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227 Cecina, Dayton

New Construction! Located in stunning Santa Maria Ranch, this open floor plan home includes a 3-car garage, RV parking, and access to trails and the Carson River.



104 Denio, Dayton

Located at the end of the cul-de-sac, this home includes a large master suite, relaxing soaker tub, spacious upper level with $\frac{3}{4}$ bath, and attached RV garage.



409 Milano, Dayton

New Construction! Amazing views in Santa Maria Ranch, this brand-new home has a 3-car garage and a laundry room right off the main floor master suite.



1200 S Curry St, Carson City

End unit, located within walking distance of shopping, food, entertainment, and much more, 2-story town home, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, washer and dryer.



710 W Washington, Carson City

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Keep your eyes peeled for splashes of Purple Mountain Majesty throughout this issue—it's Nevada's 2022 Color of the Year! Voted on by Nevadans and those Battle Born at heart, this plummy mauve hue blankets our stunning peaks on a sunrise or sunset hike. Show us where you've captured the Purple Mountain Majesty color in the Silver State by tagging @TravelNevada or using #ThatNevadaLife.



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TIME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH NEVADA



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I need to admit something: we are here to put you under the Silver State's spell. We take this job seriously because we love this place! The guide you hold in your hands is the work of a small team of people who, between all of us, have more than 250 years living in the state. We know this place inside and out, and we are here to share it with you—whether you already live here or you're planning to visit.

A few of the places we wanted to share with you in this issue include one of our most famous locales, Virginia City. Fall is the perfect season for a visit to this Old West town and—for the brave among you—to take a haunted tour. Eureka has its share of historic buildings, too, and we stayed the night in one of them just so you could get a glimpse.

Train rides are a great way to spend an autumn weekend, so we've got a look at our state's train museums inside, along with where to find some of the incredible pieces of art that have debuted at Burning Man and now live around the state.

Our love of our state's history is on display in a few stories, including a couple ghost towns, Reno's very own "Gambling Grandma," and a look back at our state flag's evolution.

There's so much inside, but remember, it's just a sample of all there is to discover here. Don't forget: we publish four times a year now, so whatever season you find yourself in the Silver State, we have you covered.

Welcome to Nevada!

Megg Mueller, Executive Editor



MEGG MUELLER



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TALK TO US

While there are plenty of things you'll want to keep to yourself during your vacation, we know there are must-post pictures your friends have to see. Here's how to share them and inspire a bit of envy about your trip to NV.

WE'RE HERE

For all things social, find us at [@TravelNevada](#). If we love your pic, we might ask to reshare it or include it in our next guide!

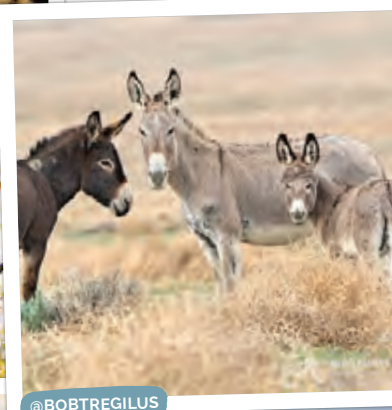
HASH IT UP

Nevada has so many reasons to blow up your friends' social feeds, from no-filter-needed scenery to selfies sure to induce a little FOMO. Tag your pictures, and while [#TravelNevada](#) always works, look for other tags geared toward your favorite theme.



MAKE IT HAPPEN

Stay safe, learn the Dirt Road Code (see page 103), and get insider tips for your best vacation yet. [TravelNevada.com/plan](#)



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THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE

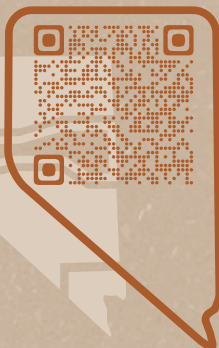
THE EDGE OF NOWHERE.

There's a lot to explore here. A city filled with farm-fresh dining. Museums overflowing with culture and history. Native American archaeological sites and water-filled oasis after oasis making this place a world-class birding mecca. And then there is the desert, as endless and adventure-rich as you want it to be.

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Photographer: Michael Okimoto



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Photographer: Rob Adamo (Radamo Productions)

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SCAVENGER HUNT

The 2022 hunt has come to a close!

The 2022 Silver State Scavenger Hunt has ended, and what a great adventure was had! This year's participants visited some of the state's most amazing historical buildings. Traveling far and wide during their hunts, these folks made memories with friends, loved ones, and even some furry friends while discovering the beauty of Nevada's past.

Two of our hunters were randomly chosen to win prize packages for getaways in Northern and Southern Nevada. Thank you to our generous sponsors!



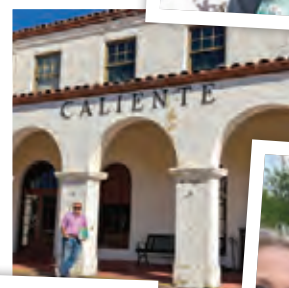
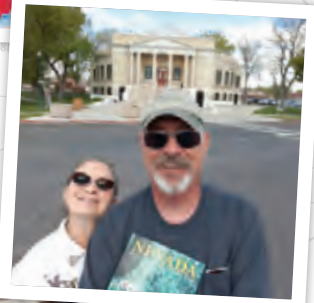
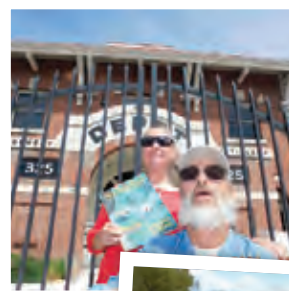
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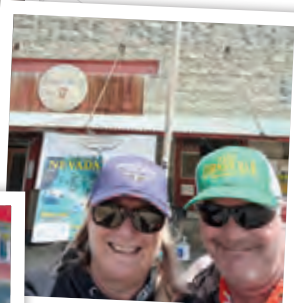
*The Spa
& Salon
at Casa Blanca*

Thank you to everyone who
participated in this year's hunt!

Our Northern Nevada prize winner is Jerry Roberts, who will receive a hotel stay at Harveys Lake Tahoe, plus dinner for two at Saponi Italian Kitchen at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.



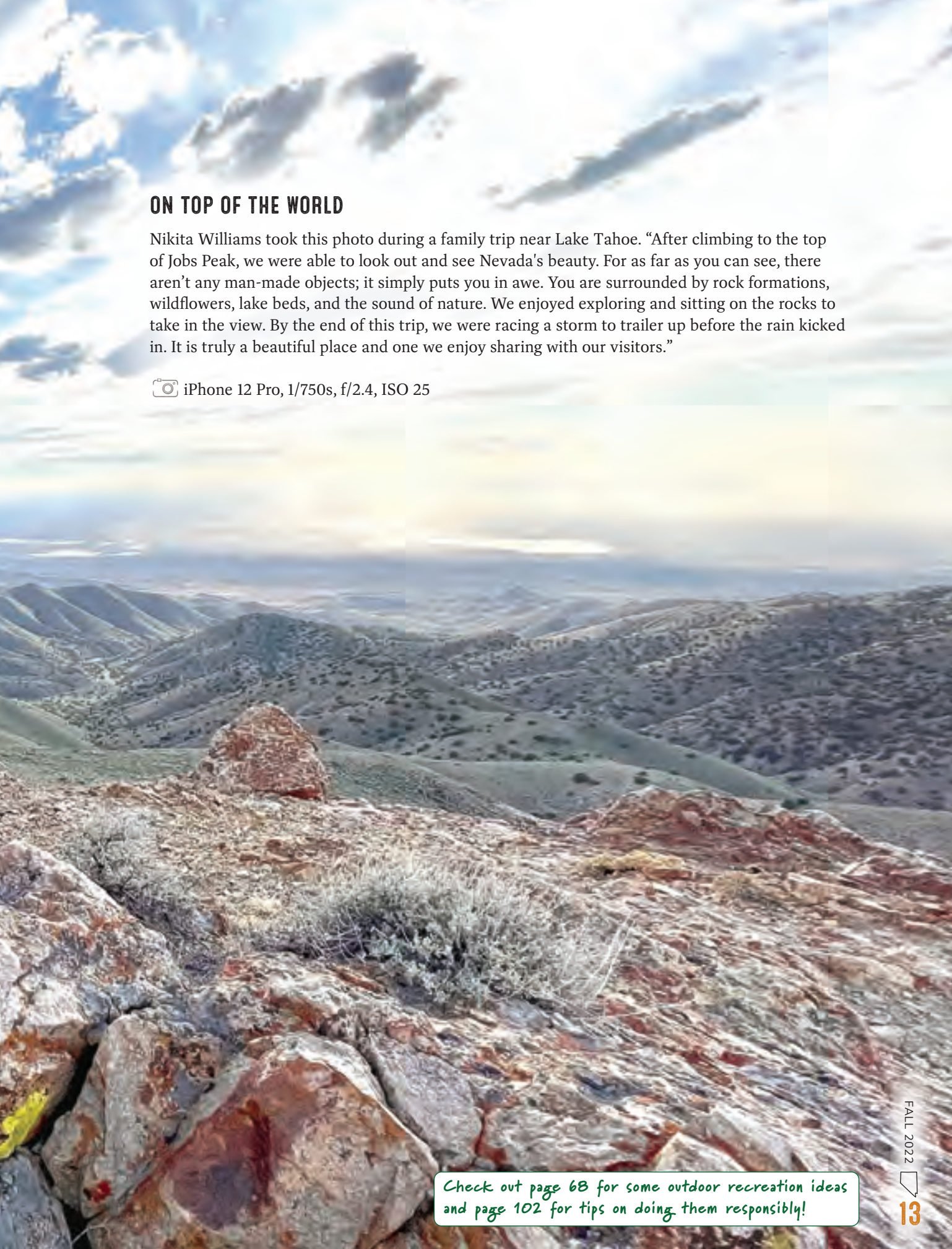
Our Southern Nevada prize winner is Debbie Peterson, who will receive a hotel stay and spa package at the Casablanca Resort in Mesquite.



EYE CANDY

QUICK HITS **EYE CANDY**





ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Nikita Williams took this photo during a family trip near Lake Tahoe. “After climbing to the top of Jobs Peak, we were able to look out and see Nevada's beauty. For as far as you can see, there aren't any man-made objects; it simply puts you in awe. You are surrounded by rock formations, wildflowers, lake beds, and the sound of nature. We enjoyed exploring and sitting on the rocks to take in the view. By the end of this trip, we were racing a storm to trailer up before the rain kicked in. It is truly a beautiful place and one we enjoy sharing with our visitors.”

 iPhone 12 Pro, 1/750s, f/2.4, ISO 25

Check out page 68 for some outdoor recreation ideas
and page 102 for tips on doing them responsibly!



ELEPHANT ROCK

Rachid Dahnoun took this stellar shot of Elephant Rock at Valley of Fire. “The daytime composition of this scene really spoke to me, so I returned at 2:00 a.m. to light paint the arch with the Milky Way overhead. The lights of the Las Vegas Strip illuminated the clouds in the distance. It was a magical night in one of the most beautiful parks in Nevada.”

 Nikon D800E, 30s, f/2.8, ISO 1600

HARRISON PASS

This image was captured by Jodi Esplin near Harrison Pass, 50 miles south of Elko. “We took advantage of the beautiful weather on a day late in October. The hillsides were glowing with the warm golden colors of aspen groves in the late afternoon light. I always enjoy quiet, off-the-beaten-path areas that allow me to take my time and appreciate the beauty of this state.”

 Canon 5D mk III, 1/100s, f/14, ISO 400



A person is hiking through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. In the background, there are green mountains and a blue sky with a few white clouds. A vertical red line is on the left side of the image.

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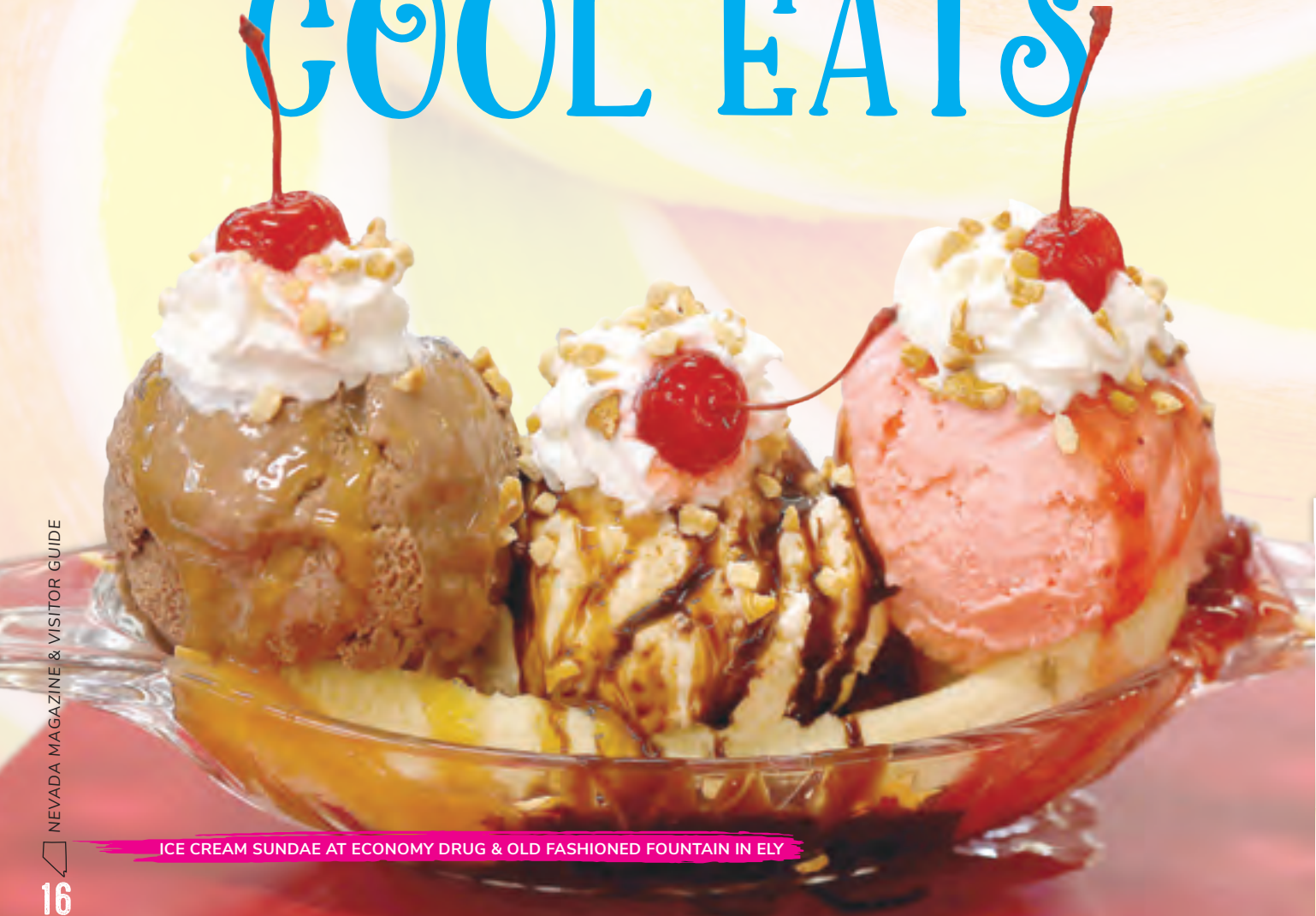
Refresh

Reimagine

Get ready to redefine your idea of the perfect fall vacation. In Reno Tahoe, you can hike through alpine forests, find clarity in the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe or experience tranquility in our vast desert landscapes. Discover unexpected bars, restaurants, and breweries. Lose yourself in the rhythm of our vibrant, artistically inspired city streets. Once you begin to explore all Reno Tahoe has to offer, you'll wish your time here could last forever.

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Savor the sweet delights life brings you—now that's some solid advice. If you agree, we've got some goodies to share. No matter where your travels take you in the Silver State, there's a delicious treat awaiting you.



ELY

Economy Drug & Old Fashioned Fountain

Offering aspirin and bandages since 1946, this third-generation-owned pharmacy was opened by resident pharmacist Andy Bath's grandfather. A great place to stop for travel needs, the real prize inside is a picture-perfect soda fountain reminiscent of a 1950s diner. Treat yourself to some of the best sandwiches in town, ice cream, and some throwback favorites like a thirst-quenching Lime Rickey. If the kids are in tow, stop downstairs and you'll find a fantastic toy store, too.

FERNLEY

Steve's Homemade Ice Cream

Malted or extra thick? You can't go wrong with either, especially since all the ice cream at Steve's Homemade Ice Cream is made fresh on-site. Choose from seasonal specialty ice cream flavors, Italian Ices served during the spring and summer, or pumpkin, brownie batter, cake batter, and eggnog flavors available during the winter. Get your hands on fresh sugar cones, ice cream cakes, and pies—all made fresh daily.



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

For the true Nevada experience, ask for the "Home Means Nevada" flavor at Icecycle Creamery. It's made with sage and pinenuts, inspired by the Nevada state flower: sagebrush!

RENO

Icecycle Creamery

Get ready to rethink everything you know about ice cream. Icecycle Creamery creates insanely delightful desserts with minimal, fresh ingredients and irresistible flavors. Mango lime chile sorbet, carrot cake, pumpkin chocolate chip, and coconut rice & mango are just a few of the more exotic concoctions you'll find alongside more traditional offerings. Do yourself a favor and reach outside that comfort zone a little: you won't regret it.





ELKO

Spoon Me

Buckaroos need some sweetness after a day on the range, and in the heart of Elko, you'll find that at Spoon Me. Trendy boba drinks and frappes meet signature mangonadas, raspados, and let's not forget the frozen yogurt creations just waiting to be made. Whatever your taste buds crave, Spoon Me will serve it up.

QUICK HITS **FOOD**

BOULDER CITY

Chilly Jilly's Bakery & Cafe

A local favorite, this eatery has pastries, breads, salads and sandwiches—but that's just the preamble to the delectable treats you'll find. Sweet and icy treats include the only frozen yogurt in town plus the hard-to-find Dole Whip served in a variety of flavors including traditional pineapple.



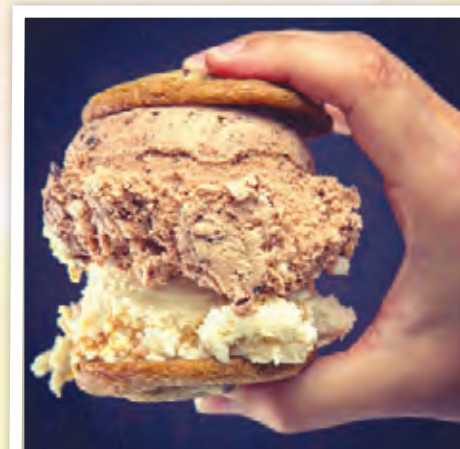
LAS VEGAS



Luv-It Frozen Custard

Since 1973, Luv-It Frozen Custard has served sundaes, cones, shakes, and hard-packed custard to go. Frozen custard differs from ice cream thanks to one key ingredient: egg yolks. In addition, there is no air whipped into frozen custard, which leads to a heavier, creamier consistency that is decadent and filling. According to Brandon Tiedemann, fourth-generation owner, the restaurant decided to focus exclusively on frozen custard, "because it took so long to make the other stuff." Each day, there are two specialty flavors as well

as vanilla and chocolate. Some of the most popular flavors are fresh banana nut, lemon, mint chocolate chip, and cookies and cream.



Sweet Addiction Cookies & Ice Cream

With two locations in Las Vegas, you have no excuse for not getting hooked on Sweet Addiction's handmade-to-order ice cream sandwiches. The possibilities are endless thanks to the massive number of combinations available. Pick your ice cream, cookie, toppings... you get the picture. And don't forget to take one for the 'gram, because these things are gorgeous.



Claire White (Luv-It Frozen Custard sundae)



HISTORIC STAYS AND MEMORABLE DAYS

AUGUST

August 5th - ECSO-National Night Out
August 9th-14th - Eureka County Fair and Rodeo
August 5th, 6th, 7th - Eureka Walk a Bout (Perdiz Shooting Range)
August 27th - Dove Hunters Warm Up (Perdiz Shooting Range)

SEPTEMBER

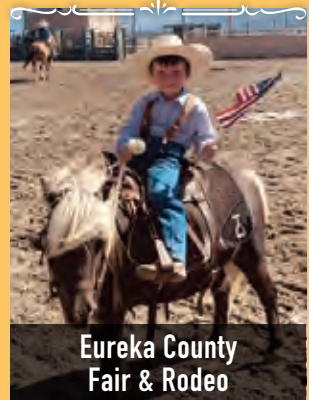
September 10th - Firemen's Picnic Shoot (Perdiz Shooting Range)
September 16th-17th - Art Wine and Music Fest
September 17th - Dutch Oven Gathering | Dig Deep Trail Run
September 24th - Bird Hunter's Challenge (Perdiz Shooting Range)
September 28th - OATBRAN Ride

OCTOBER

October 21st-22nd - The Great Eureka Ghost Hunt - Tall Bike Ed's
October 29th - Halloween Ball (Eureka Opera House)



National Night Out



Eureka County
Fair & Rodeo



Art Wine and Music Fest



Dutch Oven Gathering



The Great Eureka
Ghost Hunt



Halloween Ball



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Sagebrush Saloons

GENOA BAR



It only makes sense that Nevada's oldest saloon is in its oldest town. You'll find this beautiful brick structure nestled amid a grove of trees on Genoa's historic main street. The building that houses the Genoa Bar was constructed in 1853 and has operated as a thirst parlor for more than a century and a half.

Once inside, grab a cold one and check out the wonderful and often whimsical artifacts covering the bar's interior. Amid the risqué oil paintings, you'll find colorful relics including an American flag from 1851, a wanted poster for Lincoln's assassins, Willie Nelson's hat, and

Raquel Welch's bra (ask around for that story).



The grand jewel of the Genoa Bar and Saloon's collection is the large diamond-dust-coated mirror that graces the back of the bar. Imported from Scotland in the late 1840s, this treasure is believed to be one of the last of its kind.

STAY ANOTHER DAY



Don't miss staying a night at David Walley's Resort. This 160-year-old Genoa establishment offers guests a luxurious hot spring getaway with spacious condo-style lodging.



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SAGEBRUSH SALOONS

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Oh, and although it should go without saying: always sip—and adventure—responsibly.

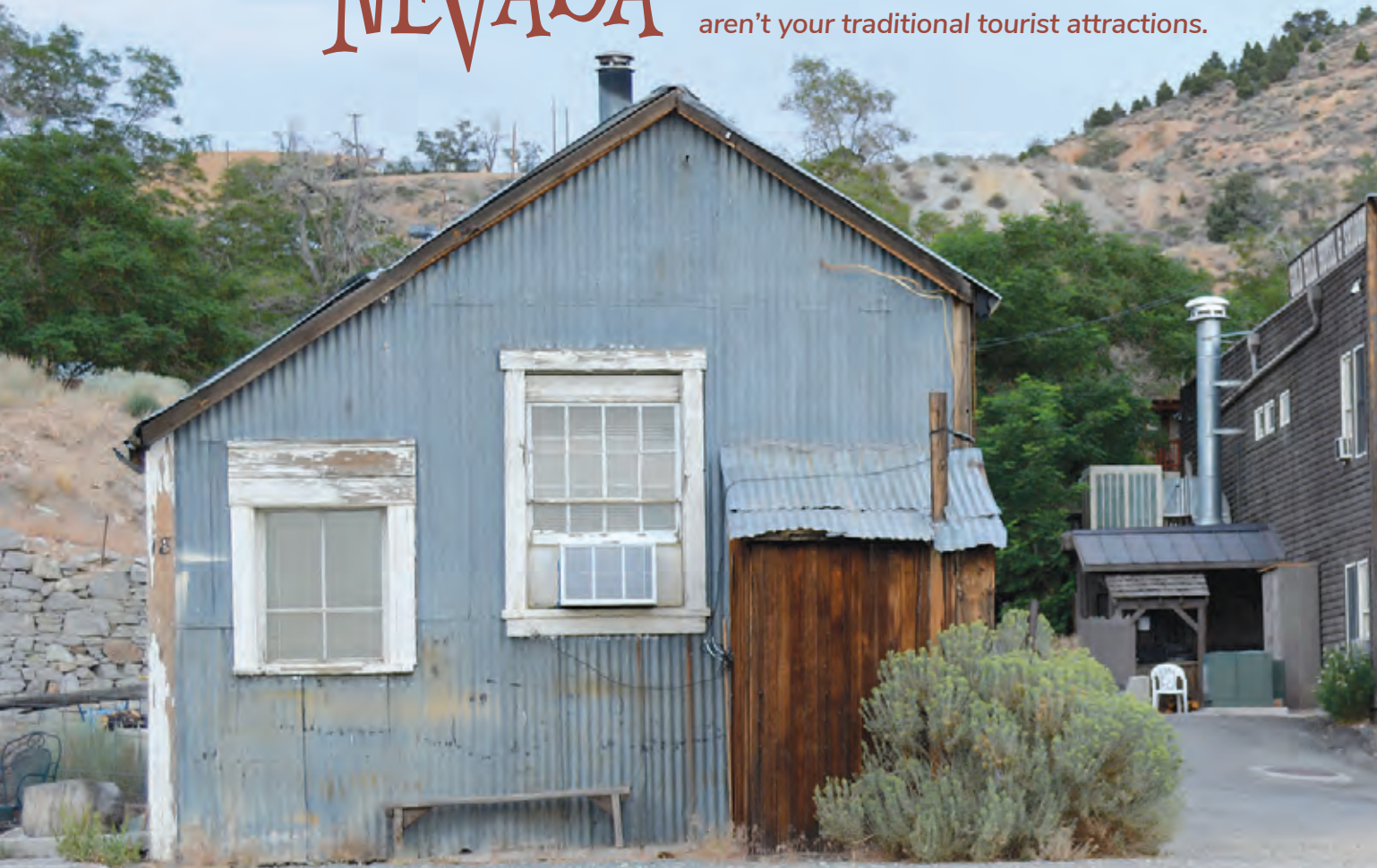
CANDY DANCE

Plan your visit to Genoa for the weekend of Sept. 24-25 to attend the annual Candy Dance. The event began in 1919 when homemade candies were sold at a local dance to raise money for streetlights. Today, the Candy Dance Arts and Crafts Fair draws large crowds and hundreds of craft and food vendors. Be sure to arrive early for parking: the town's streets will be closed throughout the weekend.



WEIRD NEVADA

In the contest for weird, wild, and altogether unusual attractions, the Silver State takes the gold every time. From haunted hotels and alien-occupied highways to mysterious museums and offbeat art installations, these aren't your traditional tourist attractions.



COMSTOCK HAUNTINGS

Gather your courage and seek a spiritual, spectral adventure in Virginia City.

Whether you're a believer in the paranormal or a skeptic just looking for the right experience to convince you, Nevada is widely considered a hotbed of haunted lore. There's no denying Virginia City is a choice locale for those seeking paranormal pastimes, exemplified by repeat visits of popular TV shows such as "Ghost Adventures" and "Ghost Hunters."



GOLDEN (GHOSTLY) OPPORTUNITIES

The Gold Hill Hotel is one of the state's most popular destinations for paranormal researchers. Constructed in 1861, the historic hotel is your home base for any ghostly excursion. The original rooms are a bit more petite than the more modern options but are undeniably special—they're the earliest hotel rooms in the entire state. In the original portion of the hotel, visitors can expect uneven walls and floors, plaster with exposed brick, and double brass beds. For a potentially haunted stay, ask to book William's or Rosie's room; both are said to be frequented by friendly spirits.

If you're in the mood for something more adventurous, opt for a night in the miner's cabin, located at the base of the historic Yellowjacket Mine headframe. The cabin was where miners entered and left the mine, serving as a checkpoint to combat theft of gold and silver.

A mine fire in 1869—one of the worst mining tragedies in Nevada at the time—took the lives of nearly 35 miners, some of whose bodies were never retrieved. Considering its grisly history, the miner's cabin is the perfect location for true ghost hunters.

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HAUNTED NEVADA



A NIGHTMARE ON C STREET

The Silver Queen Hotel, built in 1867, is another place to communicate with the spirit world. Sometime during the late 1800s, a prostitute named Rosie slashed her wrists in the bathtub of Room 11. Her story remains mysterious, but Rosie is said to have never left, making countless appearances in the decades following her suicide. Even though the entire hotel is carpeted, guests have often reported loud steps on a wooden floor, rattling doorknobs, the sound of voices, or even the sight of Rosie herself at the top of a long staircase where she has often been spotted lingering.



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Take a tour of the historic Mackay Mansion to seek out a few of the home's more playful spirits, then steady those nerves with a visit to the Bucket of Blood Saloon for their signature Bloody Mary. Built in 1876, the charming building with its 100-mile view is the perfect place to round out your haunted adventure.

SILVER QUEEN HOTEL

WATCH THOSE STAIRS

You don't have to be part of a TV show to partake in the supernatural fun at the Washoe Club. Join one of the hourly ghost tours, or if you crave full bragging rights, stick around after hours for an overnight investigation.

Brave groups are locked in for the evening with access to all three floors of the Washoe Club, including the crypt and spiral staircase. This freestanding spiral staircase is said to be haunted by a resident spirit named Lena.



A GHOST TOUR INSIDE THE WASHOE CLUB



Sandra Whitteker (all)

GET OUT. PLAY DIRTY.

This is Nevada... home to bighorn sheep and real big excitement. Here you'll find trails leading to historic ghost towns, spectacular canyon vistas, and even sand dunes soaring 500 ft. into the sky. So pack up, and start your adventure where the pavement ends.



AMARGOSA BIG DUNE • ARMAGOSA VALLEY, NV

Just southeast of Beatty, the Amargosa Big Dune is a 5 square mile playground of sand dunes that rise 500 ft. in height out of the desert landscape. It's perfect for ATV's, Dirt Bikes, Sand Rails and modified buggies, Jeeps and Trucks.

SPRING MOUNTAINS • PAHRUMP, NV

The Spring Mountain Range just east of Pahrump offers a vast trail system with many popular campsites as well. With elevations up to 7000 ft, sights include beautiful mountain scenery, wild horses, and historic mining camps.

SILVER STATE OHV TRAIL SYSTEM • CALIENTE, NV

The area offers a cooler climate with mountain and canyon scenery with over 260 miles of trails that loop their way through Juniper and Pine country. The trail system is nationally recognized, with good directional signage and multiple staging areas.

CRESCENT DUNES • TONOPAH, NV

Just northwest of Tonopah, Crescent Dunes is an enormous open dune area for riders of all skill levels to enjoy. Several options for accommodations, as well as fuel, supplies and dining can be found in the nearby town of Tonopah.

TITUS CANYON • DEATH VALLEY/BEATTY, NV

This is a 27-mile one-way track that travels from east to west through the Grapevine Mountains ending in Death Valley. Enjoy sights of the amazing canyon, as well as Leadfield Ghost Town and Petroglyphs. High profile vehicles are recommended.



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UNCOMMON OVERNIGHTERS

Vacationing in Nevada often means luxurious stays at ritzy hotels or sprawling casino resorts. But outside the neon, a world of unique retreats and unusual accommodations offers an irresistibly different kind of stay.





EASTERN NEVADA'S FINEST HOTEL

When the Jackson House Hotel opened for business in 1877, Eureka was in the summertime of its glorious silver-rush era. The hotel's owner, Irish immigrant Andrew Jackson, intended to attract the town's new class of wealthy denizens and make his establishment the center of the boomtown's business and pleasure.

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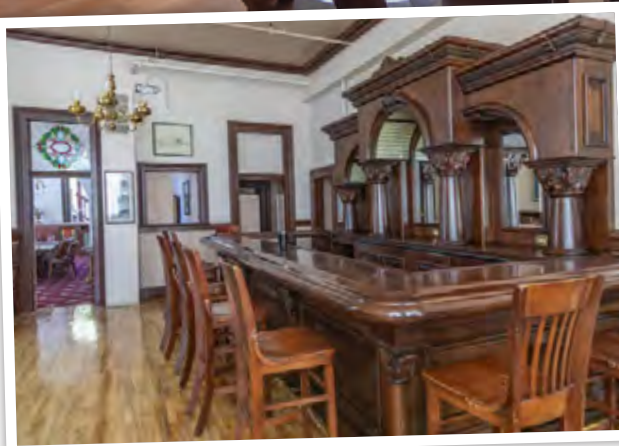


With a whopping 24 rooms, first-class restaurant, and a bar room considered one of the best in eastern Nevada, the two-story brick building quickly joined the short list of luxury lodgings found in the then-13-year-old state.

Besides the extravagant accommodations, the Jackson House Hotel advertised itself as the only fireproof hotel in Nevada—a high-tech feature in an era when most cities were veritable tinderboxes. This claim was put to the test just two years after construction, when fire consumed downtown Eureka. Although flames tore through the interior, the structure was left standing, and the hotel was soon back in business.

A NIGHT IN 1877

Throughout its 145-year history, the hotel saw a revolving door of new owners, and for most of the 20th century was known as the Brown Hotel. In 1981, the building returned to its original name and was deemed a historic site. In 1998, the hotel was purchased by local dentist Jeff Bartley, who renovated and restored the building to its original 1870s glory.



Today, visitors can stay a night at the historic hotel in one of eight elegant rooms, each with a Great Basin-inspired name gilded on its door.

Stepping inside these comfortable lodgings, guests are transported back to the Victorian era, complete with period furnishing and claw-foot bathtubs. Only a few modern conveniences—including free Wi-Fi—betray the illusion.

During the tourist season, the hotel's bar and adjoining tearoom hum with activity and special events. Although these gathering rooms are closed in the winter, even a visit off-season has a certain appeal. During the night, the hotel is filled only with guests, so if you time your visit right, you could be the only soul in the building—or so you might think.

A HAUNTING AT JACKSON HOUSE

Guests at the Jackson House have reported ghostly visions and unexplained phenomena for decades. Some visitors have witnessed doors opening and



The Jackson House Hotel has been visited by a host of ghost hunters, and you can get in on the fun by joining a ghost tour on Fridays and Saturdays for \$10 a person. Even if ghosts aren't your thing, this authentic slice of the Old West can't be missed and will be an overnigher you'll be talking about for years.

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

A night at the Jackson House Hotel is just one part of your trip to Eureka. Head over to page 74 to plan your weekend in this historic town.

slamming or footsteps pattering above their room from the hotel's rooftop. Others say they were awoken in the night with the sensation of their face or hair being stroked by an unseen hand.

Two ghostly residents seem to have made their presence known at the hotel. One, a mysterious lady draped in red, wanders the halls at night, floating from room to room. The other is a grumpy presence who haunts the Jackson Suite and apparently does not enjoy the company of guests.



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Nevada's railroad museums
are on track for a great time.

If touring the average museum offers a glimpse into the past, then a visit to any of Nevada's railroad museums will feel more like a trip through time. With depots frozen in the 19th century and the chance to ride the rails on engines big and small, it's time to get onboard a great historical adventure.

CARSON CITY

Nevada State Railroad Museum

Cold, crisp fall mornings are especially perfect at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City as the steam locomotive, a favorite of the young and young at heart, fires up and hisses white clouds skyward. The museum is home to several famous steam locomotives including two from 1875—the *Inyo* and the

Glenbrook—and is the only museum in the country with a working narrow- and standard-gauge locomotive in the same collection.

The *Glenbrook* was used to haul lumber on Lake Tahoe's east shore to Spooner Summit from 1875 to 1898, and then used to transport passengers between Truckee and Tahoe City from 1898 to 1925. It went to the museum in 1982, and the restoration process to return it to working order took more than 30 years.



THE GLENBROOK







LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

The Virginia and Truckee Railroad was incorporated on March 5, 1868, to serve the mines of The Comstock. A railroad was deemed necessary in and out of Virginia City to carry goods and ore to the mills along the Carson River. Today, book your seat onboard and take the 24-mile roundtrip tour through tunnels, canyons, and mining towns aboard a restored 1914 Pullman coach led by a 1916 Baldwin 2-8-0 steam locomotive. This all-day excursion is fully narrated with historical facts and anecdotes, and it includes a fun 3.5-hour stopover in historic Virginia City. Trains depart from the Carson City Eastgate Depot.

QUICK HITS MUSEUMS

Another one-of-a-kind artifact at the museum is V&T No. 17, the private coach of railroading giant Charlie Crocker. Built in 1868, it's the oldest car in the museum's collection. It is believed to be the car that carried Leland Stanford and his party with the Golden Spike—the ceremonial final spike—to the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869.

Plan your visit so you can hop on one of the museum's steam train or motor car rides, which happen every weekend, May through September, and a few select dates in October and December. Trains leave from the main entrance of the museum property and ride a 2,000-foot loop around the museum grounds.



V&T NO. 17

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East Ely Railroad Depot Museum and Nevada Northern Railway

Railroad and history buffs, you've been warned. The East Ely Railroad Depot Museum is so cool that once you visit, you'll want to come back—again and again. The museum offers a trove of history, memories, and lore from days gone by, available in its unaltered and carefully maintained glory to anyone making a trip to Ely. The Nevada Northern Railway (NNRY) runs special event trains sure to fulfill the wildest dreams of any train lover. This two-for-one offering makes Ely a must-visit for anyone looking for a locomotive paradise.



THE GUIDED TOUR TAKES VISITORS INSIDE THE 1907 ENGINEER HOUSE AND MACHINE SHOP



Wendell Huffman (V&T No. 17), Ben Kuhns/NNRY Collection (guided tour)

After massive copper deposits were discovered in the early 1900s, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company built a 150-mile rail line to haul copper ore from the mines west of Ely to regional smelters and off for sale. Following the whims of the market, NNRy shuttered and reopened multiple times, but in 1983, the real end came. The entire operation stopped for good, which—on the bright side for visitors today—created one amazingly preserved museum. Peruse what was once “state of the art” office equipment during the railway’s operation, like an original mimeograph and telegraph. Note the office calendar has never been turned since the day staff left.



The rail yard—listed on the United States National Register of Historic Places—is dedicated to restoring, preserving, and operating its historic property. Everything you see—from the picture-perfect blacksmith shop to the original handwritten pay ledgers, to the incredibly pristine locomotives themselves—is all original.

The Nevada Northern Railway operates from the first-floor ticket booth of the original, restored depot, and the East Ely Depot Railroad Museum is located on the second floor.

Once you’ve filled yourself with history, buy a ticket and get onboard one of the many specialty train rides that happen year-round. Race your bike against a locomotive, travel through Tuscany on an Italian-themed experience, hoist up a glass of bubbly for some of the darkest skies in the country, witness fireworks launched from a moving steam train, and brush shoulders with Santa during the holidays.

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OCTOBER

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QUICK HITS MUSEUMS



Aggregate storage at Six Companies' high-level concrete mixing plant at the Hoover Dam site in 1933. Read more about this project and see more historic images in the May/June 2018 issue of Nevada Magazine at nevadamagazine.com.

BOULDER CITY

Nevada State Railroad Museum

The Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City effortlessly preserves the heritage of the fascinating Boulder Branch Line. Commissioned by the Union Pacific Railroad in 1931, this line was established to haul literal tons of equipment and material needed to construct the massive Hoover Dam.

In addition to permanent displays of restored railroad equipment, the museum features two engines that were used to carry rockets at the Nevada Test Site; a 1939 diesel locomotive (the first of its kind on the Union Pacific Railroad); a 100-year-old caboose; and even a small, 7.5-inch gauge train that passengers sit atop to ride.

Getting into the locomotive groove, hop on for such themed excursions as story time on the train, Western-themed rides, Easter, Halloween, and Christmas train rides. Additionally, traditional rides are available on weekends.



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Opt for the Rail Explorers tours to get a different view of the tracks. Take a pedal-powered (but engine assisted!) 4-mile ride across the spectacular desert landscape, then enjoy a train ride back to the museum. Weekend, sunset, and neon rides are just a few themes available.





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BURNER BYWAY



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Since 1986, Burning Man has beckoned artistic souls and free spirits to the Black Rock Desert in what has become one of the nation's largest cultural gatherings. Every year, tens of thousands migrate north from Reno, making for the temporary metropolis which sprawls across the dusty playa. The celebration is held in the week leading up to Labor Day, but for the rest of the year, this remote section of Nevada is a gateway to off-the-grid adventure.





At 100–250 miles, the Burner Byway offers less pavement than some of Nevada’s other road trips, but each mile takes travelers further from civilization and into one of the most remote parts of the Lower 48 (one of the reasons Burning Man is held here). As you trace the road to the Black Rock Desert, you can enjoy the high life in Reno, camp at a spellbinding desert lake, and stop in at one of the state’s most eclectic small communities.

David Braun

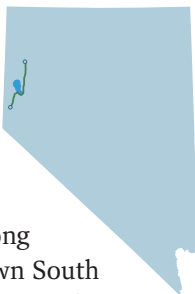


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10 Nevada
Road Trips.

RENO

MIDTOWN

A line of coffee shops, stores, and gastropubs await visitors in Reno's colorful Midtown neighborhood. Window shop along California Avenue, then turn down South Virginia Street into a vibrant district where locals enjoy bohemian boutiques, a sizzling cuisine scene, and abundant night life.



SHOP ALONG MIDTOWN

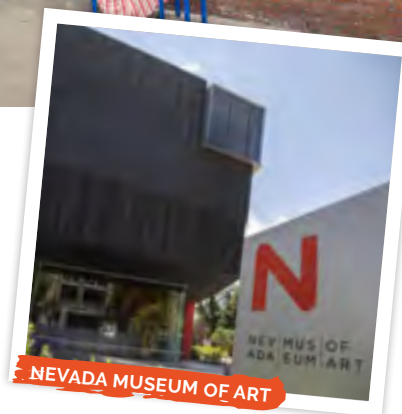
NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART

This is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—putting it in the same club as The Met in New York and San Francisco's MoMA. It offers 1,500 paintings, photographs, sculptures, drawings, and prints across three floors.

PYRAMID LAKE

PAIUTE HISTORY AND CULTURE

Pyramid Lake is the largest remnant of the mega-lake that once filled much of the Great Basin. Humans resided at the lake even before the construction of Stonehenge (before 2000 B.C.), and the Paiute People have called these shores home for more than 600 years. Before heading down to the beach, stop in at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center in Nixon to discover the origins of this majestic body of water.



PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE MUSEUM

CAMP ON THE BEACH

A night at Pyramid Lake is a surreal experience that needs to be enjoyed at least once. Set your campsite up just before the beach, then make your way to sparkling water surrounded by sweeping desert scenery. At night, enjoy campfire cookouts and lay out under a field of brilliant stars as ancient waves lap nearby.

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Pick up the necessary fishing, camping, and day-use permits for Pyramid Lake at the Ranger Station in Sutcliffe, or purchase and print online.



Mac Holt (Pyramid Lake, Bruno's)
Will Durham (Junkee)

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Celebrate your arrival in Gerlach with some good ol' fashioned Americana cuisine and a cold brew at Bruno's iconic bar. Consider this your last bit of civilization's comforts if you plan on heading farther north.

FRIENDS OF BLACK ROCK

Before exploring the playa and surrounding land, stop in at the Friends of Black Rock High Rock Visitor Center for maps, hiking information, and a chance to meet the passionate folks who help protect and showcase more than 200 square miles of desert. Be sure to call ahead to arrange a tour of the famous Fly Geyser.

BLACK ROCK AND BEYOND

At the famous Black Rock Desert playa, you'll find some of the wildest territory in the West. This is a place for unscripted adventure and should be planned accordingly.

Gas up your high-clearance vehicle (don't forget extra fuel) and pack plenty of supplies. Further north awaits landmarks seen by few, including the hot springs at Soldiers Meadows, High Rock Canyon, and the International Dark Sky Sanctuary at Massacre Rim.

**BRUNO'S BAR****FLY GEYSER**

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HIGH ROCK CANYON

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Welcome to the fourth-largest county in the entire nation. Elko County is home to the Ruby Mountains—one of Nevada's most prized ranges—and some of the largest gold mines in the world. Many flock to this corner of the state for verdant alpine vistas, hearty Basque cuisine, top-notch gaming, and a dose of cowboy culture.

You'll find plenty to do in the towns running along I-80, but outside that corridor, nearly 20,000 square miles of untamed country and some of the state's best ghost towns await exploration.

THE GHOSTS OF ELKO COUNTY

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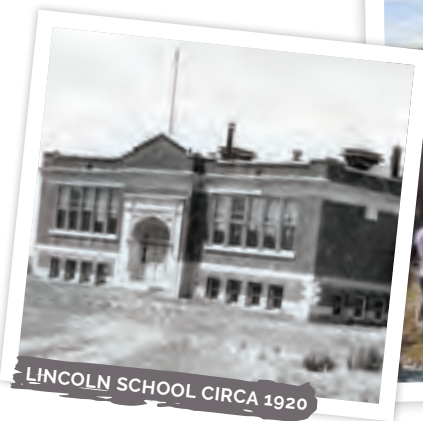
METROPOLIS

To adapt a line from Tolstoy, all prosperous towns are alike, but the ones that fall apart do so under circumstances entirely unique to themselves.

For Metropolis, it all came down to water rights.

Unlike many Western towns haphazardly assembled near the latest ore strike, Metropolis was a planned community. In 1909, East Coast investors deemed a sagebrush valley 15 miles north of Wells as the place they would build a modern farming town.

By all appearances, the town's name of Metropolis was a self-fulfilling prophecy. Settlers—attracted by advertisements of cheap farmland—moved in by the hundreds. A railroad connection was built, while sidewalks, streetlamps, fire hydrants, parks, and a four-block commercial district were set up in advance for future residents. But trouble was not far off.



LINCOLN SCHOOL CIRCA 1920



Water has always been a scarce resource in the western states, and Metropolis' proposed 40,000 acres of farmland proved a strain for communities downriver. In 1914, farmers around the area sued for water rights, and Metropolis was granted only 10 percent of the water it expected. This setback was compounded by drought, fire, and a cricket invasion right out of the Old Testament.

Metropolis declined, though it wouldn't be completely abandoned for another three decades. Throughout the 1920s, it was home to 2,000 residents who enjoyed all the trappings of modern life in a city literally built for them.

Little of this great civic experiment is left today, though the remains are well worth a visit. Pulling into town, you'll find the substantial ruins of the Metropolis Hotel and a nearby historic marker. Further up the road is the ghost town's most conspicuous landmark: the schoolhouse archway. The school's basement is still relatively intact, though it has seen a fair bit of modern graffiti. While wandering on or around the structure, watch your step.



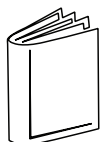
A few hundred feet southwest of the schoolhouse is Valley View Cemetery. These grounds serviced Metropolis' early residents, but you'll also find modern graves from nearby ranching families.

Northeastern Nevada Museum (Lincoln School)

JARBIDGE

One of America's last gold rushes took place within a deep canyon near the Idaho border. The discovery of gold in 1909 led to a makeshift town of 1,500 within the year. Like all boomtowns, people soon moved, but not because the gold was gone.

Although it might sound strange, winter in the northern Great Basin Desert can be a tough season. The mountains surrounding Jarbidge are above 10,000 feet, and the snowpack can reach more than a dozen feet. It was the harsh winters that drove many settlers out of early Jarbidge—though many would return each year after the thaw.



READ MORE ABOUT IT

In 1916, Jarbidge was the site of America's last stagecoach robbery. Find out how the perfect heist was foiled by a friendly dog in the April 1983 issue of Nevada Magazine at nevadamagazine.com.

Today, around a dozen residents call this town home year-round, and summer visitors can enjoy the century-old remains, including two working saloons, a historic jailhouse, and a handful of overnight accommodations.

Travel to Jarbidge for the history, but stick around for the outdoor experience. The town is surrounded by gorgeous aspen-laden forests, pristine streams, and towering peaks; whether you're looking to hike, fish, or camp, you'll find your piece of heaven in this remote wilderness.



SPRUCEMONT

The U.S. is home to more than 3,000 ghost towns, and more than 600 of those are in Nevada. Most are patches of earth picked clean by nature and passersby, while some include a few leaning homesteads amid collapsed rubble. A rare few are in such a condition that visitors truly get the sense they are walking through an abandoned town.

Sprucemont is but one of a handful of towns that arose up in the piney hills near the Ruby Mountain's eastern slope. Between 1869-1930, the area saw a series of booms, abandonments, and brief revivals. Half a dozen mines were dug out over 4 miles, and hundreds of residents built their log cabins and businesses in what was known as the Sprucemont District.



RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

If you plan on traveling, keep in mind that road access is usually limited to late summer and early fall. It's a 3.5-hour drive from Elko—including 50 miles of dirt road—and around 3 hours from Twin Falls, Idaho, so be sure to fully stock up on supplies, spare tires, and extra fuel when making the trek.





Perhaps due to its remote location and relatively recent abandonment after World War II, Sprucemont is still in remarkable condition. Dozens of structures dot the landscape, and the remains of a half dozen mines can be found throughout the foothills. Access to the site is difficult, however, and a trip should only be attempted with a high-clearance vehicle.

STAY
ANOTHER
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THE EVOLUTION OF NEVADA'S FLAG

BY CORY MUNSON

Nothing sparks pride in where you reside quite like a flag. However, creating a banner to represent an entire culture or geographic region isn't easy work. Nevada's flag is beloved by residents today, but it took four (almost five) versions until the matter was settled.



1905-1915

Nevada's first state flag was designed by then-Governor John Sparks and his associate Colonel Henry Day. Although it may seem odd that the flag arrived 40 years after statehood, most states did not actually adopt their own flags until the early 20th century.

The 36 stars and dark blue background represent Nevada as the 36th state to join the Union. The words "silver" and "gold" are prominently displayed as a nod to the state's mining industry. Only one of these flags is still known to exist, which can be found at the Nevada Historical Society.



1915-1929

Clara Crisler—an educator and historian from Carson City—led the charge in redesigning the seldom-used 1905 flag. Her version was a major departure from the original flag. Its eye-like configuration positioned the state motto below the state seal, which includes depictions of a train, mountains, a miner with ore, a plow, a telegraph line, and a quartz mill.

The Crisler flag did not see widespread production, and by the 1920s there were calls for it to be replaced. Critics pointed out that many state flags featured a seal, making Nevada's not very distinct. The flag was also expensive and hard to produce: the highly detailed image needed to be visible on both sides of the flag and required 40 hand-stitched colors.

Our appreciation to the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada State Archives, and the Nevada State Museum, Carson City for providing the images in this article.



1929-1991

In 1926, a contest was held for a new flag design with a \$25 prize for the winner (see below). From more than 100 submissions, the legislature chose this now-familiar format created by Louis Shellback—a career state employee and part-time archeologist. Shellback's flag added the cherished sagebrush wreath—the state flower—and yellow banner memorializing the state's admission during the Civil War.



1953

This design was proposed as a replacement to the 1929 flag, which many complained was still too expensive to produce and was rarely flown. Although this version passed unanimously in the legislature, it was vetoed by the governor, who claimed the flag lacked dignity.



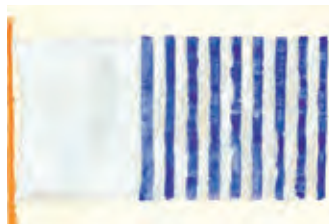
1991-TODAY

When the bill for the 1929 flag was approved, a clerical error resulted in the wrong design with confusing lettering around the star being submitted. For more than 50 years, the state flew a flag that no one had voted for. In 1991, the legislature finally fixed the error by placing the state's name below the star.



RUNNERS-UP

These entries were also considered in the 1926 contest. For the full list, head to nevadamagazine.com/flags



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OPEN-AIR GALLERIES

Radical self-expression is found all over Nevada.

You may have heard about a festival that takes place each year on a massive playa in northern Nevada. Attended by tens of thousands, the celebration of art and self-expression that is Burning Man is now a part of our cultural lexicon. While tens of thousands flock to the playa to see the incredible art pieces, most people never get to appreciate them. Lose that fear of missing out, because numerous Burning Man works can be seen in open-air galleries around the state.



BIG RIG JIG

Tanker trucks drive the art at this 50-foot sculpture located at Fergusons Downtown. Premiering at Burning Man in 2007, the warped, Daliesque installation doubles as a viewing platform. Hop in the lower truck and climb up to a 4-story view of downtown Las Vegas.

BLISS DANCE

After her debut in Black Rock City in 2010, the mesmerizing 40-foot-tall sculpture of a dancing woman found a home at The Park at MGM Resorts in Las Vegas. Dazzling both in daylight and when illuminated at night, the piece was created with two layers of geodesic triangles, covered by a skin of stainless-steel mesh. It is lit by 2,828 individual RGB LED lights.



BLISS DANCE



BIG RIG JIG



IDENTITY AWARENESS - FAMILY



PRAYING MANTIS

One of the most-photographed art installations from the playa, the Mantis (a girl, actually) draws crowds to Las Vegas' Downtown Container Park like a beacon in the night. Each sunset, the 55-foot Mantis puts on quite the spectacle, shooting flames from her antenna accompanied by a personal soundtrack.

IDENTITY AWARENESS - FAMILY

Originally created in 2017 for Burning Man, a giant metal heart—suitable for climbing on—is supported by a steel family, meant to signify strength and collaboration. The piece now sits in Downtown Victorian Square in Sparks and is part of the Sparks Art Walk.

SPACE WHALE AND BELIEVE

Created for the playa in 2016, the steel and stained-glass sculpture of a life-size mother and calf known as "Space Whale" is now the centerpiece of City Plaza in Downtown Reno (see previous page). After dark, the pair are illuminated, casting a surreal glow. While there, don't miss the "Believe" sign, which was first displayed at Burning Man in 2016 and is now a must-stop spot for selfies.

MGM Resorts (Bliss Dance), C2 (Mantis)

RENO'S PLAYA TRAIL

Embark on a self-guided walking tour through Midtown, the Reno Riverwalk District, and Downtown Reno with the help of Art Spot Reno's Playa Trail online map. It lists specific sculptures with directions, artist information, and more. While a handful of Burning Man art exhibits can be found around town, some permanent installations and their locations include:

- "Guardian of Eden" at the Nevada Museum of Art
- "Ichthyosaur Puppet" at the Discovery Museum
- "Pan's Perch" at River School Farm



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RENO'S NEON LINE DISTRICT

Spread across 20 city blocks near Downtown Reno, this new project is home to a changing gallery of sculptures that had their debut at Black Rock City. Four sculptures—including the 49-foot tall “Desert Guard” that was at Burning Man in 2018—are currently on display along 4th Street.

INSIDE THE MIND OF DA VINCI

Located not far from Nevada’s capitol in Carson City, this 7.5-ton sculpture is a 10-foot-tall by 23-foot-long model of Leonardo da Vinci’s head that debuted on the playa in 2016. Inside the head—made from concrete, recycled glass, and steel—are the sketches and drawings made famous by da Vinci.

NOT AT THE BURN, BUT STILL COOL

Art Island at Area 15

An experiential bazaar located minutes from The Strip, Area 15 hosts larger-than-life art installations, virtual reality experiences, innovative shopping experiences, and special events. Art Island is where you can see such wild art pieces as a 14-foot-tall steel statue of a man and woman embracing and a massive neon-lit owl poised in flight.

Bottlecap Gazebo and Desert Tortoise

The Main Street Art Park in Fernley is home to a couple of unexpected and seriously fun sculptures. The name comes from the thousands of bottle caps that were smashed



ART ISLAND

flat, drilled, and strung together in the form of leaves, creating complex lattices of glimmering colors and patterns. The “Bottlecap Gazebo” was designed to be a social meeting place fostering interaction and connection.

“Desert Tortoise” is a 25-foot-long and 17-foot-tall sculpture crafted from locally sourced boulders and thousands of 4-inch by 4-inch painted ceramic tiles of images which reflect the local culture.



INSIDE THE MIND OF DA VINCI



BICENTENNIAL SCULPTURE PARK

Bicentennial Sculpture Park

This downtown sculpture park along the Truckee River is home to six permanent sculptures. While not originally at Burning Man, their whimsical style makes them a perfect fit. Look for the "Rhinoman" statue and a giant metal horse, and you've found the right place.

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Counterintuitive Adaptations

Exhibition opens September 24



Sometimes being slow, small, or weak can have its advantages! *Survival of the Slowest* explores the often-overlooked species that have used their disadvantages to help them survive—and even thrive—in a world where large, strong, and fast animals are at the top of the food chain. This world-class exhibition puts you up close and personal with more than 15 live animals including tortoises, iguanas, and a two-toed sloth!



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STATE PARKS

Inspiring desert beauty at Cathedral Gorge and Valley of Fire.



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Cathedral Gorge used to be a dumping ground for 19th century settlers. Today, rainstorms still wash old tin cans and broken glass out onto the valley floor. While it may look like trash, it has protected historic value. Be mindful, and please don't take any home with you.

Clear out your memory card, reorder the missing lens caps, and try to remember how that tripod works again: it's time to dive into two remarkably photogenic state parks.

CATHEDRAL GORGE



A thin, white layer of limestone runs along the cliff-like perimeter of Cathedral Gorge State Park. Although the white line is high above the valley floor, it marks where the bottom of an ancient lake once was. After the lake dried up, wind and rain carved deep gouges into the soft lakebed, forming this incredible alien-like landscape.

At around 2 square miles, Cathedral Gorge is a relatively small park, but this experience packs quite the punch. The valley is brilliantly painted in earthy hues ranging from powder white to dark rust, and erosion has left cliffsides with innumerable facets of shadow, forests of spires, and snaking slot canyons.

In the early 1900s, the scenic valley became a popular tourist destination for hikers and picnickers. In the 1930s, the park's facilities—including a charming stone water tower—were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.





JUNIPER DRAW LOOP

Cathedral Gorge is a dog-friendly park, and your four-footed friends are invited along for trail hikes and camping adventures. Just remember to pick up after them and not leave any waste bags behind.

Open Range

Cathedral Gorge's gorgeous scenery is near a wealth of experiences in southeastern Nevada including old mining towns, trilobite and petroglyphs sites, forest hikes, and scenic backroads. The park is also within about an hour's

drive of five other state parks and two and a half hours from Valley of Fire.

See a complete list of Nevada's parks with their amenities on page 96.



CANYON CAVES



PHOTOGRAPHING INSIDE MOON CAVES

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NEVADA STATE PARKS



EAGLE POINT TRAIL



CAMPGROUND WITHIN THE PARK

Jeremy Spilker (Moon Caves)



VALLEY OF FIRE

Wandering dunes spilled into a dry lakebed once brimming with Jurassic-era life. As the desert grew, its own weight squeezed layers of sand into bedrock. Eons passed, and grinding continental plates propelled the land upward, exposing blood-red sandstone, which nature sculpted into towering pillars, narrow canyons, and delicate arches.

Humans have long inhabited the breathtaking 6-mile-long gorge located just above Nevada's notch-like southern border. Around 4,000 years ago, Valley of Fire was home to people belonging to the Basketmaker culture. Beginning in 300 BC, the Ancestral Puebloans moved in and farmed the region for more than 1,000 years.

When Nevada became a state, the valley sat along the prospector-blazed Arrowhead Trail—also known as the Sunshine Highway. In the early 1900s, the trail was developed into



Recreate Responsibly

Several hiking trails take visitors through Valley of Fire's breathtaking scenery, but any outdoor activity should be planned with care. During the summer, highs usually exceed 100 degrees followed by rapid cooling after sunset. Bring plenty of water, sunblock, and clothing for variable weather.



an important road between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, and the beautiful drive through Nevada's portion became a popular attraction. Inspired by the craggy skyline's incandescent red glow when backlit by the sun, the area was formally branded the Valley of Fire in the 1920s.

In 1935, Valley of Fire was designated a state park. Although the legislature granted this honor concurrently with three other locations—including Cathedral Gorge—Valley of Fire opened one year ahead of schedule and is thus able to claim bragging rights as Nevada's very first state park.



PARK SNAPSHOT

Before filling up your camera's memory card, stop in at the Visitor Center to become familiar with the park's top destinations and study up on the area's fauna, geology, and first inhabitants. From there, 24 square miles of rainbow-hued desert awaits exploration.

Atlatl Rock

The stunning dual-tower formation features perfectly preserved petroglyphs including the rare depiction of a stone age superweapon: the atlatl.

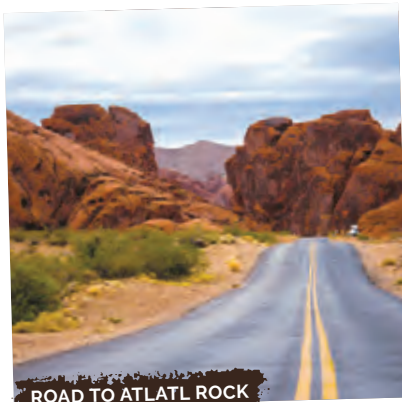
Seven Sisters

A popular site for weddings, these boulders sit like the ruins of rusted columns decaying in the desert.

White Dome Trail

A mile-long hike guides visitors through narrow, wind-carved canyons and scenery that look like somewhere straight out of a Hollywood Western—which they are. White Dome was a shooting location for the 1966 Burt Lancaster film "The Professionals."

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built the roads, campgrounds, and trails found at Cathedral Gorge. The CCC was a Great Depression-era program that put millions of unemployed young men to work developing the nation's infrastructure. In Nevada, more than 30,000 workers dug canals, constructed roads and trails, and developed many of the parks and recreational areas we enjoy today. Other CCC projects in this issue include Valley of Fire, Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge (see page 62), and Great Basin National Park (see page 68).





Get it stamped!



The Nevada State Parks Passport can be picked up at any Nevada State Park and serves as a travelogue for visitors. It includes photos, park descriptions, amenity lists, and spaces for validation stamps. Once you have your booklets stamped at 15 different parks, you earn one free annual pass to all Nevada State Parks! Call 775-684-2770 for more information.

Legendary Nevadans: Jessie Beck

A down-on-her-luck Texas cashier becomes one of Reno's most celebrated residents.

BY CORY MUNSON

At 34 years old, Jessie Beck (born Jessie Renfro) found herself recently divorced and nearly broke. Opportunities for a single mother in 1938 were few, so she was relieved to find work at a diner in Fort Worth.

A few months into the job, Beck's sister Mabel and brother-in-law Raymond "Pappy" Smith entered the restaurant. The two had just arrived from Reno, where Pappy managed the Harolds Club casino.

After they finished their meal, Pappy went to the register to pay. To his surprise, his sister-in-law calculated his bill—including tax—without any pen or paper. He offered her a job on the spot, saying anyone that good with numbers belonged in the casino business.

Beck said she didn't know much about gambling, but if Pappy was offering her a fresh start, she would take it.



BECK DEALING BLACKJACK,
CIRCA 1971

From adventurers and gunslingers to writers and thinkers, Nevada's history was shaped by individuals with grit and drive. Each issue, we look at one of these notable heroes from the past. Whether born or raised, these aren't just Nevadans: they're Legendary Nevadans.

Nevada Historical Society (Beck dealing blackjack)



HAROLDS CLUB CIRCA 1965

HAROLDS CLUB

A few weeks later, Beck was in Reno. Pappy started her on the roulette table, and her charm and wit soon made her a customer favorite. When a craps dealer got appendicitis, Beck filled in, becoming the first woman dealer in the state. Within a year, she was running the head craps table.

In 1941, Beck was injured in a car accident. She wouldn't be able to stand for months, and that meant no more dealing craps. As she recovered in the hospital, she asked her nurse for a deck of cards: she was going to teach herself to deal blackjack.

Beck returned to work and was assigned cashier desk duty. She asked instead to be made a blackjack dealer. After demonstrating her newfound skill, the request was granted.

Beck dealt blackjack throughout the 1940s. During this time, she shot up the casino ranks, earning a string of promotions—first to night shift floor manager, and then to supervisor.

In 1951, she married an old friend of Pappy's named Fred Beck. Fred owned his own poker, horseracing, and keno concessions at Harolds Club. Unfortunately, the marriage was short lived. Fred Beck died in 1954, and Jessie Beck took over management of her late husband's casino games, running the Beck Corporation for the next 16 years.



**TRAVEL
NEVADA
PRO TIP**

You can learn more about Jessie Beck and countless other topics at the Nevada Historical Society located on the campus of University of Nevada, Reno. There, you can visit their museum or, by appointment, make your own discoveries at their archives.

THOSE BOYS NEED MAIL

In the early 1960s, Beck befriended a young kitchen worker named Richard Perry. Born and raised in Carlin, Perry moved to Reno for college and worked at Harolds Club to pay for tuition. The two became fast friends, Perry even referring to Beck as his work mother.

At the onset of the Vietnam War, Perry left Reno to join the Navy. Bright, gregarious, and a gifted aviator, Perry soon became lead pilot of Naval Squadron 164 (VA-164).

Beck and Perry kept in close contact by mail. In 1965, Perry wrote her, saying his fellow servicemen were lonely and missing home. Worse, many weren't receiving any letters or packages. Beck had already been sending Perry care packages, but after learning about the plight of the young men in Vietnam, she ramped up her operation.

The first care package addressed to squadron VA-164 was a large box of ballpoint pens, a luxury for ship-bound servicemen. The boys were so delighted that she sent more packages, not only to VA-164, but to their fellow squadrons



BECK PREPARING CARE PACKAGES, CIRCA 1965

and to servicemen in other branches. Soon hundreds of men were rushing to mail call, delighted to find games, playing cards, books, magazines, and toiletries.

Throughout the war, Beck spent her evenings at home penning letters to the men. By the late 1960s, she had 500 men on her mailing list and was receiving dozens of letters a day. Eventually, she moved to sending out a newsletter with a personalized postscript.

When asked of her efforts, Beck humbly replied that the number one thing the boys in Vietnam needed was mail. In all, Beck befriended more than 2,000 servicemen.



Stay tuned for more tales of *Legendary Nevadans*! In the next issue, we'll follow the life of Sarah Winnemucca.



LADY JESSIE IN FLIGHT, CIRCA 1966

LADY JESSIE

In 1967, Perry renamed the squadron's lead plane to honor his friend. The A-4E Skyhawk now bore the name Lady Jessie.

On Aug. 31, 1967, tragedy struck. Shortly after taking off, Perry's plane was hit by fire from the coast. He ejected and deployed his parachute, but he had suffered a fatal wound. Perry's death was a terrible loss for all who knew him. Today, a bronze plaque dedicated to him can be found in Carlin at Richard C. Perry Memorial Park.

The squadron's new lead plane was also named Lady Jessie, and each following plane would carry that name for the rest of the war.

Beck's work garnered local and national attention. In 1968, she received the Award of Merit from the Department of Defense—the highest medal for a civilian—and in 1969, Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt named her a distinguished Nevadan.

Jessie Beck's tale is far from over. Read about the Gambling Grandma's forced eviction from Harold's Club and a very public showdown with Howard Hughes. Next, find out how she turned one of Reno's unluckiest buildings into its most popular casino: Jessie Beck's Riverside.



TAKING REFUGE

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

Discover designated places
where the wild things are.

The Silver State is home to some of the largest national wildlife refuges (NWR) in the U.S., providing dozens of specialized habitats for a collection of animals, birds, and reptiles. From the raptors and other migratory birds that soar over Nevada each year to a sanctuary so special it saved the pronghorn antelope entirely, check out this lineup of where to find some wildlife during your time in Nevada.

Dinorah Arambula (Eagle)

DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Desert NWR hugs the Nevada National Security Site just north of Las Vegas. As the largest wildlife refuge outside Alaska, it contains six major mountain ranges and seven distinct life zones. This area was specifically established to protect the desert bighorn sheep and remains its largest habitat anywhere on Earth.

The massive Desert NWR complex is comprised of several smaller refuges in southern Nevada: Ash Meadows, Moapa Valley, and Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuges. While desert bighorns roam freely within the entire four-part complex, some of the best places to spot these curvy horned sheep is within Valley of Fire State Park and along the outskirts of Lake Mead. While you're exploring, keep an eye out for the desert tortoise—if you spot some tiny baby fences off the highway, those are for them—and other reptiles, including leopard lizards and horny toads.



If you see a Desert Tortoise, keep your distance. Picking up these slow-moving creatures can cause them to urinate fluids that are critical to their survival. Look, but don't touch any wildlife, and never offer food of any kind.

ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Ash Meadows and Moapa Valley NWR are home to numerous ancient fish species. Millions of years ago, Nevada was covered with water. As temperatures warmed, water levels receded, leaving thousands of separate pools across the landscape. Though they may have been the same species at one time, each pool allowed the fish within to evolve differently, creating dozens of subspecies found nowhere else. The rarest of the bunch, the mysterious Devils Hole desert pupfish, lives at Ash Meadows NWR. At the Moapa Valley NWR, thermal springs create a habitat for the Moapa dace, White River springfish, and more.

STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**STILLWATER
NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE**

If you're a nerd for birds, do some watching at northern Nevada's Stillwater NWR. Located on the outskirts of Fallon, the refuge is an international birder destination due to the 280 species of birds that can be found here on any given day. Hundreds of thousands of shorebirds also migrate through the area each year. The wetlands at the Stillwater Complex attract a quarter million waterfowl, along with more than 20,000 water birds and shorebirds.



The complex is made up of Stillwater's marshlands, along with Fallon and Anaho Island NWR, each offering pristine sanctuaries for birds of all kinds. Fallon National Wildlife Refuge provides perfect breeding grounds for birds and other wildlife, while Anaho Island—located on Pyramid Lake—is an undisturbed (and closed to the public) breeding ground for the American White Pelican.



Gary Jamieson (Hawk, Stillwater),
Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge (Cranes)



RUBY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



The Silver State is home not just to the nation's largest wildlife refuges, but also some of the most diverse and remote. Nestled against the spectacular Ruby Mountains in northeastern Nevada is Ruby Lake NWR, important for its seclusion and assortment of creatures not normally found in the high desert terrain. Its centerpiece, Ruby Lake, is a massive oasis of marshy wetlands in an otherwise dry valley.

Sprawling more than 360,000 acres, Ruby Lake's shallow, spring-fed marshes stretch 16 miles long and 3 miles across, holding six different species of trout and the largest concentration of nesting canvasbacks in North America. This unusually lush, vibrant habitat lies along the Pacific and Central Flyways, attracting trumpeter swans, greater sandhill cranes, and nearly 220 species of other birds, along with such wildlife as mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and sage grouse.

RUBY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Eureka Sentinel Museum

Eureka County Fair | August 10-14, 2022
ERE Wine Walk | September 17, 2022
Lions Club Bingo | September 21, 2022

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SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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The fastest land animal on the continent is alive and thriving, thanks to Nevada's unusual landscapes and unwavering conservation efforts. The seldomly-trafficked northwestern Nevada landscape made for the perfect place to save the American antelope—otherwise known as the pronghorn antelope—which dwindled to near extinction in the 1930s. The Sheldon NWR was established shortly thereafter, and pronghorn antelope have been racing across the Great Basin ever since. About 3,500 live inside Sheldon, and more than 30,000 can be found statewide.

The pronghorn antelope can reach speeds up to 60 miles per hour—only slightly slower than a cheetah. However, their disproportionately large hearts, lungs, and windpipes give them a stellar respiratory and circulatory system, boosting endurance and enabling them to maintain high speeds for long periods of time with their 22-foot strides. Keep an eye out for their white hindquarters—that stand out against Nevada's topography.



THE ROAD GOES ON FOREVER



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EUREKA OPERA HOUSE



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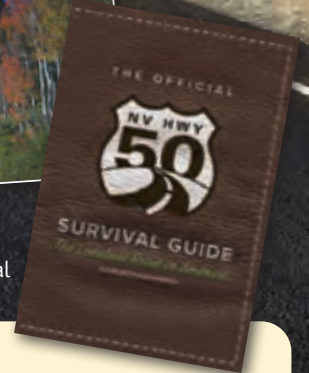
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The tradition continues with great Fall 2022 events! Nevada's Highway 50 is **WIDE OPEN** with plenty of room to roam and things to do and see. This is the route of the historic Pony Express Trail, where yesterday's legends were born, and today's OHVers, mountain bikers, and hikers find unbridled freedom. Make sure to pick up an official Highway 50 Survival Guide before traveling The Loneliest Road in America, or request one at LoneliestRoad.us.

DAYTON

September 10 6th Annual Silver State OHV Poker Run
September 17-18 33rd Annual Dayton Valley Days

FALLON

Weekends thru September 18
Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing Season
August 1-2 Lattin Farm's Sunflower Festival
August 6 Green Goddess Farmer's Market
August 19-21 Fallon Community Reunion
August 26-28 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair
September 2-5 Lion's Club Junior Rodeo & Labor Day
September 11 City of Fallon 911 Ceremony
September 29-October 1 Backroads Vintage Market
September 30 thru October 29 Lattin Farm's Corn Maze & Fall Festival
October 1 The No Hill Hundred (100 Mile Bike Ride)
October 1-2 Lahontan Valley Bird Dog Club - Nevada Chukar Championship

October 6-9 World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship

AUSTIN

September 10 Annual Wine Walk
October 29 Zombie Crawl

EUREKA

August 4-7 Eureka County Fair and Rodeo
August 5 Sheriff's office hosts National Night Out
August 5-7 Perdiz Eureka Walk a Bout
August 27 Perdiz Dove Hunters Warm Up
September 10 Perdiz Fireman's Picnic Shoot
September 16-17 Art Wine and Music Fest
September 17 Dutch Oven Cook Off
September 17 Dig Deep Trail Run
September 24 Perdiz Bird Hunter's Challenge

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August 19-21 Fair and Horse Races of White Pine County
September 2-4 McGill Labor Day Weekend

September 2 White Pine Corral Association's Gymkhana Series

September 10 Race the Rails Bike Race

September 16-18 Silver State Classic Challenge

September 17 Take it to the Lake Half Marathon

September 22-24 Great Basin National Park Astronomy Festival

October 7 Draconids Meteor Shower

October 21 - 22 Orionids Meteor Shower

October 22-23 & 29 & 30 The Haunted Ghost Train, Nevada Northern Railway

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September 22-24 Great Basin National Park Astronomy Festival

NEVADA'S HIGHWAY 50

August 12-13 Perseids Meteor Shower

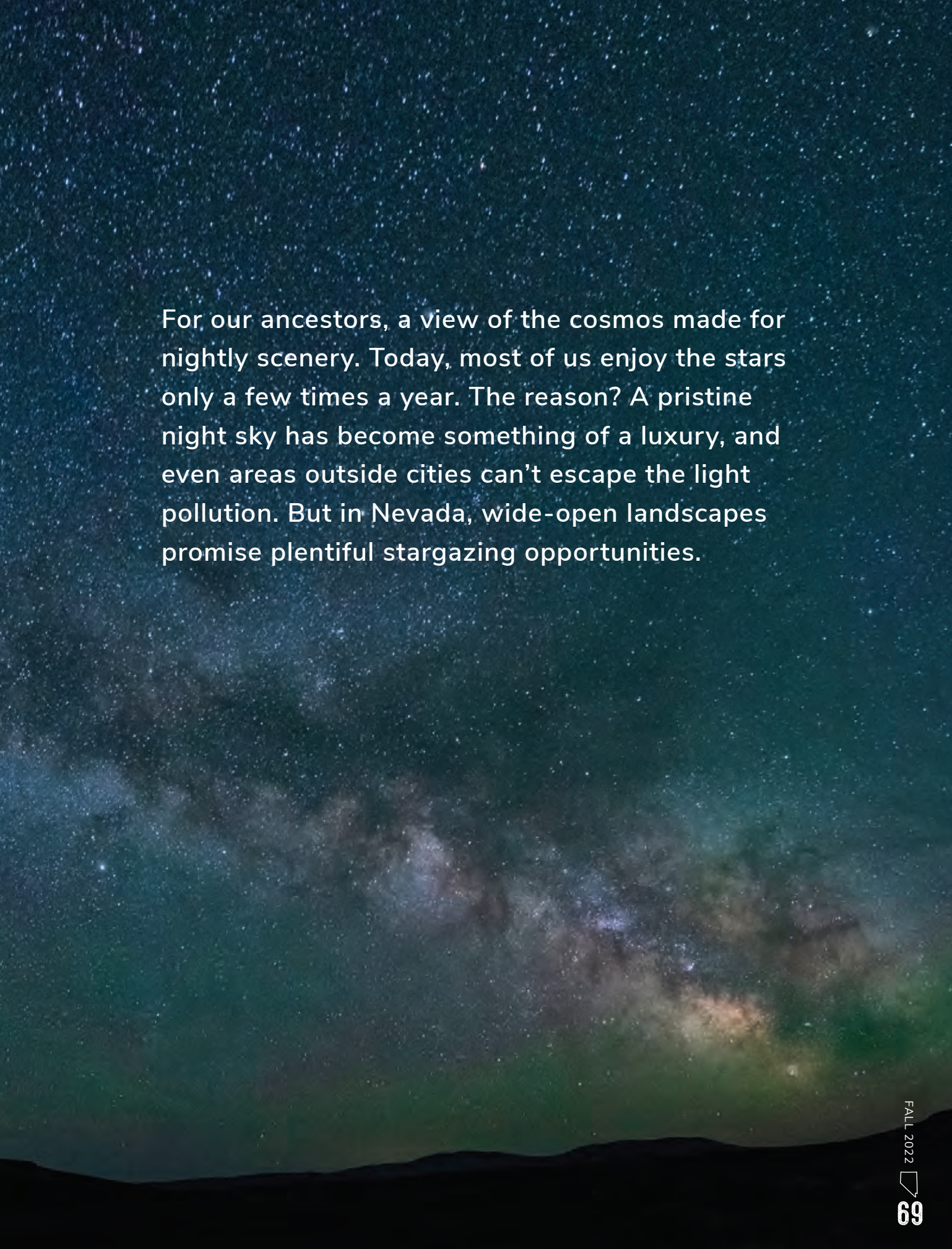
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Heavenly Views

Dark sky preserves across the state offer stellar stargazing experiences.



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STAY ANOTHER DAY



Headed to Great Basin National Park? Reserve a room at the recently renovated Stargazer Inn, which sits just a few miles from the park's gates in Baker. Be sure to stop at the Bristlecone General Store, which opened in March 2022, to stock up on groceries, clothing, local art, and all the stargazing books and maps you'll need.

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

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MASSACRE RIM

There are dark skies, and then there are *dark skies*, like what glimmers overhead at the Massacre Rim Dark Sky Sanctuary. This remote desert landscape joins a mere six other locations around the world as one of the darkest places on Earth. Reno—the nearest city—is 150 miles south, and the nearest services are 40 miles away, so plan accordingly before making the trek.



GREAT BASIN ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

Sept. 22-24

Discover why "Half the Park is After Dark" as you gaze into the heavens with telescopes, learn astrophotography tips, and meet with night sky experts. Bring the whole family to this free event.

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GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

The night sky found at Nevada's only national park ranks among the best in the nation: you'll see the Milky Way on stunning display each night. Stargazing here is something of a specialty, evident in the park's research-grade observatory. Throughout summer and fall, visitors can attend ranger-led Astronomy Talks at the newly built Astronomy Amphitheatre.



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TONOPAH

TONOPAH STARGAZING PARK



This park near downtown Tonopah boasts amenities that amateur astronomers and families will appreciate. With plentiful picnic tables and concrete pads for securing a telescope or camera, the night sky is yours to admire before returning to the comfort of a hot meal and hotel bed.

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NEVADA STARGAZING

FALL SKY CALENDAR

Plan your stargazing around these upcoming events. Remember that the best time for stargazing is on and around the new moon.

AUG.

- 11** Full moon
- 12-13** Perseid Meteor Shower
- 14** Saturn visible sunset to sunrise
- 26** New moon

SEPT.

- 8-9** Draconid Meteor Shower
- 9** Full moon
- 16-17** Lincoln County Photography Festival
- 22-24** Great Basin Astronomy Festival
- 25** New moon
- 26** Jupiter visible sunset to sunrise

OCT.

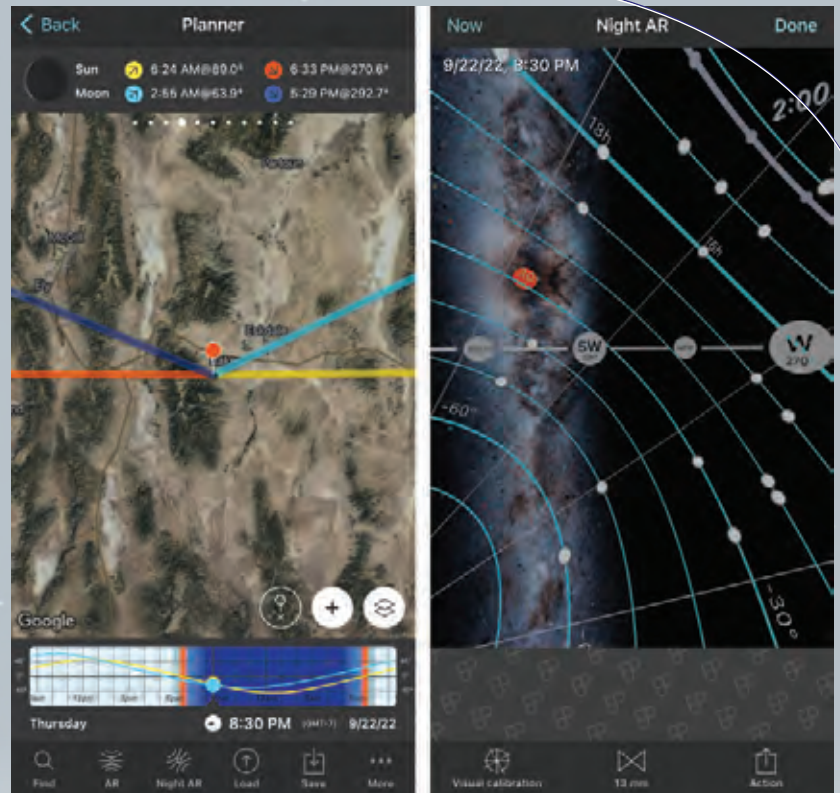
- 9** Full moon
- 20-21** Orionid Meteor Shower
- 24** New moon



ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

- ★ Use a red-light headlamp or flashlight to retain your night vision while shooting.
- ★ Use a good, sturdy tripod. If it's windy, consider hanging weights to keep it steady.
- ★ A remote shutter release is preferred, but if you use a timer, press the shutter carefully to minimize any vibration.
- ★ Although too much moonlight can wash out the stars, a little can help light up your foreground (unless you're up in the Massacre Rim area, where the Milky Way itself can cast a shadow).
- ★ Aperture: While a lens that opens to f/4 is great, f/2.8 or wider is even better.
- ★ The mobile phone app PhotoPills can help set up your shot by providing an augmented reality view of the stars.

PhotoPills screen captures for the first day of the Great Basin Astronomy Festival. The sun will set at 6:33, and two hours later, the Milky Way will be visible on the horizon.



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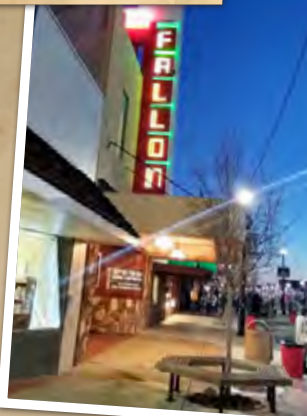
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RURAL WRANGLER *EUREKA!*

Discover why this old mining town is one of Nevada's best-kept secrets.

While Las Vegas and Reno offer white-glove hospitality and world-class entertainment, it's our rural destinations that give visitors a glimpse into the heart and soul of our state. Each issue, you'll find one of our smaller-but-no-less-incredible towns highlighted.

In ancient Greece, King Hieron's new crown was to be made of pure gold, but to be sure, the court asked the mathematician Archimedes to determine if inexpensive metals had been used instead.

To think the problem over, Archimedes took a bath. As he stepped into the tub, he noticed water spilling over the side. The answer suddenly came to him! A gold bar with the same weight as the crown should displace the same amount of water. If it didn't, then the blacksmith had certainly cheated the king. The greatest scientist of the ancient era leapt from his tub and ran undressed toward the palace, proclaiming, "Eureka! I have found it!"

More than 2,000 years later, that same exclamation was evoked by prospectors in the heart of the Great Basin Desert, and from their discovery, one of the West's richest boomtowns was born.



PITTSBURG OF THE WEST

When silver was discovered in 1864 near what would become modern-day Eureka, prospectors knew they had a problem. Though the silver ore was plentiful, it was hard to reach and tainted with large quantities of lead. The only way to remove the lead was with a super-hot smelter, but those weren't easy to come by.

No prospector would make his millions digging out a claim in this remote canyon. Turning ore into profit in Eureka required significant investment, a sophisticated economy of specialists and workers, and cutting-edge technology.

The mining camp was soon home to engineers and laborers, many coming from outside the United States. Settlers from England, Italy, China, Switzerland, and Basque country used their expertise to help build the smelters and mines for the ambitious operation. Many in this international group settled down in Eureka, and the town would forever be a melting pot community.



EUREKA IN 1880s

Within a decade, more than 50 mines and a dozen smelters were producing 700 tons of ore a day. By 1879, Eureka's population had exploded to 9,000 residents, and the bustling town became one of the richest towns in the West, second only to Virginia City.

Like Virginia City, Eureka's wealth spurred the import of luxury and culture to satisfy cosmopolitan tastes. The burgeoning Nevada community sported fine restaurants, gambling halls, oyster bars, an opera hall, three newspapers, and nearly 100 saloons.

There was a cost to the success. Pollutants cooked out of the ore formed a blanket of smog that filled the canyon, earning Eureka the nickname "Pittsburg of the West."

In addition, forests were chopped down in a 50-mile radius to feed the hungry smelters, necessitating timber to be imported from the distant Sierra Nevada mountains. Today, visitors will find nothing but clear-blue skies in Eureka, but large slag piles at either end of town still harken back to the town's early days.



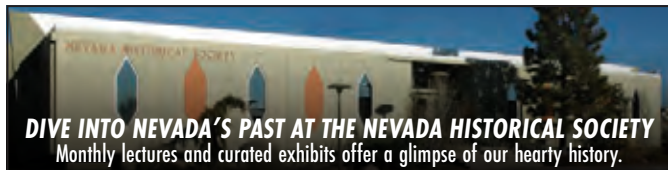


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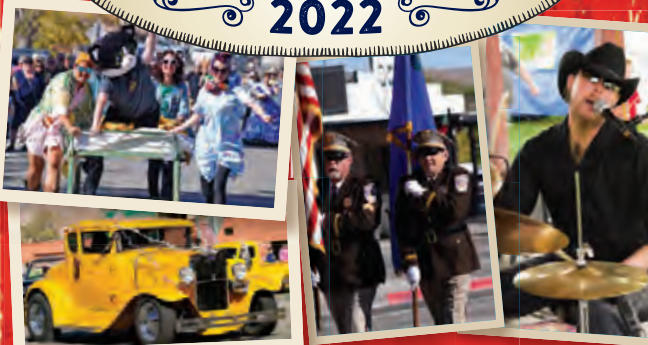
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EUREKA! YOU FOUND US!

After hours of winding along the Loneliest Road in America, arriving in Eureka might come as a surprise. The town's tongue-in-cheek slogan "Eureka! You found us!" is well suited, as the nearest community is 70 miles away.

It's not just its sudden appearance in the high desert that makes this community impressive: Eureka is one of the best-preserved mining towns in the West. The well-kept promenade features a line of charming brick rowhouses and storefronts with the elegant courthouse and opera hall standing as proud monuments to the town's past.

Eureka's 600-some residents continue to honor the town's 150-year legacy, and today, the pristine main street is alive and thriving with eclectic shops, restaurants, and lodging to satisfy any traveler.



WINE AND DINE

You'll find plenty of places to fill up on great grub and crafted cocktails in Eureka. Clementine's

Steakhouse just opened in Spring of 2022. For a mix of American and Mexican, stop in at Urban Cowboy. If you're looking to satisfy your sweet tooth, head to Sacha's Pizza and Sugar Shack. The Owl Club and Steakhouse has been a staple of the community since 1981 and is absolutely worth a visit.

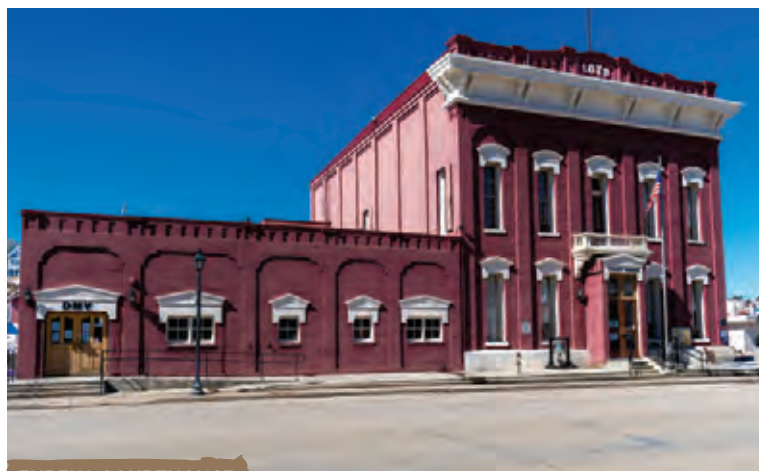
A visit to Eureka is a rare, refreshing experience in today's busy tourist scene. Although the town is full of history, there are no velvet ropes or lofty tour fees here. Visitors are encouraged to explore the historic public buildings at their leisure while interacting with passionate locals.

YOU ARE HERE

When visiting any town, it's good to know where to begin. We recommend parking anywhere on South Main Street near the courthouse and making your way to the Palisade Train Car. This 1875 crew car doubles as Eureka's visitor center and is open 24/7. Inside, you'll find brochures, information on local businesses, and a must-have walking map with 62 points of interest. Here are just a few suggestions to get you started.

Eureka Opera House (1879)

This historic building is Eureka's crown jewel and can be toured Tuesday through Saturday. After admiring the main gallery and its High Victorian stage, head downstairs to see more than a century's worth of signatures adorning the walls left by past performers. This building is still used daily, so look for upcoming performances when planning your visit.



EUREKA COURTHOUSE



EUREKA SENTINEL MUSEUM



Eureka Courthouse (1879)

The courthouse still serves as the functioning governmental and legal center of Eureka County, but visitors are welcome to stroll inside. The interior features wonderful examples of Italianate design, gilded accents, tin-stamped ceilings, and a walk-in vault. Guests will also find two bullet holes left after guards fired at a fleeing prisoner in 1900.

Sentinel Museum (1879)

This building was home to the town's daily newspaper, "The Eureka Sentinel," which was printed daily from 1879 to 1960. Today, the old printing room downstairs is left preserved as if the editors have just finished their shift. Upstairs, a museum—filled with everything from Edison phonographs to 1920s gas pumps—chronicles the town's history.

Raine's Market (2016)

Decided to stay for the night and in need of snacks and sundries? This store just outside town has the feel of an urban supermarket without the crowd. Stop in at the deli for delicious sandwiches or burritos.

Afterlife Antiques (2022)

While many of Main Street's shops and restaurants deserve their own call-out, this recently opened antique store offers something you'll find almost nowhere else in the state. Beneath the building are the remains of brick access tunnels dating back to the late 19th century. Chat with the storeowners to get your personal tour of this historic relic (and be sure to bring your ghost-hunting gear).



EUREKA OPERA HOUSE



AFTERLIFE ANTIQUES

WEE THUMP JOSHUA TREE WILDERNESS

BY MICHELE SINAGRA

Legend has it that when Mormon settlers crossed the forbidding Mojave Desert, they found solace in the trees. The Joshua tree, with its branches reaching upward in almost human-like form, reminded them of the biblical character Joshua, who led his followers through the desert with outstretched arms pointing to the heavens in prayer. Although they thrive in the Mojave Desert, Joshua trees aren't always easy to find. That is what makes the Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness so special: for just a short stretch on a lonely highway, the conditions are so perfect that the surrounding hills are literally blanketed with them.

**The Mojave's
most miraculous
resident thrives
just over an
hour south
of Las Vegas.**

DESERT SURVIVALIST

Yucca brevifolia—otherwise known as the Joshua tree—isn't even a tree. As a member of the yucca family, these amazing plants are only found in the Mojave Desert, which covers parts of California, Arizona, and Nevada. A Joshua tree can range anywhere from 15 feet to a towering 40 feet, and its fibrous root system can spread nearly 40 feet, enabling it to thrive in its harsh, dry environment.

Joshua trees don't produce nectar to attract pollinators; its survival is dependent entirely on the tiny yucca moth. Built to navigate around the tough waxy foliage, yucca moths collect pollen from one part of the flower and drop it off on the female part, moving from bloom to bloom. The yucca moth's survival is also dependent on the Joshua tree, which provides the perfect place to lay eggs on the seeds of flowers. The seeds are the yucca moth caterpillars' only source of food. It's through this most unique partnership that both survive in this unlikely place.



YUCCA MOTH





The Joshua tree mystifies year-round. Beautiful white blossoms bud in the spring, their stalwart form stands firm and green in the blasting heat of summer, and in the winter, its spike leafed foliage captures tuffs of snow.

JOSHUA TREE HIGHWAY

Often confused with the Arizona highway of the same name and overshadowed by California's Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua Tree Highway in Nevada is unique because most people don't know about it.

The wilderness area's proximity to Las Vegas makes an easy day trip. Just one hour south of Las Vegas on US-95, take the exit to State Route 164 in the town of Searchlight. Like many desert highways, SR 164 gently undulates through dry washes that quickly become torrential rivers during heavy rains. It's a desolate road, quiet and calming, that sharpens the senses, allowing travelers to absorb the fine details of the towering McCullough and Highland Mountain ranges surrounding it.

Although you can see smatterings of Joshua trees along the entire highway, it's in the small area named Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness that the concentration is remarkably high. The U.S. Congress designated the Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness in 2002, and it now consists of 6,489 acres.

The Paiute named the Joshua trees "Wee Thump" which means "Ancient Ones." With a typical growth cycle of only a half-inch per year, many of the trees in this wilderness area can exceed 30 feet in height and could be more than 900 years old.

The turnoff for Wee Thump East Road lies just 8 miles from Searchlight. The well-maintained 2-mile dirt road takes you to a parking area, where you can leave your car and enter a magical desert forest.

For those travelers who want to explore further on foot, there is the 3-mile Joshua Tree Trail, which follows an old wagon road previously used by miners. Easy slopes make for an enjoyable walk among these gentle sentinels. Pause and listen for birds, watch how the foliage of the Joshua tree glistens in the sun, revel in the stark contrast of swirling colors in the surrounding mountains against the deep blue sky, and immerse yourself in the quiet peacefulness. This is an opportunity to enjoy the desert at its best.



Kurt Kuznicki (red-tailed hawk)



THE WALKING BOX RANCH

In the same area lies the Walking Box Ranch. About 7 miles from Searchlight heading west on the same Joshua Tree Highway, you'll come upon a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sign announcing the Walking Box Ranch. This hidden Mojave gem holds a fascinating history.

When silent movie stars Rex Bell and Clara Bow decided to wed, they quickly realized that life in Hollywood would destroy any privacy in their lives. So, in 1931, they purchased a modest plot of 400,000 acres and built the Walking Box Ranch, named after the box-like cameras used in Hollywood silent films.

The ranch consists of four Spanish Colonial style buildings with a swimming pool, tennis courts, and

other luxuries to make this a perfect Hollywood getaway for such stars as Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, and Errol Flynn. Corrals and fences were built on the land, converting it into a working cattle ranch where the couple could live out their cowboy fantasies and raise their two boys away from the temptations of Hollywood.

In later years, after passing through many hands, the property ended up under the management of the BLM and is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Although it's always possible to park and walk around the periphery of the fenced compound, the interior of the ranch is not currently available to visitors. There are plans to open it, so stay tuned for updates.

The Nevada desert never ceases to amaze with its hidden delights, but seldom can we experience both its awesome beauty and colorful history all in one day. This is a trip that will not disappoint.

STAY
ANOTHER
DAY



Wee Thump makes a great stop while en route to Nevada's southernmost town—Laughlin. This entertainment hub sits near the Big Bend of the Colorado River State Park and is your basecamp to adventure in the Southwest.



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SILVER STATE

North, south, and almost everywhere in between, distilleries have popped up across the Silver State's landscape. Craft cocktail connoisseurs have carved their own niche out of this trendy pastime, and each has a uniquely Nevada story to tell.

HENDERSON

Las Vegas Distillery

In the state where there is no last call, tough laws favoring alcohol distributors prevented any distilleries statewide until 2011, when Transylvanian native George Racz boldly opened Las Vegas Distillery. The Racz-penned Nevada Craft Distillery Bill was signed into law in 2013, opening the floodgates for others to get in on the action. Today, Las Vegas Distillery produces whiskey, bourbon, vodka, gin, "rumskey," legal moonshine, and makes a perfect first stop in the Artisan Booze District, which is home to several breweries and wineries. A wide variety of tours and tasting experiences are available.

LAS VEGAS

Lost Spirits Distillery

The latest entry into Las Vegas' growing distillery scene is found in the city's newest entertainment and retail space: Area 15. Lost Spirits Distillery is one-part interactive show, one-part art gallery, and all parts quality liquor. Craft whiskeys, anejo tequilas, and rums are served in a football-field sized establishment with multiple tasting and touring options.



SIPS

Statewide distilleries are ready to share their unique operations and libations.



PAHRUMP

Desert Cane Distillery

Putting the RUM in Pahrump, this small-batch distillery promises big flavor. An easy 45 minutes from Las Vegas, Desert Cane Distillery serves hand-crafted rums made from sugar cane grown right on the property. The tasting room is the only place to purchase and enjoy these Nevada rums.

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

After some yummy rum, stay the night in Pahrump. Heck, stay two nights and visit Stonewise Mead & Cider, a top-notch Silver State meadery.

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DISTILLERIES

FALLON**Frey Ranch**

The Frey family has distilled five generations of grain farming expertise into a farm-to-glass operation. These self-described “whiskey farmers,” led by Colby and Ashley Frey, have made waves with 90-proof, non-chill filtered, single-barrel straight bourbon whiskey (three-time gold winner at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition) and single-barrel straight rye whiskey (2021 double gold winner). Visit on Saturdays from noon-4 p.m. to take a tour and taste the deliciousness.

**RENO****Ferino Distillery**

Ferino Distillery was born from owner Joe Cannella’s exploration of his Sicilian roots. That journey led to the creation of delectable Italian liqueurs, cordials, and digestivos. Book a tour and tasting Thursday-Saturday afternoons to experience these international delights.

JASON'S ART GALLERY

Exquisite Nevada-made jewelry on the Loneliest Road in America

Duane and Jeanne Cooley have an enviable problem. For 22 years, they have owned Jason's Art Gallery in Austin, selling high-end, hand-crafted jewelry. Using mostly local stones, Duane creates gorgeous pendants, earrings, bracelets, and more, while Jeanne tends the store that sits on Austin's main drag, a.k.a. Highway 50.

The trouble is, the jewelry is so exquisite and reasonably priced that the couple is busier than they've ever been.

"We were hoping to have this problem back when we were younger," Jeanne says, smiling. "We are crazy busy!"

The couple doesn't have an online store, but whether through word-of-mouth or previous visitors, their phone rings off the hook with requests for Duane's creations. During the summer months, the store can see hundreds of people a day perusing the massive selection of turquoise, chrysocolla, jasper, and other precious stones laid out in the welcoming shop. Row upon row of gleaming pieces beg inspection, but don't forget to look around and see the fun and funky artwork on the walls, too.

Duane learned to cut turquoise from his uncle when he was 14. He had a friend who knew about jewelry making, who taught him to cut stones and also taught him about silversmithing. Working as a miner

in Round Mountain, he'd make items from home, and when he moved back to Austin, he and Jeanne opened the store that bears their son's name.

"We're trying to hold out till the kids are a little older, then Jason can come take over. But I'm about ready to tap out," he says with a wink.

In the meantime, he's teaching his grandson to make jewelry, and he and Jeanne might start thinking about retiring one day. The couple love their 1870-built home—Duane's grandmother's house—which they've completely redone over the last 12 years, and they love Austin.

"We love everything about it," Jeanne says. "You can be with people if you want, or alone if you want. We like camping, fishing, hunting, and we've got plenty of space to get away to right around here."

The only other business in Austin that's been around as long is the gas station. Next time you're on Highway 50, after you fuel up, make sure to stop by and grab a truly authentic Nevada souvenir.



FALL FESTIVITIES

From small-town soirees to weekend-long metropolitan bashes, Nevada's time-honored celebrations draw in the crowds. Here are a few can't-miss events going on this fall.

HAUNTOBER

Virginia City
Oct. 1-31

You'll find a host of terror-inducing activities in this month-long celebration of spooky season. Ghost walks, mansion tours, escape rooms, and pub crawls await visitors, with the festivities culminating in an all-out Halloween celebration including a parade, trick-or-treating, and a rare opportunity to tour the cemetery after dusk.

AVIATION ROUNDUP

Carson Valley
Oct. 1-2

Bring the whole family down to the Minden-Tahoe Airport for two days of fun. The airshow features the United States Navy Blue Angels and many other aerobatic fliers. Beyond the airshow, peruse military aircraft and historic airplanes while visiting local and industry exhibitors.



AVIATION ROUNDUP



ART IN THE PARK

ART IN THE PARK

Boulder City
Oct. 1-2

One of the largest outdoor art festivals in the Southwest is found just 45 minutes from The Strip. Art in the Park draws more than 100,000 visitors and hundreds of artists who compete in various art competitions. Besides fabulous artwork, the festival features demonstrations, live music, great food and drink selections, and raffle prize giveaways.

28Sunflowers Photography (Art in the Park), NCOT (Nevada Day Parade), Karen Hutton (Hauntober)

NEVADA DAY

Carson City
Oct. 29-30

Nevada entered the Union on Oct. 31, 1864, and we've been taking the day off to celebrate ever since. Only two other states—Alaska and Hawaii—specifically mark the anniversary of statehood as a public holiday, but Nevada Day takes the observance to the level of a grand, almost-theatrical ceremony. In the state capital, you can look forward to a weekend of parades, banquets, quirky contests, hot air balloons, and much more.



A FUNNY THING HAPPENS WHEN YOU CUT THE CORD
BETWEEN AIRPLANE AND GLIDER. THE WORLD GOES
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WHAT'S New?

What's new? Nevada's 2022 Color Of The Year! Share your Purple Mountain Majesty photos with us by using #ThatNevadaLife. See page 2 for more details.

All around Nevada, you'll find exciting things happening. Keep an eye out for these new additions!

EVOLUTION EXPEDITIONS

Las Vegas

Evolution Expeditions, a Colorado River kayaking and hiking tour operator, now offers Spanish-language tours. From three-hour trips to full-day excursions, Evolution Expeditions' unique adventures reveal the area's geological features, spectacular wildlife, hidden beaches, hot springs, and historic structures—Hoover Dam included!



THE NEON MUSEUM

Las Vegas

The Neon Museum now offers guided tours of the Neon Boneyard in Spanish every Thursday, Friday,

and Saturday. The tours will be conducted by fluent museum interpreters and will last 45 minutes.



EXCHANGE CLUB

Beatty

The historic 1906-built Exchange

Club is undergoing renovations and plans to open this year with a new steampunk casino, coffee shop, and old-fashioned speakeasy. The Exchange Club Motel was also recently renovated and is open for business.



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACCESS

Mesquite

A new staging area for all-terrain and other off-road vehicles has opened on the south side of Mesquite. The complex features a gravel parking lot, overnight lighting, surveillance cameras, a wash station, fencing, and a permanent bathroom. There are more than 400 trails open to motorized recreation in the area.

MYTH & FACT: HOOVER DAM

Straddling the Nevada-Arizona border, Hoover Dam was constructed to contain the mighty Colorado River and bring water and power to the American Southwest's rapidly growing cities. This mega-structure ranks among America's most remarkable feats of engineering.

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THE SABOTAGE OF TWO-TOED PETE

The Dat So La Lee Basket Mystery: Four baskets woven by legendary Washoe weaver Dat So La Lee were stolen from the Nevada Historical Society in 1979. The story of their return reads like a Hollywood plot. This story first appeared in our **November/December 2002** issue.



The Sabotage of Two-Toed Pete: Folks were getting tired of Two-Toed Pete: it seemed like everyone in Virginia City had lost their hard-earned coin to the gambler who won every bet. When the scrawniest man in town claims he can carry a full keg of beer up a mountain, Pete decides to go all in against him. Find out what happens next in this tall tale from our **April 1984** issue.



Dat So La Lee and her husband, Charlie Keyser, pose with two unidentified Washoe women and several of her baskets, perhaps at their house in Carson City.

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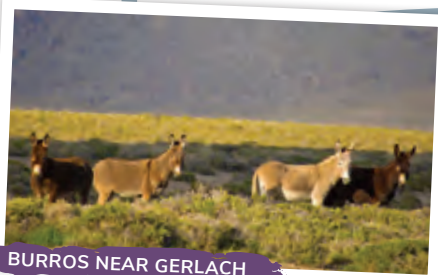
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- ☐ Load up the family truckster and hit the **drive-in movies**.
- ☐ Take the family through a **winter wonderland** at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park.



MIDDLEGATE MONSTER BURGER



BURROS NEAR GERLACH

SPRING 2023

- ☐ Try to save room for mochi at **all-you-can-eat sushi restaurants**.
- ☐ Be the first in the car to spot a band of **wild burros**.
- ☐ Get the royal treatment at some of the state's most luxurious **spas**.
- ☐ Take a Lamborghini five laps around one of **Nevada's racetracks**.

SUMMER 2023

- ☐ Beat the heat with a dip in some seriously pristine **mountain lakes**.
- ☐ Decide which of the 500 events at Reno's **Artown** you want to pencil in.
- ☐ Find your favorite meal on wheels in Nevada's bustling **food truck scene**.
- ☐ Stock up on Nevada-made art, crafts, and apparel at the **Home Means Nevada** store.



ARTOWN

STATEWIDE EVENTS

Air shows, off-road racing, live music, and wine walks are just some of the events you'll enjoy throughout Nevada this fall. Keep in mind that dates and events are always subject to change, so be sure to double check our online events calendar before your trip.

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Sand Harbor

5-7
GOLDFIELD DAYS CELEBRATION & LAND AUCTION
Goldfield

5-21
JAZZ & BEYOND FESTIVAL
Carson City

6-12
BONNEVILLE SPEED WEEK
West Wendover

10-13
CASEY FOLKS VEGAS TO RENO RACE
Statewide

13
JARBIDGE DAYS
Jarbridge

19-21
WHITE PINE COUNTY FAIR AND HORSE RACES
Ely

19-21
PSYCHO LAS VEGAS
Las Vegas

26-28
FALLON CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR
Fallon

27
WILD WEST BBQ SHOOTOUT
West Wendover

28-Sept. 5
BURNING MAN
Black Rock Desert

31-Sept. 5
BEST IN THE WEST NUGGET RIB COOK-OFF
Sparks

SEPTEMBER

2-5
PIOCHE LABOR DAY CELEBRATION
Pioche

9-11
SILVER STATE ART FESTIVAL
Carson City

RIDES AND RODS ELKO CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Elko

INTERNATIONAL CAMEL & OSTRICH RACES
Virginia City

9-11
GREAT RENO BALLOON RACE
Reno

10
RACE THE RAILS
Ely

JARBIDGE WINE WALK
Jarbridge

11
TOUR DE TAHOE: BIKE BIG BLUE
South Lake Tahoe

11-17
WORLD HUMAN POWERED SPEED CHALLENGE
Battle Mountain

14-18
RENO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES
Reno

15-18
SILVER STATE CLASSIC CHALLENGE
Ely

16-18
CALIENTE MOUNTAIN BIKE FEST
Caliente

16-18

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL FESTIVAL
Las Vegas

SUPER RUN
Mesquite

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EUREKA ART, WINE, & MUSIC
FESTIVAL
Eureka

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PAHRUMP FALL FESTIVAL
Pahrump

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Reno

23-24

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Genoa

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Caliente

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South Lake Tahoe



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Eureka

28-30

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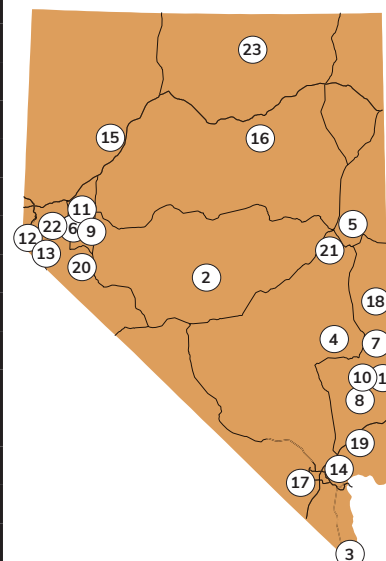
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4. Cathedral Gorge State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		40'
5. Cave Lake State Park	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	35'
6. Dayton State Park	•	•	•					•	•	35'
7. Echo Canyon State Park	•	•	•	•				•	•	35'
8. Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site								•		N/A
9. Fort Churchill State Historic Park	•	•		•		•		•	•	45'
10. Kershaw-Ryan State Park	•	•	•					•		30'
11. Lahontan State Recreation Area	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	60'
12. Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	N/A
13. Mormon Station State Historic Park			•			•				N/A
14. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park			•			•		•		N/A
15. Rye Patch State Recreation Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	45'
16. South Fork State Recreation Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	30'
17. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park			•			•		•		N/A
18. Spring Valley State Park	•	•	•		•			•	•	35'
19. Valley of Fire State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		50'
20. Walker River State Recreation Area	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	50'
21. Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park	•			•				•	•	30'
22. Washoe Lake State Park	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	45'
23. Wild Horse State Recreation Area	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	60'

Cave Lake State Park



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For more adventures along the Burner Byway, turn to page 36.



COWBOY CORRIDOR

400 miles | 2 to 4 days

Few road trips brim with as much Western heritage as the Cowboy Corridor. Nevada’s Interstate 80 may be what some motorists blast down on their way to somewhere else, but that’s their loss! Highway speed limits top 80 mph, but when you hit a town, slow down and take that exit. Beyond the off-ramps, you’ll discover lively communities with museums, art galleries, and cuisine highlighting the confluence of buckaroo, Basque, and American Indian traditions.



DEATH VALLEY RALLY

Up to 370 miles | 3 to 4 days

Nothing is more extreme than a road trip from Las Vegas to Death Valley National Park—or rather, nothing has more extremes. On this dive into the state’s southwest, you’ll cruise from the lowest point in North America to the nearly 12,000-foot Mt. Charleston, imbibe at rugged biker bars and elegant wineries, and explore sprawling sand dunes and ancient bristlecone pines.



EXTRATERRESTRIAL HIGHWAY

100+ miles | Loop from Las Vegas

470 miles | 2 days

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FREE-RANGE ART HIGHWAY

440 to 515 miles | 1 to 3 days

“Fear and Loathing” hallucinations have nothing on the real-world wackiness along US-95, where psychedelic free-range art meets the American West. We’re talking kaleidoscopic boulder towers, a “forest” of junk cars, “post-Playa” Burning Man sculptures, and beyond. The 500 or so miles also wander through several colorful towns, home to intriguing murals, top-notch art galleries, and iconic places to stay—including one with the world’s largest private collection of clowns.

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NEVADA ROAD TRIPS



See page 6 for the full map of all 10 Nevada Road Trips.



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A well-packed car and the open road...those who know, know. There is no better way to escape the daily grind than behind the wheel heading into the great wide open. With 10 classic road trips, Nevada has just the adventure you're looking for.



GREAT BASIN HIGHWAY

350 to 585 miles | 3 to 5 days

This route offers some of the West's most majestic terrain, beginning with sandstone canyons and ending with ancient bristlecone pine forests below some of the nation's darkest skies. In five days, you'll steer from Las Vegas to Ely to Great Basin National Park, diving into the larger-than-life landscapes of several state parks including Valley of Fire and Cathedral Gorge, as well as charming communities and historic ghost towns.



LAKE TAHOE LOOP

145 miles | 2 to 5 days

Kick things off in always-hip Reno, then cruise around world-famous Lake Tahoe, the "Jewel of the Sierra Nevada." Vast, crystal-clear, and encircled by alpine peaks, Lake Tahoe is a summertime paradise, a winter wonderland, and a year-round haven for resort-goers and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Just over the hill lie some of Nevada's most intriguing destinations, iconic history, and best-kept secrets—including idyllic Carson Valley, the capital town of Carson City, and wildlly Western Virginia City.



LONELIEST ROAD IN AMERICA

375 to 500 miles | 3 days

In July of 1986, "Life" magazine dubbed Nevada's Highway 50 the Loneliest Road in America. The article claimed there were "no points of interest" along the route and told readers not to risk traveling it unless they were confident of their "survival skills." Nevada adventurers knew better—and still do. This famous road trip is your gateway to ghost towns, historic mining communities, stunning state parks, unsurpassed recreational opportunities, and a handful of Sagebrush Saloons, to boot.



NEON TO NATURE

60 to 210 miles | 1+ day per loop

Las Vegas is good at keeping people occupied, but if you're looking for places beyond the glow, these three mini road trips will have you exploring the world-famous Hoover Dam, outdoor playgrounds like Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire, and charming towns—and still get you back in time for your dinner reservation, spa treatment, or Elvis-officiated wedding.



RUBIES ROUTE

30 miles to 375 miles | 2 to 5 days

Welcome to Nevada's majestic northeastern corner. With Elko as your hub, follow this route's wild spokes to some of our most coveted scenic treasures. Recreation opportunities are as plentiful as the towering mountain peaks and alpine lakes. Tackle trails in glacier-carved Lamoille Canyon, watch wildlife at Angel Lake and Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, or venture north to remote, rugged Jarbidge—one of the last true frontier towns—by way of some wondrous wilderness.

WHEN YOU'RE READY TO TRAVEL

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STAY ON ALL TRAILS, TRACKS, AND ROADS

As you head into the desert, you'll find a world of existing roads and trail systems—no need to blaze your own.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

More than 80 percent of Nevada is public lands—the highest percentage among all states, meaning this

When exploring Nevada's backroads, you might come across a fence with a cattle guard gate. So long as there are no posted No Trespassing signs, go ahead and go right on through. Just be sure that, whether the gate was open or closed, leave gates the way you found them.

land is literally your land. Whatever land you're on—private or public—it's owned and managed by a person or an agency. Be a good land steward and respect all posted No Trespassing signs.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Nothing is worse than driving across Nevada's perfect

Finders does NOT mean keepers. Whether it's a ghost town mining relic, arrowhead, or other kind of artifact, regardless if it looks historical or not, it's a vital piece of the Silver State story. Take all the photos you like but leave all objects where you found them. Taking—aka stealing—artifacts is illegal.

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Don't count on your cell phone to bail you out of a jam! Nevada's wild places are some of the country's most remote, which means they're often out of cell service and far from help. Plan accordingly.



landscape and seeing a grocery bag stuck in the sage or a bottle on the side of the road. Along with leaving every place better than you found it, familiarize yourself with the “Seven Principles” of LNT outdoor ethics.

Feeding wildlife of any kind is not only extremely uncool, it's also illegal. Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive.

anywhere else, and an abundance in between. If you're going so fast that you miss them—or worse, that you can't stop when you need to—then you're going too fast.

WATCH FOR WILDLIFE

Beyond the asphalt, Nevada's diverse fauna ranges from rabbits to rattlesnakes, burros to bighorns, cattle to coyotes, pronghorn aplenty, more wild horses than

STARLIGHT? TOO BRIGHT

Nevada's night skies are some of the darkest in the Lower 48. Many visitors take to remote campgrounds for our unrivaled galactic view, so be aware of the light pollution you bring with you: it doesn't take much to blow out another camper's night vision. Help protect this disappearing, sacred natural resource by lighting your camp mindfully.

DIRT ROAD CODE

Study up on the Dirt Road Code if you plan on venturing outside metro areas for an unscripted adventure. You'll find packing tips, vehicle suggestions, and how to safely navigate Nevada backroads like a dusty ol' pro.

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DIRT ROAD CODE



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Mary Bennett

Mary is the Producing Artistic Director of Reno's Brūka Theatre.

NMVG: Tell me about Brūka Theatre:

MB: Brūka Theatre was founded by Scott Beers in 1992. In 1997, I started Renaissance Projects in Carson City with a group of amazing thespians. I worked with Brūka in Reno frequently, and we decided to merge in 1999. Our mission is "to create and share the experience of innovative theater." I love the people I meet and the stories we share. Northern Nevada allows a great deal of room to play as an artist.

NMVG: As a theater professional who wears many hats, can you explain your career?

MB: My mother suggested I learn everything about the world of theater to not only get work, but to create, stay passionate, and be responsible for my own artistry. My career now spans almost 30 years, and I work as a creator, actor, director, producer, manager, fundraiser, writer, educator, and more. I am constantly trying to squeeze all of the humanity and humor out of this fascinating existence that I can.

NMVG: Why are local theater companies so important?

MB: Local theaters not only reflect our society's norms and oddities, they showcase the talents, desires,



TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP



Mary is also the director of the Carson City Ghost Walk. To take a haunted tour of Nevada's capital city with Mary's incredible performance as Madame Curry, scan the QR code for more info.



heritage, and defining moments of the people that create within them. They take us into other worlds and create deeper understanding. I truly believe giving space to expression and creation—whether it be in a local theater, music venue, art gallery, writing group—is imperative to creating a positive, inspiring, compassionate world.

NMVG: How has Reno's art scene changed over the years?

MB: It may get overused, but "Biggest Little City" continues to be an accurate description of Reno. I have been mentored and inspired by many amazing artists who led the way while insisting on quality, respect and asking the hard questions. Some have come and gone, but the legacy of their talent remains. In a city that has its entertainment roots in casino shows, we changed over years by the diversity of art, culture, and the melting pot of people that defines our region. During COVID, our local theaters (Brūka, Reno Little Theater, and Good Luck Macbeth) created opportunities together. I don't think we would have made it through without each other.

NMVG: Anything else you want folks to know?

MB: Arthur O'Shaughnessy's words still ring true: "We are the music makers. And we are the dreamers of dreams." We are also the makers of the dream, so get involved. Spread your wings and fly.

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