

USA 29. MAY – 11. JUNE



Day 9, June 7, we should run through [Yellowstone National Park](#) and [Grand Teton National Park](#). We first drive along [Madison River](#) that flow west and north and eventually into Mississippi River.



We saw many herds of [bison](#).



Many in the group photographed the herd.



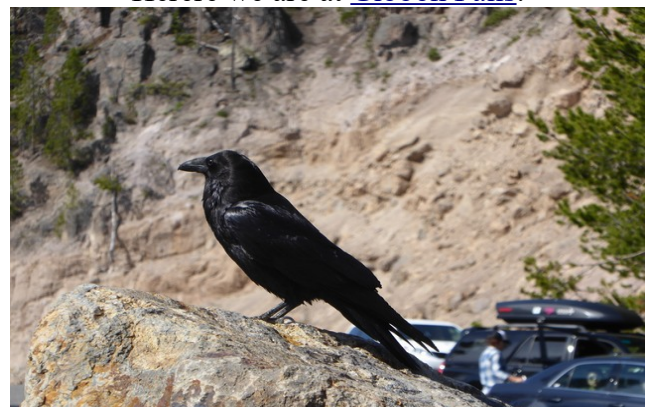
We drove for a time along [Gibbon River](#).



Here we are at [Gibbon Falls](#).



There were many ravens here.





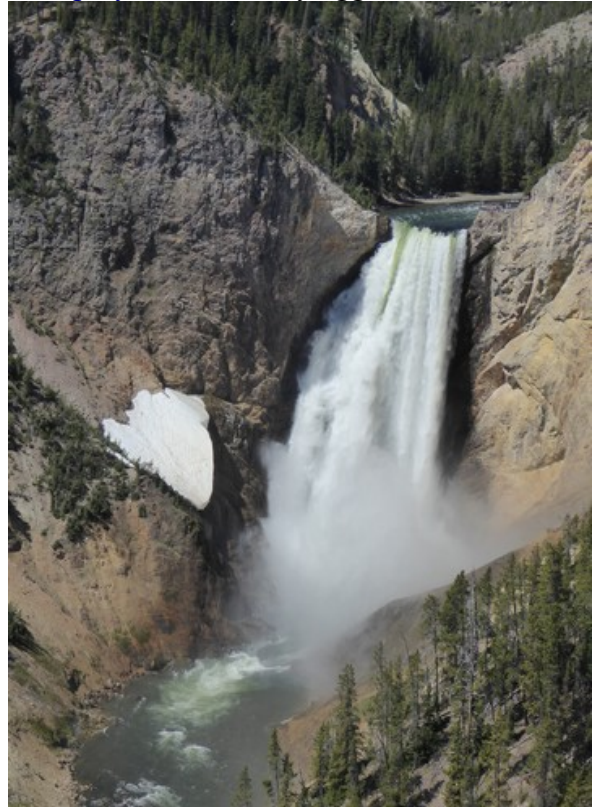
Driving past [Norris Geysir](#).



There are a lot of bears here, so it is possible to rent [bear spray](#) to scare away aggressive bears.



The next stop is at [Yellowstone Lower Falls](#). This is the waterfall that has the greatest amount of water throughout the Rocky Mountains. It is 94m high or twice as high as Niagara Falls.



Here we look further down the ravine.



We saw a nest that lay on top of some cliffs. It's an [osprey](#) that lives there. We can glimpse it at the center of the nest.



Then we drove further up along the Yellowstone River.



This is [Mud Vulcano](#).



There are several acidic springs here.



Gases coming out contains both iron sulfide and hydrogen sulfide. It smells rotten eggs.



The temperature in the water is nearly 90°C.





On the road again, we saw more bison.



Another toilet stop.



Just south of Yellowstone, there is another national park, [Grand Teton National Park](#).



We made a stop at [Jenny Lake](#) at Jenny Lake Overlook. Farthest away we see the mountain [Mt. Moran](#).



The mountain to the left is [Grand Teton](#).



These mountain tops are named [Storm Point](#), [Mt St John](#) and [Rockchuck Peak](#).



We saw a falcon hunting for prey.

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Next stop was in [Jackson](#), Where we were going to stay at [Hampton Inn](#). It is in the outskirts of the town.



We ate at a Mexican restaurant a short distance from the hotel. Simple and worn out place but the food was good.



The restaurant is called [Pica's](#).



The next day, day 10 the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, we drove to Salt Lake City. Here we made a brief stop in [Afton](#), which is the largest city in [Star Valley](#). Therefore the star in the mountainside.



We stopped at this gas station.



The door to the toilets.



Here we see across the main street. We see the arch that spans the street. It is made of deer horn and is the largest of its kind.



A close-up.

# Idaho

**Hovedstad:** Boise

**Største by:** Boise

**Areal:** 216 445,51 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 14

**Befolkning:** 1 567 582

**Tetthet:** 7,24 innb./km<sup>2</sup>

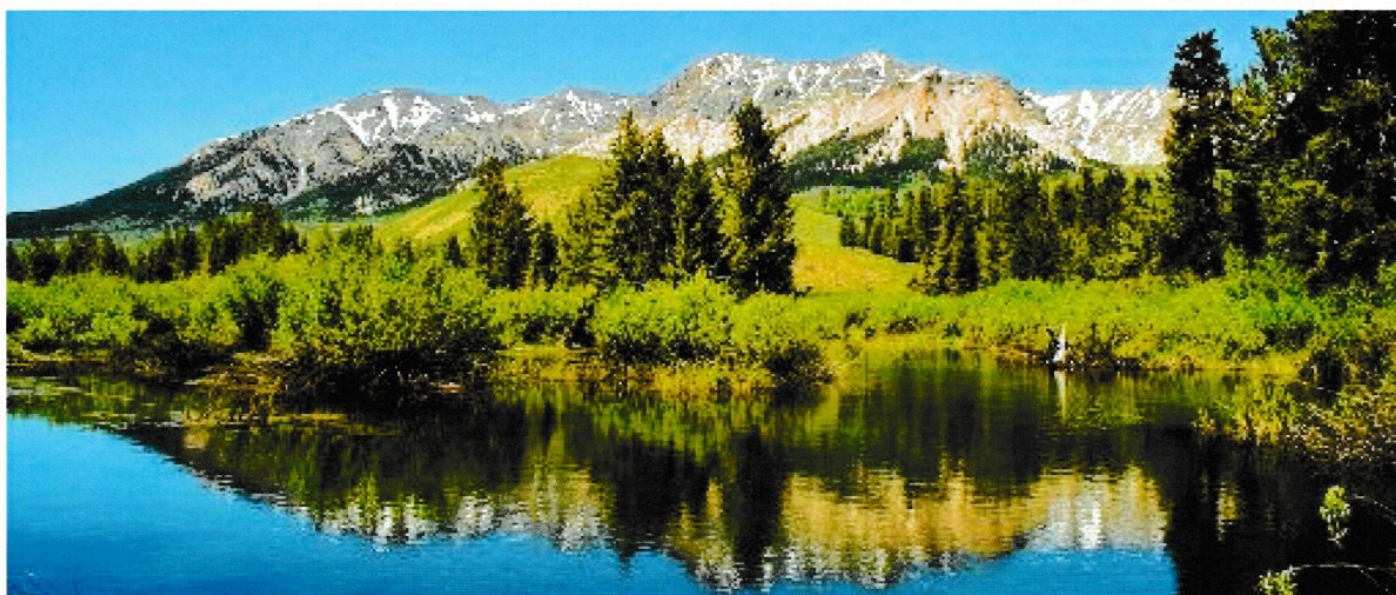
**Kallenavn:** The Gem State

**Tidssone:** UTC -8/-7

**Innlemmet:** 1890, nr 43

**Kjent for:** Rocky Mountains, Soshone falls

**Forkortelse:** ID



En av verdens vakreste fossefall finnes i Idaho; Soshone Falls. Staten var opprinnelig en gruvestat, men har i de senere årene blitt mer enn bonde- og turismestat. De senere årene har også høyteknologibedrifter startet opp i staten. Ski, fiske, rafting og naturopplevelser er det som drar turister til staten. Viktigste produkt er poteter (Idaho er den største produsent i USA, og er også kjent som «potetstaten»). Det dyrkes også hvete, sukkerbeter, alfalfa, havre, bygg, epler m.m.



 Solgruppen  amerikabussen

Kilde: Wikipedia

After we had been in Afton, we drove a short distance to a new state, [Idaho](#).

# Utah

**Hovedstad:** Salt Lake City

**Største by:** Salt Lake City

**Areal:** 219 886, 96 km<sup>2</sup>, nr 13

**Befolkning:** 2 763 885

**Tetthet:** 12,57 innb./km<sup>2</sup>

**Kallenavn:** The Beehive State

**Tidssone:** UTC -7/-6

**Innlemmet:** 1896, nr 45

**Kjent for:** Monument valley, Arches National Park

**Forkortelse:** UT



Utah har et tørt, kontinentalt klima. Salt Lake City har 21 °C middeltemperatur i juli, -2 °C i januar og 400 mm nedbør årlig. Viktigste kirkesamfunn er mormonerne, som omfatter 62 % av befolkningen. Utah har store mineralressurser, og er verdens ledende produsent av beryllium. Utvinning av gull, sølv, kobber, bly og molybden er også betydelig.



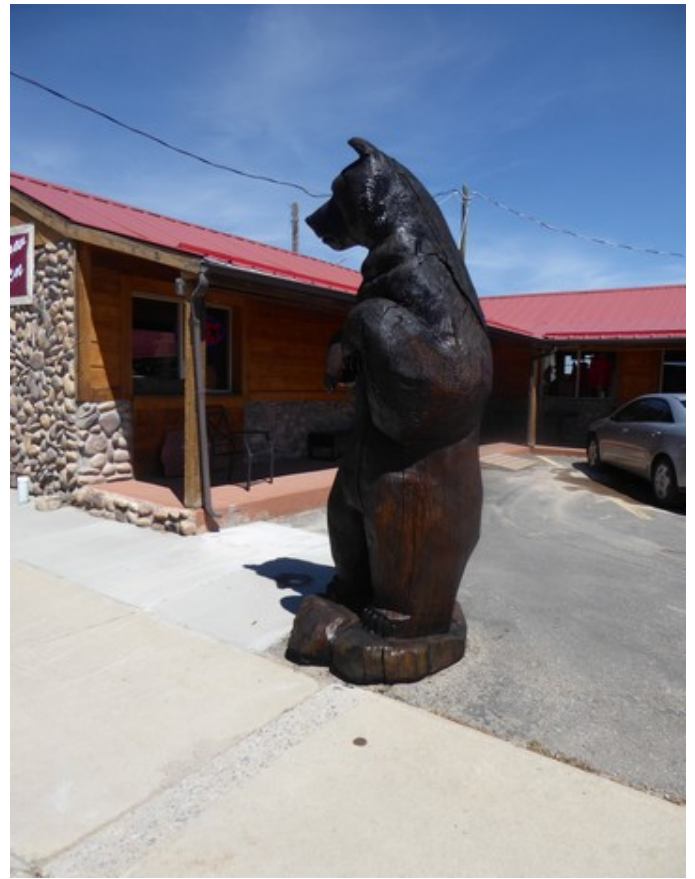
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Then we ran into [Utah](#).



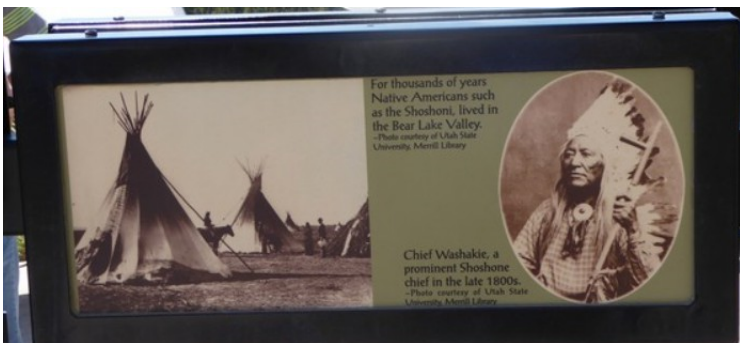
This is a copy of a statue, [The Mountain Man](#), which is made of the artist [Frederic Remington](#). It is placed in Afton



On a short stop in [Garden City](#) I took a picture of this bear statue. The town lies at [Bear Lake](#).



On the heights we stopped at lookout to take pictures. Bear Lake seen from afar.



At the lookout was installed many enlightenment posters, including this which says that there lived [Shoshone Indians](#) in this area.



The bus was waiting for us while we took pictures.





We stopped in Logan for lunch at this restaurant called [Chuck-A-Rama](#). The lunch was buffet.



Rich variety of food, both hot and cold.



We ate here.



Outside stood a covered wagon.



Here we got a glimpse of [Great Salt Lake](#).



In [Salt Lake City](#) we visited the [Mormons](#) to look at among others the [Tabernacle](#). Here we are received by the leaders of the organization.



When we entered the area we looked right onto [The Assembly Hall](#). It was completed in 1882 and used among other things to concerts.



This is the [Temple](#). It was finished in 1893 and is the largest of the Mormon temples. It has a surface area of 4 Ha.



There are many statues on the site. This is a monument to honor the [pioneers](#), who came here with their belongings in handcarts only because they could not afford wagons.



[The Seagull Monument](#) will remind of a time when the gulls kept grain crops from being eaten by locusts.



A statue of the restoration of priesthood of [Aron](#).



A statue of the restoration of priesthood of [Melchizedek](#).



This is inside the visitors' center. The Mormon guide tells about the Mormons. She stands next to the statue of [Brigham Young](#) who was an important person during the formation of the Mormon community and of Utah.



Wagon that initially was to transport stone from the quarry to the construction of buildings on [The Temple Square](#). Later there was built a railway for transporting the stone.



In the visitor's center is a model of the temple.



This shows how it looks inside.



Information poster.



Then we are moving on to the [Tabernacle](#).



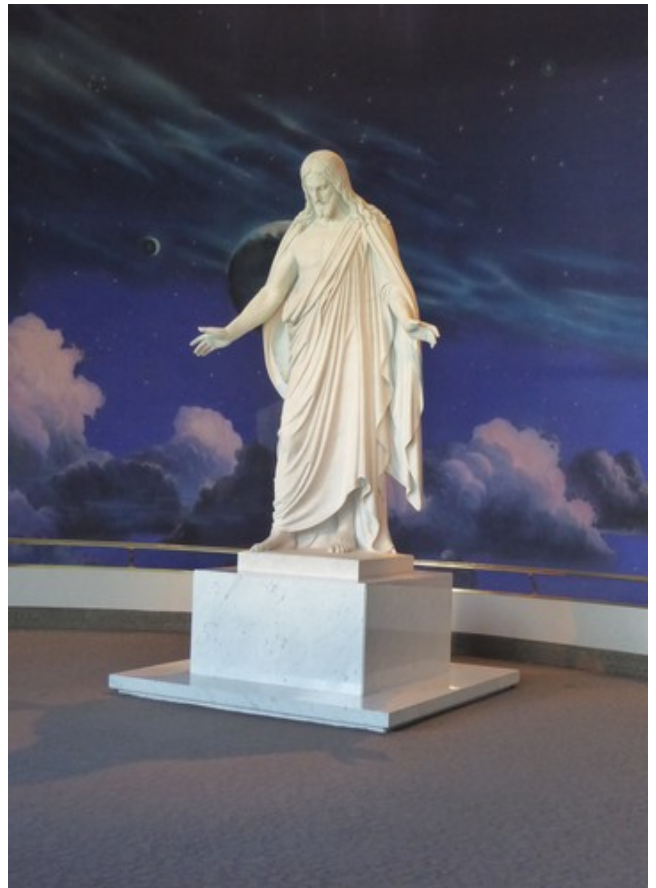
Inside the tabernacle.



The guides are in the middle of the tabernacle to demonstrate the acoustics. [Video](#) [Video](#)



The front of the temple.



Inside The Assembly Hall is this Christ-figure.



One of the fonts.



This day there was a Norwegian who spoke about [John A. Witzøe](#) who came from [Frøya](#) in [Sør Trøndelag](#).



This is a model that will be a statue of Witsø. It shall be set up on Freya.



After this there was a check in at the hotel. It's called [Crystal Inn Hotel and Suites](#).



In the evening we had arranged to meet Hamdo and family. We ate at a restaurant called [Himalayan Kitchen](#).



Grandfather Hamdo with his grandson.



Here is I and Anne Berit.



Here are everybody.