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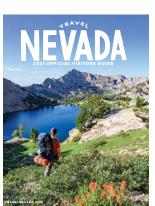
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shadows upon Liberty Lake,
accessed via the Ruby Crest
National Recreation Trail.

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Even as travel plans may shift and change, Nevada remains a great place to visit for its wide-open spaces, otherworldly landscapes and friendly communities. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime resident of this great state, I invite you to explore everything Nevada has to offer. Road trips are at the heart of the Nevada experience, and I encourage you to travel our highways and backroads and see what lies beyond the bright city lights. Find yourself along the Great Basin Highway and explore a handful of Nevada's state parks just outside the communities of Pioche, Caliente and Ely. Head down the Free-Range Art Highway and be inspired by creators who've left their mark on the towns of Goldfield and Beatty. Or go from Neon to Nature and experience the amazing recreational opportunities surrounding Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam. Inside this guide, you'll find itineraries to help plan your trip and information to inspire your next vacation getaway. We'll see you on the road.

> , GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK

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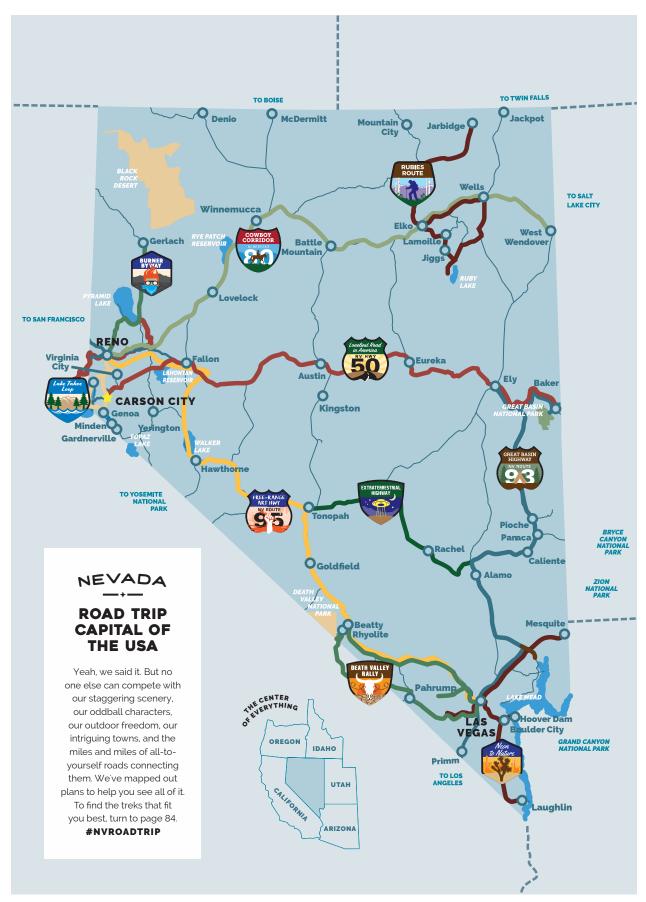
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BELVADA HOTEL

TONOPAH

Built in 1906, this historic Tonopah icon-once home to bankers, miners and dreamers-reopened its doors in late 2020 following an extensive restoration effort to bring every part of the classic building back to life.

ASTRONOMY AMPHITHEATER

BAKER

Officially designated an International Dark Sky Park due to its nearly nonexistent light pollution, Great Basin National Park just opened this stellar new pavilion where the Milky Way always gets top billing.

JACKSON HOUSE **TEA ROOM**

EUREKA

Pinkies up at this historic teahouse where you can sip while hearing stories of the past, including of guests who reportedly never checked out. Tours occur in the fall; check online to plan your visit.

STONEWISE MEAD & CIDER

PAHRUMP

The family-focused craft meadery and cidery offers drinks produced on-site and served by the glass, straight from their taps. Pack a picnic from a nearby Pahrump restaurant to enjoy while sampling.

AREA 15 LAS VEGAS

This psychedelic, futuristic 200,000-square-foot complex houses immersive art experiences, including the long-awaited Omega Mart, a surreal and surprise-filled supermarket imagined by the Meow Wolf art collective.

YOUR FUTURE MEMORIES ARE CALLNG

READY TO START PLANNING YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE?

We don't blame you. (What can we say, Nevada is a pretty amazing place to visit.)

We're excited to welcome you to our incredible Silver State. Of course, things are still a little different from destination to destination while we all adjust to the world's new ways of traveling.

Here at Travel Nevada, we strive to provide you with the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We want you to have the resources you need to make informed travel decisions.

So, before you bucket-list your way around our Official Visitors Guide, here are some things to remember:

- > The safety of visitors and residents is our highest priority.
- Though counties in Nevada are open, visitors are encouraged to call ahead to learn about any local restrictions.
- Expect safety measures to be in place at businesses and public spaces throughout the state, and be prepared to #MaskUpNV.
- Travelers should practice proper social distancing, wear face coverings and follow public health rules.

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throughout the
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on keeping you
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neighbors safe on

the journey.

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WILDERNESS AREA

JARBIDGE

Some say it's the most isolated area in the Lower 48. We call it sublime. More than 100 miles of hiking trails span nearly 50,000 city blocks' worth of pristine peaks and gorgeous gorges. > See "Rubies Route," p. 96.

BAKER

Get an altitude adjustment at this outdoor paradise. Test your limits on the Wheeler Peak Summit Trail (reaching 13,064 feet in elevation), see gnarly trees along the Bristlecone Trail, and cool off at mountain lakes and streams. Don't miss a guided tour at Lehman Caves. > See "Perfect Pairs," p. 60.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Boating on Lake Tahoe is one thing. Parasailing behind a boat is a whole different level of breezy beautiful. The pics you take from above will easily win the 'gram for a day. > See "Just Chill,"

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ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

AMARGOSA VALLEY

There's a whole lotta living going on near Death Valley. The 2,800-gallonper-minute gush of Crystal Spring keeps the refuge thriving with 27 plant and animal species found nowhere else on Earth. > See "Death Valley Rally," p. 100.

PUBLIC ART

RENO

Trying to chase down the dozens of murals popping up around the city is like playing a colorful round of Whac-a-Mole. By the time you see them all, another one will appear. Hit up the MidTown District to see a ton, including this one by Joe C. Rock, located outside Nevada Fine Arts. > See "Our Kind of

Towns," p. 48.

GIANT CANVAS Reno boasts as much free public art as many major metro areas.





LOST CITY MUSEUM

OVERTON

A former village of the ancient Pueblo people was dug up by archaeologists in the 1920s and 1930s. See replicas of the dwellings, plus tools, pottery, beads and more from before A.D. 1350. > See "Glorious Gallery," p. 112.

J.M. CAPRIOLA

CO. ELKO

Giddy-up on aisle four. It's a Saks Fifth Avenue for cowboys, with only the finest hand-carved leather saddles, wallets, chaps and more. > See "Cowboy Corridor," p. 86.





NORTHERN NEVADA

The beautifully bitter Basque-American libation is Nevada's unofficial state drink. Give it a whirl at The Martin Hotel in Winnemucca, plus a host of other watering holes across the state. > See "Basque in the Spotlight," p. 28.

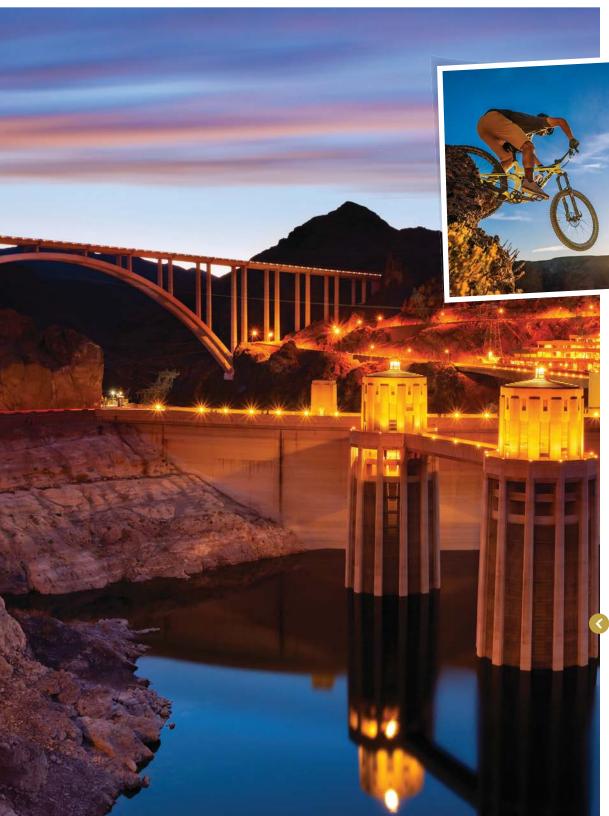
MINE

NELSON

Strike it Insta-rich with photo ops outside Nevada's once-richest historic gold mine. (There's a reason Hollywood shoots movies here.) Then head into the mine, where it's 70 degrees during the summer months. Paradise.

> See "Neon to Nature," p. 104.

RIVER RUSH In true Nevada plot-twist fashion, this desert film site lies deceptively close to the Colorado River. The mine offers canoe and kayak rentals.





BOULDER CITY

Mountain bikers are drunk in love with this former land of bootlegged liquor. Tipsy terrain has earned the 36 miles of trails Epic Ride status from the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Tear down the aptly named Elevator Shaft with its 22 percent grade.

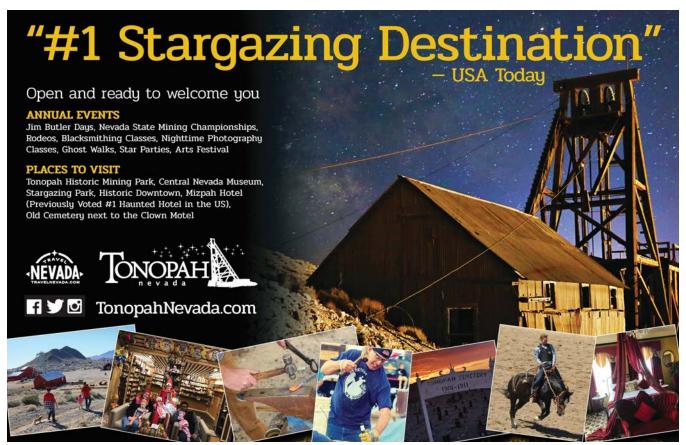
HOOVER DAM

BOULDER CITY

You've likely heard of this dam spot. If you're feeling dam brave, walk across the world's tallest concrete arch bridge (it's 886 feet tall!) for incredible captures of Hoover Dam and Black Canyon below.

> See "Perfect Pairs," p. 60.





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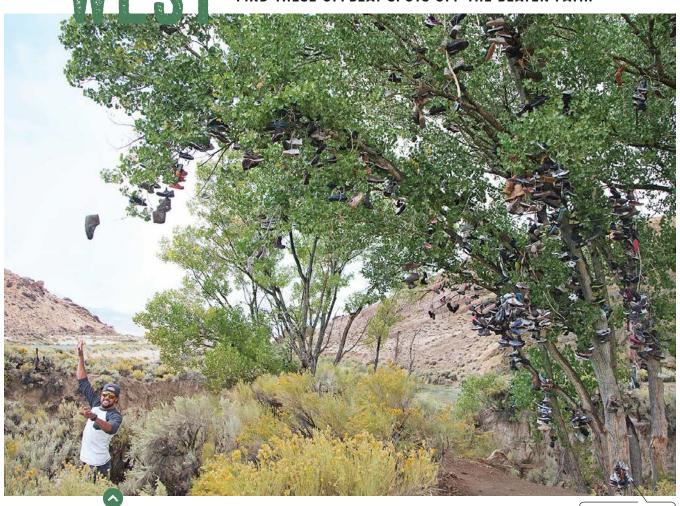
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A BIG CAN OF UNCANNY AND JUST NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL.



Hundreds of pairs of kicks dangle from Fallon's Shoe Tree of Middlegate.

SHOE TREE OF MIDDLEGATE FALLON

Get your kicks (off) on Route 50 by flinging your sneakers into a roadside tree. It's a thing started by a couple who had just tied the knot. During a spat, the bride threatened to walk, and the groom hurled her shoes into a tree before speeding off. Later, the man felt like a heel and drove back for his wife. Every anniversary, the couple returned here to add another pair of shoes to the tree. Though vandals felled the original 70-foot cottonwood, locals soon transplanted the tradition to a tree nearby.

TOM DEVLIN'S MONSTER MUSEUM BOULDER CITY

What the Frankenstein? A special effects makeup artist for Hollywood and the Halloween biz unmasks his own work and private collection of film props. See tributes to horror flicks such as Nosferatu, Child's Play (Chucky!), Puppet Master and The Exorcist (that Linda Blair is still a head-turner), and buy monster merch like T-shirts, costumes and masks. Step up the scary with late-night tours led by Devlin himself.

LET'S GET FUNKY

Tag your wacky road trip pics with #WeirdNevada to join the beautifully bizarre gallery of Nevada images on Instagram. For additional #WeirdNevada inspo, check out TravelNevada. com/weirdnevada.



REPUBLIC OF MOLOSSIA

DAYTON

Though Nevada can feel like a different country, few people know there's a micronation within its borders. Kevin Baugh founded Molossia in 1977 at his home. He created a full-on government too, including a currency—the valoralinked to the price of Pillsbury chocolate chip cookie dough. Alas, the UN does not recognize Molossia. But you can make a state visit. Monthly tours (by appointment) run April through October. Passports are encouraged, though not required.

COFFINWOOD PAHRUMP

Here lies a private residence and deadquarters for a business called Coffin It Up. It's not on a dead-end street, but it is only 50 miles from Death Valley as the vulture flies. The owners sell coffin-shaped jewelry, furniture and the like, plus actual coffins. A frequentflyer coroner once ordered a coffin carry-on. Headstones and hearses dot the property, along with coffin-shaped outbuildings and flowerbeds (see Google Maps). There's even a Church of the Coffin where couples can vow "till death do us part." Visit by appointment only; no dead-man walk-ins.

FAR LEFT

President Kevin Baugh welcomes visitors to the Republic of Molossia near Dayton. **LEFT** Arrange a visit-ation to Coffinwood in Pahrump.

TOP AND ABOVE

While journalists covered test blasts from the "News Knob," patrons flocked to Virginia's Cafe—now Atomic Liquors-to watch from the rooftop.

ATOMIC NEVADA NORTH LAS VEGAS

Of all the nuclear testing done on the planet, 78 percent of it went down here. Delve into the explosive history at the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas (visits by appointment only). The Silo Museum runs a short video about the nuclear test site that's just a short-range missile from the Strip. Snag spots more than a year in advance for tours of the Nevada National Security Site. For a more accessible taste of the a-bomb craze, swing by Atomic Liquors for fittingly themed drinks and historical photos. Chat up the bartenders; they love to dish cool atomic stories about the area.



SHAKE, BURGER ALL NEVADA RUAD INITES SHOULD INCLUDE A SHAKE AND BURGER DETOUR. HERE'S WHERE TO GET YOUR SWEET AND JUICY FIX.



BURGERS

Meet your meat at a haunted saloon or on a porch in the middle of nowhere.

PIONEER SALOON

GOODSPRINGS

This haunted outpost south of Vegas is as famous for its Ghost Burger as it is for its ghosts. A beef patty comes topped with jalapeño bacon and ghost sauce (made from ghost chilies).

BUTCHER'S KITCHEN CHAR-B-QUE RENO

A butcher and his sommelier son created this carnivorous kingdom in Reno. Sink your teeth into the Basque-inspired Chorizo Burger topped with chipotle aioli, pico de gallo and pepper Jack cheese.

MIDDLEGATE STATION FALLON

This Highway 50 watering hole with dollar bills on the ceiling serves the Middlegate Monster-a triple-decker burger the size of your head. Finish it and you'll get a T-shirt.

OWL CLUB CASINO AND RESTAURANT

BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Look for the bright red neon sign just off a quiet stretch of I-80. Owl Club soars with its lineup of chili burgers, patty melts and, best of all, jalapeño cream-cheese burgers with bacon aioli.

THE DINKY DINER GOLDFIELD

Explore the International Car Forest of the Last Church (think an open-air gallery

consisting of graffitied vehicles), then order up a wonderfully messy chili burger at this aptly named gem in a living ghost town.

YVONNE'S HOT DOGS FERNLEY

While the hot dogs are delightful here, it's all about the Stinky Breath Burger. Nothing says "bring on the breath mints" like a burger smothered with blue cheese, garlic sauce, mushrooms and onions.

S'SOCORRO'S **BURGER HUT MINA**

Among the tumbleweeds between Hawthorne and Coaldale, S'Socorro's Burger Hut appears like a bacon-and-cheese mirage. Look for the red hut and get a burger with Ortega green chiles.



SMART TRAVELS At the first stomach growl, call ahead to check restaurant hours. Ask if curbside service is available, and be ready for a wait. (It'll be worth it.) Patience and kindness have no calories.



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SHAKES

At the end of a dusty trail, a shake is a refreshing oasis in a glass.

WIGWAM RESTAURANT AND CASINO FERNLEY

The butterscotch milkshakes are mighty fine at this locally loved Fernley joint. There's plenty of good comfort food, too, along with a Native American museum featuring Paiute artifacts.

ECONOMY DRUG AND SODA FOUNTAIN ELY

In a mountain town where steam engine trains still rumble through, nothing is more unexpectedly wonderful than finding a 1950s-era soda fountain. Grab a stool and order a vanilla shake.

STEVE'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM FERNLEY

Malted or extra thick? You can't go wrong with either, especially since all of the ice cream here is made on-site. Rotating flavors include chocolate peanut butter and a seasonal peach.

THE INSIDE SCOOP

OVERTON

After you sizzle at Valley of Fire State Park, this nearby diner's shakes are a cool treat. Choose from dozens of flavors, like the chocolaty Black and White. Check out local art while you sip.

SPOON ME ELKO

It's the combination you didn't know you needed: frozen yogurt and a cowboy town. Fruity frappes and boba drinks join the seasonal flavor rotation.

BREW 95 WINNEMUCCA

The "brew" at this cozy coffee shop also refers to the beer they sell here. Either way, you're gonna want to try a coffee-based frappe or some straight-up ice cream, with flavors including cake batter and cotton candy.

OUTDOOR INN JARBIDGE

Set against a backdrop of jagged peaks, this restaurant/hotel/bar/laundromat has got a milkshake ready for your refreshment—if you can brave the long dirt road to get here.

TEMPTATIONS LOVELOCK

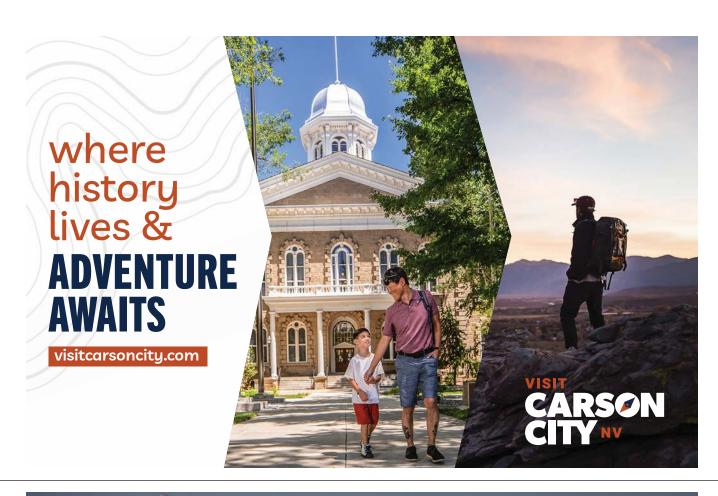
Resist the urge to try all 18 flavors of ice cream (or don't). Black cherry vanilla and strawberry cheesecake are calling your name, as are the fruity wines and espresso drinks available here.

CHILLY JILLY'Z

BOULDER CITY

They know how to whip it good in Boulder City. The Dole Whip Float comes with swirls of Pineapple Dole Whip served in a cup with pineapple juice, whipped cream and a cherry.







OF LAKE TAHOE AND IN THE HEART OF SIN CITY. **BUT THE NUMBER OF COURSES PER CAPITA** MAKES MESQUITE A GOLFER'S PARADISE. TEE OFF, THEN SWING THROUGH A LINEUP OF ART DISPLAYS, ANIMAL **ENCOUNTERS AND A** HOLE LOT MORE.

The Palmer Course (yes, designed by Arnie) has hosted Golf Channel's Big Break. On the tee at No. 5, use the mountain views to stall for time before trying to hit the narrow fairway 100 feet below.

COYOTE SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

Like any Jack Nicklaus Signature course, this one 55 miles west of town values stop-and-think over grip-and-rip. The sand-guarded green at No. 2 recalls one of the Golden Bear's fave places-Augusta National. the border into Arizona as you play through Palms Golf Club. **ABOVE** After a round of golf, glamp and go wild at the 176-acre Desert Ranch Experience. **OPPOSITE Elevated** mesa views make the par-72 Falcon Ridge Golf Course a showstopper.

TOP Hop across

CASABLANCA GOLF CLUB

The course's cinematic name begs you to "play it again." You might have to play some shots again on the tougher holes, like No. 17, where ball-eating natural wastelands line the fairway. Here's looking at you, bogey.

FALCON RIDGE GOLF COURSE

Fore! It's so picturesque, distracted drivers launch canyonballs and spend time in the sand. Watch for blind tee shots, too. Even the water hazards are beautiful; you don't really mind hitting over (or possibly into) them.

WOLF CREEK GOLF CLUB

Bring plenty of balls for knee-knocking shots from über-elevated tees overlooking canyons and water. The surreal topography looks PlayStation-esque; video gamers know the course from EA Sports Tiger Woods PGA Golf.



HALL OF FRAME
Gallery exhibitions rotate
monthly at the Mesquite Fine
Arts Center and Gallery. Near
the entrance, check out works
by the prominently featured
Artist of the Month.



GO OFF COURSE

After playing 18, explore more Mesquitearea musts in the Virgin Valley.

The 80-year-old Pueblo-style home of the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum has a history of its own—once a library, later a hospital. Inside, see relics like one of Mesquite's first slot machines. Next door, artifacts give way to art at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center and Gallery, a showcase of valley artists' works in paint, sculpture, ceramics,

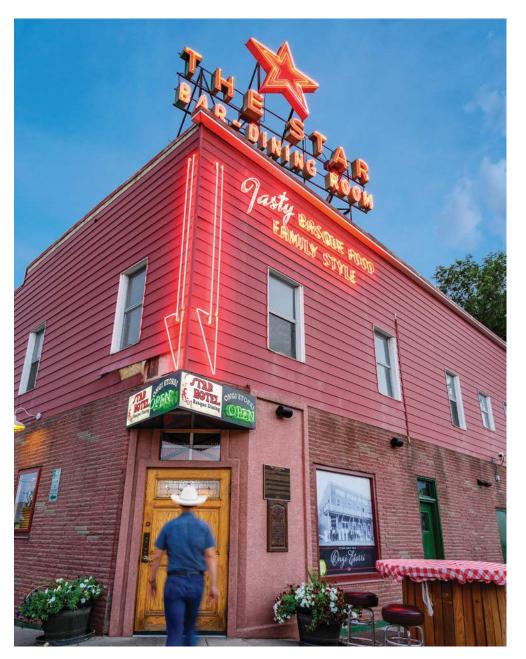
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fabric, photography and glass. Head outdoors and make fuzzy-humped friends at **Desert Ranch Experience**. Advance reservations are required, but well worth it to see more than 30 camels, plus alpacas, opossums and more. For four-wheeled thrills, rip it up across sand dunes with dune buggy rentals from **Ultimate Desert Adventures**. Stay close to the golf action at **CasaBlanca Resort**, where stay-and-play packages include a round at the CasaBlanca Golf Club or Palms Golf Club. Keep things classy at **Katherine's Steakhouse** at the resort. Enjoy USDA Prime steaks, seafood and a romantic ambience. Dessert served flambé may kindle passion, or treat yourself with a Triple Shot Trio (scrub, mask and massage) at the spa.

BASQUE IN THE

IN THE CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA THAT IS NEVADA, CREDIT THE SHEEPHERDING BASQUES FOR SOME OF THE MOST EXOTIC FLAVORS (LIKE PUCKERY PICON), AND DISCOVER WHERE YOU CAN TASTE THEIR TRADITIONS.

SPOTLIGHT



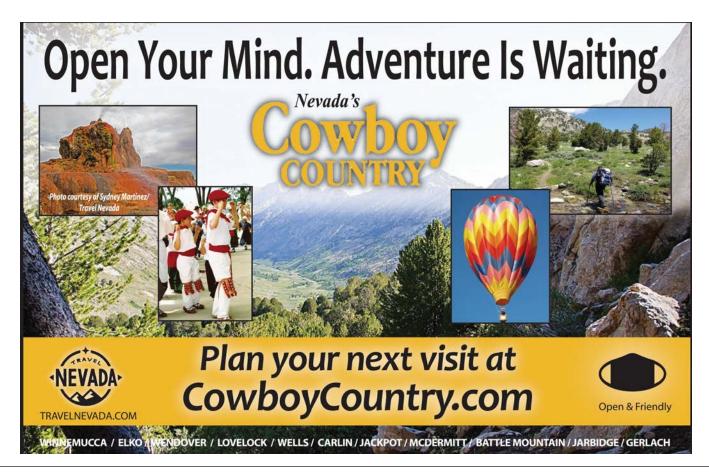
evada wouldn't be Nevada without the Basques, European immigrants from the western Pyrenees between France and Spain. Starting in the late 1800s, they brought their sheepherding skills to the American West. Despite—or perhaps because of—harsh, demanding and solitary conditions in the Great Basin, the Basque people were able to preserve their language, culture and traditions, passing them down to the next generations.

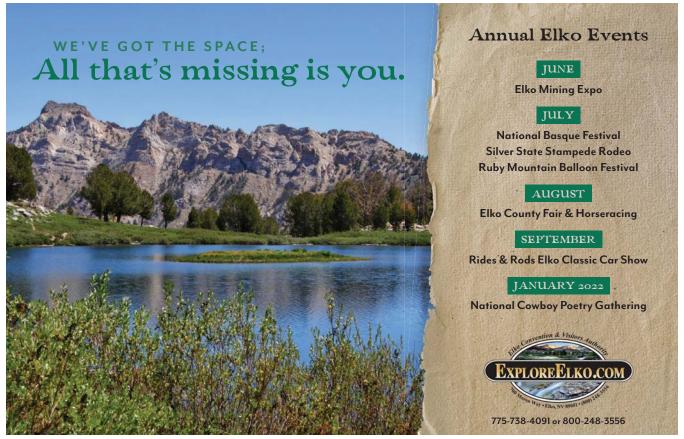
Anamarie Lopategui, owner of Ogi Deli, Bar and Pintxos in Elko, represents the current generation of Basques. Her father immigrated to the Reno area as a sheepherder in 1963. Lopategui grew up in her family's Reno home, where she played the accordion, sang Basque songs, danced and ate dishes she now serves in her Basque-rooted restaurant. That includes the skewered goodies called pintxosliterally "spikes." They can consist of meats such as chicken or chorizo, fresh seafood, potatoes, and other items, often served atop bread.

"In the Basque country, whenever you go into a pintxos bar, you pick whatever pintxos you want and eat your way through the night," Lopategui says. "You save your toothpicks, and when you are ready to cash out, you give the toothpicks to the bartender to count, and that's how you pay."

Dig into the colorful lineup of Basque restaurants and festivals on the next page.

LEFT Since 1910, family-style Basque dinners and Picon Punch cocktails have made for stellar evenings at The Star Hotel in Elko.





BASQUE BITES

Traditional Basque cuisine hearkens back to when sheepherders shared communal meals at boarding house tables—and maybe had a wee bit to drink.

POP, LOCK AND CHOP IT

Traditional Basque dancing and wood chopping go hand in hand at the annual Reno Basque Festival.

EXPERIENCE Celebrations

THE STAR HOTEL ELKO

Built in 1910, this venerable restaurant still doubled as a boarding house for sheepherders until 2019. Steaks and baked lamb dominate at dinner, says owner Scott Ygoa, and the perfectly tender New York steak sandwich lords over lunch.

VILLA BASQUE CAFE

CARSON CITY

House-made chorizo flavored with garlic, paprika and other spices gives this breakfast and lunch spot its Basque bona fides. Owner Pete Coscarart also features the spicy pork sausage in breakfast paellas and hearty sandwiches. Buy the chorizo by the pound in the adjoining deli.

THE MARTIN HOTEL

WINNEMUCCA

"The best meal I have had on the road," a New York Times reporter once said. Try the traditional lamb shank and deep-fried sweetbreads, the latter served with country gravy made in-house.

OGI DELI, BAR AND PINTXOS ELKO

Owner Anamarie Lopategui's breakfast and lunch spot offers both Basque and American favorites. Customers love the Solomo Sandwich—grilled pork loin with sauteed onions, peppers, tomatoes and Basque cheese. Try gourmet pintxos and play Mus, a Basque card game.

J.T. BASQUE BAR **AND DINING ROOM**

GARDNERVILLE

you feel at home in a restored Victorian building relocated from the Virginia City area. Taste Basque dishes made with their ranch's grass-fed beef, plus seasonal rabbit, sweetbreads and local flavors

LOUIS' BASQUE **CORNER RENO**

Four-course family-style meals satisfy the hungriest sheepherders. Think sweetbreads sauteed with vegetables and big bowls of oxtails braised in a rich broth. Try the Picon Punch, a cocktail starring bittersweet Amer Picon orange liqueur. Basque settlers invented it.

The Lekumberry family makes like Winnemucca taters.

RENO BASQUE FESTIVAL, **RENO**

July

Hosted by the Zazpiak Bat Basque Reno club, this one's about W'sweight lifting, weight carrying, wood chopping and war cries. And it's at Wingfield Park.

57TH NATIONAL BASQUE FESTIVAL, ELKO

July This is the biggie. Pro tip: On the night of the dance, wear all white and spill red wine on your clothesit's considered a badge of honor.

WINNEMUCCA

BASQUE FESTIVAL,

WINNEMUCCA

June

Basque dancers wear

costumes inspired by the

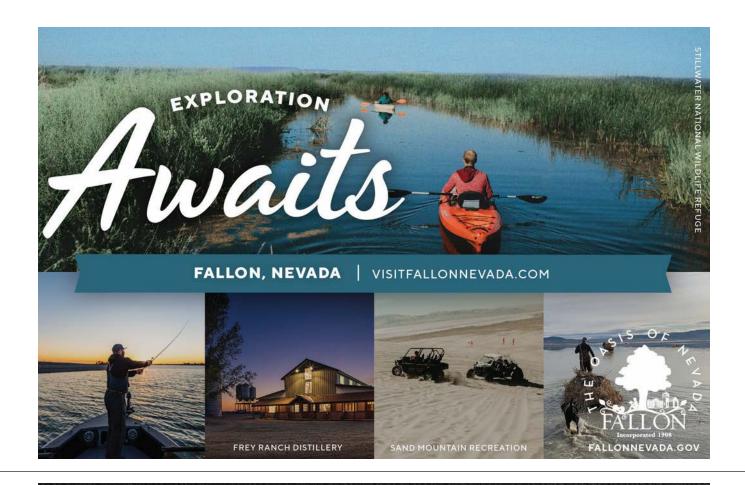
Basque flag. Red denotes

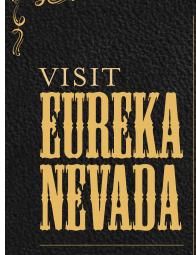
Spain's Biscay province,

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and freedom, and white

symbolizes purity.





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- 1 BODY OIL AND BUTTER Soothe skin and breathe in natural aromas. Pantry Products, Reno. \$22 for body and bath oil; \$14 for hand and body butter.
- 2 WATER BOTTLE Don't get caught without water in a lonely part of Nevada. This glass container carries H20 with style. Tahoe Nevada Love, Reno. \$35.
- 3 MUD MASK Fresh from the playa, this mineral-rich clay restores skin. Slather on for #NVHotSprings memories. Black Rock Mud Company, Gerlach. \$20.
- 4 WOOD SUNGLASSES These shades started out as shade—the frames are made from sustainably sourced hardwoods. Tahoe Timber, Reno. \$99-\$129.
- 5 ONE-PIECE SWIMSUIT Get the best coverage for your assets. The pictured one is called Wild Thing. It makes our heart sing. Strange Bikinis, Reno. \$170.



6 CERAMIC MUG Drinks taste better in a cup thrown on Donna Potter's potter's wheel. (Yep, that's her name.) Mission Hills Pottery, Henderson. \$26–\$42.
7 GEOGRAPHIC STICKERS Waterproof designs by Haleigh Hoff let you carry colorful little pieces of Nevada wherever you go. Hoff Goods, Reno. \$4–\$5.
8 ENERGY BARS Fuel up for that hike or bike loop. Yacón root, a superfood from South America, makes 'em shine. Rowdy Bars, Reno. \$20 for a ten-pack.
9 ECO-RESIN EARRINGS Saguaro cacti, snakes and crescent moons sparkle thanks to Cari Golden's creations. Wuve Handmade, Laughlin. \$27–\$35.
10 CRAFT BEER Have beer, will travel. Fill a cooler with ice and true Nevada brews. Great Basin Brewing Co., Reno and Sparks. \$9–\$10 for a six-pack.



PLAY A FEW BARS

The Strip may get top billing when it comes to Nevada's music scene, but plenty of independent bars rock their own soundtracks, often outdoors. on't be scared off by the name of the historic **Bucket of Blood Saloon** in Virginia City. There's no nightly re-creation of the *Carrie* prom scene, just killer booze and tunes from house band David John and the Comstock Cowboys. At another hot music spot in town, the **Red Dog Saloon**, listen to Americana rock, reggae and country music, and get your bloody mary garnished with bacon. Less than 30 miles away in Reno, dancers groove at **The Loving Cup**. Boasting banana leaf wallpaper and a patio aglow with string lights, this venue is known for its jazz nights and potent cocktails.

Down in Vegas, the live music scene gets hottest in the shadows of the Strip. Art is not only part of the name of **Artifice**; it's also in the Arts District and home to artsy events like Scarlet Deepest Red Goth Night. Pretty cocktails like the Midsummer Bramble beg to be photographed. Not far away, at **The Sand Dollar Lounge**, experience a rich legacy of blues. B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Mick Jagger all had gigs here. The pizza's worth applauding, too. For something more off the grid, head to Elko, where **Duncan LittleCreek Gallery and The Gallery Bar** mixes martinis with live folk music and a lush backyard.

INSET While the **Bucket of Blood** Saloon has been around since 1876, it wasn't until 1997 that archaeologists discovered remnants of another saloon behind it. The Boston Saloon, the only Blackowned Western saloon of its time. stood here until it burned down in the Great Fire of 1875.



SMART TRAVELS Check ahead for the latest info about live music events. When you arrive, follow high school dance protocol: Keep a reasonable distance and resist the urge to body surf, mosh, grind or twerk.

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SAGEBRUSH SALOONS

What's a Sagebrush Saloon? To paraphrase a famous Supreme Court opinion on obscenity, it's hard to define, but you'll know it when you see it. It's a watering hole that's off the beaten path, with a ramshackle exterior and a guy sitting on the porch who looks like he came with the place. Inside, the place reeks of history and often carries a Wild West swagger. Keep your drink orders simple-Bud, PBR, Wild Turkey neat, Jack on the rocks. You'll want to bring some cash along. And forget what your parents told you; definitely talk to strangers to get the local scoop.

BRUNO'S COUNTRY CLUB

GERLACH

Named for the late owner, Bruno Selmi, who cooked a mean three-meat ravioli that's still on the menu, this combination bar/ cafe/motel is a favorite place to imbibe in town.

LUCKY SPUR SALOON

KINGSTON

Nestled in the Big Smoky Valley, this unassuming bar offers views of the Toiyabe Mountains and a porch that's perfect for sipping whiskey on a cool high-desert afternoon.





JIGGS BAR

JIGGS

Come for the libations; stay for the two-headed calf mounted on the wall. The friendly bartender, pool table, resident cat and Ruby Mountains backdrop don't hurt either.

SANTA FE SALOON

GOLDFIELD

One of the oldest continuously operating businesses in the state—and alleged site of "Nevada's Meanest Bartender"—is more than just a place to wet your whistle. It's also full of Western artifacts.

IGGY AND SQUIGGY'S JUNCTION BAR

CARSON VALLEY

If you must have a martini, order the Nevada version: beer with olives. That's the signature drink of this joint. Have a few too many and you can pay to camp on the lawn.

DIRTY DICK'S BELMONT SALOON

BELMONT

After checking out
Belmont's historic
courthouse—an imposing
brick structure built in
1876—head here for
cheap beer, shuffleboard
tournaments and
occasional honky-tonk
music on the porch.

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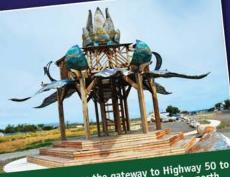


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FERNLEY serves as the gateway to Highway 50 to the west, and Black Rock Desert to the north.



ELY offers some of the best mountain biking in the state.

FALLON is home to Sand Mountain, enjoyed by off-highway vehicles, hikers, and sandboarders.



DAYTON, where gold was first discovered in Nevada, has plenty of historic sites to explore.

AUSTIN is an OHVers outpost, with easy access to the Toiyabe Mountains and miles of trails.



EUREKA welcomes visitors who come to town for special events like the Eureka Car Show.



GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, and nearby Baker, come alive with autumn colors















Nevada's one big park, really, but 24 special places earn Nevada State Park status. Each appeals to a different kind of adventurer, yet all are easy to experience. In most parks, you don't have to fight crowds. In fact, you may find yourself at a stunning spot with no one in sight—except Mother Nature.



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NOT ALL PARKS ARE CREATED EQUAL.
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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

CATHEDRAL GORGE

PANACA

The place has a violent history that begat some pretty peaceful scenery. After massive eruptions from ancient volcanoes, erosion slooowwwly (we're talking tens of millions of years) turned huge ash heaps into buff-colored cliffs and churchy spires. Hiking trails take you in, around and through the popular slot canyon formations. You may also encounter black-tailed jackrabbits, kit foxes and mountain bluebirds.

VALLEY OF FIRE

OVERTON

This stunningly gorgeous symphony in sandstone plays to big crowds, so get there early in the day to better appreciate the flaming red outcrops crescendoing from gray and tan limestone. Ancient petrified trees and petroglyphs add grace notes, and the visitors center chimes in with maps and history of this state park, the oldest and largest in Nevada. It's all music to the ears of hikers and campers who come back for encores.

LEFT Thanks to their 20-inch thick walls, the stone kilns at Ward Charcoal Ovens have survived the elements for 150 years.

WARD CHARCOAL OVENS

ELY

It's the Stonehenge of silver mining. These six stone sentinels (say that six times fast), each 30 feet high, once churned out charcoal needed to melt silver ore, heating wood from piñon pine and juniper trees. Later, stockmen and prospectors took shelter in the abandoned beehiveshaped domes, and stagecoach bandits hid in them. The monoliths look exceptionally stunning against the area's famously dark night sky. And we're not just blowing smoke up your chimney.

ICE AGE FOSSILS

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Think Vegas is wild now? You should have seen it 10,000 years ago. Mammoths, lions, camels, bison, horses, sloths and dire wolves roamed what will be Nevada's newest state park, drawn by the lush habitat of the Upper Las Vegas wash. The creatures left behind a mother lode of fossils, sparking an archaeological gold rush. The park is still taking shape, with plans that include a visitors center and trails, so check ahead before venturing out.



\$MART TRAVELS Some Nevada state parks are seeing larger crowds than ever before. If you see a lot of cars in a parking lot, keep driving. And when you're on the trails, always go the (social) distance.

THESE PARKS EARN THUMBS-UP FOR THEIR HANDS-ON OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES. HIT THE WATER, HIT THE TRAIL, OR HIT THE HAY IN A TENT.



CAVE LAKE

ELY

Experience high-desert highs like stargazing under the darkest skies around; pitching a tent in one of two campgrounds; and mountain biking more than 16 miles of singletrack built among limestone cliffs, aspen and juniper forests, and deer and elk habitats. This elevated hideout offers the best of both worlds: alone-in-nature serenity and access to the quaint former mining town of Ely.

KERSHAW-RYAN

CALIENTE

Mountain bikers of all skill levels love the ever-expanding network of loop trails near this park. Whether it's a quick spin or an hours-long flow session, hang on to your helmet for banked turns and brake-worthy views. The 6.7-mile Redemption Loop beckons beginners and intermediates, while a new black diamond downhill trail delights daredevils.

BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO

LAUGHLIN

At Nevada's southern tip, Davis Dam keeps this spot full of cool, clear Colorado River water year-round, getting boaters' motors running, revving up the Jet Ski set, luring fishers, and letting swimmers get their kicks. Some folks just chill on 2 miles of sandy shoreline. The place is packed in summer, so get there early in the day.

LAKE TAHOE NEVADA STATE PARK

It's really four parks in one, reflecting the sealike size of North America's largest alpine lake. On Tahoe's eastern shore, **SAND HARBOR** mesmerizes swimmers, kayakers and scuba divers with its bewitching beach, glassy water and radical rock formations—and it does get crowded. For a more off-the-grid experience, **SPOONER LAKE AND BACKCOUNTRY** wows with acres of trees surrounding water, plus 50 miles of trails to indulge hikers and bikers. Routes include the historic Marlette Flume Trail, known for killer water views. CAVE ROCK floats your boat, motorized or not. Anglers love the steep shoreline and rocky shoals. At the south end of the lake, VAN SICKLE is a short walk from Stateline's casinos—go from faro to forest in just minutes. Easy to moderate trails offer lake views, peeks at peaks, and access to the Tahoe Rim Trail, a 165-mile route looping the Tahoe Basin.

CATCHES

THESE FABULOUS
FISHING-FRIENDLY
PARKS ARE THE REEL
DEAL, SO DON'T
SPARE THE ROD. CAST
AWAY FROM A BOAT
OR THE SHORE.

Hook up with rainbow trout, largemouth bass, crappie and even German brown at ECHO CANYON in Pioche. A 65-acre reservoir connects to a water system that empties into Lake Mead outside of Las Vegas. At nearby SPRING VALLEY, on the same water route, 59-acre Eagle Valley Reservoir holds rainbow and tiger trout, plus more of those German browns. The ice fishing is excellent in the winter when the lake freezes over. Named after an ancient glacial lake,

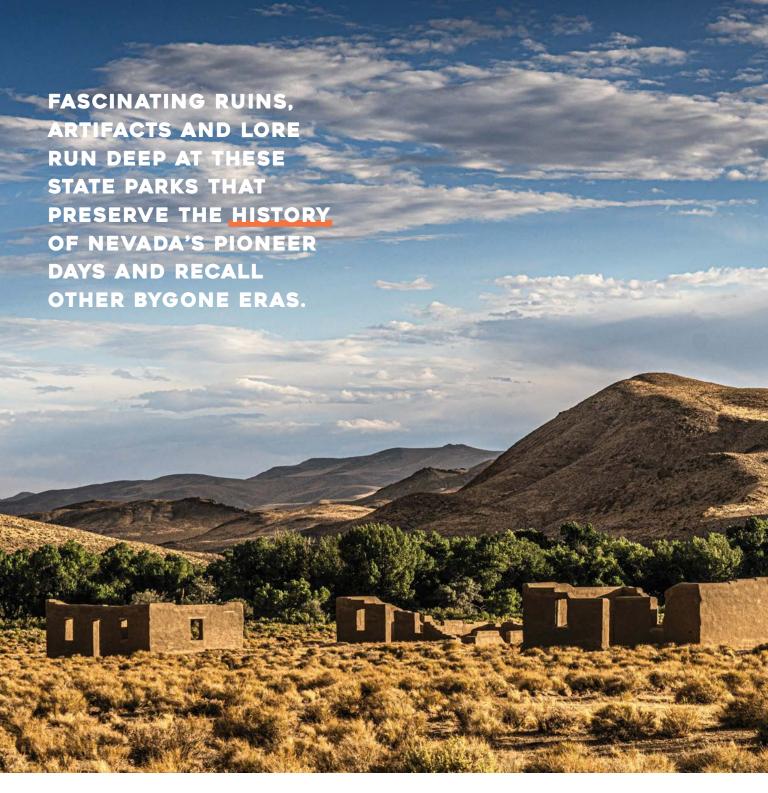
LAHONTAN RESERVOIR in Fallon appeals to boat and bank anglers who want to reel in walleye, white bass, the hybrid wiper, catfish, trout and other game fish. WALKER **RIVER** in Yerington boasts "the Elbow," a sharp bend in the legendary Nine Mile section of the Walker's East Fork, Fabled among fly-fishers for its rainbow trout, brown trout and whitefish, this spot is still pristine and primitive, drawing anglers who seek

LEFT Dubbed the Jewel of the Sierra Nevada, Lake Tahoe glistens year-round.

OPPOSITE A visit to Cave Lake is far from complete without cruising the Success Loop Scenic Drive. This backcountry byway takes you 40 miles through the aspen-studded Schell Creek Range.

a little serenity.





ELGIN SCHOOLHOUSE

CALIENTE

This one-room school (grades 1–8) served area kids from 1922 to 1967. After years as a private home, then a vacant building, it's been restored with original and period-look furnishings—desks, books, chalkboards, a piano and a wood-burning stove. See the teacher's private apartment in back, complete with kitchen and bedroom. There's an outhouse, too. (If you needed to go, you wrote your name on the blackboard—but not 50 times.) Tours by appointment.

FORT CHURCHILL

SILVER SPRINGS

Built near the Carson River in 1861 to protect settlers and Pony Express mail runs, Fort Churchill stands in an eerie state of arrested decay—walk designated trails to study the ruins. The park includes renovated Buckland Station, a way station for 1800s pioneers traveling the Overland Route. Take a self-guided tour of the onetime boarding house and Buckland family home. A 2.2-mile nature trail paralleling the river connects the fort and the station.



RYE PATCH

LOVELOCK

Named for the grass (not the whiskey), Rye Patch grew like a weed during the 1860s mining boom, sprouting a post office, school, boarding house and—thanks to the Transcontinental Railroad—a train station before ghosting. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built a dam and reservoir here. Today, the spot forges new memories for people fishing, boating and camping on its vast waters and shoreline. Some original CCC-built structures remain.

ABOVE Up to 200 soldiers called Fort Churchill home during the 1860s. TOP For a study in contrasts, visit Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort, then venture about a mile to Fremont Street. 1861 during the glory days, plus a mother lode of camping, fishing and picnic spots along the Carson River.

MORMON STATION

GENOA

Mormons built Nevada's first permanent, non-Native settlement here in 1851. With a hotel and blacksmith shop to boot, it was a place to stock up and rest up before hitting the Sierra Nevada. Explore a reconstructed version of the post and a museum with pioneer-era artifacts.

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT

LAS VEGAS

In 1855, Mormons were also the first to develop downtown Vegas. No hotel or neon, mind you, just an adobe-brick fort along a creek. The park includes a partial reconstruction of the fort and a modern visitors center filled with exhibits.

LAS VEGAS ISN'T THE ONLY
PLACE WHERE YOU'LL RUN INTO
SOME PRETTY WILD RESIDENTS
AND VISITORS. THESE PARKS
INTRODUCE YOU TO CREATURES
THAT HANG OUT IN NEVADA.



ABOVE Of the three species of jackrabbits native to Nevada, you're most likely to catch a glimpse of the blacktail. Those 8-inch ears get us every time. RIGHT leons of Nevada's rich mining history, the highly adaptable wild burros roam at Spring Mountain Ranch.

WILD HORSE

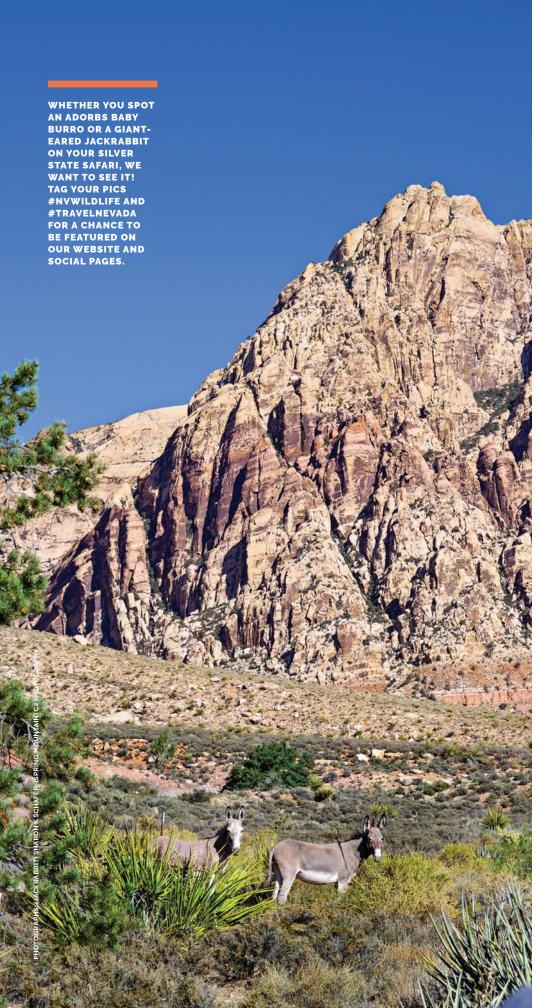
ELKO

Though the park is named for the feral fillies and stallions that roamed here when the reservoir was built in 1937, ranching has reined in the horses. The big draws today are ice fishing, along with spotting big game: pronghorn antelope, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain elk. You can't hunt in the park, but it makes a great base camp for the sport.

SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH

BLUE DIAMOND

Millionaire Howard Hughes once owned this splendid retreat adjacent to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Maybe the onetime playboy, later a recluse, identified with the creatures here: Many are nocturnal, and some just like to stay hidden. The list includes wild donkeys and burros, desert tortoises, assorted species of lizards and snakes, antelope squirrels, jackrabbits, cottontails, kit foxes, coyotes, and mules. At higher elevations, look for rock squirrels, badgers and bighorn sheep. Pack a picnic for your herd and enjoy a tree-shaded meal on the grounds.



WASHOE LAKE

CARSON CITY

This is where you can see wild horses, chiefly members of the protected Virginia Range herd, named for the nearby mountains. Nestled in a scenic valley where bald eagles soar, the park offers whoa!-inducing views of the Sierra Nevada, Carson and Virginia mountain ranges, plus equestrian activities with tame(r) horses. Explore wetlands, sand dunes and other spots for spying wildlife like reptiles and raptors—migrating birds of prey stop to rest at the lake on long red-eye flights.

BERLIN-ICHTHYOSAUR

AUSTI

As gold and silver mining boomed here, the ground below held a different treasure: North America's most concentrated remains of ichthyosaurs, dolphin-like marine reptiles that swam in Nevada's ancient ocean. Siemon Muller ID'd the cache in 1928 on a hillside above Berlin. Excavations began in 1954, unearthing 40(ish) ichthyosaurs. See fragments of the 50-foot beasts at the Fossil House.

BEAVER DAM

PANACA

Pioneers scared off most of this region's bustling beaver population in the early 1800s, but once the area was protected and restored to its natural state, the busy critters came back. You can see the damming evidence in the park. The beavers prefer to feed on—and build with—willows and cottonwoods. This is one of Nevada's most remote state parks, full of deep canyons, flowing streams and waterfalls.

SOUTH FORK

SPRING CREEK

The same inviting waters that bring boaters, swimmers and anglers here also attract flocks of aquatic birds. Waterfowl grace the lake, including mallard ducks, pintail ducks, green-winged teal, American wigeon, northern shoveler and common coots. Bring your binoculars and a camera. The Ruby Mountains make a sweet background for photos.

UNCOMMON OVERNIGHTERS

Whether you camp out in a yurt, a caboose, a castle or a ghost town cabin, these unique retreats guarantee stories to send home—before you even leave the room.

WRITER Angela Ufheil



PARADISE RANCH CASTLE BED AND BREAKFAST

AUSTIN A loving newlywed built this remote, ivory-hued castle for his wife. Set against a mountainous backdrop, the stucco structure will charm you as long as you set realistic expectations. (Cinderella may opt for finer digs, but we appreciate the rural flair.) Wake to a savory breakfast before exploring the surrounding high desert via ATV or noble steed (equine owners can bring their horses), then sip a cocktail at the Dungeon bar.

GOLD POINT GHOST TOWN GOLD POINT

Don't be deceived by the grungy exteriors of the five cabins for overnighters. The worn look purposefully matches the historical aesthetic, hiding modern interiors. Fees from tourists eager to explore the old mining town support preservation of the remaining wood-frame buildings, including a post office-turned-museum and saloon, where visitors shoot pool on a 1909 Brunswick table.

EXPERIENCE LAMOILLE

It's a wake-up call for the ages. Rising early at the Ruby 360 Lodge or in a queen futonthe Ruby Mountains and-more important—snagging the first helicopter ride to the freshest powder along the sweeping 90-mile range.

ATOMIC INN BEATTY

Get an otherworldly welcome to Death Valley. An alien statue stands outside the retro hotel, which has housed defense contractors and military personnel who've worked at Nellis Air Force Base. The base is known for its nuclear bomb tests and top-secret operations. One thing we do know: A stay here is one of the best deals around.

friends. The best part of staying here, though, is the stellar stargazing. It's a short drive to Massacre Rim, one of the world's 13 International Dark Sky Sanctuaries. Not only can you see the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies with your naked eye—the stars are so bright that they cast a shadow. Even puppers will be dazzled.

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY MUSEUM ELY

If driving a vintage steam engine leaves train buffs craving extra locomotive time, the preserved rail yard's mustard yellow Caboose No. 22 fits the bill. Hear the hoots of owls and whistles of trains through the car's steel frame. You can also stay at a





You probably know about our glitzy duo of major cities. But we're about to let you in on some betterkept secrets, namely a cowboy crossroads that still feels wild, and a capital city where outdoor adventures reign. Oh, and we've got some insider tips on those big cities you thought you knew, too.

WRITER Ann Marie Brown

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IN THE INTERNET AGE, IT'S HARD TO COME ACROSS A TRULY HIDDEN **GEM, BUT NEVADA'S** CITIES COME CLOSE.

For starters, there's Elko, where spirited residents work to preserve the art and heritage of buckaroos and Basques. There's also Carson City, flanked by mountains and bursting with pride for its capitalcity status, outstanding museums, charming historic district and outdoor excursions.

And, of course, there are the bigger cities, which boast a few lesser-known treasures of their own. In Reno, an artistic energy and entrepreneurial enthusiasm have taken over the streets and riverfront. And while Las Vegas makes its own grand entrance with dancing water fountains, the world's biggest slot machine and a volcano that erupts four times a day, there's so much more to see off the Strip. Maybe it's all a bit over the top, but it's a tribute to what Nevada can dream up.





RO ROW

ELKO ROAM A COWBOY TOWN

ONCE A ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE OUTPOST, ELKO HUMS WITH A MODERN COWBOY ENERGY, EMBRACING WESTERN ARTS AND CULTURE WHILE KEEPING CLOSE TO ITS HERITAGE.







BUCKAROO LIVING

Founded in 1869 to supply the railroad, this high-desert enclave became a base camp for cowhands punching cattle and Basque sheepherders driving sheep to high mountain meadows. Today, it's still a place to recharge your Wild West spirit and sense of adventure.

Elko keeps its Western roots alive with museums and festivals dedicated to authentic cowboy cultural arts. Step inside the 1913 Pioneer Hotel building, where a 40-foot-long Brunswick mahogany bar anchors the **Western Folklife Center's** art exhibits, performances, talks and workshops, including the annual **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering**. Established in 1985, the week-long festival showcases big-name cowboy poets and musicians. Nab a ticket to hear poems and songs about life on the range, and attend workshops on swing dancing, harmonica playing and cowboy-hat making.

A few steps away, the **Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum** overflows with antique horseand-rider equipment—handcrafted saddles, bridles, harnesses and more. The museum building was home to G.S. Garcia's historic saddle shop. Two doors down is **J.M. Capriola Co.,** a Western goods supplier since 1929. Here, cowboys load up their saddlebags with shimmering spurs and buckles. Even if you've never ridden a horse, you can shop for leather tote bags, fly-fishing cases and coasters.

For a taste of Nevada's Basque ties, step into the 1910 **Star Hotel**, a boardinghouse that still serves a hearty Basque sheepherder's dinner. Start with soup, salad and bread, then move on to grilled steak or lamb chops. Not that hungry? Just order a Picon Punch at the bar. (It's the Amer Picon orange liqueur that gives it the punch.)

TOP Boots celebrating Elko's 2017 Centennial make for fun scavenger hunts. ABOVE LEFT The Star Hotel helped spur Elko's nightlife scene. FAR LEFT The saddles and chaps at J.M. Capriola Co. aren't just souvenir kitsch. They're serious merch for real cowboys. LEFT At the Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum, see where G.S. Garcia taught J.M. Capriola how to make saddles.

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CARSON CITY

LIVE THE CAPITAL LIFE

CARSON CITY WEARS ITS HERITAGE WITH PRIDE. BY BIKE, ON FOOT OR BY AIR, SEE GRAND VICTORIANS. POLISHED STEAM ENGINES. AND MILES OF HORSE AND CATTLE COUNTRY.



PEDAL THROUGH NEVADA HISTORY

Ride the **Kit Carson Trail** through Carson City's tree-lined historic district. You'll pass dozens of landmarks, including the original 1870 state Capitol building and a two-story charmer where the inventor of the Ferris wheel lived. Trade the city for sagebrush when you explore the new **Buzzy's Ranch Trail** through ranch land and along the Carson River, or pedal along the **V&T Trail**, following the ghosts of steam locomotives that traveled this route for nearly 70 years. You can ride the rails via four-person railbike with the new **Carson Canyon Railbike Tours**. Pedal-assist motors allow for smooth and easy gliding along train tracks that weave through Carson River Canyon.

EXPLORE OUTDOOR MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Until 1980, Nevada's sole off-reservation
American Indian boarding school was a
mandatory chapter in the life stories of
thousands of American Indian children. Hear
stories from alumni at the **Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum,** which
stands as a testament to the students'
resilience and ability to preserve their cultures.
See the 1875 Baldwin steam locomotive
Inyo and 60 more pieces of rolling stock—
passenger coaches, freight cars and engines—
at the **Nevada State Railroad Museum.** These
marvels ruled the rails during Nevada's silver
rush and later starred in movies. In summer,
take a train ride from the museum station.

FLOAT THROUGH TOWN

The 184-mile Carson River flows through the city's east side. Boat along a 13.7-mile stretch known as the Carson River Aquatic Trail for canyon vistas, or conquer the calm Class I rapids that start at Carson River Park and extend for 3.3 miles past tall cottonwood trees.

ABOVE Watch the annual Father's Day Powwow at the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum. LEFT Not just for bikers, the 1.1-mile Buzzy's Ranch Trail connects with others to create a 5-mile-long pathway along the Carson River.





RENO

EXPLORE THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

SEE RENO'S STUNNING TRANSFORMATION FROM A GAMBLING OUTPOST TO A HIP HAVEN FOR ARTISTS. SHOPPERS AND ENTREPRENEURS.

CONNECT WITH RENO'S CREATIVE

SCENE by wandering through MidTown or downtown, coming face-to-face with eye-catching art splashed across old and new buildings. This urban oasis hosts nearly 200 large-scale murals depicting women on seahorses, an owl with beaming eyes, cutthroat trout and lots more, adding a fresh zest to the streets. While Reno's public art renaissance can be partly credited to Burning Man, its mural renaissance is largely the work of local nonprofit **Art Spot Reno**. (Visit artspotreno.org for a self-guided mural tour map.)

Reno is a test lab not just for the arts but also for visionary entrepreneurs. Discover indie shops and studios clustered in **The Basement,** an underground marketplace below a 1933 post office still wearing its Art Deco glory. This cozy, grassroots hangout houses an old-school barbershop, artisan coffee shop, imaginative boutiques and a friendly communal workspace. No one will judge if you bring a book or laptop and hang out for a few hours.

At the south end of Reno, off Mt. Rose Highway, **The Summit** delivers shopping and dining with views of Mount Rose. Courtyards at the open-air mall include fountains, paths, firepits (for cool evenings), live music in summer and special events throughout the year.

PIT STOPS ALONG THE RIVERWALK

Take in the Reno Riverwalk District, then pick an outdoor patio and dine by the rolling Truckee River.

WEST STREET MARKET

Got friends with wideranging taste buds? The whole gang will be happy at this colorful, art-filled hub, where six different cafes serve an array of flavors—South Indian, North Indian, Cal-Mexican and more.

WILD RIVER GRILLE

Have dinner in the classy 1927 hotel that's now the Riverside Artist Lofts. Nosh on innovative comfort food (plum-chipotle smoked salmon, braised short ribs) while listening to live music on the terrace.

THE EDDY

Three bars tucked inside cargo shipping containers frame this open-air, beer-garden playground. Bring your dog, play some cornhole or Jenga, and enjoy the local

art on display. Kids are welcome during daylight hours.

CAMPO

At this top-notch riverside hideaway, a wood-fired oven churns out rustic Italian cuisine. Watch the water flow by while indulging in Neapolitan-style pizzas, lobster mac 'n' cheese or beef risotto. Don't you dare miss the caramel budino.

OLE BRIDGE PUB

Catch European sporting events at a laid-back tavern with two dozen craft beers on tap. (The rotating list always includes some hard-to-find brews.)

THE SHORE

At the Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel, The Shore's relaxedbut-refined menu lets you sleep in and order brioche French toast into the afternoon hours, or dine on grilled lamb lollipops and charred octopus for dinner.

SIERRA ST. KITCHEN AND COCKTAILS

Tapas-style cuisine appeals to the grazer in all of us. A small menu of Kobe sliders, crab cakes, mini meatballs and street tacos complements a lively lineup of meticulously crafted drinks.



SVEGAS

TAKE IN THE BIG SHOW

AMONG THE KALEIDOSCOPE OF LUXURY HOTELS AND DAZZLING MARQUEES, FIND OPEN-AIR FUN AND BIG-SKY VISTAS AT ROOFTOP BARS. ALFRESCO EATERIES AND ADRENALINE-PUMPING ATTRACTIONS.



PARK

Take old shipping containers, convert them into pop-up dining spots, boutiques, galleries and play spaces, and what do you have? One funkalicious shopping compound that gives an edgy energy to Vegas' downtown. Take a dance class, admire quirky outdoor art, and browse shops selling cigars, magic-trick supplies and kettle corn. Then kick back in a recliner under The Dome for a mindblowing visual and auditory experiencechoose from a rockand-roll extravaganza or a kid-friendly dinosaur show.



WALKING) NEON PUBLIC RELATIONS. (LAGO) COURTESY OF MGM RESORTS. (STRIP) SEAN PAVONE/ADOBE STOCK

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OUTDOOR SIPS AND BITES

Drink and dine under Las Vegas' dazzling lights at these fresh-air hangouts, just right for either date night or late night.

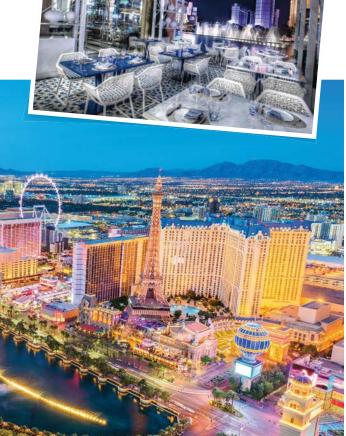
Pop in to three buzzy outdoor nightspots along a half-mile stretch of Fremont Street.
Start at **Atomic Liquors**, Las Vegas' oldest freestanding bar, serving drinks since 1952 when customers would watch atomic blasts from the roof. This watering hole boasts Hollywood street cred—the Rat Pack hid from fans on the Strip by drinking here, Barbra Streisand had her own barstool, and Roy Rogers loved the bar so much, he featured it on his television show.

Just two blocks away in the Downtown Container Park, **Oak** and Ivy's outdoor whiskey oasis serves 30 varieties—on the rocks, neat or in a barrel-aged cocktail. Order a flight so you can broaden your whiskey horizons, or let the skilled mixologists pour you a perfectly balanced Moscow mule. Then wander over to **Le Thai's** patio and wash down drunken noodles with a cocktail.

Over on the Strip, you'll find a seemingly infinite lineup of outdoor dining options.

Take a world tour with stops at El Segundo Sol (Mexican) at Fashion Show Mall, Eataly (Italian) at Park MGM, Mizumi (Japanese) at Wynn Las Vegas and Mon Ami Gabi (French) at Paris Las Vegas.

BELOW For a splashy evening, take in dinner and an H2O show at LAGO, part of the Bellagio hotel. No matter which song is playing during the fountain spectacle, you'll want to pair it with the limoncello dessert. **BOTTOM** Fun fact: If you were to spend one night in every Las Vegas hotel room, it would take about 411 years.



5 ROOFTOP ESCAPES

Savor a Vegas sunset or midnight lights from these lofty perches, where views and booze make a perfect team.

CARSON KITCHEN

Las Vegas celeb chef Kerry Simon designed this industrial-chic downtown gastropub and invented a winning menu of crave-worthy comfort food. (Say "yes" to the chicken thighs.) Craft libations include the Hindsight 2020 with white rum, ginger and chocolate bitters.

SKYFALL LOUNGE

Watch the sun set over the Spring Mountains from the rooftop bar at Mandalay Bay's Delano hotel, then stay after dark so you can let loose when the house music heats up. Seating surrounding the dance floor makes for some primo people-watching.

OMNIA

Get your groove on at this see-and-be-seen megaclub, which spans a whopping four stories inside Caesars Palace. The rooftop terrace offers an amazing view of the Strip, celebrity DJs crank up the beats, and beautiful people shimmy and sway.

INSPIRE

This three-story bar, lounge and nightclub lights up the hopping corner of Fremont Street and Las Vegas Boulevard. It's the perfect perch for tourist-watching as you sip drinks and rock out to the entrancing music pumped out by resident DJs.

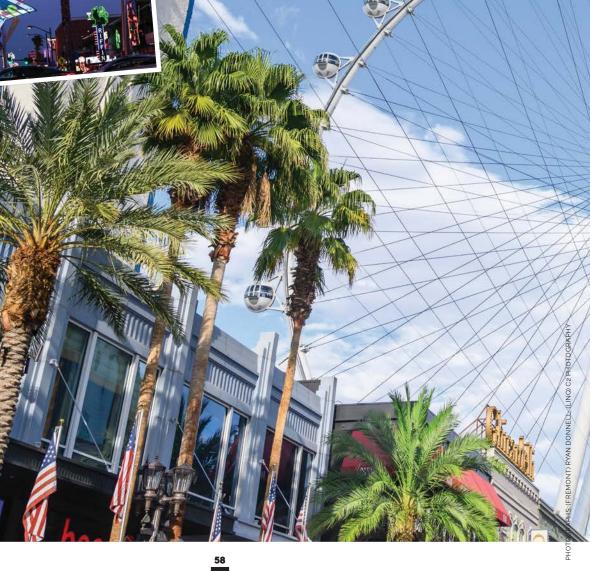
COMMONWEALTH

Fremont Street's classy gathering spot serves up potent cocktails while nailing the speakeasy aesthetic with velvet chairs, dark wood floors and glowing chandeliers. Sip your old-school gimlet on the rooftop while gazing down on buzzy Fremont East.





Locals and tourists-inthe-know head east of Las Vegas Boulevard to this hip-and-happening neighborhood that overflows with globe-spanning cafes (Thai, Cajun, Mexican, Japanese and a pizzeria that pays homage to Evel Knievel). After a meal, swing by The Griffin, a swanky Old-Vegas-style bar with a killer jukebox, brick fireplaces and acres of red leather. Love that midcentury modern? Then also hit up Fergusons Downtown, an übercool collection of indie boutiques, cafés and public art in and around a refurbished 1940s motel.





UP IN THE AIR

Get above the Vegas bustle and take in some seriously spectacular views while standing still or coasting through the sky.

→ SKYPOD Get your socks knocked off by the vista from America's tallest freestanding observation tower (1,149 feet above the streets). Ride The STRAT Hotel's double-decker elevator to the observation deck for sunset cocktails, dine in the revolving Top of the World restaurant, or test your nerve on SkyJump's 40-mph quasi-free fall.

♦ THE BIG APPLE COASTER

Take a white-knuckle ride in a New York City cab. (OK, it's a roller coaster car, painted taxi yellow and checkered black.) As your cab twists, swoops and loops upside down through and around New York-New York, try not to close your eyes or you'll miss the in-your-face encounter with the Statue of Liberty.

- → EIFFEL TOWER Architects used Gustave Eiffel's original drawings to ensure the half-size tower that anchors this Paris lookalike was as true to the original as possible. Ride the elevator to the 460-foot-high observation deck for a breathtaking perspective on the Strip, especially at night.
- → SLOTZILLA ZIPLINE Get a high-speed view of the Fremont Street promenade as you swoosh along a 1,750-foot-long "zoomline" that takes off from the world's largest slot machine. You'll fly headfirst like Superman at 40 mph. (Acrophobes can fly seated on a lower, shorter zipline.)
- → FLY LINQ In the mood for frivolous fun? Get a 40-second adrenaline rush as you whiz above the promenade on this short-but-sweet zipline strung 12 stories above the street. You'll think you're going to crash into the 550-foot High Roller observation wheel. (Spoiler alert: You won't.)
- SMART TRAVELS While zipping through Las Vegas (and all Nevada towns), expect safety measures to be in place at businesses and public spaces. #MaskUpNV





PAIR FALLON

Pioneers made Fallon

way west (just like us,

they had to rehydrate

a rest stop on their

and walk the dogs), but you'll want to get out and explore the town, set about 28 miles northwest of Sand Mountain. Fallon grew in the early 1900s, thanks to agriculture, and food is still a focus. The annual late-summer Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair celebrates a sweet, delectable variety that bruises too easily to ship well, so you've gotta come here to try it. Find fresh grapes, raspberries and other organic goodies at Lattin Farms, then go all naughty with a cinnamon bun from the bakery. Spend your afternoon sampling spirits at Frey Ranch Distillery. On Saturdays, enjoy free facility tours and tastings of Frey Ranch Bourbon and Frey Ranch Rye. They're made with grains grown on Colby Frey's 165-year-old family farm.



| ENDLESS HIKING |

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

IT'S THE HOTTEST, DRIEST AND LOWEST PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT DON'T LET THOSE STATS FOOL YOU. DEATH VALLEY DELIVERS HEAVENLY HIKING, REFRESHING VIEWS AND COOL HISTORY, TOO.

Picture stark salt flats, sand dunes. ombré canyons, mountain peaks, and relics of history like charcoal kilns and petroglyphs. Then crank up the thermometer. That's Death Valley—at least in summer's triple-digit heat. But in the cooler air of February through early April, when wildflowers bloom, it's a helluva place to hike. Get your bearings at Zabriskie Point's 360-degree (that's angle, not temperature) overlook of the badlands. On clear days, Dante's View offers glimpses of Badwater Basin and Mt. Whitney, the highest and lowest points in the Lower 48. Telescope Peak, at 11,049 feet and capped with snow for part of the year, tests hikers with high-elevation forests of juniper and pine. It's a shorter trek (with a couple of creek crossings) to Darwin Falls, an unexpected oasis. An unmarked trail in **Desolation Canyon** follows a sandy wash through a narrow ravine, passing Artists Palette-rock faces dyed red, yellow, green and purple by oxidation.



After other towns in the Bullfrog Mining District went bust, Beatty reinvented itself as a gateway to Death Valley. The Beatty Museum and Historical Society offers nuggets of gold rush history, plus displays about Death Valley's Timbisha Shoshone tribe. Atomic Inn, built in 1980 for defense contractors visiting nearby military installations, is completely remodeled. At Sourdough Saloon, rack the balls for pool and feed on ribs, Angus beef burgers, fried calamari and grilled cheese. For dessert, get lost in Nevada's largest (and sweetest) candy store, Death Valley Nut and Candy Co.



In addition to your normal outdoor gear list, be sure to back masks, hand

gear list, be sure to pack masks, hand sanitizer, wet wipes and/or disinfectant wipes, gloves, and trash bags. And always pack out what you pack in. TOP Death Valley is known for its seemingly barren and expansive vistas that include huge gravel fields where the mountains are slowly eroding into the valley below. | BIKE THE RAILS |

HOOVER DAM

THE EPIC DEPRESSION-ERA
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
CREATED THE LARGEST
HUMAN-MADE RESERVOIR IN
THE NATION: BEAUTIFUL LAKE
MEAD, A FONT OF RECREATION
ON AND NEAR THE WATER.

Tighten your helmet strap and check your brakes before biking the **Historic** Railroad Trail, a fittingly chain-andsprocket way to tour a place so shaped by human engineering. The wellmaintained, level trail passes through five of the original 300-foot-long, 25-foot-wide tunnels carved out of the Nevada mountainside in the 1930s. to transport building materials to the dam. It's one of the only portions of the Hoover Dam Railroad system that wasn't destroyed or flooded by Lake Mead. Also geared toward pedestrians. the path is dotted with info about the lake, Hoover Dam and wildlife, like desert bighorn sheep, owls and rattlesnakes. Want a longer trip? The trail, accessed via the Lake Mead Alan Bible Visitor Center or the Hoover Dam parking garage, connects to the 30-mile-plus route ringing Lake Mead.

PAIR WITH BOULDER CITY

Once temporary digs for workers building Hoover Dam, this small town makes a lasting impression with its range of activities, accommodations and dining options. Boulder Dam Hotel, built in 1933, houses the **Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum** on its first floor, and counts U.S. presidents and Hollywood royalty like Bette Davis and Shirley Temple among its notable guests. Get your heart pumping on the serpentine mountain biking trails at **Bootleg Canyon**. Lower trails are perfect for newbies, while the upper trails with steep grades challenge pros. Relax at The Dillinger, named for the infamous bank robber. In true tough-guy style, the restaurant promises that "Our burgers will beat up your burgers." Sampling any of the six beers on tap (or the two dozen in bottles) can help soften the blows.





PAIR BAKER

Electricity didn't reach this small town until 1971for context, Richard Nixon was president when that occurred—and Baker retains much of its off-the-grid character. Opened in 2017, the 10-room Stargazer Inn has quite a following, thanks to Kerouac's Restaurant. The restaurant (open May through October) is known for artisan pizzas, burgers, craft cocktails, beer and wine. Fourteen miles southeast of town, take a UTV ride through **Hidden Canyon Retreat's** 375 acres of foothills and pasture land, watching for mule deer, wild turkeys and golden eagles. The lush canyon also fosters fishing, fossil hunting, cave exploring and more.

BASIN BONUS

The Great Basin Highway features eight state parks along a gorgeous 355-mile stretch. Before you pack your hiking shoes, get oriented on

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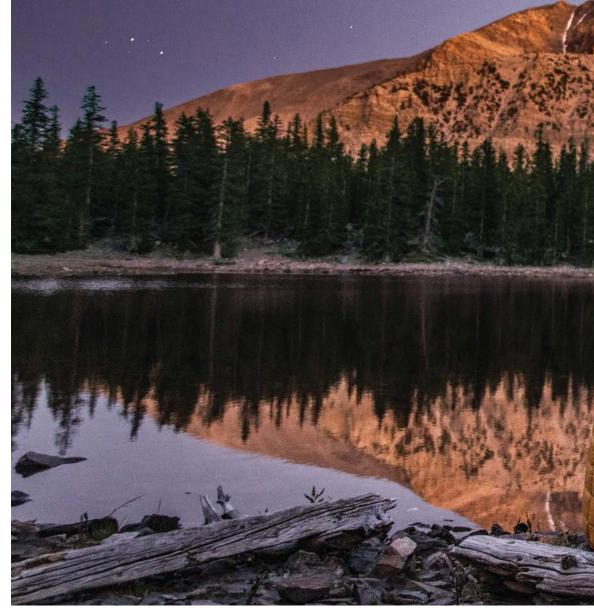


GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

THOUGH IT'S CHOCK-FULL
OF AMAZING NATURAL
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REC OPPORTUNITIES, GREAT
BASIN LACKS ONE FEATURE
THAT'S A GIVEN AT MOST
OTHER NATIONAL PARKS:
LARGE CROWDS.

Psst—Great Basin is one of the least-visited national parks.
Don't pass it on. True, the park is somewhat isolated, but what more can it offer? Try horseback riding, rock climbing, cross-country skiing, and camping against a backdrop of alpine lakes, limestone caverns and the oldest living trees on Earth—5,000-year-old bristlecone pines. The fishing is especially fine. Pack a rod and make the 6-mile journey above 10,000 feet to Baker Lake. In late summer and early fall,

anglers (especially fly casters) find an idyllic spot brimming with Lahontan cutthroat and brook trout. For more accessible fishing, head to the Lehman Creek trailhead to cast for rainbow, brook and brown trout. After fishing, catch a sea of stars; Great Basin is one of two Nevada locations recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association. Embrace the darkest skies in the Lower 48 at the new 250-seat Astronomy Amphitheater, opening for its first season in 2021.







I HIT THE SLOTS I

CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

WITH SIX STATE PARKS
STAKING CLAIMS IN
SOUTHEASTERN NEVADA,
CATHEDRAL GORGE STANDS
OUT WITH ITS SLOT CANYONS
AND ACCESSIBLE TRAILS.

Skyscraping spires and rust-color cliffs make Cathedral Gorge an eye-popping geology timeline spanning millions of years. A network of trails twists through and around the stunning slot canyons carved by nature. A good place to start is Miller Point Overlook, which offers picturesque sunrise and sunset vistas. Follow the trail from there as it descends into the dramatic canyons. People have been coming to this exotic landscape to hike and picnic since the 1920s, when the gorge hosted vaudeville shows. Mother Nature staged her own show long ago as ancient volcanoes spewed ash in the region and a freshwater lake formed. Over the span of multiple centuries, the lake dried up and erosion exposed ash and pumice from the volcano. Cathedral Gorge became one of Nevada's first four state parks in 1935, and many of the facilities—like stone masoned firepits—were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

PAIR CALIENTE

Anchored by the Caliente Railroad Depot, a faithfully Mission-style monument to the region's ranching and mining history, Caliente provides plenty of (loco) motives for a visit. Check out a row of historic railroad cottages, all original and framed by resplendent rose gardens lining the street. Or try the phenomenal mountain biking, including custom flow trails at Barnes Canyon and a skills park right in town. Throw in close proximity to five more state parks-Beaver Dam, Spring Valley, Echo Canyon, Kershaw-Ryan and Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site—and you've got plenty of ways to punch your adventure ticket around here.

| VINTAGE ESCAPE |

DAVID WALLEY'S RESORT

IN NEVADA, A YOUNG
(AT HEART) PERSON'S
FANCY TURNS TO THOUGHTS
OF SPRINGS. FOR NEARLY
160 YEARS, THIS SPOT'S
WARM WATERS HAVE WOOED
AND WOWED GUESTS.

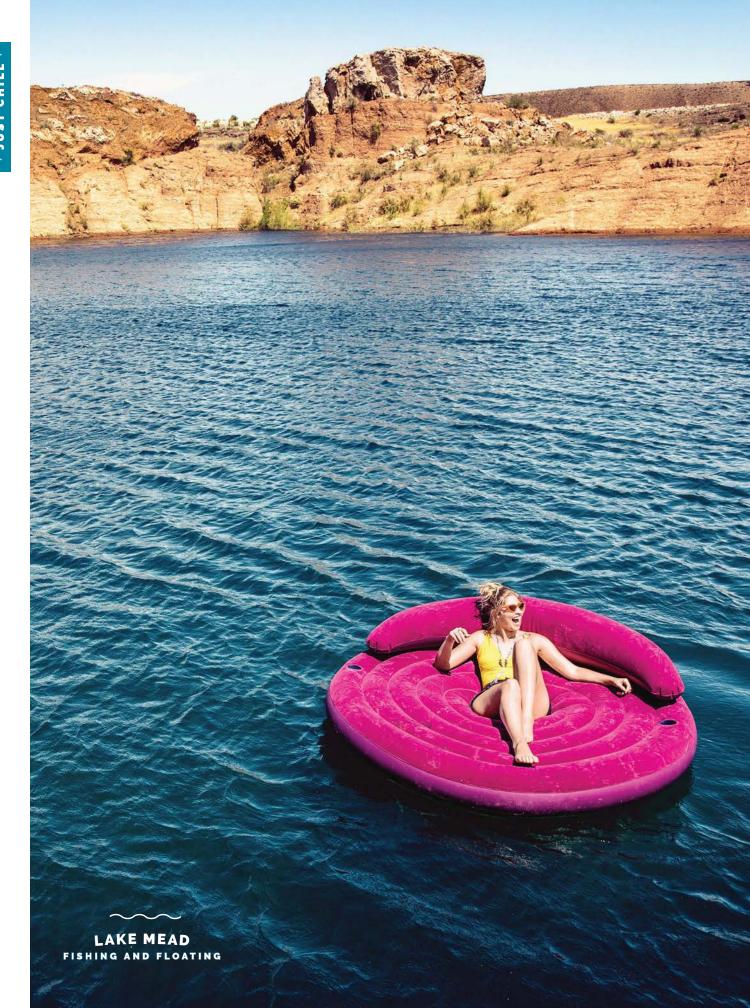
Lose yourself in views of the Sierra Nevada as natural sulfur, potassium and sodium in five toasty hot springs (the water gets up to 104 degrees) rid your body of icky toxins, ease ioint pain and soothe skin. When David Walley first welcomed visitors to the rejuvenating springs on his property, a soak cost 50 cents. (FYI, a stay costs a little more now.) By 1862. Wallev and his wife had built a 40-room resort with a grand ballroom, stable and swimming pool. The resort soon became a regular stop for stagecoaches and celebs like Mark Twain and Clark Gable. Despite multiple fires and the ravages of time, one of the original stone soaking tubs still stands. The on-site 1862 Restaurant and Saloon features an elegant dining room, a rustic bar and a menu that really brings the beef. The outdoor patio offers mountain views and a firepit during the warmer months.



Set your watch back about 170 years to rough-and-tumble pre-statehood days in Genoa, Nevada's first non-Native settlement. The town's bars. hotels and retreats date to the 1850s. Poke around town for take-home gifts and local treats, then picnic at Mormon Station State Historic Park. Kick back at Genoa Bar and Saloon, which claims the title of Nevada's oldest saloon (circa 1853), and just imagine the cowboy brawls that once spilled out of its doors. Watch deer graze from a rustically charming room at the White House Inn Genoa, and build vour own cheese and charcuterie board at 1855-era The Pink House.

BELOW At David Walley's Resort, a large swimming pool and five separate mineral spas feature water temps ranging from 86 to 104 degrees, all naturally, thanks to Mother Earth.







JUST



Take a break from the sizzle of desert heat with a dip in a supersize swimming hole, or escape via skis, sled or snowshoes into Nevada's powder-covered mountains.

WRITER Melissa Walker



EVEN THE GLORIOUS GLITZ OF VEGAS

can't overshadow the incredible natural diversity of Nevada's landscape. It's no wonder the state anthem, "Home Means Nevada," calls it the place of a thousand thrills—and they weren't just talking about the showgirls. Where the desert meets the foothills, Nevada turns into the most mountainous state in the contiguous United States. (How's that for bragging rights?) From those peaks spill streams, lakes and rivers perfect for waterskiing, boating and fishing. Once the first flurries fall, grab the poles, skis, boards and tubes. Mother Nature drops about 30 feet of snow on Lake Tahoe's mountain rim each year. But Tahoe's not the only place to snow your own way. Here are some of the coolest spots to chill out across Nevada.





ON THE WATER

AMONG STRIKING
DESERT SCENERY,
FIND HIDDEN LAKES
AND RIVERS THAT
WILL QUENCH YOUR
THIRST FOR THRILLING
WATER SPORTS,
TROPHY FISHING OR
PEACEFUL PADDLING.

away from the
Las Vegas Strip,
Boulder City's
Lake Mead
National
Recreation Area
feels worlds
away from the
neon lights.
Cast a line—and
make a wish—to
catch 40-pound

Just minutes

striped bass in the lake's brilliant blue water. Within the recreation area, the **Black Canyon Water Trail** meanders for 26 miles along the Colorado River. Here, the morning sun gives

the rock a fiery glow against the purple mountain backdrop. Take the water trail to sandy beaches, secluded coves and the shimmering gem of Emerald Cave.

In the state's northeast, cool mountain runoff makes **Angel Lake** a tad chilly for swimming, but the fish sure like to bite. The Nevada Department of Wildlife and Gallagher Fish Hatchery keep the lake stocked with trout. Speaking of stocked, journey to the remote waters of the **Jarbidge River** to score one of the gorgeously green bull trout (catch-and-release only). You may also get a few redbands and mountain whitefish.

World-class anglers flock to **Pyramid Lake** (40 miles northeast of Reno) for

PYRAMID LAKE







TOP RIGHT Guided tours of the Black Canyon Water Trail often stop at coves, caves and hot springs. ABOVE RIGHT

Looking to catch a bull trout? The Jarbidge River is the only place in Nevada where you can find one. OPPOSITE Catch other ginormous trout species in the Truckee River. a chance to land a trophy Lahontan cutthroat trout. If this endemic fish species refuses to bite, it's not a total loss. Cruise designated areas of the saltwater lake, managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and view the dome-shape tufa rocks. Here, you can also see the **Truckee River,** where it ends its journey from Lake Tahoe. Shortly before its troutrich waters deposit into Pyramid Lake, the river spreads out among cottonwoods and sagebrush, providing a picture-perfect fishing destination.

We're still not entirely sure what the Red Hot Chili Peppers meant when they wanted to take us away on their own zephyr, but one thing's for sure: **Zephyr** Cove Resort is where you want to be. Lift off the ground and parasail 1,000 feet above Lake Tahoe to peer into its clear waters. The cove's gentle breezes and endless sunshine will have you savoring that free-from-it-all feeling. You can also make waves with rentals, choosing from water skis, wakeboards and more.

Swim, boat and Jet Ski in the cool Colorado River at Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area in Laughlin. View rock formations and petroglyphs that tell the story of the Mohave, the Colorado River Valley's earliest inhabitants. After the excursion, roam sandy beaches to view waterfowl and shorebirds that call this place home.



Anglers, this should reel you in: Nevada has more than 200 lakes and reservoirs, and upwards of 600 rivers and streams swimming with catches. We know you can't wait to brag about that big fat bass.



MORE LAKES TO LOVE

OFTEN LIKENED TO THE SWISS ALPS, NORTHEASTERN NEVADA'S RUBY MOUNTAINS HARBOR PRISTINE POCKETS OF PICTURE-PERFECT ALPINE WATERS.

LIBERTY LAKE

With nearly 2,000 feet of elevation gained along this 2.8-mile hike over Liberty Pass, the endless views, angling opportunities and pure mountaintop freedom found here are definitely the kind you earn—and are sure glad you did.

LAMOILLE LAKE

The easy, delightful 1.5-mile hike to Lamoille Lake is a popular destination for day hikers and trout chasers. It's also a perfect picnic spot, couched beneath the imposingly picturesque Liberty Pass.



ANGEL LAKE

Perched at 8,500 feet, this aspen-cliffed gem just 16 miles off Interstate-80 steals the hearts of hikers, photographers and anglers, as well as keen-eyed spotters of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, pronghorn antelope and more.

VERDI LAKE

This deep, blue glacial tarn towers above its neighbors at an elevation of 10,184 feet—the range's highest lake. Gloriously well off the beaten path, if it's serious alpine solace you're seeking, Verdi Lake is hard to beat.

ISLAND LAKE

The easy, 1.7-mile hike from the end of Lamoille Canyon Road zigs and zags up to a stunning glacial tarn in a wildflower-blanketed valley. Meanwhile, bird buffs flock here in hopes of spying the rare, elusive Himalayan snow cock.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

THE MOUNTAINS
BECKON AS SOON
AS NATURE DUMPS THE
FIRST FOOT OF SNOW,
WHICH CAN HAPPEN
AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER
AND LAST UNTIL AT
LEAST MID-MAY.

Pair your Vegas vacation with a ski day at **Lee Canyon**, just 50 minutes northwest of the city. Fly down dozens of runs in the Spring Mountains' upper elevations, and ski right up to the

bar at a new lodge with a heated terrace. Mountain bikers may take over the trails in summer, but until then, downhill skiers stake their claim. Take the family to the tubing hill, or don snowshoes and stroll through ponderosa pines.

Good for both novice skiers and pros, Diamond Peak Ski Resort in Incline Village features private and group lessons, plus kids' ski schools. Experts dig the abundance of off-trail glade skiing options. On Saturday afternoons, ride the last chairlift to Snowflake Lodge for glorious Lake Tahoe views (best enjoyed from the sprawling outdoor sundeck).

On the southern end of the lake, **Heavenly Mountain Resort** is a paradise for those craving downhill speed. More than one-third of its trails are rated for experts, and nearly half are intermediate runs that challenge alpine skiers' skills. Snowboarders will find the swaying blue runs long and wide enough for their boards. In the summer season, ride the gondola to the top for panoramic views of Lake Tahoe, or hop in the gravity-powered Ridge Rider Mountain Coaster and *whoosh* downhill.

Not to be outdone, **Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** boasts the highest base elevation of Tahoe's 15 ski resorts, with upper runs nearing a cloud-scraping 10,000 feet. The high elevation keeps the snow in optimal shape, even when the sun beats down. Experts hop the Zephyr Express lift to The Chutes' double black diamond runs, while intermediates sink their edges into deftly manicured groomers.

Want to take things to the next level? With **Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience**, ride a helicopter high into the Ruby Mountains near Lamoille, and get dropped off among 200,000 acres of powder. Choose from steep drops, tree-lined corridors, glades and open bowls. The helicopter also picks you up when you're done (so you don't have to call an Uber).

SMART TRAVELS You're used to wearing a ski mask, right? Just keep pretending you're on the slopes in all public places and keep your face covered. #MaskUpNV







While skiing gets top billing in Nevada's mountains, there are plenty of other activities that go with the snow.



MOUNT CHARLESTON SLEDDING AREA

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Vegas snow bunnies will appreciate the short drive to the Foxtail Group Picnic Area, where sledding and snowball fights abound.

Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate at Lee Canyon.



CHICKADEE RIDGE

MT. ROSE MEADOWS

Strap on snowshoes and climb to the top of the ridge to see friendly mountain chickadees. The birds along the 3-mile snowshoe trail are so used to visitors, they'll naturally land on your hand. Pro tip: Don't feed wildlife. It's illegal.



BORGES SLEIGH AND CARRIAGE RIDES

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Dash through the snow on a private horse-drawn sleigh ride. Blond Belgian horses lead the sleigh through Sand Harbor Nevada State Park along Lake Tahoe. Sing songs, hear stories, and take the most Norman Rockwell-esque photo of your life.

HOT SPRING AWAKENING

Slip into one of Nevada's greatest treasures—its natural hot springs.
You'll find more here (300-plus!) than in any other state.
For maximum nirvana, enjoy the mineral-rich waters under a canvas of stars. Here are five spots worthy of your bucket (or tub) list.

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



Why does Nevada have so many hot springs? It's the Earth's fault. Or faults. Cracks in the Earth's surface allow water to percolate up. Some springs are actually cold; others are way too hot for bathing. But many are just right for soaking. Go suitless (if you wish), but more importantly, leave no trace of your visit behind, so that these natural wonders can remain pristine.

SOLDIER MEADOWS HOT SPRINGS BLACK ROCK

DESERT The going gets rough on the road from Gerlach—
4WD with high clearance is recommended—turning this 60-mile trip into a two-hour trek, but you'll be glad you took the scenic route. (Playa pros can take the playa to get close.) A hot springs river meanders through the area. Take in views of the Black Rock Range and High Rock Canyon from one of the dammed-up pools.

BLACK ROCK HOT SPRINGS

BLACK ROCK DESERT
Sweet Instagram dreams are
made of this: Bathing in a natural
pool at the edge of a desert
playa. Two pools overlap here,
but avoid the smaller, deeper
pool's extreme temperature—
it's hot enough to do serious
damage. Also be sure to live by
the Dirt Road Code. Drive only
on designated routes (even the
playa has well-worn "lanes"),
and always keep those tires off
the sensitive, protected dunes.

GOLD STRIKE HOT SPRINGS

BOULDER CITY Less than an hour from the Strip, the springs require a strenuous rock-scrambling, rope-assisted hike. (It's worth it.) Multiple pools are dammed up through the canyon, and you'll even find a sauna cave and hot springs waterfalls. Plunge into the Colorado River to cool off and eat up epic views of Hoover Dam. The springs are open from October to mid-May.

FISH LAKE VALLEY HOT

springs Dyer Follow a well-maintained dirt road to this awesome little gem. A vast swath of marshland surrounds a concrete tub with a stepladder and handrails. Views stretch across the desertscape to the White Mountains and nearby Boundary Peak (which happens to be Nevada's tallest mountain). The stargazing here is top-notch.

SPENCER HOT SPRINGS

AUSTIN Compared to many well-hidden springs, these don't play hard to get. You'll find Spencer very close to the geographic center of Nevada. Choose a natural pool with a sandy bottom or an old-school "cowboy tub" (a metal cattle trough). Watch wild burros graze in the distance as the sun glows upon the Big Smoky Valley and dips behind the Toiyabe Range.

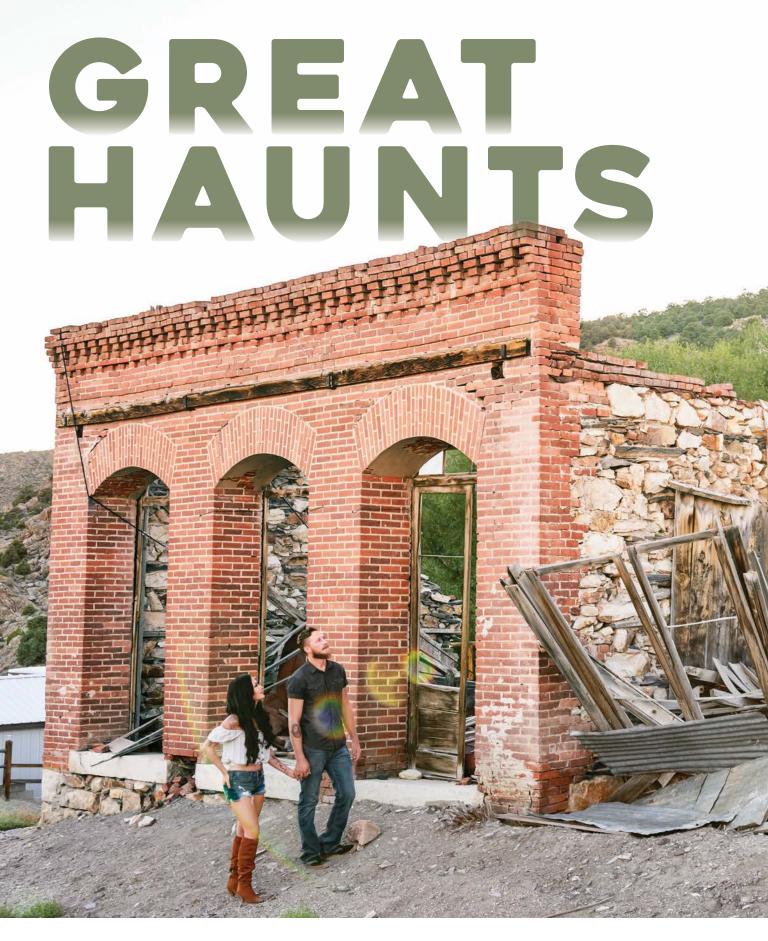
TRAVEL NEVADA

If you stumble across a backroads hot spring, congrats! Take all the pics you want, but please don't geotag. We love to keep many of our lesser-known springs a secret, making the quest all the more magical.

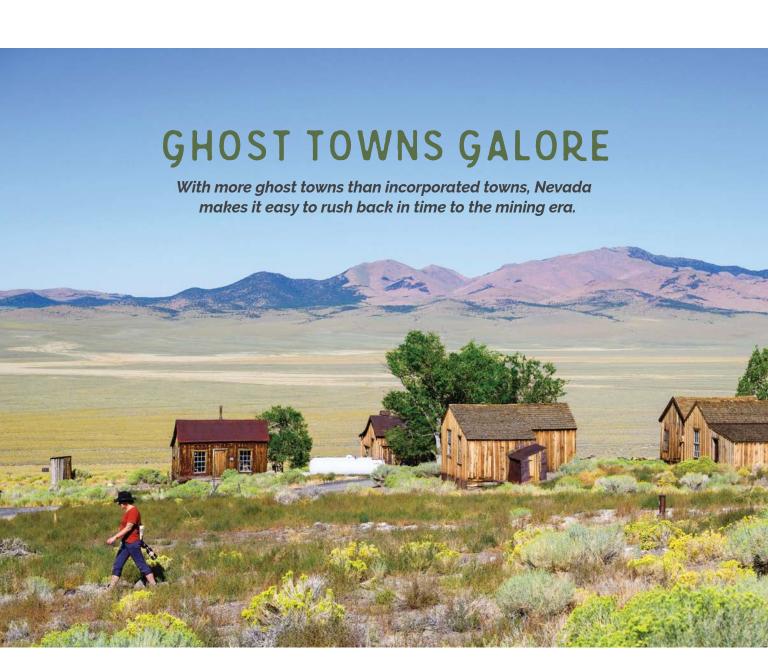


SMART TRAVELS Hot springs are even hotter destinations these days, as more people seek secluded escapes. If there's already a group soaking, wait your turn or try another Nevada adventure—there's one not far away.











RHYOLITE

The skeletons of a threestory bank, part of the old jail, the general store and the train station remain from this Gold Rush town nestled in volcanic rock at the edge of Death Valley. Founded in 1904 and deserted by 1916, it boasted a hospital, an opera house and a stock exchange. In 1907, it was Nevada's thirdlargest city. But as mines were already slowing, a financial crisis hit that year too. Rhyolite didn't weather the storm.

BERLIN

Located within Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, about three and a half hours east of Carson City, Berlin once supported 250 people-miners, woodcutters, charcoal makers, a doctor and nurse, a forest ranger, and even a prostitute. Trails tell the story of the town and its mine, as do 13 original buildings from the 1890s, including the 30-stamp mill and the machine shop, which offers 60-mile views from inside.

self-guided tour of Berlin's mining cabins and mill on the edge of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. LEFT The Tom Kelly Bottle House—built from nearly 50,000 glass bottles—is one of Rhyolite's

ABOVE Take a

big draws.

Some visitors to Hamilton claim feeling an aura that lingers among the remaining structures.

METROPOLIS

Water is life. That's what 700 residents in this region learned when irrigation plans went down the drain. A horrific combo of drought, typhoid, killer jackrabbits and Mormon crickets (yes, you read that correctly) took out many residents in the 1910s. By 1920, fewer than 100 people remained, and, five years later, the last store closed. A post office was stamped out in 1942, and a school was expelled in 1947. Only ruins and ranches remain to tell the story.

CANDELARIA

Whiskey was cheaper than water in this isolated town, as water had to be shipped in at a buck per gallon. Mexican prospectors discovered silver here in 1864 and named the mine and town after a Catholic Mass day. By 1880, the area bustled with hotels, law offices, shops and saloons. Mines closed and people left after the financial panic of 1893. Today, sections of stone and wooden structures remain, including an old mercantile building.

CHERRY CREEK

A luxury hotel, along with many boarding houses, restaurants and saloons, made this city of 6,000 quite the hub in 1881. Cherry Creek was the largest town in what would become the Ely area, at least until a financial crash wiped out the local economy. An 1888 fire destroyed the business district, scaring off most of the remaining souls. A saloon—though closed—still stands, and the school building lives on as a museum that's open by appointment.

DELAMAR

The gold mine here was, well, a veritable gold mine, producing more than \$8 million in ore from 1895 until 1900. But the mine also earned the nickname The Widowmaker for the high number of deaths from its silica dust. At one point, at least 400 residents were widows. Because most of its buildings were made of native stone, Delamar showcases some of the most extensive and wellpreserved ruins of any ghost town in southeast Nevada.

HAMILTON

Don't throw away your shot to see the home of the purest silver strike in Nevada. At one point, its population soared to more than 10,000. The town had a skating rink, dance halls, an opera house, a soda factory and more. But mining declined, and the population shrank. What's left are several fairly wellpreserved structures, including a Wells Fargo bank, against a mountain backdrop. Double dip with a visit to Treasure City ghost town next door.





SMART TRAVELS You don't have to treat fellow ghost hunters like zombies, but always remember to keep at least 6 feet apart, wear a mask and sanitize your hands frequently.

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SPIRITED DISCOVERIES

OK, so most ghost towns aren't that haunted. But if you want to add a little "eek" to your travels, here's where to get your fix. We've ranked these attractions from calm to blood-curdling.



CARSON CITY GHOST WALK CARSON CITY

It was just before Halloween in 1873 that Carson City's founder, Abraham Curry, died. Follow host Madame Curry and her team of Spirit Wranglers through the city's downtown and historic district as they try to reach Abe. Want to dress for the times? Costumes are more than welcome.

FEAR FACTOR

1 out of 10 (nothing jolt-worthy)

THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY **GHOST WALK**

RENO

Hear about a mysterious unsolved disappearance and tales of gangsters, illegal gamblers and other misfits on a 90-minute walk around downtown The Biggest Little City in the World saw more than its share of sinister characters while blazing the trail for gaming in the Silver State.

FEAR FACTOR

2 out of 10 (slight heebie-jeebies)

HAUNTED VEGAS GHOST HUNT

LAS VEGAS

Whoever lives in Vegas doesn't always stay dead in Vegas. Equipped with ghost hunting devices (like electromagnetic field meters), explore haunted buildings and former hangouts of Vegas regularse.g., Bugsy Siegel, Redd Foxx. Michael Jackson, Liberace and Elvis (maybe he never really left the building).

FEAR FACTOR

3 out of 10 (Twilight Zone suspense)

ABOVE Spirits of often appear in the flesh during ghost walks

Carson City's past through town. **OPPOSITE** Whether you're long dead or a newlywed, the Silver Queen

Hotel is a favorite

Virginia City

hangout spot.

TONOPAH GHOST WALK

TONOPAH

George "Devil" Davis played pranks on the Tonopah Liquor Company, Bina Verrault is still on the lam, and the Lady in Red must have been wearing pearls when her ex-lover strangled her. Their stories and others are told at historic sites, including a cemetery.

FEAR FACTOR

4 out of 10 (definite creepy-crawlies)

GOODSPRINGS GHOST HUNT

GOODSPRINGS

Ghosts should live in a ghost town, right? For years, spirits have been seen and felt around here, including the ghosts of a gunshot victim and old miner at the 108-year-old Pioneer Saloon. Mortals report seeing them in the bar-ghosts love boos, you know.

FEAR FACTOR

5 out of 10 (hairs might stand on end)

THE MIZPAH **HOTEL** TONOPAH

Beautifully restored, with granite walls and Victorian-era decor, the hotel embraces a history as blood red as its scarlet furnishings. Guests include the Lady in Red, a murdered prostitute whose ghost leaves pearls on the nightstands of unsuspecting guests.

FEAR FACTOR

6 out of 10 (if you meet the Lady in Red)

ZAK BAGANS' THE HAUNTED **MUSEUM**

LAS VEGAS

Paranormal investigator Zak Bagans has filled more than 30 rooms with items from his creepy collection. But the huge structure, built in 1938, already had a spooky rep. Hostile spirits are said to have terrorized past occupants. And locals say dark rituals took place in the basement in the '70s.

FEAR FACTOR

7 out of 10 (cue The Exorcist theme)

SILVER QUEEN HOTEL

VIRGINIA CITY

You may hear the ghost of Rosie running around, rattling door knobs and tapping on windows. (Rosie died in Room 11.) The hotel, built in 1876, is one of the oldest in the area. It's also regarded as one of the spookiest in the Silver State.

FEAR FACTOR

8 out of 10 (if you meet Rosie)

SCARED

This is just the start of haunted stuff around here. Seek more spooky finds at Travel Nevada.com.



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HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR ROAD TRIPS?

Here's the good news: No matter which route (or how many) you take, epic adventures await. Pick a drive, pack a map (cell service can be spotty), and keep the tank full. Be sure to tag @TravelNevada along the way!

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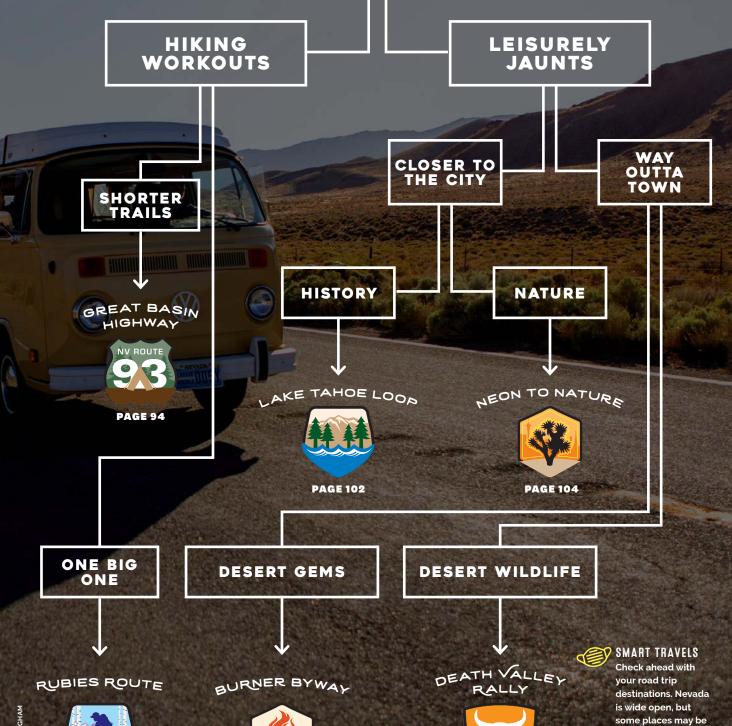


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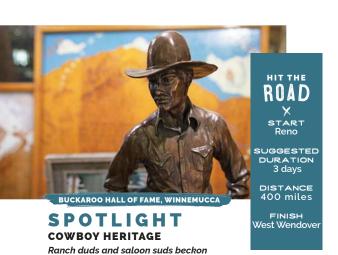
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NO SADDLE REQUIRED

Cowboys aren't just Hollywood characters around here; they're the real deal, working Nevada's ranchland and infusing the region with Western culture. Follow Interstate-80 and tip your hat to the buckaroo life.

WRITER Gary Thompson



along this storied stretch. These
authentic spots get the details right.
You'll want to look the part before

You'll want to look the part before you saddle up (OK, gas up) for a journey into Cowboy Country, so stop at D Bar M Western Store, just east of Reno's Riverwalk District, to brand yourself as legit. Shop for denim, a flat-brimmed hat and—if you're more into doggies than dogies—a leather leash. See cowpokes picking out work clothes to boot; call it cattle-business casual. Maybe one of them will someday earn a spot at the Buckaroo Hall of Fame in Winnemucca. The place honors more than 70 legends for their character and cowboy skills. Exhibits display the tools of the tradeintricately braided reins, silver-mounted spurs and stamped-leather saddles.

TRAVEL NEVADA

One of the best ways to dig in to a place's culture is with your fork.

"Basque" in
Nevada's cuisine scene at 100-yearold boarding houses that still serve up serious old-country flavor.
Dive deeper into
Nevada's Basque roots on page 28.

with gear from J.M. Capriola Co., an Elko shop that's been in business 92 years. Shop (or admire) the fine leatherwork on display (including purses and wallets), score a new Stetson, or take home a mug or T-shirt. Further stimulate your brain's Western hemisphere across the street at the Western Folklife Center in the restored Pioneer Hotel. Best known for hosting the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering (January 23-29, 2022), the center features two theaters, a galloping gallery of horse-centric exhibits, a gift shop (cool wild rags) and the Pioneer Saloon—its 1890 Brunswick bar is 40 feet of mahogany and cherry inlaid with mother-of-pearl.

Chances are some hall of famers rode

FAMILY PHOTO

Secure the link to your mate (or fam) by leaving a padlock on the chains at Lovers Lock Plaza, located behind the courthouse in Lovelock. Post a pic—locking lips is optional. Don't have a lock? A number of local shops stock them; just look for the Lovers Lock posters in storefront windows. For best results, we recommend throwing away the key.

REFUEL

A ride through Cowboy Country can make you hungry as a horse, but don't raid some ranch for oats and hay. Instead, head for **The Griddle** in Winnemucca, home to French toast, fresh crepes (ooh la la!) and a hearty Wild West Scramble.

MORE MUSTS

- + Cowpoke Cafe, Lovelock Did the chicken or the egg come first? Doesn't matter; enjoy both—plus burgers—at this fave local spot. Country cooking and a no-frills ambience comfort diners.
- + Nanny Joe's, Lovelock Play a little seek-and-find at this antique store housed in the town's historic Mercantile Company building. Quest for something quaint or quirky among the vintage furniture, clothing, jewelry and quilts.
- + The Old Pioneer Garden Country Inn, Unionville An hour northeast of Lovelock, get some R&R at a ranch in the ghost town where Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) sought fortune as a silver prospector. His cabin stands nearby.
- + Humboldt Museum, Winnemucca
 Check out ice age remains, Native regalia
 and relics from a soda bottling plant.
 The site overlooks where pioneer wagon
 trains once forded the Humboldt River.
- + Battle Mountain Cookhouse Museum, Battle Mountain Old-school tack room gear, a small herd of vintage Stetsons and other artifacts fill a restored barn red building where ranch hands once gathered at the dinner bell's clang.
- + Historic Wendover Airfield Museum, Wendover This World War II air base located just across the border from West Wendover closed in 1977, but it's since been featured in a number of Hollywood flicks, including *Independence Day*. Roam the grounds and see the Fairchild C-123K plane featured in *Con Air*.





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OPEN-AIR GALLERIES

Fear and Loathing hallucinations have nothing on the real-world wackiness along US-95, where psychedelic free-range art meets the American West.

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



SPOTLIGHT COLORFUL CREATIONS

On this artfully inspired desert adventure, encounter kaleidoscopic boulder towers, a forest of cars, retired Burning Man sculptures and other oddly whimsical finds.

Swoop into downtown Vegas for off-the-charts neon hunting and mural viewing. Check out Fergusons

Downtown, a creative space in the former Fergusons Motel, where you'll find bohemian shops and funky galleries. The art centerpiece here is Mike Ross' *Big Jig Rig,* consisting of two 18-wheeler tanker

trucks that twist into the sky. This piece—along with others downtown—debuted at Burning Man. For more public art, head to **The Las Vegas Arts District**. You could spend a full day navigating the 18 blocks packed with galleries, eateries and bars.

About two hours up US-95, discover the **Goldwell Open Air Museum**, home to Charles Albert Szukalski's ghostly *Last Supper*. Lounge on a mosaic-tiled couch and marvel at *Lady Desert*, a pixelated Nevada Venus. And don't miss the tribute to Frank "Shorty" Harris, whose gold strike established Rhyolite (now a ghost town).

On the southern end of Goldfield (about an hour north of Goldwell), follow a dirt road east, catching sight of an upended bus. You've officially arrived at the International Car Forest of the Last Church, where partially buried vehicles function as a rotating art gallery. attracting graffiti artists. Longtime Goldfield resident Mark Rippie's original vision was to break the Guinness World Records for the world's biggest car forest. Joined by artists Chad Sorg and Zak Sargent, Rippie set to work, burying the noses of 40 vehicles. Some flaunt artful renditions of gorillas and lobsters; others are scrawled with nonsense. You never know what you'll find here, and that's part of the fun.

Your trippy road trip ends in Reno. Browse the city's awe-inspiring collection of MidTown murals. You could spend a whole day spotting the 80-plus works, including an impressive assortment by local Erik Burke. End your art experience strolling the Reno Riverwalk District and snacking at one of many eateries dishing a world tour of cuisine.

FAMILY PHOTO

SUGGESTED

DISTANCE 475 miles

FINISH

Just south of Vegas, colorful rock totems emerge from the desertscape. Follow the short yucca-lined path to pose with Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, stacked boulders painted in neon colors. See it now, because this is a short-term art installation that will disappear like a mirage at the end of 2021.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (CAR FOREST) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY, (MOUNTAINS) RYAN DONNEI





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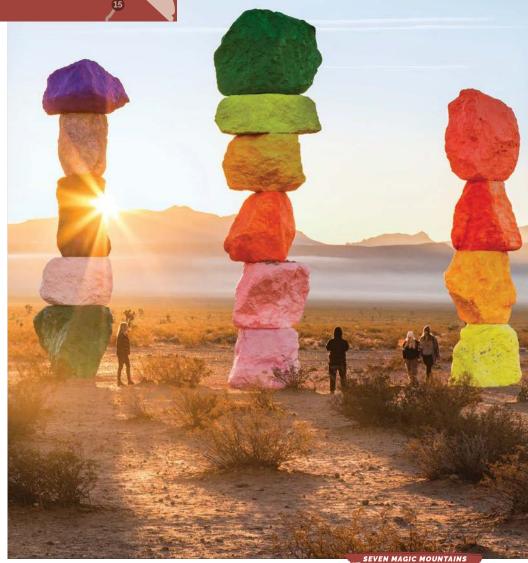
Stop at the **Tonopah Brewing Company** for a flight of craft beers and a classic BBQ plate. As a manager here once said: "Beer and bones go together." Can't arque with that.

MORE MUSTS

- → Area 15, Las Vegas Just off the Strip, find Art Island, a new sculpture park for Burning Man pieces, including *Omah*, a neon-lit owl. Also explore the beautifully bizarre array of themed bars and eateries.
- → Walker Lake Recreation Area, Mineral County Camp, swim, picnic or just relax under the cottonwoods, keeping eyes peeled for wild horses and bighorn sheep.
- → Fort Churchill State Historic Park, Silver Springs Wander trails, studying the historic ruins of this 1861 fort. The park runs along the Carson River, offering fab camping, hiking, biking and canoeing.
- → Yerington Theatre for the Arts, Yerington Housed in Yerington Grammar School, this theater boasts an impressive schedule of performances, gallery

exhibitions and cultural heritage events.

- → Oats Park Art Center, Fallon It's the epicenter of Fallon's arts scene. Catch an art show, concert or poetry reading. Vintage neon buffs: Don't miss the iconic Highway 50 Lariat Motel sign.
- → The Melting Pot World Emporium, Reno Browse counterculture goodies we're talking tutus, steampunk gear, incense and candles. Buy Burning Man goggles to earn road trip cred on a future Burner Byway adventure (see page 98).







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SPIRITED EXPRESSWAY

Remnants of settlements past dot the drive eastward from Carson City. Get a haunting dose of history, right where it unfolded, at central Nevada ghost towns.

WRITER Angela Ufheil



SPOTLIGHT

GHOST TOWNS

In July 1986, a Life magazine article stated "There are no points of interest" in regards to this spacious stretch of US-50. Clearly the quoted AAA counselor didn't get the appeal of ghost towns.

Quick detours from the Loneliest Road reveal myriad abandoned boroughs and buried treasure, including a Pony Express Station revealed from beneath the dunes at Sand Mountain Recreation Area near Fallon. The 1860-era structure of arranged volcanic rocks contained a stable, telegraph room, kitchen, tiny living space and more.

Southeast of Sand Mountain lies Ophir Canyon (aka Toiyabe City), a mining town abandoned in the 1890s. Stumble across iron mine artifacts in a mountain canyon. At Belmont Mill, one of Nevada's best-

preserved mining camps, see the pulley system laborers used to move ore to the four-story mill site. A cart loaded with minerals dangles from the intact cables, making it all the easier to imagine workers rushing around the site.

The journey continues to the aptly named Treasure City and nearby
Hamilton. When prospectors discovered one of the purest caches of silver more than 150 years ago, miners flocked to this area. You can almost hear the echoes of raucous parties amid a sea of broken champagne bottles at Treasure City.
Continue east toward Osceola, where the South Snake mountains loom over leantos near the former gold mine.

FAMILY PHOTO

Anyone can take a pic in front of the wooden welcome sign on **Middlegate Station's** front porch, which puts the restaurant's location at "Middle of Nowhere." But only a true champ can do it wearing an "I Ate The Monster" T-shirt, the award for snarfing down a hulking burger and mound of fries—a staggering 4 pounds of food total.

REFUEL

Start the day sweet (griddled French toast) or savory (steak sandwiches with shaved garlic) at **The Owl Club** in Eureka. Rolling through for lunch? Snag a Double Ortega burger, tots instead of fries and a Ruby Mountain Amber Ale on draft—all raved about by regulars.

MORE MUSTS

- + Carson Piazza Bar, Carson City
 Inspired by the owners' trips to Italy
 and Spain, this hot new spot features a
 seasonal menu of flatbreads, small plates
 and charcuterie. The wine list rules.
- + Stokes Castle, Austin The three-story granite tower gives off some serious Rapunzel vibes (if Rapunzel donned a cowboy hat). She'd dig the stunning views of the Reese River Valley, framed by the Toiyabe and Shoshone mountain ranges.
- → Ely Renaissance Village, Ely The town's history comes alive each May through September, when interpreters show kids life in turn-of-the-century homes, complete with claw-foot bathtubs and wood-burning stoves. The general store sells cold drinks; sip 'em in the courtyard.
- → McGill Drugstore Museum, McGill Come for the rock candy; stay for the glimpse into McGill's days of yore. Products from the '50s, like Dippity-do hair gel, still line the shelves at this time capsule just north of Ely.
- + Great Basin National Park, Baker
 Wonders stretch from the subterranean
 to the sky. Marble in the shape of witches'
 fingers dangles within Lehman Caves. And
 lack of light pollution allows the stars to
 shimmer, especially from Mather Overlook.
- + Kerouac's Restaurant, Baker Even if a night at the Stargazer Inn isn't on the itinerary, schedule a stop at the on-site restaurant (open seasonally). Savor burgers on house-made brioche buns or pizza topped with local produce.

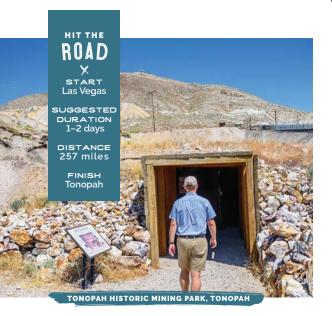
ABOVE Belmont Mill's mining pulleys and tramways remain surprisingly intact. OPPOSITE Wander among the stone remains of an 1860s-era stamp mill at Ophir.



LET'S GET SPACED OUT

Keep your antennae up as you fly along State-375 for nearly 100 miles of UFO-seeking, stargazing and geocaching through an out-of-this-world (and ridiculously wacky) desertscape.

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



SPOTLIGHT

OTHERWORLDLY ENCOUNTERS

There's no better place to get your alien on than this route that passes nebulous Area 51, along with bases for intergalactic quirks and kitsch.

Start by filling up on gas in Las Vegas or Alamo, as there's no fuel again until you reach Tonopah, and E.T. can't phone home for help, because there's no cell service either. Just before the highway 318/375 junction in Hiko, stock up on heavenly snacks from E.T. Fresh Jerky and snap a selfie with the cowboy alien murals.

OPPOSITE

Billed as the gateway to Area 51, the Alien Research Center sells souvenirs with a side of supernatural theories Look for the Quonset hut and enormous metal alien, signaling you've arrived at the Alien Research Center, a quirky all-things-alien gift shop. Owner George Harris says they also conduct secret alien research. "We send people out all over the world where there have been UFO sightings... and then there's the stuff we don't talk about." After shopping, venture into the remote landscape. Seek out creatures twisting their arms to the sky (Joshua trees) and pronghorn antelope bouncing among them.

In another 40 miles, stop in tiny Rachel, home to the **Little A'Le'Inn**, where you can stay the night, grab a Saucer Burger (a close encounter of the tasty kind), and swap UFO stories. Samantha, the friendly server, says she's not sure if they're aliens or "something the government is up to," but she sees UFOs all the time.

While it wasn't a UFO that created Lunar Crater (a slight detour between Rachel and Tonopah), the volcano-formed landscape sure looks like something from another planet. Peer into and around the 430-foot-deep crater, and you'll see why astronauts used this terrain to train for missions to the moon during the 1970s.

Carry on to Tonopah, turning your sights from the galaxy above to below ground to explore mining history. End your trip at **Tonopah Stargazing Park**, where thousands of stars, the Milky Way and—if you're super lucky—perhaps a few flying saucers blaze across the night sky.

FAMILY PHOTO

If you don't capture it and tag the photo #WeirdNevada, were you even there? Take a selfie with the **E.T. Highway sign** at the junction of highways 318 and 375 in Crystal Springs. If you miss it, don't worry, there's another sign in Rachel.

REFUEL

Spend the night in luxury at Tonopah's 1907 **Mizpah Hotel**, known as "the finest stone hotel in the desert." Or at least stop in for a drink (it has a great wine list) and relax on the velour Victorian couches. Be sure to peek inside the 19th-century bank vault (now a tiny historical museum).

MORE MUSTS

◆ Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah

Learn Tonopah's colorful story through an eclectic collection of mining tools, Chinese pottery, Native American tools and artifacts from World War II. Don't miss the outdoor replica of the turn-of-thecentury mining camp, including miners' cabins, a blacksmith shop and a saloon.

+ Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Tonopah Enjoy a self-guided stroll at this huge outdoor museum. Explore the Burro Tunnel and step onto a steel viewing cage 500 feet over a mine stope. You can also peer into the Glory Hole, an extremely rich ore site. The visitors center boasts an impressive mineral display, mining equipment, headframes, hoist works and more.





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PACK SOME TRAIL MIX

Get to know Nevada's natural wonders—deep siltstone canyons, spring-fed oases and the world's oldest trees—along this stretch of hiking adventures starring Great Basin National Park.

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



FINISH Baker

SPOTLIGHT

HIKING HEAVEN

The Great Basin Highway, mostly following US-93, is your ticket to breathtaking parks and trails along Nevada's eastern edge.

Lace up your hiking boots and start near Las Vegas at Valley of Fire State Park. The Mouse's Tank Trail meanders through sandstone formations, leading to a natural basin that collects rainwater. Push north 150 miles to the historic railway town of Caliente and visit the lush grounds at **Kershaw-Ryan State**Park. Hike the Canyon Overlook Trail past dense grapevines, oaks and willows to a viewpoint of the arid slopes above. North of Caliente, take a 28-mile detour off US-93 to Beaver Dam State Park. It's way out there, but the far-flung location guarantees crowd-free hiking. A short climb leads to a 360-degree panorama of Beaver Dam Wash's wooded valley.

Backtrack to US-93 and head north to Cathedral Gorge State Park, famous for its cave formations, siltstone slot canyons and towering hoodoos (rock spires) carved by water, wind and time. The Miller Point Trail connects the park's picnic area with a rim-top viewpoint.

Next, put your boots on the ground in Echo Canyon State Park and Spring Valley State Park, both east of the silvermining town of Pioche. At Echo Canyon, the Ash Canyon Trail takes you into a wilderness of volcanic cliffs. At Spring Valley, walk to Eagle Valley Reservoir to watch for eagles and trumpeter swans.

Give your feet a break while you zoom 130 miles north to Cave Lake State Park. Wander through piñon-juniper woodland on the Twisted Pines Trail. This is also a hot park for mountain biking enthusiasts.

Finish your trip on the Bristlecone Trail at **Great Basin National Park**. Here, the world's oldest living trees cling to arid slopes at 10,000 feet and higher.

FAMILY PHOTO

Generate social buzz with a group pic in front of the beehive-like kilns at **Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park.** Miners used these six structures to process silver ore in the 1870s.

REFUEL

If the Overland Hotel and Saloon's

Brunswick bar could talk, it would tell some *wild* Western tales. Pioche may be small now, but in the 1870s, it had dozens of saloons and gunslingers.

MORE MUSTS

+ Million Dollar Courthouse, Pioche

This gorgeous stone and brick building was built in the 1870s when Pioche was designated the county seat. But kickbacks and overruns cost a fortune—about a million bucks. Tour the jail, sit in the jury box, and learn about Pioche's history as the West's baddest town.

**Stargazer Inn, Baker Need a place to stay near Great Basin National Park? Book a room and be dazzled by a zillion (or so) stars against a velvet-black sky. The innkeepers also run Kerouac's Restaurant, known for artisan pizzas and organic salads. (Dining options are limited in the off-season between November and April.)



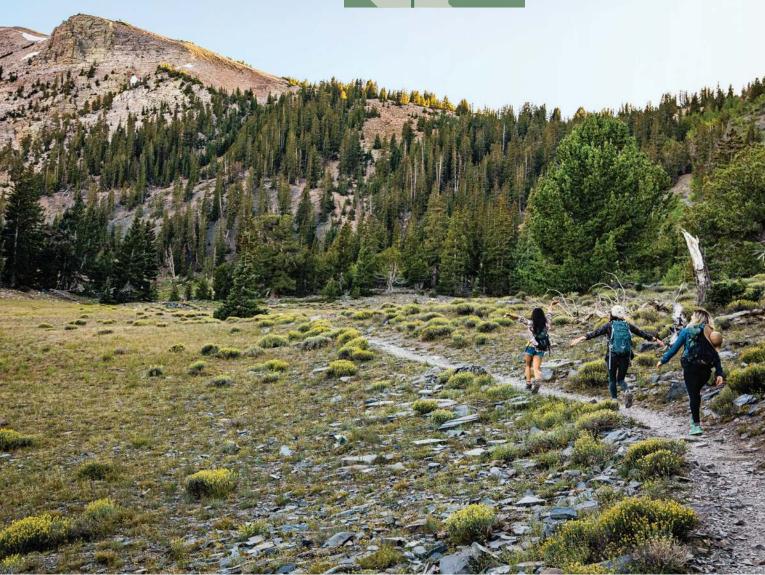
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opposite You can thank ancient volcanoes for crafting the colorful walls of Rainbow Canyon at Kershaw-Ryan State Park.

more than 60 miles of wildly scenic hiking trails at Great Basin National Park. SEE IT ALL

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EPIC EXPLORATIONS

Try to keep your eyes on the pavement as you wind through Nevada's Alps (the Ruby Mountains) and into the wilderness of lush valleys and brilliant blue lakes.

WRITER Melissa Walker



SPOTLIGHT

SWEEPING LANDSCAPES

All roads leave from Elko on this route that requires rolling down the windows to fully appreciate the texture-rich kaleidescope of the Ruby Mountains and its surroundings.

Getting to Jarbidge Wilderness isn't exactly a piece of cake (research the route ahead of time as cell signals are spotty), but it's so worth the effort. Once there, don your hiking boots and play

I-Spy for wildlife on 125 miles of trails. Cast your line for several species of trout found in the many lakes and streams. Or join a guided big-game hunt and camp overnight. You'll be rewarded with a star-filled sky and spectacular sunrise.

Closer to Elko, take a scenic 12-mile drive through Lamoille Canyon. Admire its rock formations sculpted by glaciers before hitting the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail. The trail stretches 43 miles south from Lamoille Canyon

to Harrison Pass. Elevations range from 7,200 to 10,893 feet, with trails tracing alpine waters. Wildflowers abound, and you'll likely have big stretches to yourself. Even avid hikers need a couple of days to complete the trek, but it's easy to tackle shorter segments. Bring binoculars—and a bit of good fortune—if you want to spot mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Give your feet a rest and spend a day farther south at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Shoot away—but only with your camera. Capture swans in the winter, pronghorn in the fall and one of the country's densest breeding populations of canvasback ducks in early spring. Fish in the Ruby Marshes, where bites come often in the 9,000 acres of spring ponds, marshes and canals.

FAMILY PHOTO

The view gets better after each bend in the final stretch to **Angel Lake**, surrounded by rocky mountain cliffs, wildflowers and seasonal waterfalls, 59 miles northeast of Elko. Afterward, hike the shoreline, paddle in a canoe, or take a refreshing plunge in the cool water.

REFUEL

FINISH Jarbidge The prickly pear limeade at McAdoo's restaurant in Elko won't poke you, but it will quench even the thirstiest of travelers. Also buzzworthy: the fall-favorite pumpkin pancakes swirled with cream cheese, and the lemon-blueberry cake baked with creamy mascarpone.

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RIGHT Liberty Lake along the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail features almost-too-blue-to-be-true lake views.

OPPOSITE Six generations of the Smith family have taken the reins at Cottonwood Ranch in Wells.

MORE MUSTS

→ Machi's Saloon and Grill, Elko

Snag a seat, toss back beers, and get friendly with locals. Carnivores dig the all-American prime rib, while veggie-lovers go for fried chickpeas and carrot cake.

◆ Red Dog Saloon and Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge

Hike or off-road by day, and pick your poison at night. These two watering holes rotate seasons of operation with food service. Weary travelers rest at the rustic inn (closed during the winter months).

→ Bella's Restaurant and Espresso, Wells

You won't find any stale gas station excuses for coffee here. It's all locally roasted and fresh at Bella's. On the eats side of things, get a taste of grandma's cooking crafted from old family recipes.

◆ Cottonwood Ranch, Wells

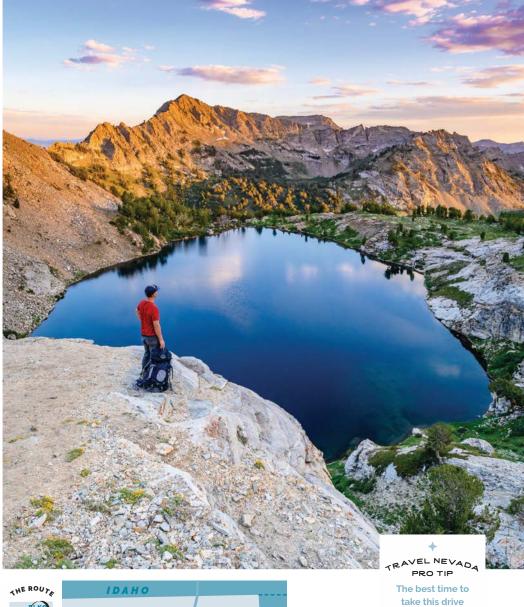
Mount your saddle for a ride through the ranch, then unwind in a rocking chair overlooking cattle grazing the vast meadows and pasture. Bonus: You can also help feed the calves.

→ Ruby Mountain Brewing Company, Wells

Owner Steve Safford pours ranch-brewed beers near his family's homestead in Clover Valley. Call ahead for (limited) tours, and keep an eye out for Ruby Mountain beers on tap along the route.

◆ The Pine Lodge Dinner House, Lamoille Marty Moose stares down on diners inside

Marty Moose stares down on diners inside the historic lodge. Guests are encouraged to bring their cameras to photograph the large collection of North American big game and dioramas.





take this drive
is June through
October. During
winter, the
Lamoille Canyon
Scenic Byway and
many secondary
roads through the
mountains and
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Before or during your journey, dig deeper into this region by tuning into the Travel Nevada podcast at soundcloud.com/TravelNevada.

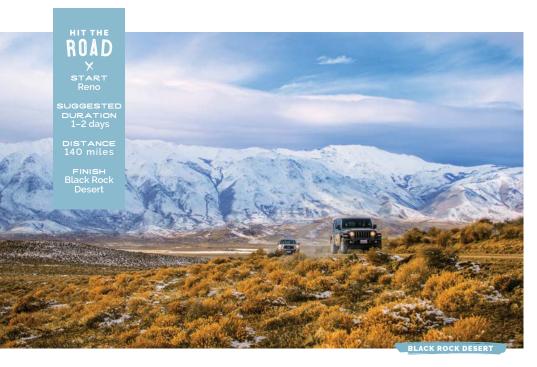


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DESERT GEMS

The road to Black Rock is paved with geodes, hot springs and unique landscapes that will get you hooked on routes less traveled.

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



OPPOSITE,

TOP Browse John Bogard's desert-inspired stoneware and porcelain at Planet X Pottery in Gerlach.

OPPOSITE, BELOW

Pyramid Lake sits entirely on tribal land. If camping or fishing, arrive via the town of Sutcliffe and stop by Pyramid Lake Marina for permits.

SPOTLIGHT

REMOTE ADVENTURES

Off-roading and camping in one of the world's most unusual settings will leave you burning for more.

As you head north from Reno on State-445, vistas of Pyramid Lake appear like an oasis amid the desert backdrop. Its 400-foot-tall, cone-shaped tufa formation—the Pyramid—is hard to miss. Follow State-446 to 447, where a lonely ribbon of road unfolds onto a desert playa, with craggy mountains crouching above. Soon you'll reach Gerlach, your

gateway to the Black Rock Desert, a mind-blowingly vast landscape made famous (or infamous) by Burning Man, a showcase of creativity gone wild.

Swing by the Friends of Black Rock-High Rock visitors center for information and maps before heading out. At 200 square miles, the Black Rock Desert (former lake bed of the ancient Lake Lahontan) is one of the largest, flattest surfaces on our planet. A jet-propelled car once did 763 mph here, setting a land speed record. But it's best not to try for your own personal racing best, especially when the playa isn't completely dry.

Rather, hike or mountain bike into the hills, or mine for minerals and gemstones, including geodes, obsidian, topaz and opals. (Fun fact: Nevada is the only place in North America where black fire opals exist naturally.)

Hot spring enthusiasts will happily find three springs to splash into (there's a fourth, but temperatures are way too hot for a soak), including the Soldier Meadows Hot Springs, which have designated campsites nearby. The combo of a relaxing float in an aquamarine pool and the seemingly endless view leaves any lingering city vibes in the dust.

If farther-flung adventures are calling your name, head north to Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge to see the pronghorn antelope this refuge was created to protect, and for a chance to rockhound ancient black fire opal fields, home to Nevada's official state gemstone. When night falls in this corner of the state, stargazing is off the charts.

FAMILY PHOTO

Get the night sky shot of your dreams at Massacre Rim, one of two Nevada locations recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association. A foreground of sagebrush and juniper adds the perfect untamed touch to this site located 103 miles north of Gerlach.

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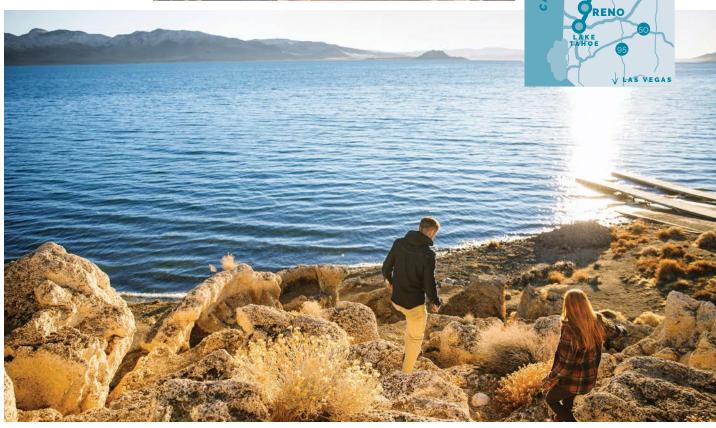
The posh name shouldn't fool you: **Bruno's Country Club** in Gerlach is a down-to-earth diner with great comfort food. Try the famous ravioli or one of the breakfast plates. (They're served all day.)

TRAVEL NEVADA

This is a great trek to disconnect—but plan ahead, as cell service is spotty at best. Bring a spare tire (and a patch kit), plus extra fuel, food and water.
Also check with Friends of Black Rock-High Rock for up-to-date playa conditions.







MORE MUSTS

- + Pyramid Lake Located in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation, this is one of Nevada's largest natural lakes and home to the state fish, the Lahontan cutthroat trout. Look for The Great Stone Mother, a limestone formation resembling a grieving woman sitting next to a basket. Admire it respectfully from afar and learn about her legend at the museum.
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center, Nixon Discover the importance of Pyramid Lake to its native

inhabitants, the Kooyooe Tukadu (cui-ui eaters) Paiute tribe. Exhibits tell about the tribe's culture and a prehistoric fish.

- + Guru Road Don't miss this 1-mile stretch of funky roadside attractions (also known as Doobie Lane). Look for stones etched with words of wisdom, a rock totem honoring Elvis and other oddities.
- + Miners Club, Gerlach Coffee bar meets dive bar. Wet your whistle with booze or espresso and chat with the regulars.
- + Planet X Pottery, Gerlach Wander through the solar-powered working

studio and browse four galleries of desert-inspired pottery and paintings.

- * Black Rock Mud Company, Gerlach Schedule an appointment to help "harvest" the geothermal mud that's used for face masks and thermal spring water toner. Or, order their products online.
- ◆ Iveson Ranch, Gerlach For Wild West glamping, check out this charming dude ranch with private cabins, guesthouse rooms, and RV/camping spots. Enjoy horseback riding, hiking, opal hunting, off-roading and more.

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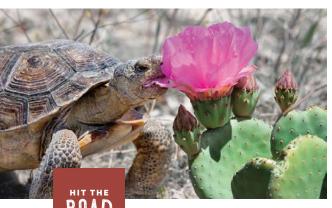


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WILD WITH LIFE

Endangered fish species in hot water. Wildflowers exploding in the desert. You won't want to rush the drive from Las Vegas to Death Valley—otherwise you'll risk missing the many signs of life along the way.

WRITER Tovin Lapan



SUGGESTED

DISTANCE 373 miles

FINISH

SPOTLIGHT

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Travel from below sea level to the tallest peak in southern Nevada. And get ready for some serious temperature range. This wildlife trek is all about the extremes.

We know you just started, but 30 minutes west of the Strip, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park begs for a stop. Here, natural springs beckoned southern Nevada's first settlers, and the park claims some of the state's oldest buildings. They share the sprawling meadows and foothills with wild burros, mule deer, antelope, kit foxes, lizards and snakes—many of which are more active at night. Join a guided hike on select days.

From Spring Mountain Ranch, drive past yellow-flowered creosote bushes, Joshua trees, rusty hills and other striking desertscapes to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. One of the Mojave

Desert's last remaining oases is a haven for rare plants and animals, 26 of which are native to the refuge. Stroll boardwalks over natural springs favored by desert pupfish, which can live in water up to 92 degrees (and only half an inch deep). Bird-watchers look for the Phainopepla's brilliant red eyes and spiky black crest.

Death Valley National Park is now a mere 30 minutes away. Get ready for the heat and have plenty of water with you. Like many other creatures, we humans just aren't wired to thrive in this environment, with its rolling sand dunes and spiky peaks. But desert tortoises dig underground burrows to escape the sun. Jackrabbits' ginormous ears help them cool down. Bighorn sheep bounce along mountain ledges, and bobcats, mountain lions and coyotes prowl the hills.

FAMILY PHOTO

Embrace the area's elevation extremes. Pose among bristlecone pines atop Mount Charleston (at 11,916 feet, it's the tallest peak in southern Nevada), or at neighboring Lee Canyon, where skiers hit the slopes in winter. Then click a pic at the lowest point in North America: Death Valley's Badwater Basin.

REFUEL

At Happy Burro Chili and Beer in Beatty, choose your preferred chili delivery method: served in a bowl or heaped atop a hot dog or burger, then smothered in cheese and onions. Bring your own mints.

MORE MUSTS

- + Mountain Springs Saloon, Las Vegas Although it has a Vegas address, you'll be 45 minutes from the Strip (and chilling at an elevation of 5,000-plus feet) at this biker bar. Awesome eats include monthly pig roasts from March through October.
- + Sanders Family Winery, Pahrump
 On the south side of town, one of
 Nevada's largest wineries offers fullbodied vistas of the Spring Mountains and
 Nopah Range, plus award-winning pours.
- + Seemoore's Ice Cream, Pahrump
 It's the "world's tallest ice cream stand," a
 swirting spire of soft serve that demands
 to be eaten lickety-split. But it won't taste
 nearly as good as the cone in your hand.
- + Pahrump Valley Museum, Pahrump Get an eyeful of Native artifacts and browse exhibits chronicling the region's history, from the arrival of European settlers to the prospecting boom.



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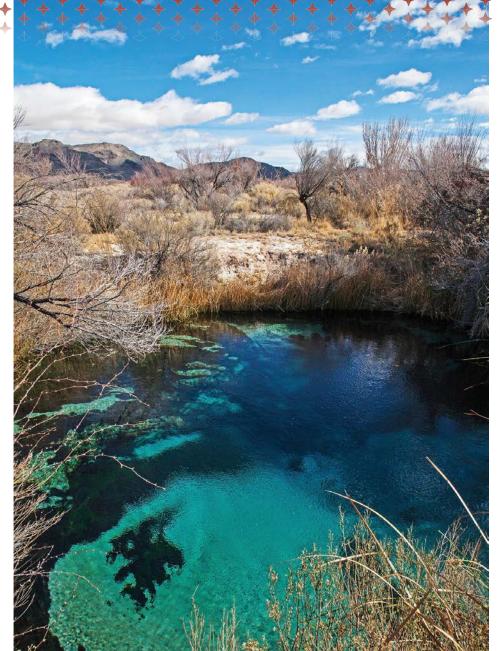
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RIGHT Endangered desert pupfish like the water hot and shallow at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. воттом Death Valley bathes itself in bright color during spring blooms. **OPPOSITE Outside** Las Vegas, Desert National Wildlife Refuge is home to desert tortoises and more than 500 plant species.

- + Amargosa Opera House, Death Valley Junction For more than 40 years, late owner Marta Becket performed for live crowds. For a lasting encore, she painted the walls of this adobe theater with imaginative murals depicting a lively Renaissance audience.
- + Beatty Museum and Historical Society, Beatty Three local women poured their passion into this converted historical church. It's home to some of the state's best photo archives, including those of the nearby Bullfrog Mining District, which went from boom to croak in two decades.
- + Goldwell Open Air Museum, Beatty Ghost sculptures rise from the desert, including Albert Szukalski's *The Last* Supper, Fred Bervoets' *Tribute to Shorty* Harris (ask about the story behind the penguin) and seven other giant pieces.
- → Tom Kelly's Bottle House, Rhyolite It's the capper in a ghost town filled to the top with photo ops. Due to a timber shortage, Kelly collected 50,000 bottles from the town's 50 saloons to build his three-room home.







Make more of your trip to Death Valley by going in February or March, before temps creep into triple digits. If you're super lucky, catch a "super bloom" of wildflowers between mid-February and mid-April. (They only occur about once every 10 years.)

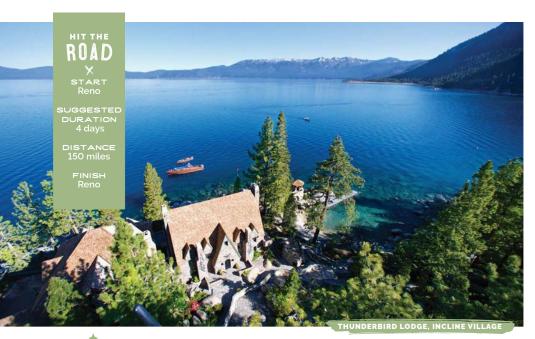


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TIME TRAVEL TO TAHOE

Follow in the footsteps of local legends on a throwback journey through Carson City, Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe, Reno and Virginia City.

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



TRAVEL NEVADA

A refreshing "polar plunge" into Lake Tahoe is a rite of passage. If you're a real daredevil, join the brave few who do it in winter (wet suits are cheating), although it's definitely brisk enough during the summer months.

SPOTLIGHT

LEGENDARY NEVADANS

An influential writer, a master artisan, a hero athlete and a big-hearted madam hold exalted places in Silver State history.

The Wild West was never tamed in spirited Virginia City. In the 1860s, lady of the evening Julia Bulette owned the town's fanciest brothel, served on the fire brigade and donated to local causes. After her death, 100 saloons closed up shop to show their respect. Spend the night in the room honoring Bulette at the town's opulent Cobb Mansion B&B.

In Carson City, check out the 1863 home of Orion Clemens. His brother, Samuel Clemens—better known by his nom de plume Mark Twain—lived with him there. In today's stroll-worthy West Side Historic District, Samuel Clemens wrote humorous pieces for Virginia City's newspaper, where his razor-sharp wit had landed him a reporter's job.

Nearly 40 years later, another creative soul called Carson City home. A citizen of the Washoe people of northwestern Nevada, **Dat So La Lee** continues to be celebrated for her intricate Native American basket weaving. She wove beautiful symbolism into every work, mostly made from willow and fern. Marvel at her masterpieces in the Nevada State Museum's climate-controlled vault during prearranged tours.

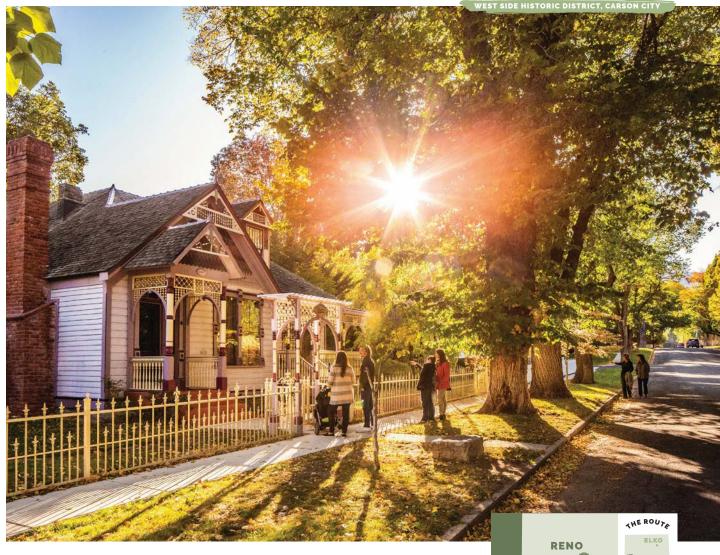
Traveling south, you'll reach the tiny enclave of Genoa. For 20 winters from 1856 to 1876, John "Snowshoe"
Thompson skied across the Sierra
Nevada to deliver mail, medicine and supplies to Genoa's settlers. Learn about the Norwegian skier's extraordinary feats at the Genoa Courthouse Museum and admire his statue in town.

In the Washoe Valley (between Reno and Carson City), mining magnate Eilley Bowers and her third husband built the strikingly lavish Bowers Mansion with Comstock riches. As you tour the 16-room Georgian-Italianate manor, consider how this woman's life mirrored Nevada's mining history: First boom, then bust. Her life ended in far more modest fashion.

FAMILY PHOTO

Nab an eagle's-eye view of Lake Tahoe without breaking a sweat. At Stateline's Heavenly Mountain Resort, a gondola whooshes uphill during its 2.4-mile journey. Drink in the view of sapphire Lake Tahoe, covering 190 square miles. For pretty Tahoe views with a side of history, book a tour at Thunderbird Lodge. At the lavish residence of tycoon George Whittell Jr., an underground tunnel leads to the boathouse, home to the lodge's namesake wooden speedboat.

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REFUEL

In a state saturated with craft breweries, the Reno Brewery District stands out. Revitalized warehouses set the stage for Record Street's pale ales, Lead Dog's fruity beers, Black Rabbit Mead Company's cider-style meads and Pigeon Head's German-style lagers. On date night, hit up the 1910 railway station for The Depot Craft Brewery Distillery.

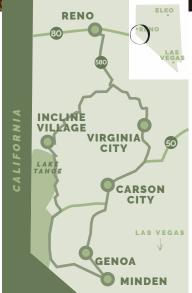
MORE MUSTS

- + Saint Mary's in the Mountains, Virginia City Silver-mining riches paid for handcarved gables and elaborate woodwork in this 150-year-old Catholic church.
- + Kings Canyon Waterfall, Carson City In spring or early summer, park at King Street's western end, then walk less than a mile to the 25-foot cascade at its peak.

- + The Pink House, Genoa Pop in to sample gourmet cheese and charcuterie at this meticulously restored 1855 Gothic Revival jewel, its adorable gingerbread exterior blushing pink.
- + Bently Heritage Estate Distillery,
 Minden In a century-old brick flour mill,
 sip spirits made from grains grown on the
 Bently cattle ranch, then malted, distilled
 and bottled on-site.
- + Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park, Minden Take a guided history tour of the grounds on which four generations of Minden's founding family lived, or pack a picnic and savor Carson Range vistas.
- + Lone Eagle Grille, Incline Village Lofty ceilings, grand timbers and a dazzling lake make great lunch and dinner companions. The best seats are outside, a few steps from Tahoe's rolling waves.

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GLOWING LANDSCAPES

Discover Nevada's wild desert soul as you depart Vegas' sparkle. Trek to sandstone wonderlands, rock art sites, gold-mining ruins and a Joshua-tree-dotted wilderness.

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



No matter how much you love the glitz of Las Vegas, there's a point where you've just gotta cash in your chips, swapping gleaming neon for glorious nature.

Start heading west from Las Vegas, and within 20 miles, you'll be surrounded

sandstone, ancient limestone and seasonal waterfalls. Cruise the 13-mile Red Rock Canyon Backcountry Byway to savor the scenery and snap amazing desert photos. Admire the rock jocks scaling some of America's best climbing routes, and stop for lunch or dinner at Cottonwood Station Eatery.

from Las Vegas for 90 miles, then engage the four-wheel drive before turning onto Gold Butte Backcountry Byway. The 62-mile road—partly paved and partly rugged dirt—leads to Gold Butte National Monument, passing dramatically chiseled sandstone formations. It's more than worth the effort to get here, but be aware that the road is rough (pack spares) and there are no toilets. Be sure to pack food and water.

For a bigger adventure, push northeast

If you're not up for the rough drive, get equally epic scenery at Valley of Fire State Park near Overton. Nevada's largest and oldest state park wows with its spectrum of sandstone formations, from chalky white to blazing red.

Heading south from Boulder City, visit the Techatticup Mine, site of the region's oldest, richest and most famous gold strike. Late 19th-century relics stand out among the cholla cacti. Detour south to Searchlight to see the Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness, where ancient Joshua trees grow. (Wee Thump means "ancient ones" in the Paiute language.) Cartoon-like Joshuas festoon the desert floor, their limbs reaching 30 feet high.

FAMILY PHOTO

FINISH Las Vegas Get schooled on Las Vegas' legendary lights at **The Neon Museum**. More than 250 casino and business marquees pack the outdoor Neon Boneyard, some dating back to the 1930s. At night, 24 signs light up, like the snazzy Stardust letters.

MORE MUSTS

- → Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Henderson Just 20 minutes from the Strip, follow trails to nine ponds with elevated viewing platforms. You'll spot wading shorebirds, migratory songbirds and waterfowl, plus desert avian species.
- → Pioneer Saloon, Goodsprings Order a cowboy steak and soak up the Western vibes at a 1913 watering hole 30 minutes south of Vegas. If you ask about Clark Gable's three-day stay here in 1942, prepare for a sad story.
- + Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum,
 Boulder City Celebrities including
 Bette Davis and the future Pope Pius XII
 signed the guest book at this grand 1933
 hotel, which now features a museum
 documenting the lives that were changed
 as a result of the dam's construction.
- + Bootleg Canyon, Boulder City This mountain biking mecca boasts 30-plus miles of singletrack. Lower trails are mellower; upper trails challenge experts craving steep, technical terrain.
- + Laughlin Riverwalk, Laughlin Trace the Colorado River along this 3-mile stroll that provides easy access to water taxis, Jet Ski rentals, riverboat and jet boat tours, and seven of the city's resorts.

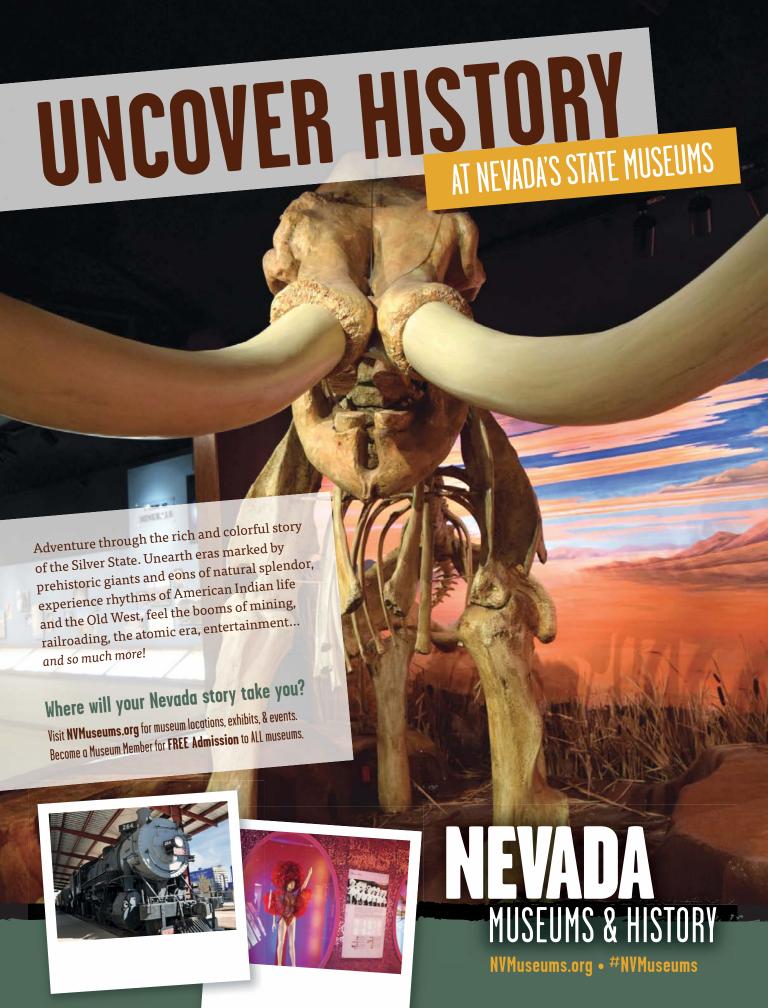
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If you're heading from Vegas to Valley of Fire State Park, consider a scenic detour on State-167 (Northshore Road). Views are ruggedly spectacular; sightings of romping wild horses are epic.











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>OUTDOOR INSIDER

NEVADA'S IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN WHEN IT COMES TO ADVENTURES UNDER THE SUN AND STARS. AND WHILE THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, WE'VE GOT YOU WHEN IT COMES TO EXPLORING OUR STATE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY, HEED THESE TIPS AND YOU'LL BE READY TO ROLL WITH US.



BE CLOSURE-MINDED

Nevada is wide open. But that doesn't mean your destination currently is, local or otherwise. And things are changing all the time. Check closure and restriction status for camping and recreating well in advance, and check them again on your departure date. If things are open, expect reductions in day-use admittance and campground space.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Remember always: Pack it in, pack it out. It's also a good idea to bring resealable plastic bags for food and scraps. And be sure to check fire restrictions before roasting those s'mores over a campfire or lighting up a personal stove. Fire season hits Nevada hard, with sudden blazes started by campfires, vehicles and more. Know what you need to keep things cool.

EXPECT CROWDS

Your vision of a tranquil getaway may be met with a reality of the cars and crowds you were hoping to get away from. That's especially true for state parks, hot springs and other recreation areas. If you see a full parking lot or a bunch of cars near a trailhead, it's best to keep driving. There are plenty of other Silver State memories to be made out there.

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everything you need from home. In addition to your normal gear list, be sure to pack the following:

- hand sanitizer
- + Toilet paper and paper towels (wet wipes also come in super handy)
- + Gloves
- + Disinfectant wipes for gas pumps, ATMs, etc. (You don't know who's been touchin' that stuff!)
- + Trash bags



BE SENSIBLE

No outdoor activity is 100 percent safe. There's simply no such thing, and what would be the fun in that anyhow? But right now is not a good time to take up downhill mountain biking, try climbing that boulder you've had your eye on, or teach yourself to cliff dive. Hospitals have plenty of other things to do right now besides deal with your totally preventable injury. Don't be that person.

SPREAD LOVE, NOT GERMS

If you encounter fellow adventurers, keep your (social) distance. Keep a wide enough berth of 6 feet from folks—or 10 when you're eating—and remember to pull that mask up when you approach anyone. That said, there's no need to treat people like aliens—unless they are aliens (see page 92).

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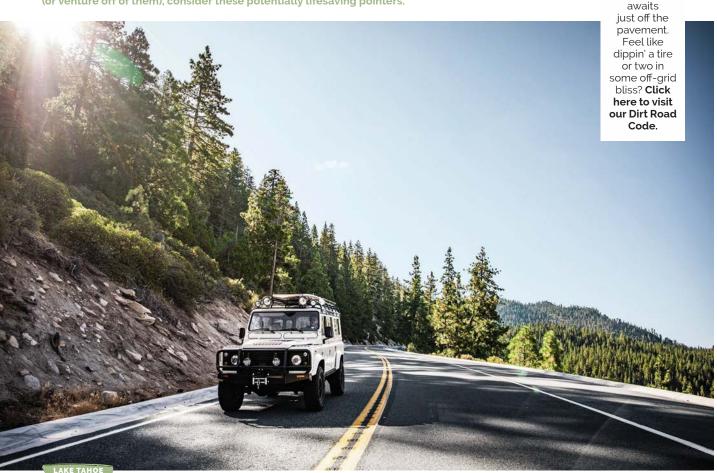
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Above all else, if you've recently felt under the weather, come enjoy Nevada's incredible destinations some other time. The Silver State will always be here to welcome you.

GUIDE —×— SAFETY

ROAD RULES

Going to a ghost town? Hunting for hot springs? Or simply want to chase some horizons on a wide-open Nevada road? Before you hit our highways (or venture off of them), consider these potentially lifesaving pointers.



PLAN FOR NO BARS (THE PHONE KIND)

We all love our phones, but consider this a needed break. While Verizon has more farreaching coverage than other service providers in Nevada, it's best to prepare for zero bars when you're in rural areas. Also, be sure to let someone know where you're headed, just in case. (Yes, that's your mom talking.)

BRING A PAPER (MAP) TO READ

Knowing how to navigate by paper map or atlas is not only ridiculously satisfying, it's also a more reliable way of traveling across the state—especially when there's no cell service. You may also spot some enticing side roads on that good old-fashioned map. Here's to spontaneous road trip adventures!

PACK FOOD, WATER AND MORE WATER

Packing plenty of good groceries not only makes your time in rural Nevada feel better, but if you get into a jam, you know you're set to wait it out if needed. And don't forget the H2O. Most people need about a liter of drinking water per day, but grab more if you need it for bathing or cooking.

FUEL UP AND DON'T BE DEFLATED

Given that the nearest tow truck may be eons away, have some solid tread on those tires, carry a full-size spare, and if it really hits the fan, make sure you've got the tools and know-how to swap out a flat. Oh, and if you see a gas station, fill 'er up. The next one might be more than 100 miles down the road.

BRING LAYERS FOR ALL OF THE WEATHER

When it comes to packing the right get-up for exploring Nevada's lesser-known places, you kinda just have to bring a little bit of everything. But hey, the positive in that is this: a freak blizzard, sun-scorcher, white squall and damn near everything in between could go down and you'll be ready to rock.

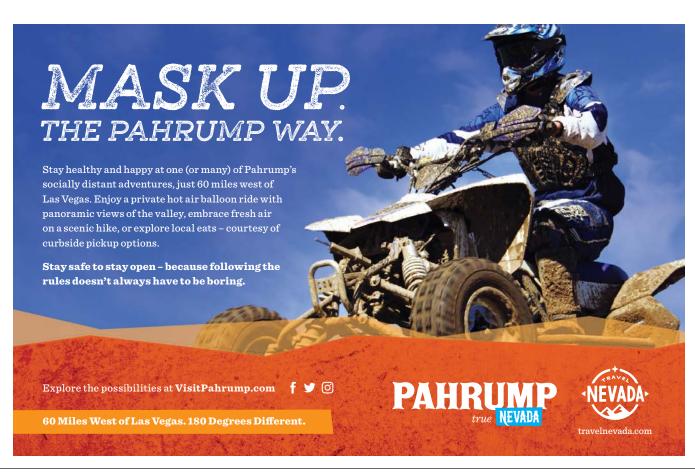
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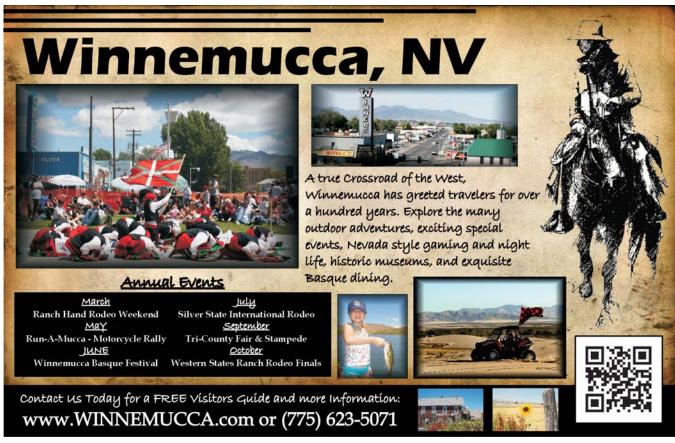
HAPPIEST TRAILS

Unscripted

adventure

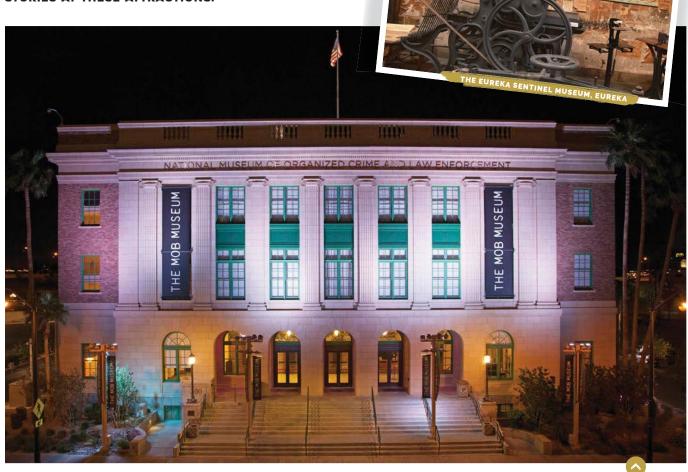
- + Headlamps and/or flashlights
 - + Tent
- + Camp chairs
- + A camp stove (and fuel!)
- + Utensils, plates, bowls, etc.
 - + Cooler
 - + Trash bags





> GLORIOUS GALLERY

IF YOU THINK OF NEVADA AS ONE BIG MUSEUM, IT'S A COLORFUL MASH-UP OF ABSTRACT ART, INTERACTIVE HISTORY AND MIND-BOGGLING SCIENCE. GET A TASTE OF THE STATE'S LARGER-THAN-LIFE SCENERY AND STORIES AT THESE ATTRACTIONS.



AMAZING DISPLAYS

With a mix of themes both naughty and nice, these museums pack plenty of character and history inside their walls.

BURLESQUE HALL OF FAME

LAS VEGAS

If the name didn't tip you off, you might not want to bring young kiddos to this tease of a museum showcasing the burlesque art form and sharing juicy details on legends like Gypsy Rose Lee. Shed your inhibitions at a dance class.

SLAMMER AND COUNTY MUSEUM

VIRGINIA CITY

As the county jail during the largest silver strike in U.S. history, this cellblock was a grand slammer. Former cells filled with displays capture the history of the Comstock Lode.

THE EUREKA SENTINEL MUSEUM

EUREKA

Time has stood still for more than 140 years in the building that housed *The Eureka Sentinel Newspaper*. A giant printing press remains untouched, along with type cases, ink containers and layout boards.

ORDNANCE MUSEUM

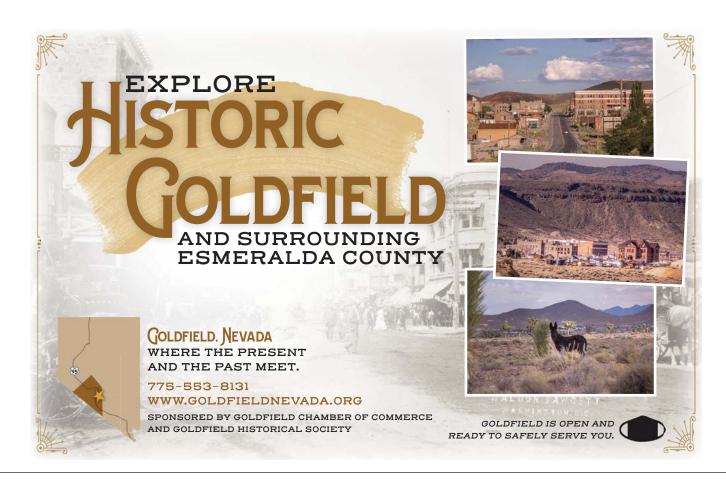
HAWTHORNE

In 1928, the U.S. Navy chose this sparsely populated area to stockpile missiles, bombs and other ammo. See loads of weaponry and military memorabilia at what's still considered to be the world's largest ammunitions depot.

THE MOB

LAS VEGAS

Mobsters once stood trial in this former federal courthouse. Today, it's home to stories of murders and mayhem. View gruesome crime scene pics and see the brick wall from the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.







FAMILY FAVORITES

Good luck finding another state where you can encounter fabulous feline rescues and star as royalty in your own fantasy performance.

The only problem: Your kids won't want to go home.

THE DISCOVERY

RENO

If you've ever dreamed of exploring a mansion riddled with mysteries or designing your own spacecraft, then Nevada's largest science center is your ticket to paradise. Visitors love ascending the Cloud Climber, a three-story structure that teaches important lessons about the water cycle.

DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

LAS VEGAS

Anyone who dismisses Vegas as "not for the kids" clearly hasn't heard of this mecca of imagination. Children live out their dreams of being kings and queens at the Fantasy Festival, where they can create storyboards before role-playing in a life-size castle.

ANIMAL ARK

RENO

Meet orphans like
Gracie the black
bear and Princess
Leia the raccoon at
this safe haven for
injured, abandoned
and otherwise
nonreleasable wildlife.
Natural enclosures
help the animals
feel at home, and
visual displays keep
things engagingly
educational.

SAFE HAVEN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

IMLAY

She may have been deemed "not trainable" in the entertainment industry, but 3-year-old Bengal tiger Sundara knows how to steal the spotlight. Here, she lives her best life, splashing in a pool and showing off her purr-fect mug. Meet Sundara, along with dozens of other rescued cats, bears, birds and more.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NORTHERN NEVADA

CARSON CITY

Honey, they shrunk the Capitol building, just so kids could match and learn about state symbols (including real silver) at this ultrainteractive museum. The Construction Zone allows aspiring architects to use digging machines and build with foam rocks and bricks.

FUN WITH THE FAM

It's easy to feel like a kid at heart in Nevada, whether you've got young ones in the back seat or not. Get your fill of family-friendly travel ideas at TravelNevada.com/ family-activities.





EARLY HISTORY

Get schooled on more than 14,000 years of state stories, beginning with the Great Basin roots of Native peoples and extending to the present day.

CARSON VALLEY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

GARDNERVILLE

Architect Frederic
DeLongchamps (who
also designed most of
Nevada's courthouses)
imagined this former
high school building.
Inside, learn about
Basques and the
American West.

HUMBOLDT MUSEUM

WINNEMUCCA

A contemporary building meets the Old West with an adjacent tannery, 1907 church and other structures. Storylines include the region's American Indian and Chinese heritage, and fossils of prehistoric creatures discovered nearby.

STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

CARSON CITY

Stewart's students were forced to attend due to federal assimilation policies. Hear from alums in the *Our Home, Our Relations* exhibit about Stewart's 90-year history.



HISTORIC FOURTH WARD SCHOOL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

VIRGINIA CITY

The four-story, Second Empire-style school holds a restored 1887 press, fun deets on former local Mark Twain and rooms showcasing the town's mining history.

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE MUSEUM AND VISITORS CENTER

NIXON

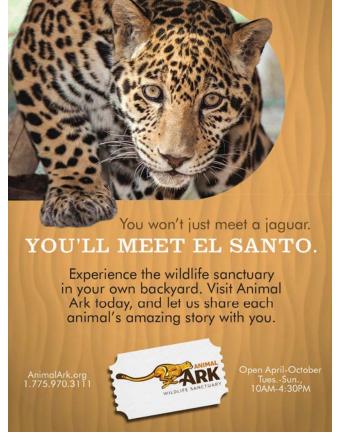
Along the desert lake, this stone museum's exhibits explore the water's significance to the Paiute people. Doll making is one of the tribal traditions celebrated here.

SMART TRAVELS

Some experiences at museums (especially the super hands-on ones) may be temporarily closed. No matter what you see or touch, wash your hands frequently and have sanitizer at the ready.







INSPIRED ART See woven willow baskets by Washoe Tribal member Dat So La Lee at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno.



STATE MUSEUMS

Roll back the clock or roll along the rails at Nevada's seven state museums, each one filled with fascinating relics and lore.

EAST ELY RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM

ELY

The Nevada Northern Railway depot looks practically like it did a century ago. The adjacent Nevada Northern Railway offers tours of the rail yards, plus seasonal excursions, including a Haunted Ghost Train.

LOST CITY MUSEUM

OVERTON

Built atop an actual archaeological dig site, the museum celebrates Ancestral Puebloans through artifacts such as stone tools, arrowheads and basketry. Also learn how the Hoover Dam forever changed the face of Nevada.

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RENO

At the state's oldest cultural institution, you can bet on seeing early slot machines, poker chips and playing cards in the American Gaming Archives. See some vintage neon in the Reno Gallery.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

CARSON CITY

In the former U.S.
Branch Mint (which
minted silver from the
record strike in Virginia
City), learn the state's
backstory, all the way
from prehistoric times.
The Natural History
collection includes
mammoth bones and
ichthyosaur fossils.

MAKING COIN

Coin Press No. 1 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City still produces puresilver replicas after 151 years.

THE STORY CONTINUES

Wherever something intriguing happened, there's usually a great museum to show you how. Get the full scoop on the state's storied destinations at TravelNevada.com/museums.

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

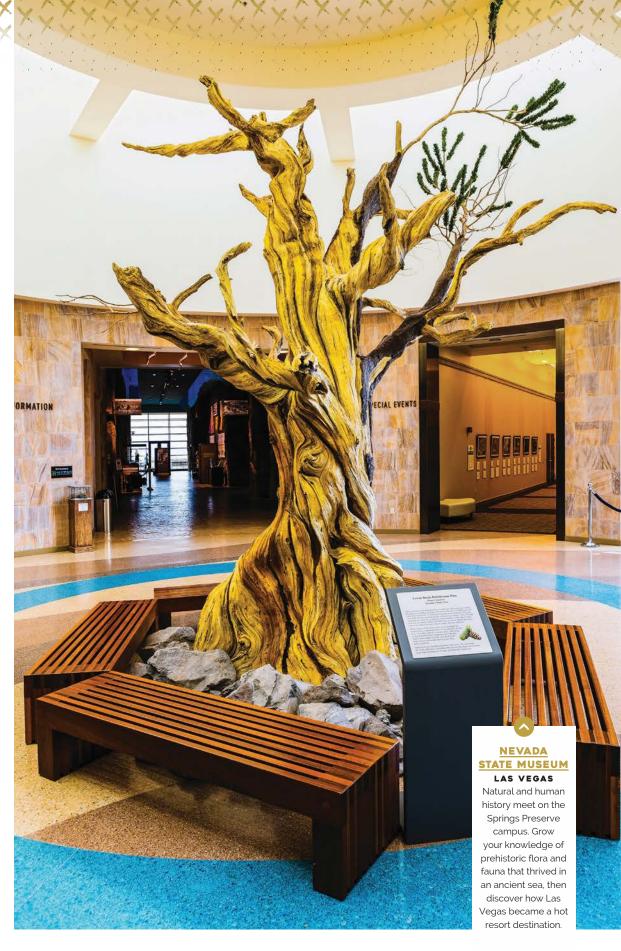
BOULDER CITY

The Union Pacific Railroad built the Boulder City Branch in 1931 to haul many tons of equipment and material to build Hoover Dam. Take a ride on the original Boulder Branch Line in a refurbished Pullman car. Also see working diesel and static steam locomotives, plus a variety of train cars and cabooses.

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

CARSON CITY

See restored and fully operational steam locomotives from 1875, including the standard-gauge Inyo (seen on TV's The Wild Wild West). Seasonal train rides depart from restored Wabuska Station. The 1910 McKeen Motor Car, a National Historic Landmark. is the only McKeen railcar still moving on its own power.

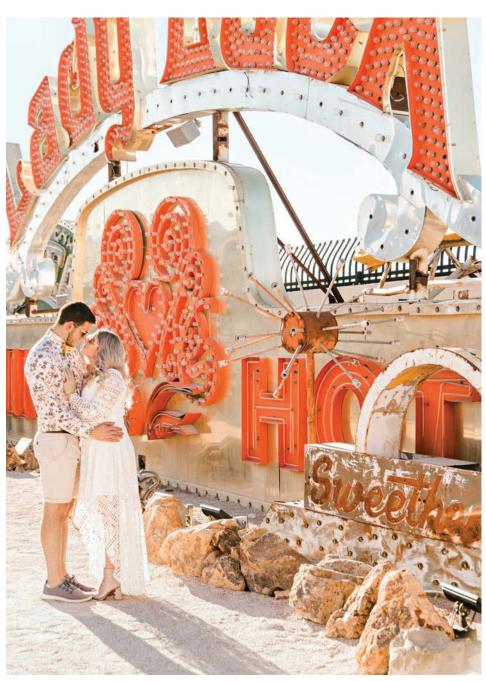


PLANNING GUIDE

WEDDINGS

> HITCH PERFECT

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON THIS, YOUR SPECIAL DAY. THERE'S A REASON WHY NEVADA CONSISTENTLY HAS THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST MARRIAGE RATE PER 1,000 RESIDENTS: IT'S SUPER-EASY TO TIE THE KNOT HERE, AND WHATEVER YOUR WEDDING WISH, THE STATE WANTS TO MAKE IT COME TRUE. HERE ARE SOME "I DO" DO'S (AND DON'TS) TO KEEP IN MIND IF YOU'RE THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED IN NEVADA.



"I DO" DO'S

- → Get married whenever. One of the great things about a Nevada wedding is that there's no waiting around if you don't want to. Show up at the county marriage license bureau, pay your dollars (it's 77 bucks in Vegas), sign your names and go get it done.
- ♦ Make it legal even if you're not from the United States. You'll need an Apostille (that's a pretty important international document), and it might take more time to get everything squared away. Get in touch with the Nevada Secretary of State; that office can send the form directly to your home country's government.
- → Find an officiant to perform your ceremony, one with a valid Certificate of Permission for the county you want to get married in.

"I DO" DON'TS

- ♦ Don't forget to bring paperwork that proves the name and age of both parties. Docs that work: driver's licenses, passports, military ID cards or other government ID cards. If you need to use a birth certificate or Social Security card, make sure you've got a picture ID to go with it.
- ♦ Seems basic, but don't try to get married here if you're already married. Sure, Nevadans are pretty easygoing about most things and aren't gonna get all judgy, but you do have to divorce one spouse all the way before taking another one. You'll need to provide the date your divorce or annulment was finalized, and the city and state where that took place. However, you don't need a copy of the decree.

LEFT Amp up the charm—and the good fortune—by getting married in front of the Lady Luck sign at The Neon Museum in Las Vegas.

7 LUCKY SPOTS TO GET HITCHED

NO GUARANTEES ON HOW THINGS WILL UNFOLD AFTER THE CEREMONY, BUT ANY OF THESE VENUES WILL GET THE MARRIAGE OFF TO A MEMORABLE START.



CHAPEL IN THE CLOUDS.

LAS VEGAS Atop The STRAT Hotel, Casino and SkyPod, exchange vows on the Observation Deck or balcony far above the city, or even on the eight-seat thrill ride Insanity. (Insert your own hardyhar marriage crack here.)

SILVER QUEEN WEDDING CHAPEL. VIRGINIA CITY

At Virginia City's oldest hotel, say "I do" in a small, historic chapel with antique furnishings and a stone fireplace. Get your money shot in front of the Silver Queen portrait composed of 3,261 silver dollars.

LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WEST,

LAS VEGAS This quaint wooden chapel looks like it belongs in a forest surrounded by fairy-tale creatures. Instead, it sits conveniently on the south end of the Strip. The now-historic venue has hosted Vegas weddings for 79 years.

TREASURE ISLAND, LAS

VEGAS Ahoy, soon-to-be-maties! Get the swashbuckler treatment aboard the casino-hotel's Song Ship, complete with a pirate who delivers the rings. Getting cold feet? Better walk the plank.

CACTUS PETES, JACKPOT Tying

the knot in a town called Jackpot is an instant win. Fabulous catered meals are served in the resort and casino's 180-guest Ruby Mountain Ballroom.

A LITTLE WHITE WEDDING CHAPEL, LAS VEGAS There

are actually five chapels here, plus an outdoor gazebo and the famous Tunnel of Love drive-through service. Splurge on one of the Elvis Tribute packages for bonus hunks of burning love (including a serenade by The King himself).

MAVERICK HELICOPTERS, LAS

VEGAS If you're seeking a higher power for your marriage, get your head into the clouds for vows with a view. Soar over the Strip at twilight, or book the Painted Dreams package for a flight over Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Valley of Fire State Park along with your wedding party.

> LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS LOCATED IN NEVADA'S SIX TOURISM TERRITORIES (FIVE REGIONAL, ONE CULTURAL), CONTACT THESE ORGANIZATIONS.



COWBOY COUNTRY

BATTLE MOUNTAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/635-8245 battlemountainchamber.com

CITY OF CARLIN

775/754-6354 explorecarlinnv.com

ELKO CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

800/248-ELKO (800/248-3556) exploreelko.com

FRIENDS OF BLACK ROCK-HIGH ROCK (GERLACH)

775/557-2900 blackrockdesert.org

JACKPOT RECREATION AND TOURISM CENTER

833/452-2576 townofjackpot.com

JARBIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

visitjarbidge.org

LANDER COUNTY CONVENTION AND TOURISM AUTHORITY

775/635-1112 landercountytourism.com

LOVELOCK/PERSHING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/273-7213 loverslock.com

MCDERMITT INFORMATION

775/532-8742

WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/752-3540 wellsnevada.com

WEST WENDOVER TOURISM AND CONVENTION BUREAU

866/299-2489 westwendovercity.com

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

800/962-2638 winnemucca.com

INDIAN TERRITORY

nevadaindianterritory.com

FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

775/423-6075 fpst.org

GRIMES POINT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

702/885-6000 blm.gov/visit/grimes-pointhiddencave-archaeological-site

LAS VEGAS PAIUTE TRIBE

702/386-3926 lvpaiutetribe.com

LOST CITY MUSEUM, OVERTON

702/397-2193 lostcitymuseum.org

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, CARSON CITY

775/687-4810 carsonnvmuseum.org

NEVADA URBAN INDIANS

775/788-7600 nevadaurbanindians.org

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE MUSEUM AND VISITORS CENTER

775/574-1088 pyramidlake.us/museum

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

775/329-2936 rsic.org

SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES OF THE DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION

208/759-3100 shopaitribes.org

STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL

775/687-8333 stewartindianschool.com

TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE

775/738-9251 temoaktribe.com

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

775/773-2306 wrpt.org

WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

775/265-8600 washoetribe.us

LAS VEGAS TERRITORY

lvterritorv.com

BOULDER CITY TOURISM COUNCIL

702/293-2034 visitbouldercity.com

CITY OF HENDERSON DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

702/267-2670 visithendersonnv.com

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

877/VISITLV (877/847-4858) visitlasvegas.com

LAUGHLIN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

800/4-LAUGHLIN (800/452-8445) visitlaughlin.com

MESQUITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

702/346-2902 mesquitenvchamber.com

MOAPA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

702/398-7160 moapavalleychamber.com

NEVADA WELCOME CENTER AT MESQUITE

877/637-7848 visitmesquite.com

SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER

702/297-1682 clarkcountynv.gov

NEVADA SILVER TRAILS

nevadasilvertrails.com

BEATTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

866/736-3716 beattynevada.org

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FURNACE CREEK VISITOR CENTER AND

MUSEUM 760/786-3200 nps.gov/deva

DEATH VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

800/478-8564 dvnha.org

GOLDFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY

775/485-3560 goldfieldnevada.org goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com

GREATER LINCOLN COUNTY (ALAMO, CALIENTE, PANACA, PIOCHE, RACHEL)

lincolncountynevada.com

MINERAL COUNTY CONVENTION AND TOURISM AUTHORITY (HAWTHORNE)

775/945-5854 visitmineralcounty.com

TOWN OF PAHRUMP

visitpahrump.com

PIOCHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

piochenevada.com

TOWN OF TONOPAH

775/482-6336 tonopahnevada.com

YERINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/463-2245 yeringtonchamber.org

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

ponyexpressnevada.com

GREATER AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/964-2200 austinnevada.com

DAYTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/246-7909 daytonareachamberofcommerce .com

TOWN OF EUREKA

visiteurekanevada.net

FALLON CONVENTION AND TOURISM AUTHORITY

775/423-5104 visitfallonnevada.com

FERNLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

775/575-4459 fernleychamber.org

GREAT BASIN BUSINESS AND TOURISM COUNCIL (BAKER)

greatbasinpark.com

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

775/234-7331 nps.gov/grba

WHITE PINE COUNTY TOURISM AND RECREATION BOARD (ELY)

775/289-3720 elynevada.net

RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY

renotahoe.com

CARSON CITY CULTURE & TOURISM AUTHORITY

775/687-7410 visitcarsoncity.com

CARSON VALLEY VISITORS AUTHORITY

800/727-7677 visitcarsonvalley.org

TOWN OF GENOA

775/782-8696 genoanevada.org

INCLINE VILLAGE CRYSTAL BAY VISITORS BUREAU (INCLINE VILLAGE)

800/GO-TAHOE (800/468-2463) gotahoenorth.com

LAKE TAHOE VISITORS AUTHORITY (SOUTH LAKE TAHOE)

775/588-4591 ltva.org

NORTH LAKE TAHOE VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU

800/462-5196 gotahoenorth.com

RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

800/FOR-RENO (800/367-7366) visitrenotahoe.com

VIRGINIA CITY TOURISM COMMISSION

775/847-7500 visitvirginiacitynv.com

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR FAMOUS STATE. BUT NEVADA IS **FULL OF SURPRISES. GET A LOAD OF THESE** LESSER-KNOWN FACTS. AND FIND OUT WHERE TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL FOR YOURSELF.



FACT: IT'S THE LOCALS WILL LOVE YOU MORE FOR SAYING IT RIGHT.



FACT: SURE, WE'VE GOT THE MOJAVE DESERT (AND IT'S STUNNING), BUT WE'RE ALSO HOME TO

snow sports



and indoor fun

(PAGE 112). FOR THE RECORD. TEMPS CAN DIP INTO THE 30S IN LAS VEGAS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.



MYTH: NEVADA IS JUST A FLAT OL' DESERT. FACT: THAT ONE'S ABOUT 13.000 FEET OFF. WE'RE ACTUALLY THE

STATE IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES, WITH MORE THAN 300 INDIVIDUAL RANGES.



WE DON'T MEAN TO BOAST...

BUT SINCE YOU'RE ASKING, NEVADA IS A PRETTY SUPERLATIVE STATE. WE'RE HOME TO:

oldest

ON EARTH (ANCIENT **BRISTLECONE PINES)**

IN THE U.S. (LAKE TAHOE)

darkest skies

more hot

THAN ANY OTHER STATE (300 OF 'EM)

more ghost towns THAN "LIVING" TOWNS (600-PLUS)

We're Open. Wide Open. Plan Your Escape.







