

# Fallin' For Fallon A One-Tank Weekend

An hour and change east of Reno, "The Oasis of Nevada" awaits. The farm-to-table town of Fallon invites fans of fresh food and outdoor excursions with some great restaurants, a singing sand dune playground, abundant wildlife experiences, top-notch art, and plenty of comfy places to stay.

## Follow the symbols















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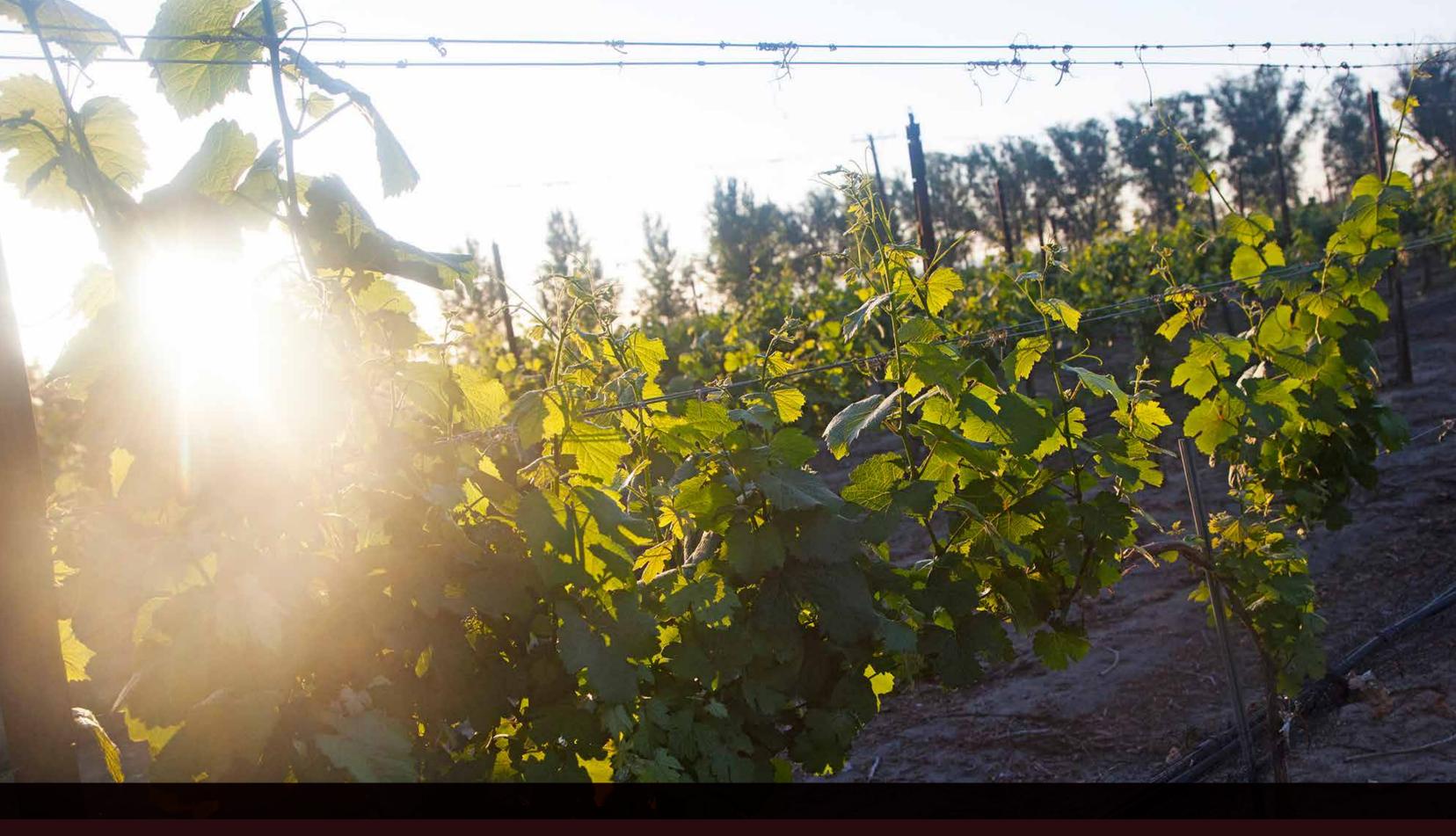
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# Day 1

## Eastward Bound!



### FILL UP IN FERNLEY

Caffeine Fix: Freedom Espresso

Magnificent Milkshakes: Wigwam Restaurant & Casino



Don't Miss: We're batty for the butterscotch!

# Snack It Up. Then Shoot for the Sand.



### **Courtyard Café**

From fresh-baked cinnamon rolls and fancy teas to sandwiches and farm-fresh salads, grab something to dine in or pack it to go for the adventures to come.



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On Saturday afternoons, sip into historic Frey Ranch

Estate Distillery—one of the nation's first and only

"grain-to-glass" distilleries—for some Silver State spirits
while the kiddos carouse on this beautiful property.



### Send It at Sand Mountain



#### **ON FOOT**

This six-story, 900-foot-tall prehistoric **mountain of sand** (twice the height of the Great Pyramids) rises just
20 minutes past Fallon. Hike up for a stunning vista,
then jump-run down. For a serious thrill, bring an old
snowboard and shred that sandy slope!

### **ON WHEELS**

BYO off-road rig, rip for the "peak" and discover why

Sand Mountain Recreation Area is one of the state's hottest OHV destinations. (Reno's UTV Addiction rents vehicles by the day.)



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Sand Mountain is one of few "singing sand dunes" on Earth. When conditions are right, this phenomenon can hit 105 decibels for minutes on end. Our favorite time to experience it? Definitely sunset.



## Arts & Culture: Choose an Era



### ANCIENT - CARVINGS & CAVES

### **Grimes Point Archaeological Area**

Check out petroglyphs exceeding 8,000 years old on a short, interpretive trail. Then cruise a mile up and hike to <a href="Hidden Cave">Hidden Cave</a>, an ongoing archaeological dig site.

# CONTEMPORARY – "OLD SCHOOL" MUSEUM Oats Park Art Center

Peruse three galleries of painting, photography, and sculpture, with rotating exhibits and a theater in a restored 1900s-era schoolhouse. (Bar-Café on site.)

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Discover more about Nevada's American Indian culture and history at the 14,000-square-foot **Churchill County Museum**, featuring the state's best exhibit on the tule duck decoy, our official state artifact.



## Water We Poin' Next?

### Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

Download the **Discover Nature App**, walk the interpretive trails, kayak the waters, or take a free guided tour (when available) to explore this famous "bird nerd" bucket-lister, a popular pitstop for hundreds of thousands of migrating shorebirds, plus nearly 400 species of other wildlife. It's also a killer spot for sunset.

### **Lahontan State Recreation Area**

Swim, fish, boat, or simply beach-bum it up at this 10,600-acre vestige of the 85,000 sq. mi. sea that covered much of northern Nevada about 21,000 years ago.





# Pig Into a Farm-to-Fork Pinner

Perfectly pairing urban trendiness with small-town Nevada charm, **The Slanted Porch** sources delectable meals, from fresh salads to sandwiches and hearty burgers, from just-up-the-road farms and ranches. (Lunch: 11a–3p; Dinner: 5p–8p)

## Choose Where You'll Be Fallon Asleep





As the crossroads community of the Loneliest Road in America and the Free-Range Art Highway, Fallon's modern-comfort, amenity-packed hotel options abound. Our faves: Best Western, Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn.

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What's buzzin', cousin? When the sun goes down, treat your eyes to some classic, nifty neon signs lighting up Fallon's main drag—especially the beautifully restored original Lariat Motel cowboy glowing outside Oats Park Art Center.



# Day 2

### (Sun) Rise and Shine?



### **EARLY BIRDS**

If you didn't catch a classic Fallon sunset, sunrise over **Stillwater's** glistening marshlands is at least as breathtaking and a great time to spot crack-of-dawn critters.

### **NEED SOME HELP?**

Joe To Go: Stone Cabin Coffee (open daily at 5a)





## Ta-Ta Tastes

#### TREAT YOURSELF

Local Produce & Edible Souvenirs: Lattin Farms (Fallon)

Ice Cream, Fro-Yo & Italian Ice:

<u>Steve's Homemade Ice Cream</u> (Fernley)

Want to keep those close-to-home "near-cation" vibes rollin'? If you've got an extra night, head up the hill for history, mine tours, and ghost hunts in **Virginia City**, or further south for history, antique shopping, and adrenaline-pumping activities around **Carson City**.

