and Idaho when our family gave this book to us. We are definitely going to both and can hardly wait! The book is written very well. The author manages to illustrate Idaho's rich history and must-see stops in such a way that it does not read like a typical, dull atlas or encyclopedia. The Ultimate Idaho Atlas and Travel Encyclopedia is enjoyable to read and easy to navigate. We highly recommend this book!

This book is well written and organized clearly. Is has been invaluable in planning our trip to Idaho this summer.

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