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Today, people still flock to Ketchum and Sun Valley both to relax and to seek adventure. Sun Valley is home to one of the country's most famous ski resorts, and Ketchum is considered the gateway to the Sun Valley Resort and the Sawtooth Recreation Area. Ketchum is also located close to the natural wonders of Big Wood River and parts of the Boise, Challis and Sawtooth National forests, thus providing visitors with a multitude of opportunities for fishing, hiking and trail riding.

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Both Ketchum and nearby Sun Valley are located in Wood River Valley, a region which is home to the Sun Valley Ski Resort, the Sawtooth National Forest, and the river from which it gets its name, Big Wood River. Originally named Leadville, Ketchum was founded in 1880 and grew around the lead and silver mining operations located there.

Named after David Ketchum, a famous local fur trapper and guide, the city of Ketchum has held onto the wild west spirit David Ketchum embodied. Once a prosperous mining town, Ketchum shifted its economy to sheep ranching and shipping once its mining operations subsided in the 1890s because of the decline in the price of silver.

Sun Valley isn't just for the rich and famous. It is consistently ranked in the top 10 ski resorts in the West by SKI Magazine. Despite its popularity, there are never lift lines because of the resorts' high capacity lifts. In total, Sun Valley is home to 33 mountains summits and peaks. It's central peak is Bald Mountain, which has a base elevation of 5,750 feet and a summit elevation of 9,150 feet. Also popular is Dollar Mountain, which is considered by skiers to be one of the best mountains in the world on which to learn the sport. Perfect winter weather conditions plus the world's largest automated snowmaking system give Sun Valley a long ski season, and its mild summer temperatures create the opportunity for outdoor fun for the family all year long.

DO & SEE



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Aside from the abundant outdoor winter and summer activities available thanks to the Big Wood River, the Sawtooth and Charles National Forests and the Sun Valley ski resort. Ketchum and the Sun Valley region are full of activities for the whole family. A rich history and thriving art scene provide a multitude of cultural diversions.

Ketchum/Sun Valley Historical Society Ski & Heritage Museum



The Ketchum Sun Valley Historical Society has been expanding its collection of historical artifacts at its facilities located in Forest Service Park since the mid-1990s. Here, you can learn about the evolution of ski culture in Sun Valley from its beginnings.

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Address: 180 East First Street, Forest Service Park, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 8118
Internet: www.comlib.org/museum

Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve



Characterized by a pristine night sky untouched by light pollution, the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve is one of the best spots for stargazing. Once nighttime comes, you'll be able to look up and see the Milky Way, the Andromeda Galaxy and all our nearby planets. It also serves as a hiking, mountain biking and skiing location by day.

Photo: UPOC/Shutterstock.com
Address: Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, State Highway 75, Stanley
Internet: www.idahodarksky.org
Email: idahodarksky@gmail.com
More Info: Located near the Sawtooth National Forest.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts



Annually, over 40,000 people visit the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, which is dedicated to providing exhibits and education in the visual and performing arts to the region. In addition to its permanent exhibits, the center hosts theatrical and musical performances as well as lectures, classes, and workshops.

Photo: Sun Valley Center for the Arts(image cropped)
Address: 191 Fifth Street East, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Feb-Mar and Jul-Aug: Mon-Fri 9am–5pm, Sat 11am–5pm
Phone: +1 208 726 9491
Internet: www.sunvalleycenter.org

Sun Valley Summer Symphony



With over 100 musicians, the Sun Valley Summer Symphony is the largest privately-funded symphony in American performing free concerts. All concerts are held at the Sun Valley Pavillion located at the Sun Valley Resort.

Photo: Stokkete / Shutterstock.com
Address: 300 Dollar Road, Sun Valley, ID
Phone: +1 208 622 5607
Internet: www.svsummersymphony.org
Email: info@svsummersymphony.org

Sun Valley Heli Ski Headquarters



Sun Valley pioneered heli-skiing, where skiers are taken by helicopter to otherwise inaccessible ski spots high in the mountains.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com
Address: 215 Picabo Street, Unit 102, Warm Springs, ID
Phone: +1 208 622 3108
Internet: www.sunvalleyheliski.com

Company of Fools Theatre Company



Company of Fools has been producing plays in the Sun Valley area since the late 1990s. They have been recognized nationally as a distinguished part of the artistic community. Plays are performed at the Liberty Theatre in Hailey.

Photo: aerogondo2 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 110 North Main Street, Hailey, ID
Phone: +1 208 788 6520
Internet: www.sunvalleycenter.org/companyoffools/theatre

Fly Sun Valley



Fly Sun Valley offers you the opportunity to get a glimpse of the scenery from high in the air. No paragliding experience is necessary.

Photo: Stone36 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 160 West 4th Street, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 3332
Internet: www.flysunvalley.com
Email: info@flysunvalley.com

Ryan's Mountain Rentals



Ryan's rents Polaris RZR utility vehicles in addition to everything else you might need for an off-road adventure. Rentals are available for summer and winter activities.

Photo: Evgeny Govoov / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1267 South Main Street, Bellevue, ID
Phone: +1 208 928 6189
Internet: www.ryansmountainrentals.com
Email: ryansmountainrentals@yahoo.com

Sawtooth Wilderness Area



Hike some of the 350 miles of trails in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area, where you have access to the preserved natural beauty of mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes, meadows and wildlife.

Photo: Steve Lagreca / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, ID
Phone: +1 208 737 3200
Internet:
www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sawtooth/recarea/?recid=5969

Skiing and Snowboarding



With the Sun Valley Resort at its center, skiing has been a part of life in the area since the 1930s. Bald Mountain, the resort's main peak, is a favorite destination for skiers from all over the world.

Photo: IDAK / Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.sunvalley.com/things-to-do/skiing-riding

Sawtooth Botanical Garden



Enjoy one of the weekly wildflower walks in the summer or one of the many other activities, including classes for adults and children. The Botanical Gardens provide information on gardening and teach the larger ecological interrelationship of plants and animals in the region.

Photo: Lawrence Jackson / Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 Gimlet Road, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily sunrise to sunset
Phone: +1 208 726 9358
Internet: www.sbgarden.org

DINING



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It may not seem like the kind of place where epicures would feel right at home, but Sun Valley has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to culinary trends and innovation. Using local ingredients and sustainable practices was the norm in dining here for years, and the proprietors of the more than 100 restaurants in the area utilize the area's agricultural resources to create menus suited to every taste.

Wiseguy Pizza Pie



Wiseguy has three locations in Idaho–in Boise, Ketchum and Hailey. Their New York-style pizza is prepared using local ingredients. Also on the menu are subs, salads, and calzones.

Photo: Jag_cz / Shutterstock.com
Address: 406 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 0737
Internet: www.wiseguypizzapie.com
Email: wiseguypizza@gmail.com

Sushi on Second



Sushi on Second is the oldest sushi spot in Sun Valley, and, in addition to its beautifully prepared traditional sushi, they also prepare some creative rolls and non-sushi dishes. Their beverage selection is enviable, with a large selection of both hot and iced sake along with beers and wines.

Photo: funkyfrogstock / Shutterstock.com
Address: 260 Second Street, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 5181
Internet: www.sushionsecond.com
Email: info@sushionsecond.com

KB's



KB's, short for Ketchum Burritos, can satisfy your Mexican food craving without compromising your diet. This laid back healthy burrito spot is a favorite with locals.

Photo: 5PH / Shutterstock.com
Address: 206 N Main, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 928 6955
Internet: www.kbsunvalley.net

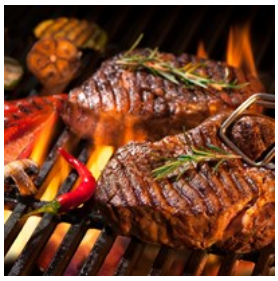
Cristina's Restaurant



The owner, Cristina Ceccatelli Cook, brings authentic Italian flavors from her childhood home in Tuscany to Sun Valley. Everyone loves her breakfast and lunch options as well as fresh-baked goods. She has even written a few cookbooks.

Photo: Subbotina Anna / Shutterstock.com
Address: 520 2nd Street East, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 4499
Internet: www.cristinasofsunvalley.com

The Grill at Knob Hill



This warm and romantic restaurant's chefs have designed a menu of American and European dishes that highlight the ingredients that are available locally. Chef Mark "Sparky" Anderson has been serving guests in restaurants in the Ketchum area for over two decades so he knows what brings people back time and time again.

Photo: Alexander Raths / Shutterstock.com
Address: 960 North Main Street, Kethcum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 8010
Internet: www.knobhillinn.com/restaurant.php

Perry's Restaurant



A refreshing dining option in Sun Valley, where you can find hearty, satisfying meals, sandwiches on fresh-baked bread, sweet and comforting desserts and have a glass of beer or wine all in one place. Breakfasts are made-from scratch, and include options like biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, oatmeal, and pancakes.

Photo: Vasily Kolganov / Shutterstock.com
Address: 131 West 4th Street, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 7703
Internet: www.perryssunvalley.com
Email: perrys@sunvalleynet.com

Despo's



Lovers of Mexican food will want to make room for Despo's. This local favorite has received accolades in Sun Valley's "Best of the Valley" competition because it uses only the finest ingredients to create its menu right down to the three salsas.

Photo: George Dolgikh / Shutterstock.com
Address: 211 Fourth Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 11am-11pm
Phone: +1 208 726 3068
Internet: www.despossv.com

CAFES



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Of course, there's a Starbucks. Aren't they everywhere these days? The big chains get some competition, though. There are some outstanding independent coffee shops and bakeries, each with something you won't find anywhere else.

Glow Juice Bar and Cafe



It's rare to find an exclusively-vegan restaurant, but Glow offers vegan drinks, soups, desserts and much more, utilizing organic, locally-grown products when possible. They even

have their own line of juices for your juice cleanse.

Photo: Maxim Khytra / Shutterstock.com
Address: 380 Washington Avenue, Suite 105, Ketchum
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Phone: +1 208 725 0314
Internet: www.glowlivefood.com
Email: mollypeppo@mac.com

Iconoclast Books



Iconoclast Books sells books and magazines like you would expect, but they also sell used rare and out of print books. Additionally, they have a cafe on site that serves local products where possible, and they host several events throughout the year.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva / Shutterstock.com
Address: 671 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm
Phone: +1 208 726 1564
Internet: www.iconoclastbooks.com

Bigwood Bread & Cafe



Bigwood Bread was producing organic products before it was trendy. Their bread and other baked goods are served in restaurants throughout the area. Stop in for breakfast or lunch.

Photo: Jordan Lye / Shutterstock.com
Address: 271 Northwood Way, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2:30pm
Phone: +1 208 726 2035
Internet: www.bigwoodbread.com
Email: info@bigwoodbread.com

Java On Fourth



This coffee house is inspired by California coffee shops. In addition to its unique beverages created from organic and fair trade coffees and teas, Java serves simple yet hearty breakfasts and lunches.

Photo: Jan Knop / Shutterstock.com
Address: 191 4th Street West, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-6pm, Sat-Sun 7am-6pm
Phone: +1 208 726 2882
Internet: www.javabowlofsoul.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Many of Ketchum's watering holes have been around for decades. This is because they are run by the friendliest people who are truly excited to see you when you walk through the door and who strive to make your visit with them memorable. Many restaurants have a daily happy hour throughout the week.

Grumpy's



Even though it has never had a phone since its inception in the late 1970s, Grumpy's has moved into the digital age and has a website,

Facebook page and Twitter account. It's a small, out-of-the-way place but worth a visit. With such great food and drinking companions, you may not want to leave once you find it.

Photo: Room 76 / Shutterstock.com
Address: 890 Warm Springs Road, Ketchum, ID
Internet: www.grumpyssunvalley.com

Whiskey Jacques'



A popular music venue in Ketchum, Whiskey Jacques provides additional entertainment in the form of televised sports. Of course, they do not rely on drawing guests solely through their amazing entertainment line-up. Their homemade pizzas are celebrated throughout the city.

Photo: PopTika / Shutterstock.com
Address: 251 North Main Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-2am
Phone: +1 208 726 5297
Internet: www.whiskeyjacques.com

Pioneer Saloon



The decor of Pioneer Saloon is only a minor detail in the authentic feel of this Old West-style saloon. The real draw is the fresh cuts of beef, which you can enjoy with the drink of your choice.

Photo: Eduard Gebel / Shutterstock.com
Address: 320 North Main Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-closing
Phone: +1 208 726 3139
Internet: www.pioneersaloon.com
Email: pioneersaloon@qwestoffice.net

Lefty's Bar & Grill



Lefty's famous fries are like none you have ever tried before. Inside and outside dining is available, and there is live music on the weekends.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: 231 6th Street East, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 2744
Internet: www.leftysbarandgrill.com

Sun Valley Brewing Co



Overseen by Brew Master Gordon Gammell since 1986, Sun Valley Brewing Company has received accolades for its unique suds. The cafe's menu has a variety of yummy options.

Photo: Lecic / Shutterstock.com
Address: 202 North Main Street, Hailey
Phone: +1 208 788 0805
Internet: www.sunvalleybrewery.com
Email: svb@sunvalleybrewery.com

Sawtooth Club



Unique fine dining in a warm, relaxing atmosphere. Many entrees at the Sawtooth Club are prepared over a mesquite wood fire.

Photo: Andrey Bayda / Shutterstock.com
Address: 231 North Main Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 4.30pm-closing
Phone: +1 208 726 5233
Internet: www.sawtoothclub.com

Sun Valley Wine Company



A wine shop and bar, the Sun Valley Wine Company also sells beers and serves a menu of appetizers and light dishes.

Photo: Delpixel / Shutterstock.com
Address: 360 Leadville Avenue, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 2442
Internet: www.sunvalleywineco.com

The Cellar Pub



The Cellar Pub has a full-service bar with an impressive selection of beers and wine. The kitchen serves a menu of simple, yet creative and delicious food until 9pm.

Photo: bogdanhoda / Shutterstock.com
Address: 400 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-2am
Phone: +1 208 622 3832
Internet: www.thecellarpub.com

SHOPPING



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Naturally, with some of the best fishing and skiing all around you, there are several sporting goods stores. Tucked away in between these are specialty and boutique shops that even Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills would love to have. During the summer, check out the local farmer's market to get a real taste of the local farms and crafts.

Wood River Farmers' Market



It doesn't stop with fresh and local vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs and cheeses. You can also purchase prepared foods and non-food products. Local artisans show up to sell their work.

Photo: Matej Kastelic / Shutterstock.com
Address: East Avenue and 4th Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Tue 2pm-6pm, June to October
Phone: +1 208 720 9929
Internet: www.wrfarmersmarket.org
Email: wrfarmersmarket@gmail.com

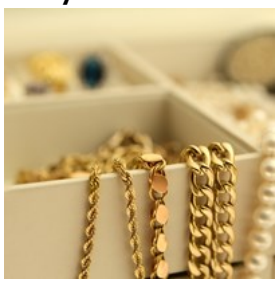
Atkinson's Market



Atkinson's is a local grocer to the Wood River Valley region and has three locations–one in Ketchum, Bellevue and Hailey. Their commitment to customer service is unparalleled. Delivery is available.

Photo: sunlover / Shutterstock.com
Address: Giacobbi Square, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Daily 7am - 9pm
Phone: +1 208 726 5668
Internet: www.atkinsons.com
Email: info@atkinsons.com

Barry Peterson Jewelers



For those who crave unique pieces of jewelry to add to their collections, Barry Peterson's Jewelers create a number of unique pieces and do custom work on site.

Photo: Jasmin Awad / Shutterstock.com
Address: 511 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-5pm
Phone: +1 208 726 5202
Internet: www.barrypeterson.com

Board Bin



Board Bin has a great selection of snowboards and skateboards. Buy or rent. They also have all of the gear you will need, including clothing and accessories from major brands like Vans, Roxy, and Skullcandy.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com
Address: 180 4th Street East, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 1222
Internet: www.boardbin.com
Email: boardbin@boardbin.com

Bellissimo



Don't let the fact that you are just visiting scare you away from shopping at Bellissimo, where they have a great selection of gifts and trinkets in addition to larger items for the home. Find trinkets like jewelry boxes, paperweights, and picture frames. You can also find glassware, dinnerware, and flatware to complete your table settings.

Photo: Helen Hotson / Shutterstock.com
Address: 351 Leadville Avenue, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 726 0702
Internet: www.shopatbellissimo.com

Gold Mine Thrift Store



It's called the Gold Mine because the deals are so great you'll feel like you've struck gold. The money spent here helps support the Wood River Valley community library.

Photo: Armin Staudt / Shutterstock.com
Address: 331 North Walnut Avenue, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
Phone: +1 208 726 3465

Sturtevant's



Rent or buy outdoor equipment for fishing, hiking, biking and skiing. Guides are available for a variety of outdoor activities.

Photo: S_Photo / Shutterstock.com
Address: 340 North Main Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Winter and Summer: 8am-7pm, Spring and Fall: 10am-6pm
Phone: +1 208 726 4501
Internet: www.sturtevants-sv.com

Formula Sports



Formula Sports sells and rents skis as well as other outdoor sporting activities such as cycling and running. They carry all of the big name brands like Nordica and Dalbello.

Photo: ENCIK KOPI O / Shutterstock.com
Address: 460 North Main Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Winter: 8am-6pm, Spring: 10am-6pm, Summer: 9am-6pm
Phone: +1 208 726 3194
Internet: www.formulasports.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Friedman Memorial Airport



Friedman Memorial Airport has non-stop flights to Seattle, Salt Lake City , Los Angeles and San Francisco. United Airlines, Alaska Airlines and Delta Airlines operate flights out of Friedman Memorial Airport. Transportation from the Airport will be via Taxi Shuttle, Hotel & Resort Courtesy Shuttles or via bus Mountain Rides or Sun Valley Express

Reliable taxi companies are: Airport Cab Company or Wood River Taxi. http://www.iflysun.com/services/ground-transportation-info.html The shuttle price to Ketchum will amount to approximately $30.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Friedman Memorial Airport
Phone: +1 208 788 4956
Internet: www.iflysun.com

Public Transport



Mountain Rides Transportation Authority operates bus routes and provides carpool and bike share programs to residents and visitors of the Sun Valley communities of Ketchum, Bellevue, Blaine County, Hailey and Sun Valley.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Address: 800 1st Avenue North, Ketchum, ID
Phone: +1 208 788 7433
Internet: www.mountainrides.org

Taxi



Wood River offers airport shuttle as well as taxi services in the Sun Valley region. Wood River Taxi
+1 208 788 8294
reservations@a0sunvalley.com
www.a0sunvalley.com

Sun Valley Limo & Taxi
+1 208 481 2119

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy

Chateau Drug



Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Giacobbi Square, 451 4th Street, Ketchum, ID
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 8am-6pm
Phone: +1 208-726-5696

Post

US Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 151 4th Street, Ketchum, ID

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 11am-2pm

Phone: +1 208 726 5161

Internet: www.usps.com

Time Zone



Ketchum is located in the Mountain Time Zone and all times are reflected in Mountain time.

Photo: Marek Polakovic

Telephone



Country code: +1 Area code: 208

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



Outlets generate a 110-volt current that uses two-prong plugs. Adapters can be purchased at major electronics and retail stores.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
2,689

Currency
$1 U.S. Dollar = 100 cents

Newspapers
Idaho Mountain Express
Ketchum Keystone
The Weekly Sun

Emergency numbers
911

Tourist information
Sun Valley/Ketchum Visitor Center
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Ketchum, Idaho
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