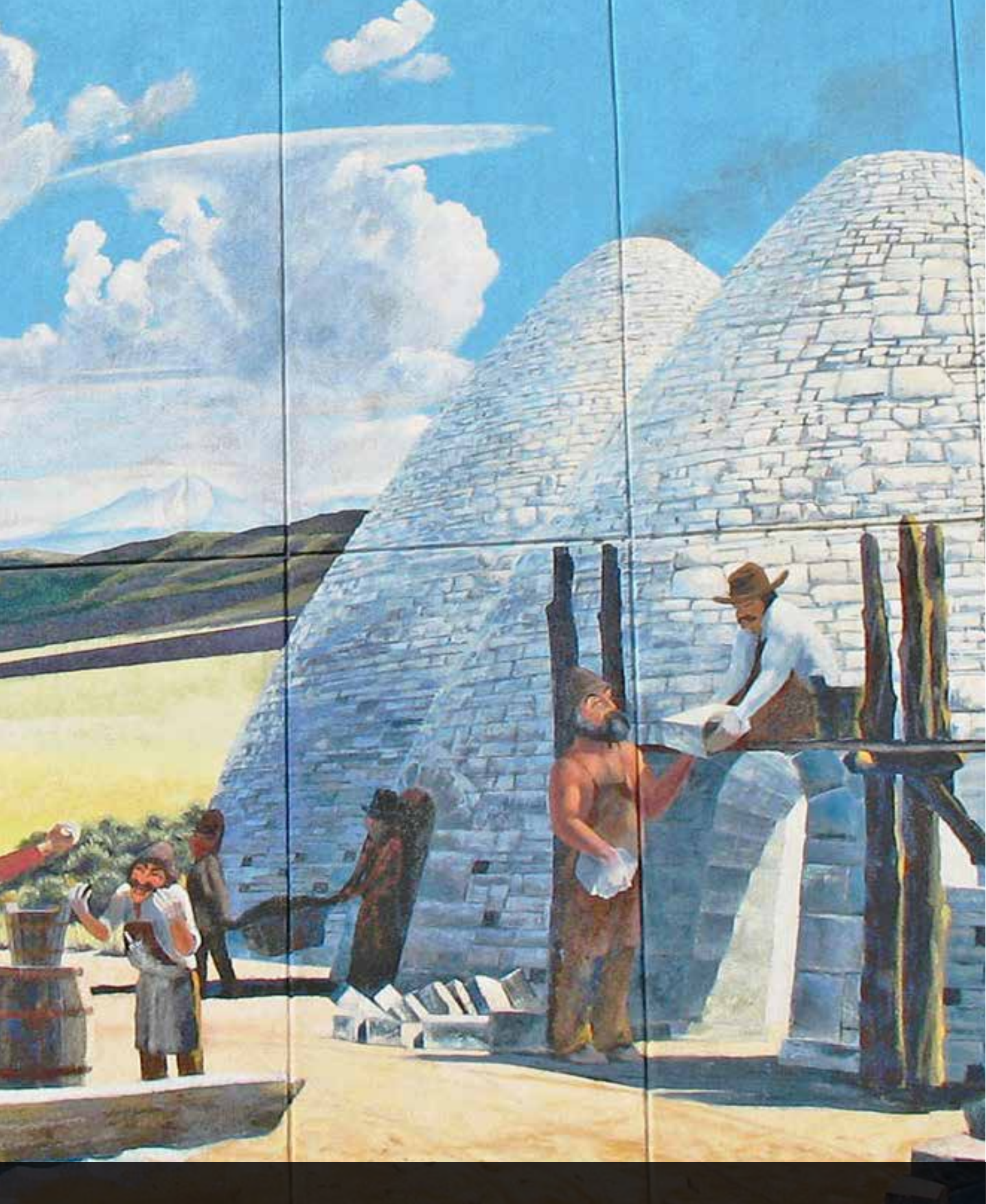


One Wild Weekend Adventure
48 Hours In
ELY





Find backcountry bliss in the bustling burg of Ely

A remote mountain town packing a big adventure punch, Ely's an unbeatable escape for whenever you need to hit the road and live it up in the great outdoors. Take two days off (three if you got 'em) and hightail it to this four-season community where art, history, and recreation – everything from mountain biking and mural walking to ghost town exploring and hot springs hunting – combine to really put the **treat** in retreat.

Follow the symbols



CHECK IT OUT



MADE IN NV



SHOPPING



SIGHTSEEING



ADVENTURE



STATE/NATIONAL
PARK



NEW TO
THE SCENE



MUSEUM



HISTORY



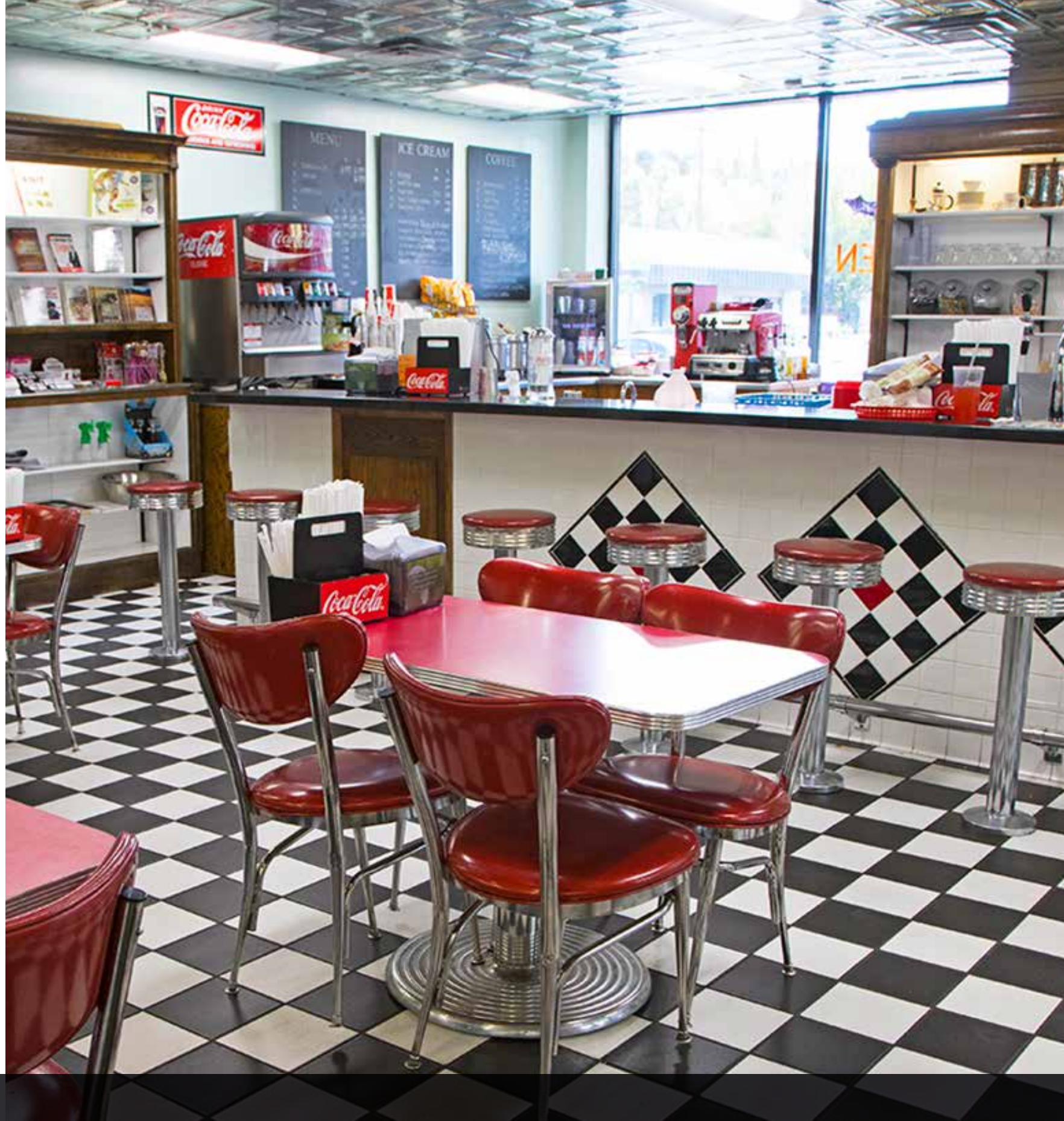
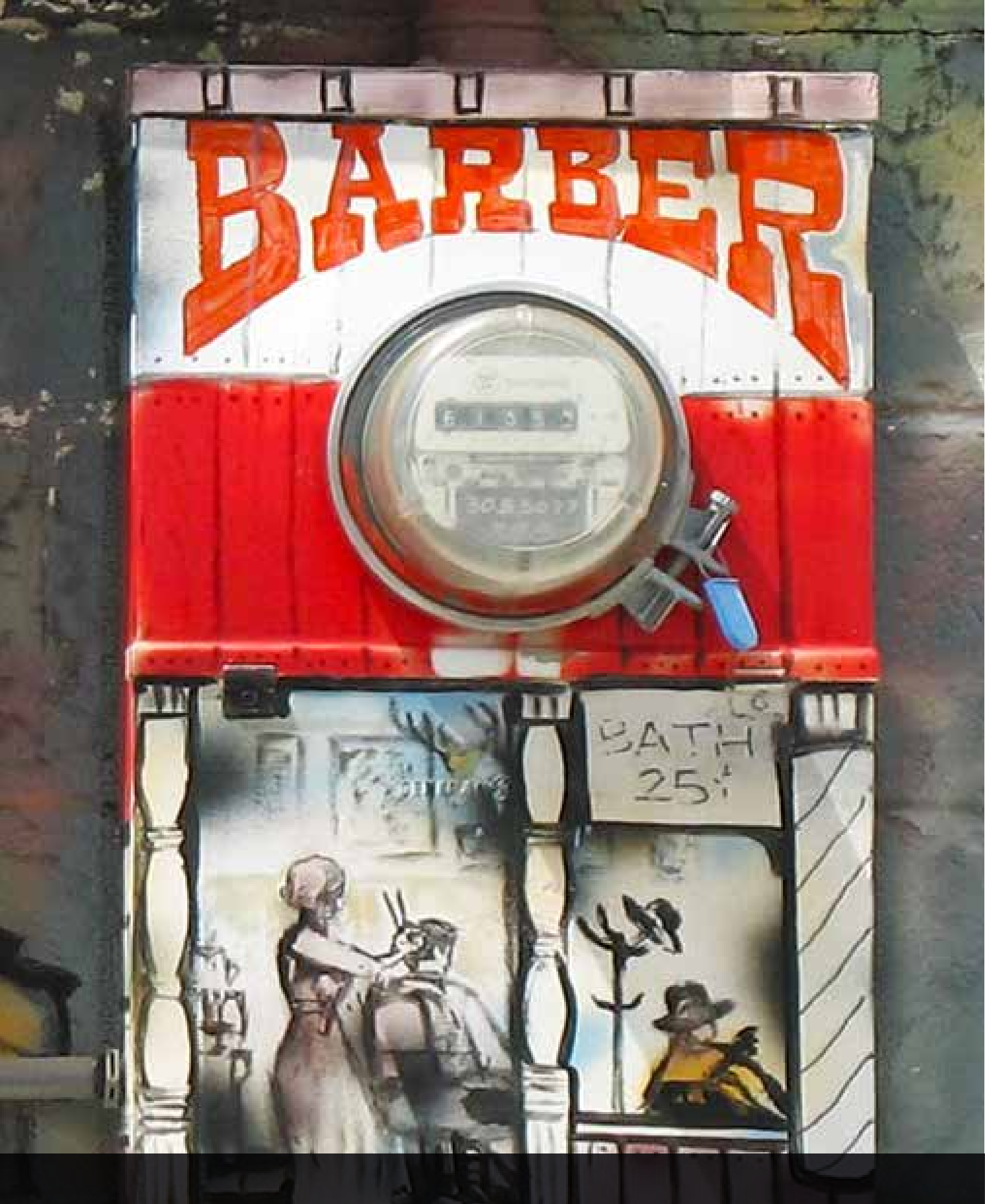
ART



MUSIC



CULTURE



Day 1: City Sights

Belly Up to Breakfast

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Old-fashioned soda fountain: [Economy Drug](#)

Tasty bagel sammies: [Hunters](#)

Fresh-baked pastries: [The Cup](#)

Arty Party

Don't let Ely's size fool you – this small town has world-class art and culture practically at every turn.

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Dozens of self-guided stops (with audio insights!):

[Ely Mural Walk](#)

Replica houses full of eye-popping artifacts:

[Renaissance Village](#)

Historic bank turned curated gallery: [Ely Art Bank](#)



Go Loco for These 'Motives



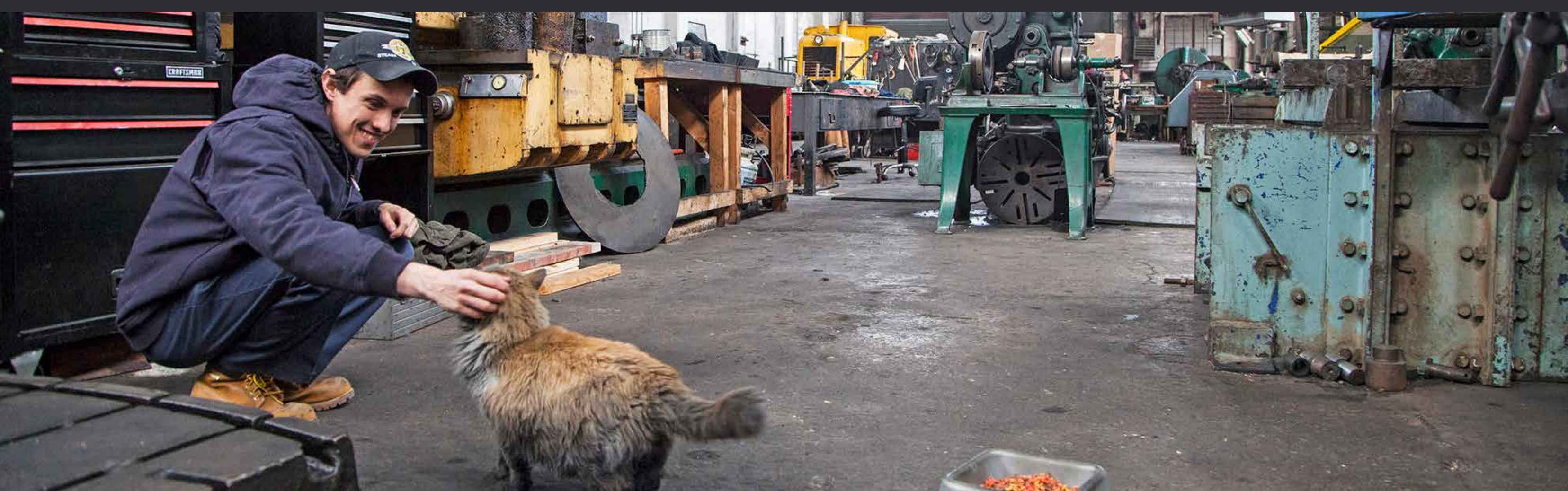
Ride the rails (and even “Be The Engineer”):
Nevada Northern Railway

Travel back in perfectly preserved time:
East Ely Railroad Depot Museum



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Tough call on what’s more exciting –
themed train excursions like the Haunted
Ghost Train and Santa’s Reindeer Flyer, or
getting to pet railyard cat **Dirt!**





Damn Good Dinners



Steakhouse favorites inside a jail cell:

Cellblock Steakhouse

Basque chorizo and hearty fare: Racks Bar & Grill

Mouthwatering Mexican dishes: Margarita's

Time for a Sleepover



Legendary history (and free margaritas): Hotel Nevada

Pawesome for pets: Prospector Hotel & Gambling Hall

Mountain views: Bristlecone Motel



TRAVEL NEVADA
PRO TIP

Ely's neon scene is totally brilliant, in more ways than one. See super cool signs at the Grand Central Motel, El Rancho Motel, and Central Theater.



Day 2: Backcountry Bliss

Adventure Awaits



Talk about an awesome problem to have – Ely's got so much good stuff to do that you'll have to choose which adventures not to take this time. (Of course, that just means you'll have to come back...)

Pick from our plans, or mix and match options to build your perfect day. Read on!





Choice #1: Mountains Made for Biking



Ely's essential experience: Cave Lake State Park

Varied terrain: Egan Crest Trail System

Wintry rides: Ward Mountain BLM Trails



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

In safe, dry conditions, hop on the **Success Loop Scenic Drive** for incredible views, aspens exploding with color, and direct access to trailheads and singletrack. Plus, it'll take you right to the time-capsulized **McGill Drugstore Museum**.

Choice #2: Gallivanting for Ghost Towns



Tin can roofs and champagne bottle shards:

Hamilton & Treasure City

One-room schoolhouse, impressive ruins:

Cherry Creek

Cemetery stonemasonry work that'll wow: Osceola

More Choices





Choice #3: Get in Hot Water with a Whopper



Get stoked to soak at the **Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area**, home to absolutely pristine natural hot springs and mule deer, bobcats, coyotes, sage grouse, endemic fish, and more. Pull over in Lund at the **Whipple Family Country Store** for their Whipple Whopper, one of our favorite burgers you'll find in the Silver State.



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

No matter which choice you pick, swing by **Garnet Hill** on your way back into town. Garnets can be found just straight-up on the ground here, or you can **rockhound** in search of bigger gems.

Time for a Nightcap



24-hour access to 30-foot-tall, beehive-shaped ovens:
Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park

Catch a flick in old school, Art Deco style:
Central Theater



Got an extra day?

You're gonna want one.



An hour east of Ely, **Great Basin National Park** is one of the least visited national parks in the country, which is **ASTONISHING** for so many reasons.

- > Ancient (and gnarly!) Bristlecone pines.
- > Wheeler Peak, the 2nd tallest peak in Nevada.
- > Hiking, fishing, camping, wildlife viewing, and more!



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Pack your binoculars or telescope. “Half the Park is After Dark” due to the A++ stargazing you can enjoy beneath Great Basin’s International Dark Sky Association-recognized skies.



Get the most bang for your Ely-visiting buck by checking out **Visit Ely Nevada**. And when you’re ready to hit the highway again, you can party with half a dozen state parks on the **Great Basin Highway** or get the rest of those HWY 50 Survival Guide stamps on the **Loneliest Road in America**.