



COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK STUDENT PACKET

Founded in 1850, Weber County occupies a stretch of the Wasatch Front, part of the eastern shores of the Great Salt Lake, and much of the rugged Wasatch Mountains. There are many things to do and see in Weber County. Learn more by reading below!

FORT BUENAVENTURA STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Located in Ogden, Utah, was once a mountain man fort and the site of the first settlement in the Great Basin.



PINEVIEW RESERVOIR

Pineview Reservoir is at the mouth of Ogden Valley and is surrounded by beautiful trees and mountains. It is a great place for year-round water sports and camping.



GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER

This is a multi-use event center for rodeos, horse races, bike races, and more! It is also home to the Weber County Fair.



BEUS POND

This pond is a short walk from Weber State University. It has picnic areas, beautiful trails, a park, and wildlife (such as ducks and swans).



WEBER COUNTY ICE SHEET

Ice skating can be done all year long at this indoor arena. You can also watch hockey games during hockey season.



GEORGE S. ECCLES DINOSAUR PARK

This is the place to learn about Utah's past and the prehistoric creatures that used to roam here. The trails in this park are lined with growling, life-like dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes.



TREEHOUSE MUSEUM

This is a place for children to play, read, learn, and listen to stories.



OGDEN NATURE CENTER

This center is devoted to creating a natural habitat for wildlife. They provide education to children and families about the importance of preserving and appreciating the environment. They offer evening watches, summer camps, and ecology workshops.



OGDEN RIVER PARKWAY

This parkway is full of open fields, beautiful walkways, and picnic areas. At the center of this parkway is a lovely rose garden and botanical garden, bursting with unique plants and flowers.



UNION STATION

This historic train station was built in 1924. It houses many museums. Antique guns, cars, and trains are just a few of the treasures you'll find here.



SNOWBASIN RESORT

Snowbasin was the home of the 2002 Winter Olympics. They offer the kind of skiing and snowboarding that Utah is famous for. The lodges are beautifully decorated and the food is delicious.



HILL AEROSPACE MUSEUM

This museum is an exciting place to get up close to planes and jets that were actually flown during war times. Come see our nation's powerful aviation history.



PEERY'S EGYPTIAN THEATER

This historic theater turned 100 years old in 2024! It is designed to replicate the courtyard between two Egyptian temples and hosts live theater, dance, and instrumental performances.

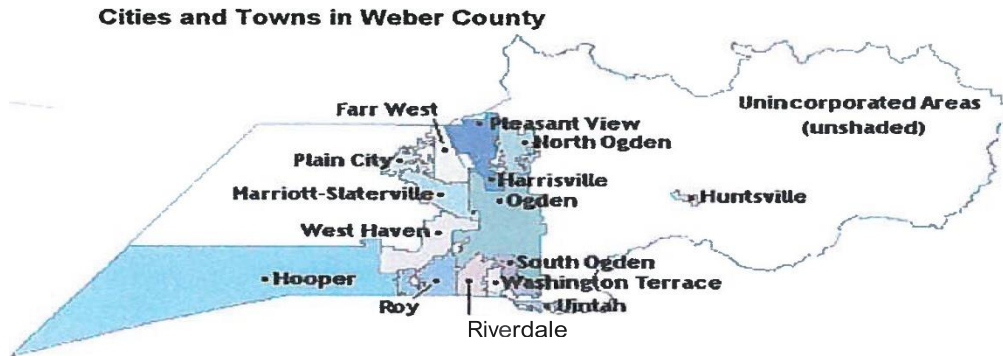


WEBER COUNTY ARCHERY PARK

Adults and children can learn how to shoot a bow and arrow and participate in competitions.



Map of Weber County



Area: 576 square miles

Population (2022): 269,561

County seat: Ogden

Economy:

Government ranks first as the employer with the largest number of workers. The wholesale and retail trade is second. Service-related and miscellaneous non-agricultural work is third, with manufacturing a close fourth.

Cities:

Farr West, Harrisville, Huntsville, Hooper, Harriott-Slaterville, North Ogden, Ogden, Plain City, Pleasant View, Riverdale, Roy, South Ogden, Uintah, Washington Terrace, West Haven

Unincorporated Areas:

Eden, Liberty, Nordic Valley, Reese, Taylor, Warren, West Weber

Weber County Commission

There are three Weber County Commissioners who are voted into office by Weber County citizens. The Commissioners approve laws to protect the rights and well-being of County citizens. They also act as mayors to the unincorporated areas of Weber County and oversee employees who work for the County government. Meet the Weber County Commissioners below!



Gage Froerer



James H. "Jim" Harvey



Sharon A. Bolos

Weber County History

Weber County has long been the crossroads of Utah and the Inter-mountain West. Its eastern boundary is the spine of the Wasatch Mountains with their towering peaks and sharp valleys. It extends west into the Great Salt Lake. Both mountains and flatlands are lace by the Ogden Rivers and their tributaries.



Nomadic Shoshone, Ute, and other prehistoric Native Americans favored the area for centuries, hunting in the mountains and foothills and fishing in the streams. Mounds near the confluence of Weber and Ogden Rivers still hold remains of their camps.

John Henry Weber was born in 1779 in Altona near Hamburg which was then a part of the Kingdom of Denmark. At an early age he ran away to sea and eventually became a captain of a sailing vessel. He was determined to relocate to America. Upon arriving in America, Weber traveled to what would become the state of Missouri. There he became acquainted with Andrew Henry and William Ashley. In 1822, Ashley placed an advertisement in the *St. Louis Missouri Gazette & Public Advertiser* which announced that he wished to employ one-hundred men (for one, two, or three years) to ascend the Missouri River to its source. Weber, at the age of 43, was among other famous mountain men who answered Ashley's call to explore the West while working for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. In 1825, Weber and a group of men moved nearer to the Great Salt Lake, trapping in the Wasatch Front area including the lower Ogden and Weber Rivers.



Peter Skene Ogden traversed the high valley just behind the Wasatch Front in 1825 and is remembered in the name of the area's largest city—although he never visited the actual site. The first accurate maps of the area were drawn by John C. Fremont, after he visited the mouth of the Weber River in 1843.

Permanent settlement began in 1843 when horse trader/trapper Miles Goodyear built a fort and trading post on the banks of the Weber River, near where it meets the Ogden River. Late in 1847 he sold his claim to James Brown, a veteran of the Mormon Battalion, for \$1,950 in gold coins, and the property became Brown's Fort, also known as Brownsville, and then Ft. Buenaventura. Within three years the community had 1,141 residents and its name was changed permanently to Ogden and the surrounding area designated as Weber County. Growth accelerated in 1869 when Ogden, nicknamed "Junction City," became the nation's first junction for the transfer of trains and passengers. Other industries established included woolen mills,

canneries, livestock yards, flour mills, breweries, iron works, banks, hotels, and telephone, telegraph, and power companies.



In 1879, Ogden inventor John M. Browning patented a new, single-shot rifle—the first of more than 100 firearms developed by the Brownings and sold all over the world.

Weber County’s next sizeable population explosion came just before and during World War II when the military built Defense Depot (DDO) in northern Weber County and Hill Air Force Base and the Naval Supply Depot in nearby Davis County. DDO and Hill continue to provide many jobs for Weber County residents. The war also placed increased demands on the transportation network, and as many as 150 regular and special trains moved through Ogden’s Union Station on many days in 1944.

Today, Weber County has definitely entered the space age. A number of aerospace industries have offices and other facilities here, and manufacturing plants produce powerful, miniature jet engines for aircraft, missiles, and jet way loading bridges for airports worldwide. Weber State University, the U.S. Forest Service Regional Headquarters, the IRS Service Center, McKay-Dee Hospital, and Ogden Regional Medical Center are among the county’s major employers in the 2000s.



Our most famous ski area is Snowbasin and it was the host of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games Men’s and Women’s Downhill, Super Giant Slalom, Alpine Combined races, and Paralympics events. Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort, transformed into a world class, year-round resort. It is one of the oldest operating alpine areas in the United States and has some of the “greatest snow on earth.”

Weber County Cities and Towns—Then and Now

THEN	NOW
Alma	West Weber
Bingham Fort	part of present-day Ogden in area known as Five-points
Blanchard	West Weber
Brown's Fort	Fort Buenaventura
Brownsville	Ogden
Burch Creek	South Ogden
Castle Island	former name for Fremont Island
Central City	Now called Roy
City of the Plains	former name for Plain City
Deseret Railroad Station	former name for Uintah
East Weber	Uintah
Easton	Now called Uintah
Fairmont	town absorbed by Kaneshville, Riverdale, and Wilson
Farr's Fort	Town was absorbed by Ogden
Fort Mound	Absorbed by Ogden
Fremont Island	Formerly known as Disappointment Island, Castle Island, and Miller Island
Garland	absorbed by West Weber & Wilson
Goodyear's Fort	Former name for Fort Buenaventura
Hawkins Grove	Huntsville
Malan's Basin	now a ghost town, one and one-half miles east of Ogden
Marriott	East side of Ogden near 12 th St.
Middleton	Now absorbed by Huntsville

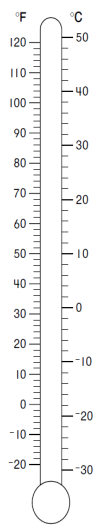
Climate

Living in Weber County, we experience all four seasons in the calendar year. Weber County's average summer temperature is 77 degrees Fahrenheit and average winter temperature is a cool 29 degrees Fahrenheit. Fall and spring temperatures average a pleasant 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

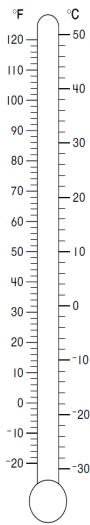
The Wasatch Mountain area receives a greater amount of precipitation than the rest of the state, because the mountains intercept the moisture from the clouds.

Our seasons allow us to enjoy many recreational activities, such as playing baseball in the park during the summer or building a snowman in your front yard during the winter.

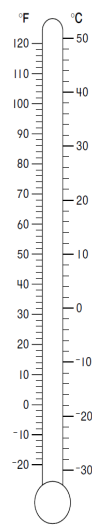
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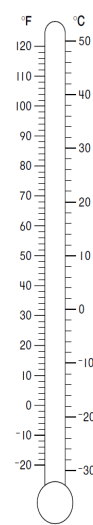
SUMMER



FALL



WINTER



SPRING

Word Scramble

Unscramble these city, town and community names in Weber County.

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GEODN NTHOR _____

GEODN _____

CYIT LPAIN _____

SANTLEPEA IVEW _____

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SHGIAHDLN _____

RERANW _____

SETW BEREW _____

Weber County Word Search

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MOUNTAINS
 ICE SHEET
 CANYONS
 HARRISVILLE
 WEBER COUNTY
 OGDEN
 UNION STATION
 FARR WEST
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 HUNTSVILLE
 ROY
 SNOWBASIN
 HOOPER
 HIKING
 WILLARD BAY
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