

Idaho

2012 State Report



Idaho's state tree is the Western White Pine.

Idaho State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members
in Idaho: **7,152**



TREE CITY USA® Program in Idaho:

Tree City USA Communities: **71**
Total population served: **926,492**

Largest Tree City USA in Idaho:
Boise, population 205,314

Smallest Tree City USA in Idaho:
Menan, population 102

Tree Line USA Utilities: **1**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **0**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **0**

**Idaho celebrates Arbor Day
on the last Friday in April.**

Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.



Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at natureexplore.org). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Idaho, please visit natureexplore.org/classrooms.

Idaho Members Plant 76,834 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 7,152 Idaho members helped plant more than 76,834 trees across the state last year.

Tom Flint, a loyal member from Harrison, Idaho has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1991. Tom shared with us a photo of his twelve-year-old Butternut tree. With wonderful, dedicated members like Tom, Idaho will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

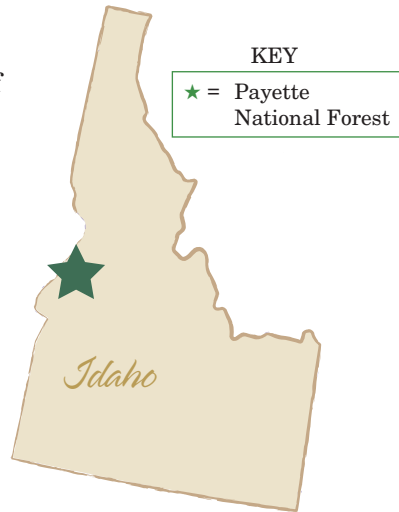


Tom's 12-year-old Butternut tree.

Payette National Forest

The Payette National Forest provides habitat for approximately 300 species of mammals and birds including rare species like the bald eagle, boreal owl, whiteheaded woodpecker and is the most important remaining summer habitat for Chinook salmon in the Columbia River basin. Rivers and streams on the forest provide high-quality water for fish habitat, recreation, irrigation, and domestic drinking water for many communities.

Need for replanting the Payette was due to lightning-caused fires. So as part of the project 79,000 ponderosa pine and Douglasfir trees were planted. Conditions in the area are ideal for maintaining a healthy new ecosystem for the new seedlings and one that will be more resilient to natural disturbances in the future.



Idaho Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Idaho because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Idaho Department of Lands. Idaho boasts 71 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Idaho Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$4,696,649 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 900,000 Idaho residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Idaho's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.

Tree Campus USA

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but it instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at arborday.org/treecampususa.

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