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ON THE COVERS

We'll take any state's "wide-open spaces" claim and raise it to the next level. Literally. Among Nevada's 300-plus mountain ranges (surprised?), the Ruby Mountains tower among brilliantly blue alpine waters. Vertical rock cliffs cast shadows upon Liberty Lake, accessed via the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail.

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TO SEE YOU



WELCOME TO NEVADA, THE SILVER STATE!

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

GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK

TALK TO US

ONE OF THE FUNNEST PARTS OF VACATION (ESPECIALLY IN A PLACE THAT LOOKS AS GOOD AS OURS) IS POSTING ABOUT IT. HERE'S HOW TO CONNECT WITH US—AND WITH EVERYONE ELSE.



PEAK LIVING

"DISTANCING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT" NEAR BOULDER CITY BY @DUNYTRAVELS.

HEY. HI. HELLO.

We're **@TravelNevada** on all things social. If we love your pic, we might ask to reshare it (or print it here!) and make you all kinds of Insta-famous.

HASH IT UP

We've got plenty of reasons to blow up your friends' social feeds. Whether it's a FOMO-inducing selfie or some serious scenery, be sure to tag your stuff. **#TravelNevada** is our OG—works every time! But as you flip around, **watch for other ones** geared directly toward your go-to passion. That way, you can rub virtual elbows with your fellow voyagers and let the rest of us live vicariously through your Silver State saga.



NEON MUSEUM



RENO ARCH



SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH

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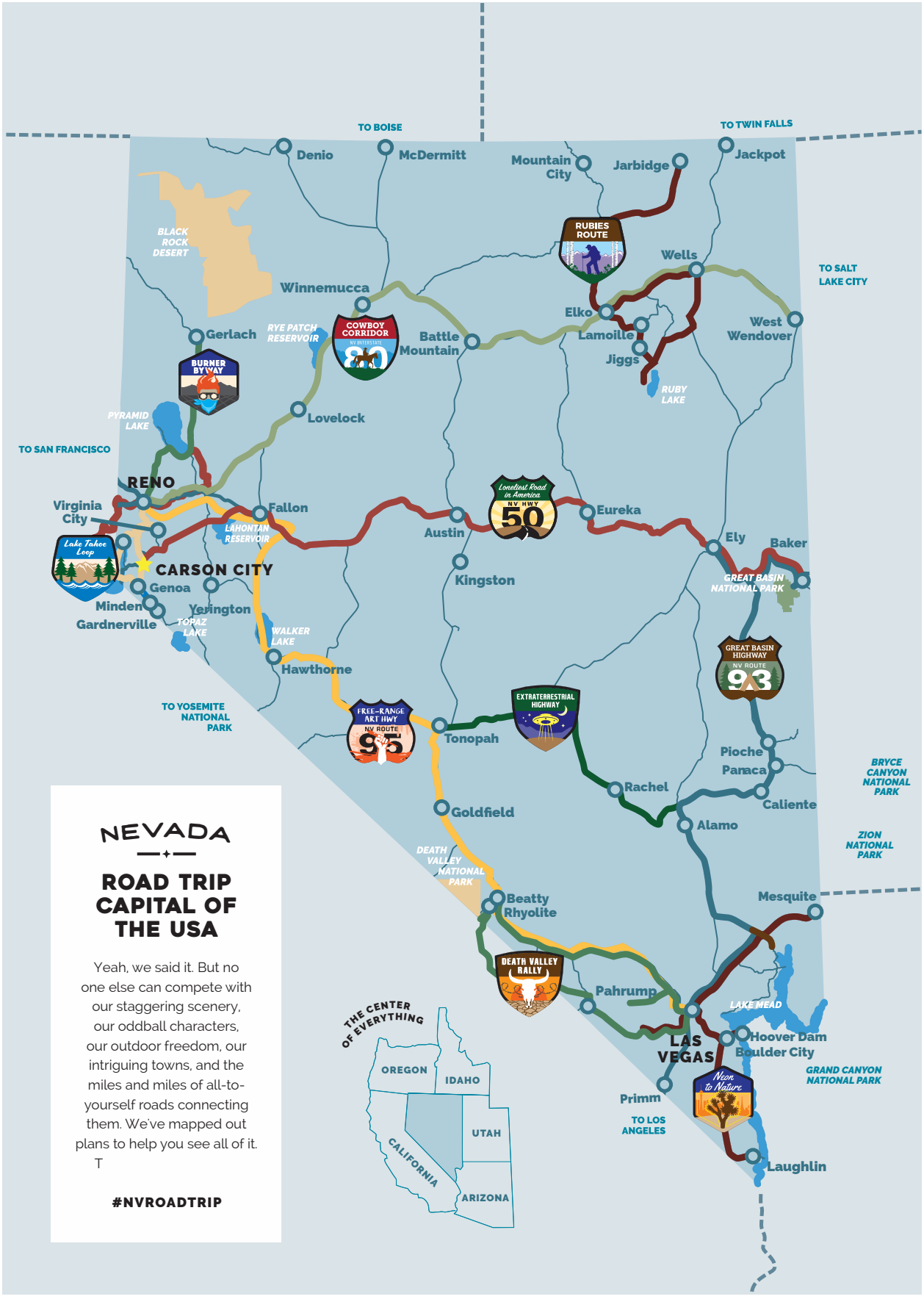
KNOW STUFF Keep yourself safe out there with road rules and other bits of general wisdom. **TravelNevada.com/plan**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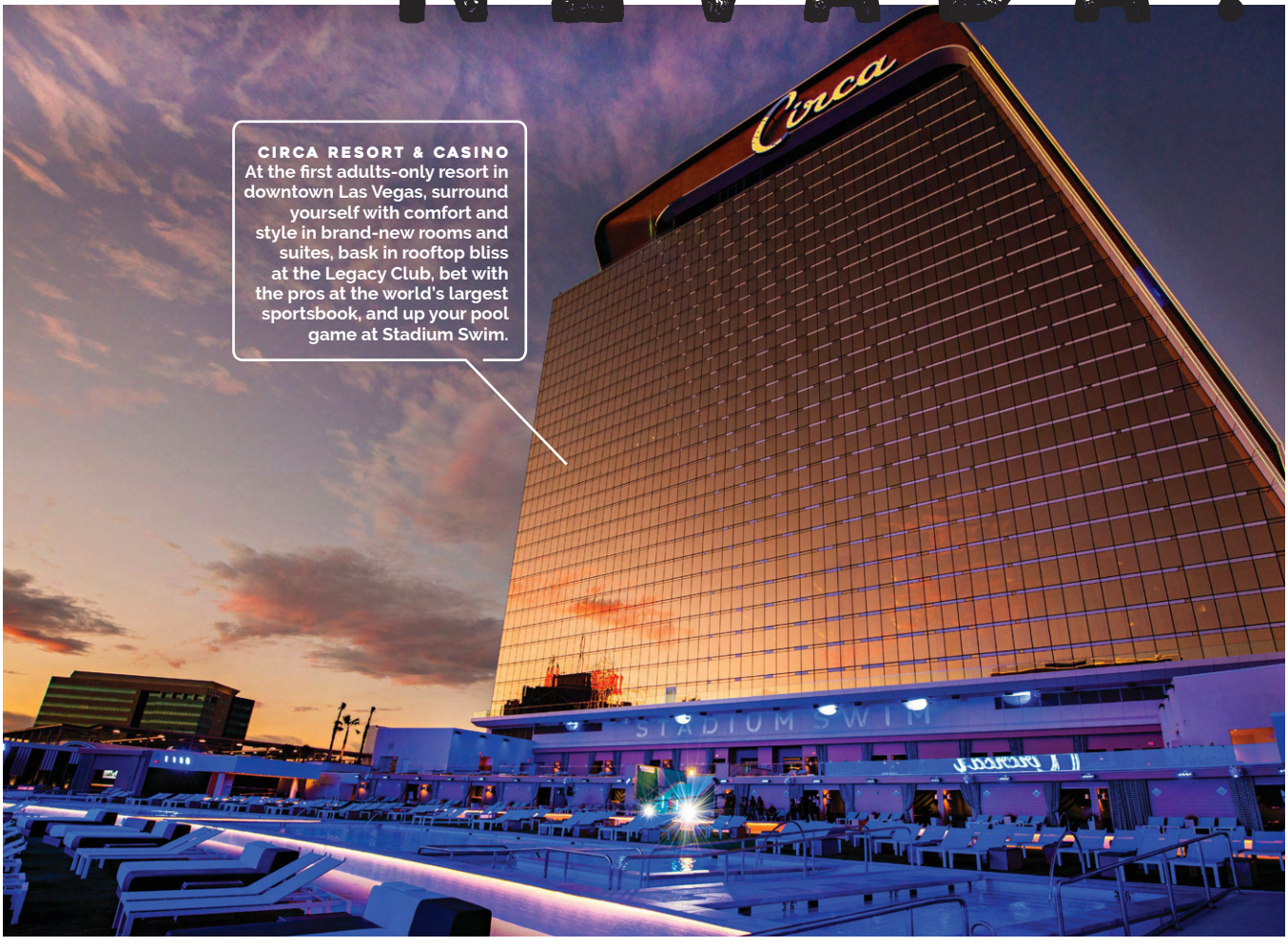
WHAT'S NEW, NEVADA?

WHILE WE OFTEN NERD OUT OVER OUR STATE'S HISTORY, WE EQUALLY CELEBRATE NEW BEGINNINGS, SUCH AS THESE FRESH ARRIVALS.



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COVID-19 TRAVEL UPDATES

YOUR FUTURE MEMORIES ARE CALLING

READY TO START PLANNING YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE? We don't blame you. (What can we say, Nevada is a pretty amazing place to visit.)

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

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

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

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

Look for **SMART TRAVELS** callouts throughout the guide for pro tips on keeping you and your Nevada neighbors safe on the journey.

Visit *TravelNevada.com/COVID-19* for the most current information and travel guidelines.





ALWAYS BEEN HERE. ALWAYS WILL BE.

See you when you're ready to wander.

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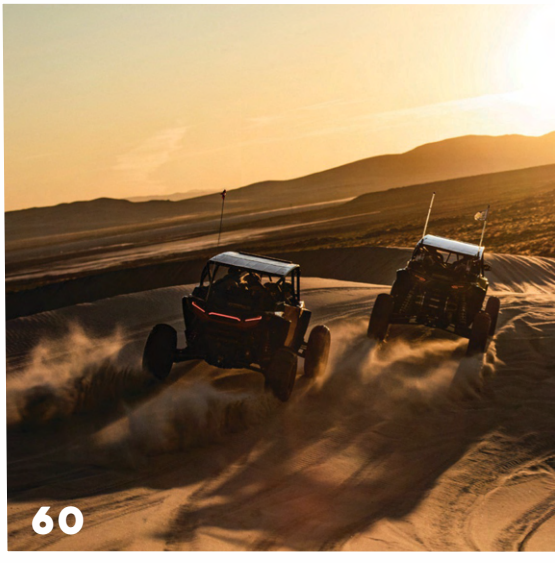
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GOLDWELL OPEN AIR MUSEUM

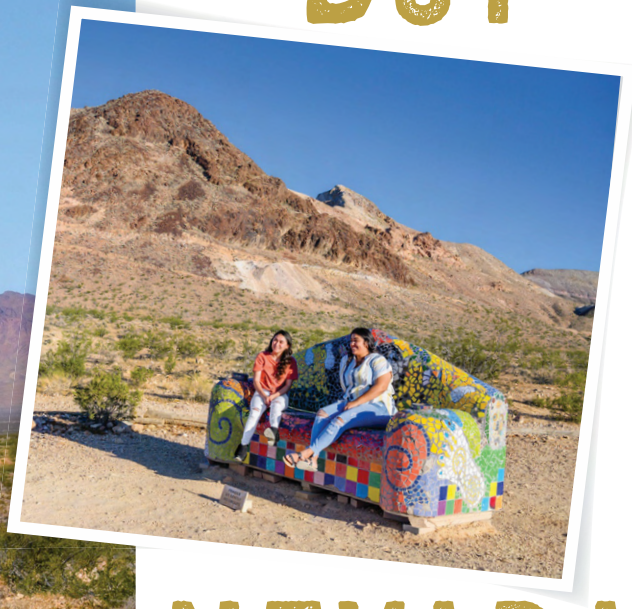
BEATTY

A haunting re-creation of da Vinci's *Last Supper* and the only 25-foot pink cinder block woman you'll ever encounter (we assume) are a couple of the star roadside attractions.

› *See "Free-Range Art Highway," p. 88.*

NOWHERE BUT NEVADA





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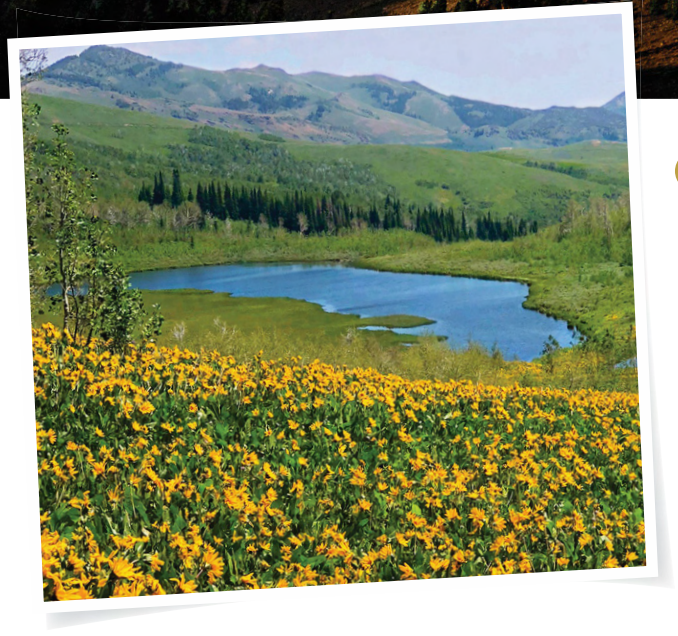
IF SLOTS AND VAST SWATHS OF NOTHINGNESS ARE WHAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF US, WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE A CLOSER LOOK. LAKES? GOT 'EM. WILDLIFE? WOWZA. ARTS AND CULTURE? WE HOPE YOU'RE JOKING. HERE ARE SOME SPOTS TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS. WE THINK YOU'LL HAVE YOUR DAM MIND BLOWN, AND NOT JUST BY HOOVER.

SMART TRAVELS Yeah, we're weird, wild and wacky—but sensible, too. Join us in practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings when needed and following public health rules.





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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Boating on Lake
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Parasailing behind
a boat is a whole
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PHOTOGRAPH: (MURAL - *GEORGIA ON MY MIND* BY @JOECROCK13) RYAN DONNELL



ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

AMARGOSA VALLEY

There's a whole lotta living going on near Death Valley. T 2 00 per-minute gush of Crystal Spring keeps the refuge thriving 2 animal species found nowhere else on Earth.

› *See "Death Valley Rally," p. 100.*

PUBLIC ART

RENO

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

› *See "Our Kind of Towns," p. 48.*

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



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

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

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PICON PUNCH

NORTHERN NEVADA

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

› *See "Basque in the po l ," p. 8.*

TECHATTICUP MINE

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

› *See "Neon to Nature," p. 104.*

RIVER RUSH

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



BOOTLEG CANYON

BOULDER CITY

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

› *See "Neon to Nature," p. 104.*

HOOVER DAM

BOULDER CITY

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

› *See "Perfect Pairs," p. 60.*

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WIDE OPEN Spaces



ATV / Off-Roading
Mountain Biking
Bird / Wildlife Viewing
Boating / Fishing
Camping / RV Hook-up
Climbing / Bouldering
Ghost Town Exploring
Golfing
Hiking
UFO Spotting
History & Petroglyphs
Diners & Saloons

SPACE TO PLAY...SAFELY.

Need to get out? Here, you'll find wide open spaces to ***create your own distance*** away from others. Discover natural beauty, go off-roading, hike some trails, camp, explore Nevada history or just find a quaint out-of-the-way spot to have lunch. Out here the opportunities for getting back to reality are ***always open and safe.***

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ANNUAL EVENTS

Jim Butler Days, Nevada State Mining Championships, Rodeos, Blacksmithing Classes, Nighttime Photography Classes, Ghost Walks, Star Parties, Arts Festival

PLACES TO VISIT

Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Central Nevada Museum, Stargazing Park, Historic Downtown, Mizpah Hotel (Previously Voted #1 Haunted Hotel in the US), Old Cemetery next to the Clown Motel

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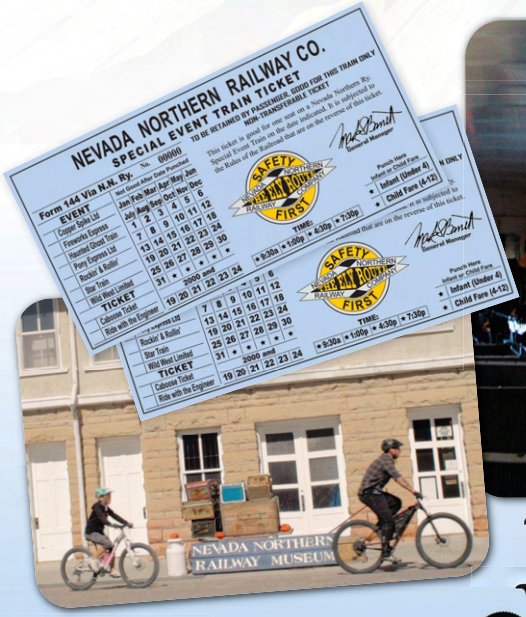



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ABOVE
Hundreds of pairs of kicks dangle from Fallon's Shoe Tree of Middlegate.

SHOE TREE OF MIDDLEGATE FALLON

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LET'S GET FUNKY
Tag your wacky road trip pics with #WeirdNevada to join the beautifully bizarre gallery of Nevada images on Instagram. For additional #WeirdNevada inspo, check out TravelNevada.com/weird-nevada.



REPUBLIC OF MOLOSSIA

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FAR LEFT President Kevin Baugh welcomes visitors to the Republic of Molossia near Dayton.

LEFT Arrange a visit-ation to Coffinwood in Pahrump.

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

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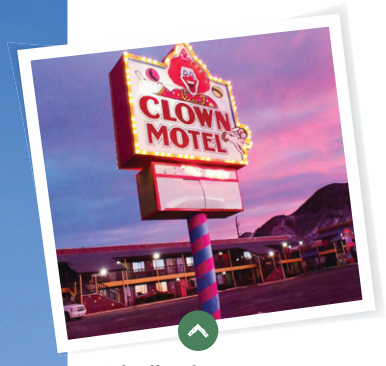

A haiku for
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SHAKE, BURGER AND ROLL

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



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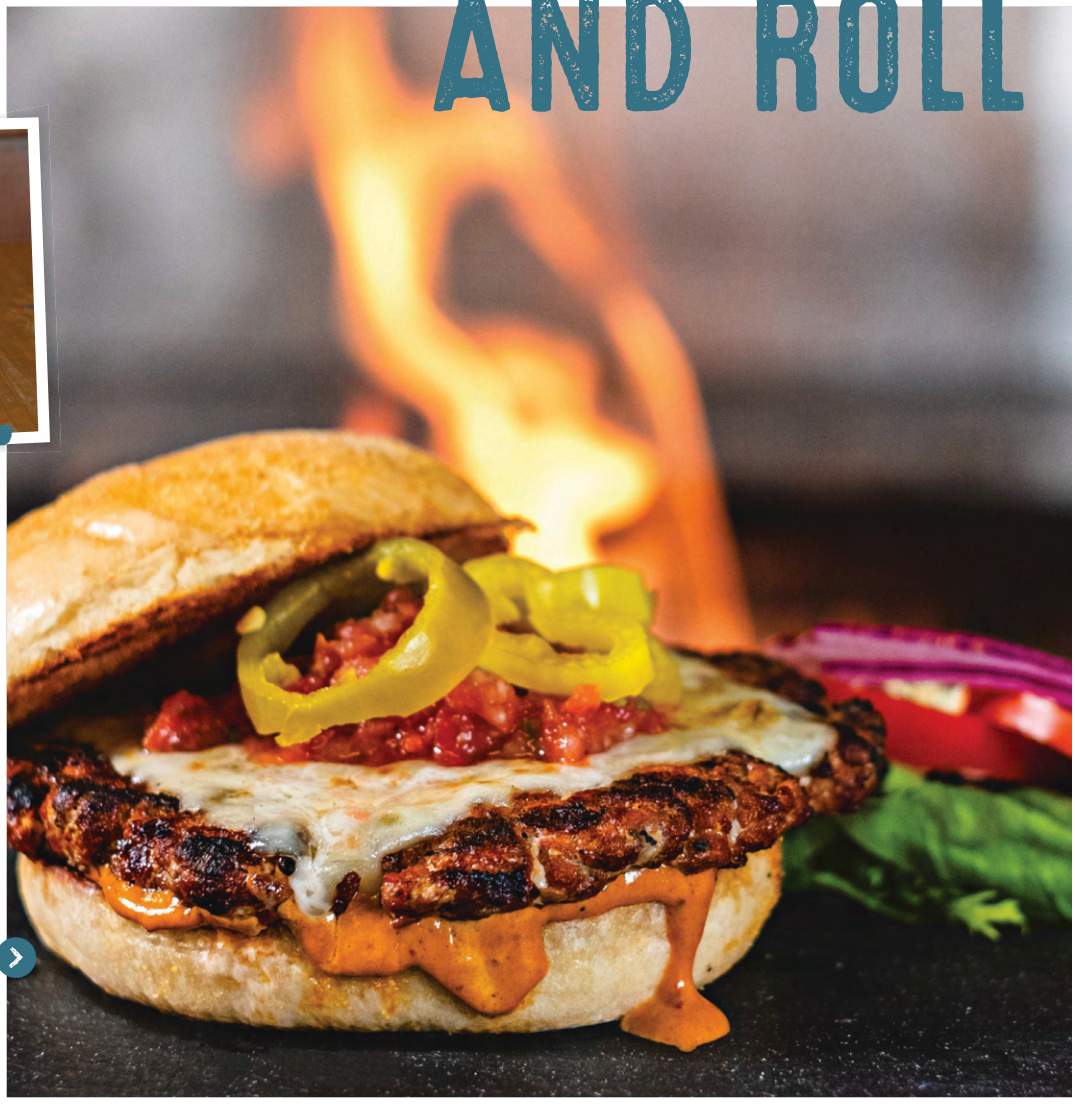

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SMART TRAVELS At the first stomach growl, call ahead to check restaurant hours. Ask if curbside service is available, and be ready for a wait. (It'll be worth it.) Patience and kindness have no calories.

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NEVADA'S GOLF MECCA

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Dramatic course designs abound at these seven bucket-list golf adventures.

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

PALMS GOLF CLUB

The front nine looks like a Florida course—wide fairways, palms, water. The back nine roller-coasters through canyons. A 114-foot tee-to-fairway drop on No. 15 creates dramatic shots (with club or camera).

OASIS GOLF CLUB

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

CONESTOGA GOLF CLUB

It's like playing golf on the moon but with full gravity, says *Sports Illustrated* about the otherworldly canyon course. The green at No. 14, a short par 3, is a mere throw rug on the desert floor.

COYOTE SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

Like any Jack Nicklaus Signature course, this one 55 miles west of town values stop-and-think over grip-and-rip. The sand-guarded green at No. 2 recalls one of the Golden Bear's fave places—Augusta National.

TOP Hop across the border into Arizona as you play through Palms Golf Club. **ABOVE** After a round of golf, glamp and go wild at the -acre Desert Ranch Experience. **OPPOSITE** Elevated mesa views make the par- 2 alcon Ridge Golf Course a showstopper.

STORY: GARY THOMPSON. PHOTOGRAPHS: (GOLF COURSES) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY

CASABLANCA GOLF CLUB

The course's cinematic name begs you to "play it again." You might have to play some shots again on the tougher holes, like 1 natural wastelands line the fairway. Here's looking at you, bogey.

FALCON RIDGE GOLF COURSE

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

WOLF CREEK GOLF CLUB

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





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

GO OFF COURSE

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T 0 **Virgin Valley Heritage Museum** has a history of its own—once a library, later a hospital. Inside, see

Next door, artifacts give way to art at the **Mesquite Fine Arts Center and Gallery,** a showcase of valley artists' works in paint, sculpture, ceramics, fabric, photography and glass. Head outdoors and make fuzzy-humped friends at **Desert Ranch Experience.** Advance reservations are required, 0 alpacas, opossums and more. For four-wheeled thrills, rip it up across sand dunes with dune buggy rentals from **Ultimate Desert Adventures.** Stay close to the golf action at **CasaBlanca Resort,** where stay-and-play packages include a round at the CasaBlanca Golf Club or Palms Golf Club. Keep things classy at **Katherine's Steakhouse** at the resort. Enjoy USDA Prime steaks, seafood and D kindle passion, or treat yourself with a Triple Shot Trio (scrub, mask and massage) at the spa.

Though we love Mesquite for golf, there are many incredible courses throughout the state, from Las Vegas to Reno to Lake Tahoe. Explore your options at **TravelNevada.com/golf.**

BASQUE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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



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

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

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

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

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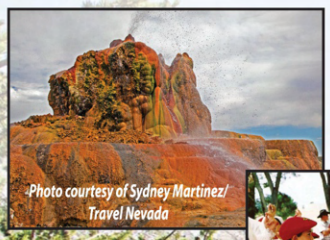







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BASQUE BITES

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



THE STAR HOTEL ELKO

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restaurant still doubled

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Steaks and baked lamb
dominate at dinner, says owner
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tender New York steak

VILLA BASQUE CAFE
CARSON CITY

lunch spot its Basque bona
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also features the spicy pork

the chorizo by the pound in

THE MARTIN HOTEL
WINNEMUCCA

"The best meal I have had on the road," a *New York Times*
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traditional lamb shank and deep-fried sweetbreads, the latter served with country

POP, LOCK AND CHOP IT
Traditional Basque dancing and wood chopping go hand in hand at the annual Reno Basque Festival.





OGI DELI, BAR AND PINTXOS ELKO

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EXPERIENCE Celebrations

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SWEET SERENITY You can apply this botanically inspired oil directly to your hair and body to moisturize, or add a ew drops to your bath or a little simulated oat through a rose garden. Notes o vanilla and asmine make it even more *ahhh*-mazing.

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SPRING CLEAN hile this mask is sourced sustainably rom lack Rock, most beauty products should *not* be introduced to a hot spring. t messes with the ragile balance o minerals.

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RUGGED INSPO The ristlecone rames, made o walnut or zebrawood, are named or the epically old pine trees that still stand in reat asin National Park.

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STORY: GARY THOMPSON. PHOTOGRAPHS: CARSON DOWNING. (MUDPOT) COURTESY OF BLACK ROCK MUD COMPANY. (SWIMSUIT) COURTESY OF STRANGE BIKINIS. (JEWELRY) COURTESY OF WUVE HANDMADE

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2 WATER BOTTLE on t get caught without water in a lonely part o Nevada. This glass container carries 20 with style. Tahoe Nevada Love, Reno. 3 .
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4 WOOD SUNGLASSES These shades started out as shade the rames are made rom sustainably sourced hardwoods. Tahoe Timber, Reno. 2 .
5 ONE-PIECE SWIMSUIT et the best coverage or your assets. The pictured one is called ild Thing. t makes our heart sing. trange ikinis, Reno. 0.



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STYLISH SPLASH Strange Bikinis has prided itself on crafting size-inclusive swimwear since opening in 20 2. ach suit is sustainably handmade using eco-friendly, silky fabrics that'll have you feeling great inside and out.



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BOTTLE WARMER Hot damn! Cerveza Chilebeso ale is made with fresh, hand-cut jalapeño peppers for a nice kick. or something fruitier, rock your palate with the Tectonic vent P . malty backbone paves the way for crisp notes of citrus and stone ruit.





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6 CERAMIC MUG rinks taste better in a cup thrown on onna Potter s potter s wheel. (ep, that s her name.) Mission ills Pottery, enderson. 2 2.
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10 CRAFT BEER ave beer, will travel. ill a cooler with ice and true Nevada brews. reat asin rewing Co., Reno and parks. 0 or a si -pack.

RHYTHM AND BOOZE

LIVE TUNES AND LIBATIONS GO TOGETHER LIKE MUSIC AND LYRICS. FOLLOW THE BEAT PATH TO BELOVED BARS THAT FEATURE BANDS, OR RETREAT TO A RUSTIC SALOON.



RED DOG SALOON, VIRGINIA CITY

PLAY A FEW BARS

The Strip may get top billing when it comes to Nevada's music scene, but plenty of independent bars rock their own soundtracks, often outdoors.

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E **Duncan**
LittleCreek Gallery and The Gallery Bar

INSET While the Bucket of Blood Saloon has been around since , it wasn t until that archaeologists discovered remnants of another saloon behind it. The oston aloon, the only Black-owned Western saloon o its time, stood here until it burned down in the reat ire o .

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

STORY: KRISTA DIAMOND. PHOTOGRAPH: (RED DOG) JAMIE KINGHAM

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SAGEBRUSH SALOONS

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



SANTA FE SALOON, GOLDFIELD



BRUNO'S COUNTRY CLUB
GERLACH

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that's still on the menu, this combination bar/

LUCKY SPUR SALOON
KINGSTON

Nestled in the Big Smoky Valley, this unassuming

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SANTA FE SALOON
GOLDFIELD

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IGGY AND SQUIGGY'S JUNCTION BAR
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DIRTY DICK'S BELMONT SALOON
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Belmont's historic courthouse—an imposing brick structure built in 1

tournaments and occasional honky-tonk

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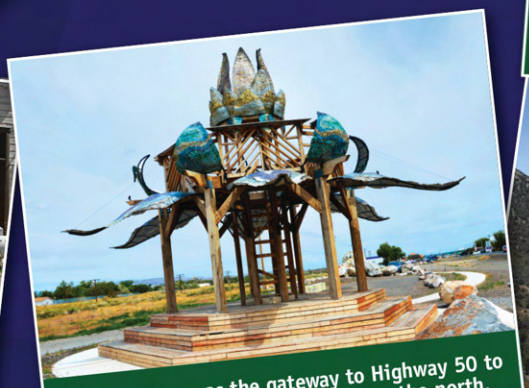
FALLON is home to Sand Mountain, enjoyed by off-highway vehicles, hikers, and sandboarders.



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



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



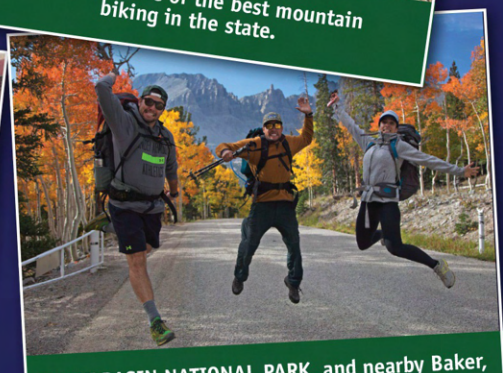
ELY offers some of the best mountain biking in the state.



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



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



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WRITER Gary Thompson



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CATHEDRAL GORGE

PANACA

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

VALLEY OF FIRE

OVERTON

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

LEFT Thanks to their 20-inch thick walls, the stone kilns at ard Charcoal vens have survived the elements or 0 years.

WARD CHARCOAL OVENS

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

ICE AGE FOSSILS

NORTH LAS VEGAS

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

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

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







CAVE LAKE

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Experience high-desert highs like stargazing under the darkest skies around; pitching a tent in one of two campgrounds; and mountain biking more than 1

aspen and juniper forests, and deer and elk habitats. T
the best of both worlds: alone-in-nature serenity and access to the quaint former mining town of Ely.

KERSHAW-RYAN

CALIENTE

Mountain bikers of all skill levels love the ever-expanding network of loop trails near this park. Whether it's a quick spin or

hang on to your helmet for banked turns and brake-worthy views. The R L
beckons beginners and intermediates, while a new black diamond downhill trail delights daredevils.

BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO

LAUGHLIN

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

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

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WALKER RIVER

DODGE THE TAHOE RUSH! SUMMER MONTHS CAN BE BUSY, BUT WINTER AT THE PARKS IS QUIETER—AND A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF GORGEOUS. HAVE THE HORSES OF SAND HARBOR SLEIGH RIDES PULL YOU THROUGH. OR, IF YOU'RE FEELING BRAVE, TAKE A POLAR PLUNGE.

LEFT Dubbed the Jewel of the Sierra Nevada, Lake Tahoe glistens year-round. **OPPOSITE** A visit to Cave Lake is far from complete without cruising the Success Loop Scenic Drive. This backcountry byway takes you 40 miles through the aspen-studded Schell Creek Range.



FASCINATING RUINS, ARTIFACTS AND LORE RUN DEEP AT THESE STATE PARKS THAT PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF NEVADA'S PIONEER DAYS AND RECALL OTHER BYGONE ERAS.

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KEEP THE STORY ALIVE! WHEN EXPLORING NEVADA'S PARKS, ALWAYS LEAVE THINGS HOW YOU FOUND THEM. TOGETHER WE CAN ENSURE THAT THESE PLACES REMAIN PRISTINE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.





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ABOVE Up to 200 soldiers called ort Churchill home during the 0s. **TOP** or a study in contrasts, visit ld Las Vegas Mormon ort, then venture about a mile to remont treet.

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



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

WILD HORSE

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SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH

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and enjoy a tree-shaded meal on the grounds.

WHETHER YOU SPOT AN ADORBS BABY BURRO OR A GIANT-EARED JACKRABBIT ON YOUR SILVER STATE SAFARI, WE WANT TO SEE IT! TAG YOUR PICS #NVWILDLIFE AND #TRAVELNEVADA FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL PAGES.



(PHOTOGRAPHS: JACKRABBIT) SHARON K. SCHAFER; SPRING MOUNTAIN) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY

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UNCOMMON OVERNIGHTERS

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

WRITER Angela Ufheil



PHOTOGRAPH: COURTESY OF RUBY MOUNTAINS HELI-SKIING

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

GOLD POINT GHOST TOWN GOLD POINT Don't be deceived by the grungy e teriors o the ve cabins for overnighters. The worn look purposefully matches the historical aesthetic, hiding modern interiors. Fees from tourists eager to explore the old mining town support preservation of the remaining wood-frame buildings, including a post o ce-turned-museum and saloon, where visitors shoot pool on a 0 runswick table.

RUBY MOUNTAINS HELI-EXPERIENCE LAMOILLE It's a wake-up call for the ages. Rising early at the Ruby 3 0 Lodge or in a queen futon-equipped yurt yields two rewards: views of sparkling snow as the sun peeps over the Ruby Mountains and—more important snagging the rst helicopter ride to the freshest powder along the sweeping 0-mile range.

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

OLD YELLA DOG RANCH VYA The worst part of vacation? Leaving Fido behind. Thankfully, this two-bedroom log home welcomes furry friends. The best part of staying here, though, is the stellar stargazing. It's a short drive to Massacre Rim, one of the world s 3 nternational ark Sky Sanctuaries. Not only can you see the Milky ay and Andromeda galaxies with your naked eye—the stars are so bright that they cast a shadow. Even puppers will be dazzled.

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY MUSEUM ELY If driving a vintage steam engine leaves train buffs craving e tra locomotive time, the preserved rail yard's mustard yellow Caboose No. 22 ts the bill. ear the hoots of owls and whistles of trains through the car's steel frame. You can also stay at a restored bunkhouse equipped with queen and twin beds.



SMART TRAVELS
Reach out to accommodations to see if you might need to pack any extras, like your own sheets, towels, toilet paper and more. You probably won't find a big-box store in most of these areas.

OUR KIND OF TOWNS



CARSON CITY
LIVE THE CAPITAL LIFE





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

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



RENO

EXPLORE THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

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

For starters, there's Elko, where spirited residents work to preserve the art and heritage of buckaroos and Basques. There's also Carson C
bursting with pride for its capital-

outdoor excursions.

And, of course, there are the bigger cities, which boast a few lesser-known treasures of their own. In Reno, an artistic energy and

taken over the streets and riverfront. A L V
grand entrance with dancing water fountains, the world's biggest slot

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all a bit over the top, but it's a tribute

ELKO

ROAM A COWBOY TOWN

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LAS VEGAS

TAKE IN THE BIG SHOW

ELKO

ROAM A COWBOY TOWN



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







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TOP oots celebrating lko s 20 Centennial make for fun scavenger hunts. **ABOVE LEFT** The Star Hotel helped spur Elko's nightlife scene. **FAR LEFT** The saddles and chaps at J.M. Capriola Co. aren't just souvenir kitsch. They're serious merch for real cowboys. **LEFT** At the Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum, see where G.S. Garcia taught J.M. Capriola how to make saddles.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (BOOT, BAR, MUSEUM, MURAL) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY; (CAPRIOLA) RYAN DONNELL. MURAL ARTIST: ERIKTBURKE.COM



OUTDOOR GALLERY

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stores and a church are decked out with large-scale paintings that celebrate Nevada's

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blue buckaroo at the back of

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The work, titled *Do Unto Others*, was

painted by Reno artist Erik Burke.

CARSON CITY

LIVE THE CAPITAL LIFE

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





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

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PEDAL THROUGH NEVADA HISTORY

Ride the **Kit Carson Trail** through Carson City's tree-lined historic district. You'll pass dozens

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Capitol building and a two-story charmer where the inventor of the Ferris wheel lived. Trade the city for sagebrush when you explore the new **Buzzy's Ranch Trail** through ranch land and along the Carson River, or pedal along the **V&T Trail,** following the ghosts of steam locomotives that traveled this route for

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person railbike with the new **Carson Canyon Railbike Tours.** Pedal-assist motors allow for smooth and easy gliding along train tracks that weave through Carson River Canyon.

EXPLORE OUTDOOR MUSEUM EXHIBITS

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American Indian boarding school was a mandatory chapter in the life stories of thousands of American Indian children. Hear stories from alumni at the **Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum,** which stands as a testament to the students' resilience and ability to preserve their cultures.

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at the **Nevada State Railroad Museum.** These marvels ruled the rails during Nevada's silver rush and later starred in movies. In summer, take a train ride from the museum station.

FLOAT THROUGH TOWN

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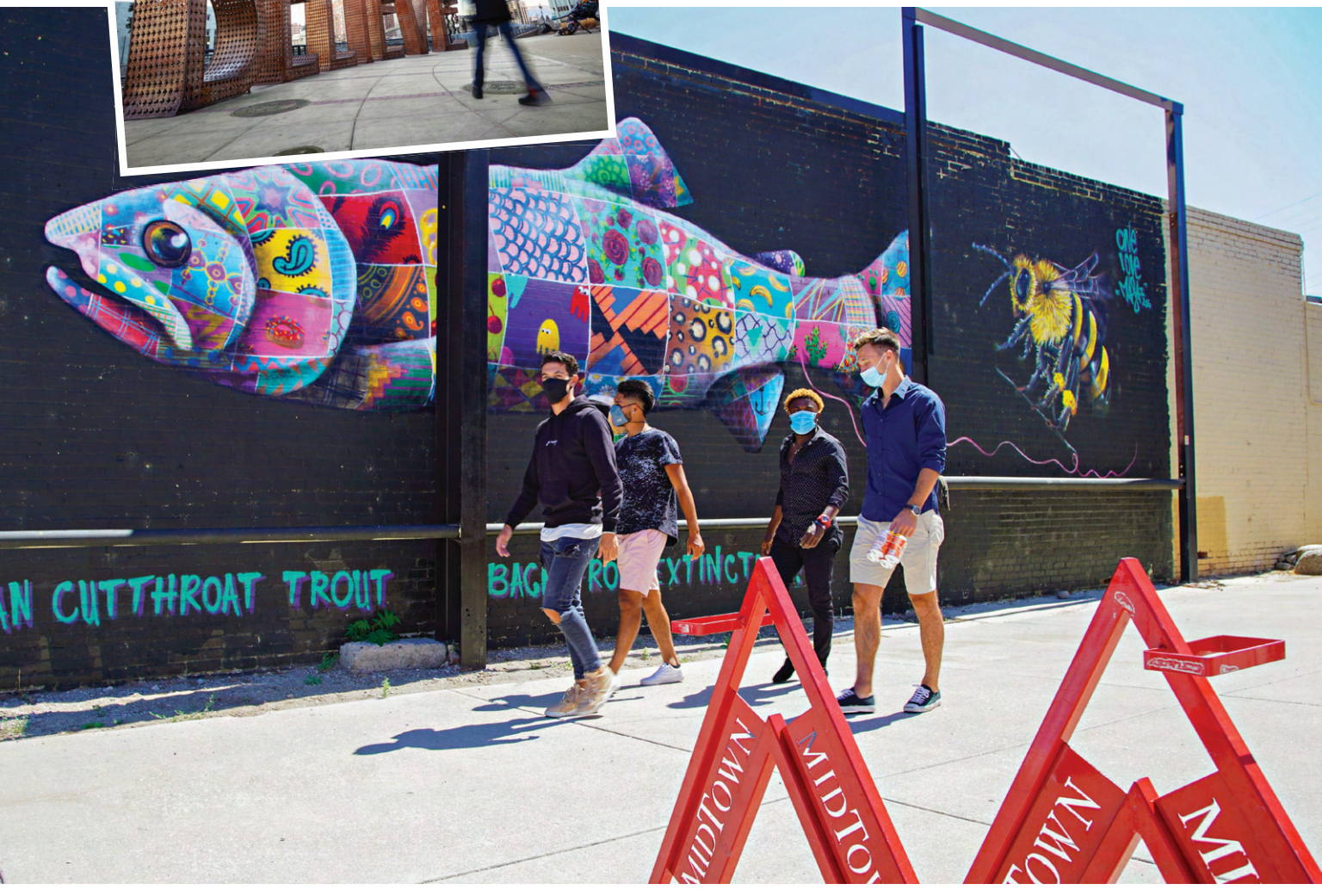
known as the **Carson River Aquatic Trail** for canyon vistas, or conquer the calm Class I rapids that start at **Carson River Park** and extend for

cottonwood trees.



SPLASH ZONE

There are plenty of hiking trails within minutes of downtown Carson City, but Kings Canyon often steals the show (and your breath—in a good way). Meander through gorgeous alpine scenery, complete with incredible vistas, wildlife and a famously photogenic waterfall payoff.



RENO

EXPLORE THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

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

CONNECT WITH RENO'S CREATIVE SCENE by wandering through MidTown or downtown, coming face-to-face with eye-catching art splashed across old and new

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depicting women on seahorses, an owl with beaming eyes, cutthroat trout and lots more, adding a fresh zest to the streets. While Reno's public art renaissance can be partly credited to Burning Man, its mural **Art Spot Reno.** (Visit *artspotreno.org* for a self-guided mural tour map.)

Reno is a test lab not just for the arts but also for visionary entrepreneurs. Discover indie shops and studios clustered in **The Basement,** 1

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boutiques and a friendly communal workspace. No one will judge if you bring a book or laptop and hang out for a few hours.

A R R **The Summit** delivers shopping and dining with views of Mount Rose. Courtyards at

live music in summer and special events throughout the year.

7 PIT STOPS ALONG THE RIVERWALK

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

WEST STREET MARKET
Got friends with wide-ranging taste buds? The whole gang will be happy at this

cafes serve an array of
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North Indian, Cal-Mexican and more.

WILD RIVER GRILLE
Have dinner in the
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now the Riverside Artist Lofts. Nosh on innovative comfort food (plum-chipotle smoked salmon, braised short ribs) while listening to live music on the terrace.

THE EDDY
Three bars tucked inside cargo shipping containers frame this open-air, beer-garden playground. Bring your dog, play some cornhole or Jenga, and enjoy the local art on display. Kids are welcome during daylight hours.

CAMPO
At this top-notch riverside hideaway,

churns out rustic Italian cuisine. Watch

while indulging in Neapolitan-style

cheese or beef risotto. D
the caramel budino.

OLE BRIDGE PUB
Catch European sporting events at a laid-back tavern with two dozen craft beers on tap. (The rotating list always includes some

THE SHORE
At the Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel, T S

you sleep in and order brioche French toast into the afternoon hours, or dine on grilled lamb lollipops and charred octopus for dinner.

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



BRING THE KIDDOS

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the grown-ups. Get interactive at **The Discovery,** with more than
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feet of exhibits. For creature features, swing by the **Animal Ark** wildlife sanctuary, or see more than
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including lemurs and leopards, at **Sierra Nevada Zoological Park.**



ABOVE Launched in the 0s, the Reno Riverwalk istrict helped spark the downtown renaissance. **RIGHT** rotating eet o ood trucks serves street tacos and other are complementing beers served at The ddy. **OPPOSITE (FROM TOP)** *BELIEVE* by Laura impton and eff chomberg at City Pla a. *Lahontan Cutthroat Trout* by Louis Masai at Lavi moke hop.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (MURAL) COURTESY OF RSCVA; (SCULPTURE) RYAN DONNELL; (RIVERWALK) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY; (THE EDDY) JAMIE KINGHAM

LAS VEGAS

TAKE IN THE BIG SHOW

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



DOWNTOWN CONTAINER PARK

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

PHOTOGRAPHS: (CONTAINER PARK SCULPTURE) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY; (CONTAINER PARK WALKING) NEON PUBLIC RELATIONS; (LAGO) COURTESY OF MGM RESORTS; (STRIP) SEAN PAVONE/ADOBE STOCK

OUTDOOR SIPS AND BITES

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

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barstool, and Roy Rogers loved

his television show.

Just two blocks away in the D C **Oak and Ivy's** outdoor whiskey oasis O
neat or in a barrel-aged cocktail. O

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Le Thai's patio and wash down drunken noodles with a cocktail. O S

of outdoor dining options. Take a world tour with stops at **El Segundo Sol** F S **Eataly** I G **Mizumi** at Wynn Las Vegas and **Mon Ami Gabi** F L V

BELOW For a splashy evening, take in dinner and an 2 show at L , part o the Bellagio hotel. No matter which song is playing during the fountain spectacle, you'll want to pair it with the limoncello dessert. **BOTTOM** Fun fact: If you were to spend one night in every Las Vegas hotel room, it would take about years.





ROOFTOP ESCAPES

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

CARSON KITCHEN
Las Vegas celeb chef S this industrial-chic downtown gastropub and invented a winning S
Craft libations include 2020
and chocolate bitters.

SKYFALL LOUNGE
Watch the sun set over S D stay after dark so you can let loose when the S
people-watching.

OMNIA
Get your groove on at this see-and-be-seen spans a whopping four stories inside Caesars Palace. The S D crank up the beats, and beautiful people

INSPIRE
This three-story bar, lounge and nightclub lights up the hopping F S L V Boulevard. It's the perfect perch for tourist-watching as you sip drinks and rock out to the entrancing D

COMMONWEALTH
F S gathering spot serves up potent cocktails while nailing the speakeasy aesthetic with velvet chairs, glowing chandeliers. S
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RIGHT FLY LINQ riders soar (almost) into the High Roller, the world's tallest observation wheel. **BELOW** Though the world-renowned Las Vegas Strip is what captures most attention today, the city originally began along Fremont Street, creating the heart of downtown.



FREMONT EAST DISTRICT

Locals and tourists-in-the-know head east of Las Vegas Boulevard to this hip-and-happening neighborhood that

globe-spanning cafes
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Vegas-style bar with a killer jukebox, brick

red leather. Love that

Then also hit up
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an übercool collection of indie boutiques, cafés and public art in and around a refurbished
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UP IN THE AIR

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

✦ **SKYPOD** Get your socks

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Hotel's double-decker elevator to the observation deck for sunset cocktails, dine in the revolving Top of the World restaurant, or test your

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quasi-free fall.

✦ **THE BIG APPLE COASTER**

Take a white-knuckle ride in a

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coaster car, painted taxi yellow

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✦ **EIFFEL TOWER** Architects

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tower that anchors this Paris look-alike was as true to the original as possible. Ride the elevator to the

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✦ **SLOTZILLA ZIPLINE** Get a

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SMART TRAVELS **While zipping through Las Vegas (and all Nevada towns), expect safety measures to be in place at businesses and public spaces. #MaskUpNV**



PERFECT

Here's the simple recipe for a quintessential Nevada adventure: Start with one large outdoor rec spot and add one nearby small town steeped in frontier history.

WRITER Tovin Lapan

SAND MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA



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SAND MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO PLAY IN THE SAND. WHILE YOU'RE OFF ROADING AROUND THIS GRANULAR GETAWAY, TAKE A BREAK TO LISTEN FOR THE DUNES' TUNES.

Call it a sand blast. Dirt bikers,

Mountain, the largest dune in the Great Basin. Formed roughly

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FALLON

Pioneers made Fallon a rest stop on their way west (just like us, they had to rehydrate and walk the dogs), but you'll want to get out and explore the town, set about 28 miles northwest of Sand Mountain. Fallon grew in the early 1900s, thanks to agriculture, and food is still a focus. The annual late-summer **Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair** celebrates a sweet, delectable variety that bruises too easily to ship well, so you've gotta come here to try it. Find fresh grapes, raspberries and other organic goodies at **Lattin Farms,** then go all naughty with a cinnamon bun from the bakery. Spend your afternoon sampling spirits at

On Saturdays, enjoy free facility tours and tastings of Frey Ranch Bourbon and Frey Ranch Rye. They're made with grains grown on Colby Frey's 165-year-old family farm.



| ENDLESS HIKING |

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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

ombré canyons, mountain peaks, and relics of history like charcoal kilns and petroglyphs. Then crank up the thermometer. That's Death Valley—at least in summer's triple-digit heat. But in the cooler air of February A bloom, it's a helluva place to hike. Get your bearings at **Zabriskie Point's** O temperature) overlook of the badlands. O D V glimpses of **Badwater Basin** and **Mt. Whitney,** the highest and lowest points L **Telescope Peak,** at 11 O for part of the year, tests hikers with high-elevation forests of juniper and pine. It's a shorter trek (with a couple of creek crossings) to **Darwin Falls,** an unexpected oasis. An unmarked trail in **Desolation Canyon** follows a sandy wash through a narrow ravine, passing **Artists Palette**—rock faces dyed red, yellow, green and purple by oxidation.

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BEATTY

After other towns in the Bullfrog Mining District went bust, Beatty reinvented itself as a gateway to Death Valley. The **Beatty Museum and Historical Society** gold rush history, plus displays about Death Valley's Timbisha Shoshone tribe. **Atomic Inn,** 1 O defense contractors visiting nearby military installations, is completely remodeled. At **Sourdough Saloon,** rack the balls for pool and feed on ribs, Angus beef burgers, fried calamari and grilled cheese. For dessert, get lost in Nevada's largest (and sweetest) candy store, **Death Valley Nut and Candy Co.**

SMART TRAVELS

In addition to your normal outdoor gear list, be sure to pack masks, hand sanitizer, wet wipes and/or disinfectant wipes, gloves, and trash bags. And always pack out what you pack in.

TOP Death Valley is known for its seemingly barren and expansive vistas that include huge gravel fields where the mountains are slowly eroding into the valley below.

| BIKE THE RAILS |

HOOVER DAM

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

Tighten your helmet strap and check your brakes before biking the **Historic Railroad Trail,** sprocket way to tour a place so shaped by human engineering. The well-maintained, level trail passes through 00 2 1 O to transport building materials to the dam. It's one of the only portions of the Hoover Dam Railroad system that L Mead. Also geared toward pedestrians, the path is dotted with info about the lake, Hoover Dam and wildlife, like desert bighorn sheep, owls and rattlesnakes. Want a longer trip? The trail, accessed via the **Lake Mead Alan Bible Visitor Center** or the Hoover Dam parking garage, connects to the O L

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BOULDER CITY

Once temporary digs for workers building Hoover Dam, this small town makes a lasting impression with its range of activities, accommodations and dining options. **Boulder Dam Hotel,** 1 **Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum** U S presidents and Hollywood royalty like Bette Davis and Shirley Temple among its notable guests. Get your heart pumping on the serpentine mountain biking trails at **Bootleg Canyon.** Lower trails are perfect for newbies, while the upper trails with steep grades challenge pros. Relax at **The Dillinger,** named for the infamous bank robber. In true tough-guy style, the restaurant promises that "Our burgers will beat up your burgers." Sampling any of the six beers on tap (or the two dozen in bottles) can help soften the blows.

PHOTOGRAPH: (HOOVER) JENNIFER SHARP/GETTY



HOOVER DAM, BOULDER CITY



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GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

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

Psst—Great Basin is one of the least-visited national parks. Don't pass it on. True, the park is somewhat isolated, but what

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BAKER

Electricity didn't reach this small town until 1971—for context, Richard Nixon was president when that occurred—and Baker retains much of its off-the-grid character. Opened in 2017, the 10-room **Stargazer Inn** has quite a following, thanks to **Kerouac's Restaurant.** The restaurant (open May through October) is known for artisan pizzas, burgers, craft cocktails, beer and wine. Fourteen miles southeast of town, take a UTV ride through **Hidden**

375 acres of foothills and pasture land, watching for mule deer, wild turkeys and golden eagles. The lush canyon also fosters fishing, fossil hunting, cave exploring and more.

BASIN BONUS

The Great Basin Highway features eight state parks along a gorgeous 355-mile stretch. Before you pack your hiking shoes, get oriented on ***page 94.***



GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

ROCK STAR PARKING

Cathedral Gorge is just one of 24 stunning state parks throughout Nevada. See which ones trip your outdoors-loving trigger on ***page 38.***



CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

| HIT THE SLOTS |

CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

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

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make Cathedral Gorge an eye-popping geology timeline spanning millions of years. A network of trails twists through and around the stunning slot canyons carved by nature. A good place to start is **Miller Point Overlook,** which

vistas. Follow the trail from there as it descends into the dramatic canyons. People have been coming to this exotic landscape to hike and picnic since
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vaudeville shows. Mother Nature staged her own show long ago as ancient volcanoes spewed ash in the region and a freshwater lake formed. Over the span of multiple centuries, the lake dried up and erosion exposed ash and pumice from the volcano. Cathedral Gorge became one of
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Civilian Conservation Corps.

PAIR WITH CALIENTE

Anchored by the **Caliente Railroad Depot,** a faithfully Mission-style monument to the region's ranching and mining history, Caliente provides plenty of (loco) motives for a visit. Check out a row of **historic railroad cottages,** all original and framed by resplendent rose gardens lining the street. Or try the phenomenal mountain biking, including custom
Barnes Canyon and a skills park right in town. Throw in close

Beaver Dam, Spring Valley, Echo Canyon, Kershaw-Ryan and **Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site** you've got plenty of ways to punch your adventure ticket around here.

| VINTAGE ESCAPE |

DAVID WALLEY'S RESORT

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

Lose yourself in views of the Sierra Nevada as natural sulfur, potassium
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rid your body of icky toxins, ease joint pain and soothe skin. When D
to the rejuvenating springs on his
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a stay costs a little more now.) By
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stable and swimming pool. The resort soon became a regular stop for stagecoaches and celebs like Mark Twain and Clark Gable. Despite

one of the original stone soaking tubs still stands. The on-site **1862 Restaurant and Saloon** features an elegant dining room, a rustic bar and a menu that really brings the beef. The

PAIR WITH GENOA

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Native settlement. The town's bars,
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Poke around town for take-home gifts and local treats, then picnic at **Mormon Station State Historic Park.** Kick back at **Genoa Bar and Saloon,** which claims the title of Nevada's
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imagine the cowboy brawls that once spilled out of its doors. Watch deer graze from a rustically charming room at the **White House Inn Genoa,** and build your own cheese and charcuterie
1 **The Pink House.**

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





LAKE MEAD
FISHING AND FLOATING



JUST CHILL



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

WRITER Melissa Walker

PHOTOGRAPH (SKIING) DAVID BUNKER



EVEN THE GLORIOUS GLITZ OF VEGAS

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





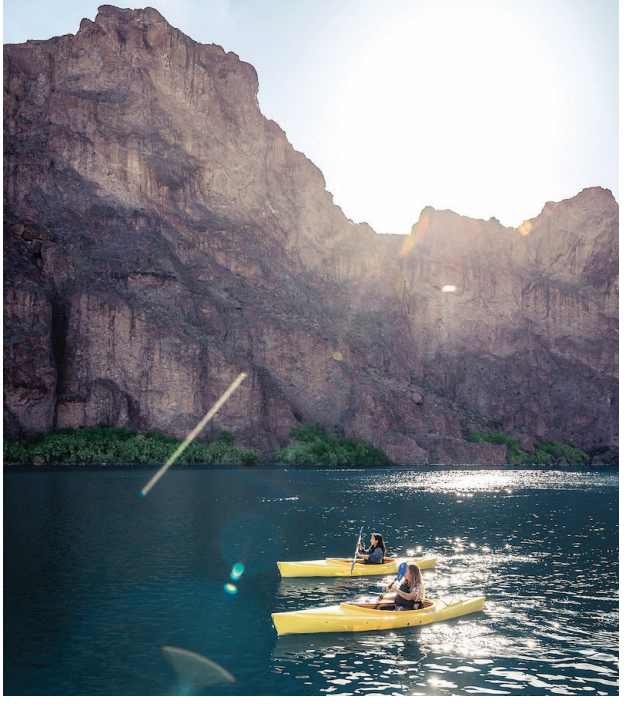
ON THE WATER

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

Just minutes away from the Las Vegas Strip, Boulder City's **Lake Mead National Recreation Area** feels worlds away from the neon lights. Cast a line—and make a wish—to 0 striped bass in the lake's brilliant blue water. Within the recreation area, the **Black Canyon Water Trail** 2 Colorado River. Here, the morning sun gives mountain backdrop. Take the water trail to sandy beaches, secluded coves and the shimmering gem of Emerald Cave.

In the state's northeast, cool mountain **Angel Lake** a tad chilly bite. The Nevada Department of Wildlife and Gallagher Fish Hatchery keep the lake stocked with trout. Speaking of stocked, journey to the remote waters of the **Jarbidge River** to score one of the release only). You may also get a few **Pyramid Lake** 0 R

PYRAMID LAKE
HIKING AND FISHING







TOP RIGHT Guided tours of the Black Canyon Water Trail often stop at coves, caves and hot springs.
ABOVE RIGHT Looking to catch a bull trout? The Jarbidge River is the only place in Nevada where you can find one.
OPPOSITE Catch other ginormous trout species in the Truckee River.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (TRUCKEE) DAVID BRAUN, (PYRAMID) MAC HOLT

a chance to land a trophy Lahontan cutthroat trout. If this endemic fish species refuses to bite, it's not a total loss. Cruise designated areas of the saltwater lake, managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and view the dome-shape tufa rocks. Here, you can also see the **Truckee River,** where it ends its journey from Lake Tahoe. Shortly before its trout-rich waters deposit into Pyramid Lake, the river spreads out among cottonwoods and sagebrush, providing a picture-perfect fishing destination.

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

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

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TRAVEL NEVADA
PRO TIP

Anglers, this should reel you in: Nevada has more

and reservoirs, and upwards of

streams swimming with catches. We know you can't wait to brag about that big fat bass.



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IN THE MOUNTAINS

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

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

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tubing hill, or don snowshoes and stroll through ponderosa pines.

Good for both novice skiers and pros, **Diamond Peak Ski Resort** in Incline Village features private and group lessons, plus kids' ski schools. Experts dig the abundance
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Heavenly Mountain Resort is a paradise for those craving downhill speed. More than

challenge alpine skiers' skills. Snowboarders

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Coaster and *whoosh* downhill.

Not to be outdone, **Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe**
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Want to take things to the next level? With **Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience,** ride
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you up when you're done (so you don't have to call an Uber).

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



LEE CANYON
SKIING AND TUBING



PHOTOGRAPH: COURTESY OF LEE CANYON

SNOW MUCH MORE

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

MOUNT CHARLESTON SLEDDING AREA
NORTH LAS VEGAS

Vegas snow bunnies will appreciate the short drive to the Foxtail Group Picnic Area, where sledding and snowball fights abound. Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate at Lee Canyon.

CHICKADEE RIDGE
MT. ROSE MEADOWS

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

BORGES SLEIGH AND CARRIAGE RIDES
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

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

HOT SPRING AWAKENING

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

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



SOLDIER MEADOWS HOT SPRINGS

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

SOLDIER MEADOWS HOT SPRINGS

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BLACK ROCK HOT SPRINGS

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AUSTIN Compared to many well-hidden springs, these don't play hard to get. You'll

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Choose a natural pool with a

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dips behind the Toiyabe Range.

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

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

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



PHOTOGRAPH: MAC HOLT

GREAT HAUNTS



Visions of gold and silver danced in the heads of thousands lured to Nevada after 1859 by the Comstock Lode. Mining camps popped up, many growing into bona fide towns. But when prospects dried up, people moved on to the next shiny new thing. That's how you get more than 600 ghost towns. They can't all be haunted … right?

WRITER Geralda Miller



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BELMONT

This once grand, bustling city has dwindled into one of Nevada's more iconic ghost towns. Explore miners' cabins, the restored Belmont Courthouse and nearby Dirty Dick's Belmont Saloon. In its heyday during the late 1860s, Belmont had more than 100 businesses, including three newspapers and six mills. By 1901, the mills had ground to a halt, most residents had left and its last newspaper stopped the presses.

GHOST TOWNS GALORE

With more ghost towns than incorporated towns, Nevada makes it easy to rush back in time to the mining era.





RHYOLITE

The skeletons of a three-story bank, part of the old jail, the general store and the train station remain from this Gold Rush town nestled in volcanic rock at the edge of Death V F 1 0 1 1 it boasted a hospital, an opera house and a l 1 0 it was Nevada's third-largest city. But as mines were already slowing,

year too. Rhyolite didn't weather the storm.

BERLIN

Located within Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, about three and a half hours east of Carson City, Berlin once supported 2 0 woodcutters, charcoal makers, a doctor and nurse, a forest ranger, and even a prostitute. Trails tell the story of the town and its mine, as do 1 1 0 0 machine shop, which 0 from inside.

ABOVE Take a self-guided tour of Berlin's mining cabins and mill on the edge of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. **LEFT** The Tom Kelly Bottle House—built from nearly 50,000 glass bottles—is one of Rhyolite's big draws. **OPPOSITE** Some visitors to Hamilton claim feeling an aura that lingers among the remaining structures.



METROPOLIS

Water is life. That's
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in this region learned when irrigation plans went down the drain. A
drought, typhoid, killer jackrabbits and Mormon crickets (yes, you read that correctly) took out many residents in the 1 10 1 20 100

years later, the last store closed. A post

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school was expelled 1 O
and ranches remain to tell the story.

CANDELARIA

Whiskey was cheaper than water in this isolated town, as water had to be shipped in at a buck per gallon. Mexican prospectors discovered silver 1
named the mine and town after a Catholic 1 0
the area bustled with

shops and saloons. Mines closed and people left after the

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of stone and wooden structures remain, including an old mercantile building.

CHERRY CREEK

A luxury hotel, along with many boarding houses, restaurants and saloons, made 000 1 1
Cherry Creek was the largest town in what would become the Ely area, at least

wiped out the local A 1

business district,

the remaining souls. A

and the school building lives on as a museum that's open by appointment.

DELAMAR

The gold mine here was, well, a veritable gold mine, producing

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mine also earned the nickname The Widowmaker for the high number of deaths from its silica dust. At one point, at 00
were widows. Because most of its buildings were made of native stone, Delamar showcases some of the most extensive and well-preserved ruins of any ghost town in southeast Nevada.

HAMILTON

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



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HOSTIN'

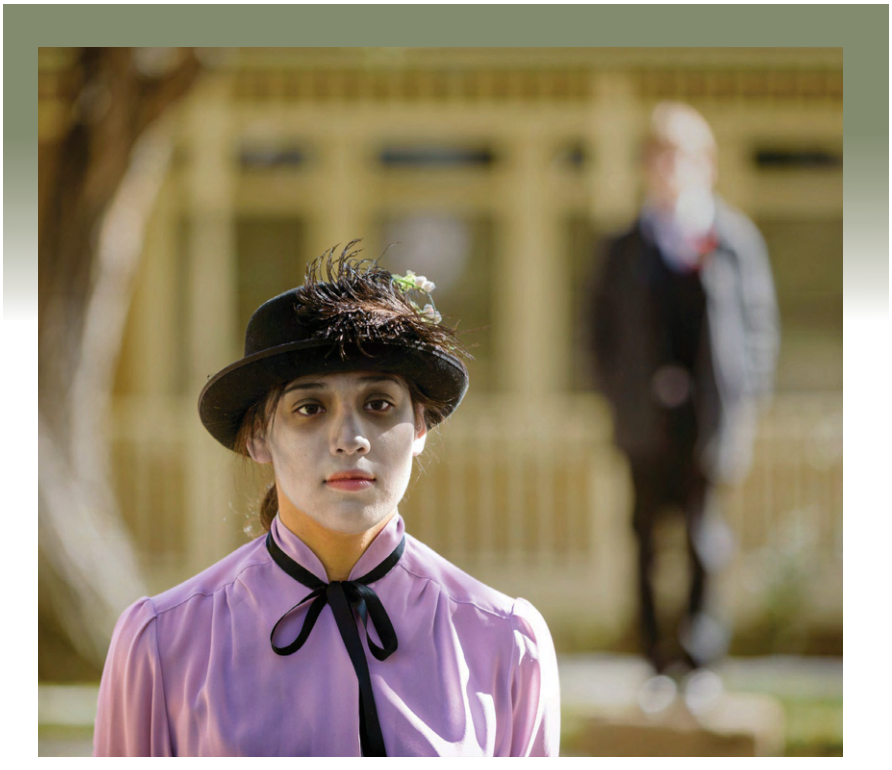
***Take a road trip past more haunts along and near the Loneliest Road in America. Learn more on* page 90.**

PHOTOGRAPH: (BERLIN) C2 PHOTOGRAPHY

SMART TRAVELS You don't have to treat fellow ghost hunters like zombies, but always

SPIRITED DISCOVERIES

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



CARSON CITY GHOST WALK

CARSON CITY

It was just before 1 that Carson City's founder, Abraham Curry, died. Follow host Madame Curry and her team of Spirit Wranglers through the city's downtown and historic district as they try to reach Abe. Want to dress for the times? Costumes are more than welcome.

FE F CT

***1 out of 10** (nothing jolt-worthy)*

THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY GHOST WALK

RENO

Hear about a mysterious unsolved disappearance and tales of gangsters, illegal gamblers 0 around downtown. The Biggest Little City in the World saw more than its share of sinister characters while blazing the trail for gaming in the Silver State.

FE F CT

***out of 10** (slight heebie-jeebies)*

HAUNTED VEGAS GHOST HUNT

LAS VEGAS

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

FE F CT

***out of 10** (*Twilight Zone *suspense)*

ABOVE Spirits of Carson City's past often appear in the flesh during ghost walks through town. **OPPOSITE** Whether you're long dead or a newlywed, the Silver Queen Hotel is a favorite Virginia City hangout spot.

TONOPAH GHOST WALK

TONOPAH

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

FE F CT

***out of 10** (definite creepy-crawlies)*

GOODSPRINGS GHOST HUNT

GOODSPRINGS

Ghosts should live in a ghost town, right? For years, spirits have been seen and felt around here, including the ghosts of a gunshot victim and old miner at the 10 Saloon. Mortals report seeing them in boos, you know.

FE F CT

***5 out of 10** (hairs might stand on end)*

THE MIZPAH HOTEL **TONOPAH**

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

FE F CT

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

ZAK BAGANS' THE HAUNTED MUSEUM

LAS VEGAS

Paranormal investigator Zak 0 with items from his creepy collection. But the huge structure, built in 1 spooky rep. Hostile spirits are said to have terrorized past occupants. And locals say dark rituals took place in the 0

FE F CT

***out of 10** (cue* The Exorcist *theme)*

SILVER QUEEN HOTEL

VIRGINIA CITY

You may hear the ghost of Rosie running around, rattling door knobs and tapping on windows. (Rosie died R 11 T 1 is one of the oldest in the area. It's also regarded as one of the spookiest in the Silver State.

FE F CT

***8 out of 10** (if you meet Rosie)*

SCARED YET

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

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OVERLAND HOTEL AND SALOON

PIOCHE

Given this old silver-mining town's history of Wild West violence, it's no surprise that ghosts linger here, especially around a couple of the rooms. Paranormal pros from Travel Channel's *Ghost Adventures* encountered the spirits: Something possessed left one team member disoriented. A sudden force knocked another off his feet.

FEAR FACTOR

9 out of 10 (room 10 is super haunted)

THE WASHOE CLUB AND HAUNTED MUSEUM

VIRGINIA CITY

Some say this historic saloon is one of the most haunted places in the West. The spirits in the towering brick building may remain from an explosion that killed 12 people, missing prostitutes or bodies stored in a freezer called the Crypt. Guided tours are available.

FEAR FACTOR

10 out of 10 (during overnight paranormal investigations)

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HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR ROAD TRIPS?

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

ONE MAIN ROAD

ARTS AND CULTURE

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COWBOY CORRIDOR



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RUBIES ROUTE



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DEATH VALLEY RALLY



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SMART TRAVELS

Check ahead with your road trip destinations. Nevada is wide open, but some places may be temporarily closed.

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COWBOY CORRIDOR

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NO SADDLE REQUIRED

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

WRITER Gary Thompson



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COWBOY HERITAGE

Ranch duds and saloon suds beckon along this storied stretch. These authentic spots get the details right.

You'll want to look the part before you saddle up (OK, gas up) for a journey into Cowboy Country, so stop at **D Bar M Western Store,** just east of Reno's Riverwalk District, to brand yourself as S and—if you're more into doggies than dogies—a leather leash. See cowpokes picking out work clothes to boot; call it

them will someday earn a spot at the **Buckaroo Hall of Fame** in Winnemucca. T 0 for their character and cowboy skills. Exhibits display the tools of the trade—

Chances are some hall of famers rode with gear from **J.M. Capriola Co.,** an Elko 2 S display (including purses and wallets), score a new Stetson, or take home a T F brain's Western hemisphere across the street at the **Western Folklife Center** in the restored Pioneer Hotel. Best known for hosting the **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering** 2 2 2022 center features two theaters, a galloping

shop (cool wild rags) and the Pioneer S 1 0 0

✦ TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

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

old boarding houses that still serve up serious

Dive deeper into Nevada's Basque

FAMILY PHOTO

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

REFUEL

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

MORE MUSTS

✦ **Cowpoke Cafe, Lovelock** Did the D matter; enjoy both—plus burgers—at this fave local spot. Country cooking and a

✦ **Nanny Joe's, Lovelock** Play a little

Company building. Quest for something

✦ **The Old Pioneer Garden Country Inn, Unionville** An hour northeast of Lovelock, get some R&R at a ranch in the ghost S C Twain) sought fortune as a silver prospector. His cabin stands nearby.

✦ **Humboldt Museum, Winnemucca** Check out ice age remains, Native regalia and relics from a soda bottling plant. The site overlooks where pioneer wagon trains once forded the Humboldt River.

✦ **Battle Mountain Cookhouse Museum, Battle Mountain** O gear, a small herd of vintage Stetsons

red building where ranch hands once gathered at the dinner bell's clang.

✦ **H A Wendover** This World War II air base located just across the border from West 1 been featured in a number of Hollywood *Independence Day.* Roam F C 12 plane featured in *Con Air.*

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OPEN AIR GALLERIES

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

WRITER Suzanne Roberts



INTERNATIONAL CAR FOREST OF THE LAST CHURCH

SPOTLIGHT

COLORFUL CREATIONS

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

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Tonopah is home to some of the darkest night skies L
After nightfall, head to Tonopah Stargazing Park or the Crescent Sand Dunes for a spectacular show.

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✦ **Fort Churchill State Historic Park, Silver Springs**
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✦ **Yerington Theatre for the Arts, Yerington** G
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✦ **The Melting Pot World Emporium, Reno**

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SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS

LONELIEST ROAD IN AMERICA

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SPIRITED E PRESSWAY

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

WRITER Angela Ufheil



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ABOVE Belmont Mill's mining pulleys and tramways remain surprisingly intact. **OPPOSITE** ander among the stone remains of an Os-era stamp mill at phir.

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GHOST TOWNS

n uly 1986, a* Life *maga ine article stated There are no points of interest in regards to this spacious stretch of 50. Clearly the uoted counselor didn't get the appeal of ghost towns.

Quick detours from the Loneliest Road reveal myriad abandoned boroughs and buried treasure, including a Pony Express Station revealed from beneath the dunes at **Sand Mountain Recreation Area** F T 1 0 of arranged volcanic rocks contained a stable, telegraph room, kitchen, tiny living space and more.

Southeast of Sand Mountain lies **Ophir Canyon** (aka Toiyabe City), a mining town 1 0 S iron mine artifacts in a mountain canyon. At **Belmont Mill,** preserved mining camps, see the pulley system laborers used to move ore to the A minerals dangles from the intact cables, making it all the easier to imagine workers rushing around the site.

The journey continues to the aptly named **Treasure City** and nearby **Hamilton.** When prospectors discovered one of the purest caches of silver more 1 0 area. You can almost hear the echoes of raucous parties amid a sea of broken champagne bottles at Treasure City. Continue east toward **Osceola,** where the S S tos near the former gold mine.

FAMILY PHOTO

Anyone can take a pic in front of the wooden welcome sign on **Middlegate Station's** front porch, which puts the restaurant's location at "Middle of Nowhere." But only a true champ can do I A T T burger and mound of fries—a staggering

REFUEL

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

MORE MUSTS

✦ **Carson Piazza Bar, Carson City** Inspired by the owners' trips to Italy and Spain, this hot new spot features a and charcuterie. The wine list rules.

✦ **Stokes Castle, Austin** T Rapunzel vibes (if Rapunzel donned a cowboy hat). She'd dig the stunning views of the Reese River Valley, framed by the Toiyabe and Shoshone mountain ranges.

✦ **Ely Renaissance Village, Ely** The town's history comes alive each May through September, when interpreters show T sells cold drinks; sip 'em in the courtyard.

✦ **McGill Drugstore Museum, McGill** Come for the rock candy; stay for the glimpse into McGill's days of yore. 0 D hair gel, still line the shelves at this time capsule just north of Ely.

✦ **Great Basin National Park, Baker** Wonders stretch from the subterranean to the sky. Marble in the shape of witches' L C A lack of light pollution allows the stars to shimmer, especially from Mather Overlook.

✦ **Kerouac's Restaurant, Baker** Even if a night at the Stargazer Inn isn't on the restaurant (open seasonally). Savor pizza topped with local produce.

TRAVEL NEVADA
PRO TIP

Finders doesn't always mean keepers. Even if you just discovered the coolest mining artifact while exploring a ghost town, resist the urge to pocket it. Not only is it extremely uncool, it's also illegal. Leave places as you found them so the next ghost towner can have the same experience you did.

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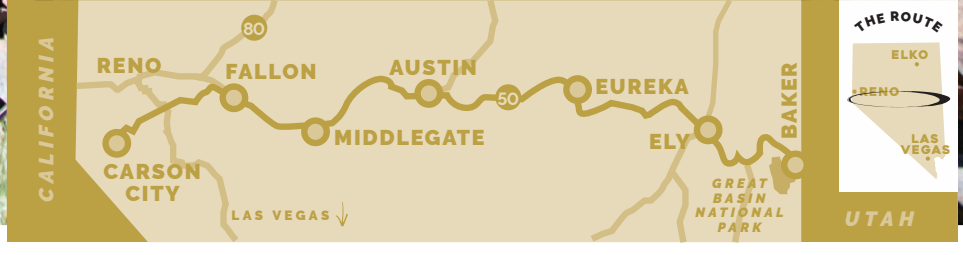

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WRITER Suzanne Roberts

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TONOPAH HISTORIC MINING PARK, TONOPAH

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OTHERWORLDLY ENCOUNTERS

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

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MORE MUSTS

✦ **Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah**
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✦ **Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Tonopah**
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TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Don't be a space A 5 part of an active military base guarded by some of the heaviest security on the planet. That means it's *not* a tourist attraction, so don't even think about trespassing. Photography is prohibited—take your pics behind the Alien Research Center instead.

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GREAT BASIN HIGHWAY

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PACK SOME TRAIL MIX

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

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



SPOTLIGHT

HIKING HEAVEN

The Great Basin Highway, mostly following 9 , is your ticket to breathtaking parks and trails along Nevada's eastern edge.

Lace up your hiking boots and start near Las Vegas at **Valley of Fire State Park.** The Mouse's Tank Trail meanders through sandstone formations, leading to a natural basin that collects rainwater.

HIT THE ROAD

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Las Vegas

SUGGESTED DURATION
3 days

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railway town of Caliente and visit the lush grounds at **Kershaw-Ryan State Park.** Hike the Canyon Overlook Trail past dense grapevines, oaks and willows to a viewpoint of the arid slopes above.

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US **Beaver Dam State Park.** It's *way* A
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of Beaver Dam Wash's wooded valley.

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Cathedral Gorge State Park, famous for its cave formations, siltstone slot canyons and towering hoodoos (rock spires) carved by water, wind and time. The Miller Point Trail connects the park's picnic area

Next, put your boots on the ground in **Echo Canyon State Park** and **Spring Valley State Park,**
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watch for eagles and trumpeter swans.

Give your feet a break while you zoom 1 0 **Cave Lake State Park.**

on the Twisted Pines Trail. This is also a hot park for mountain biking enthusiasts.

Finish your trip on the Bristlecone Trail at **Great Basin National Park.** Here, the world's oldest living trees cling to arid
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FAMILY PHOTO

Generate social buzz with a group pic **Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park.** Miners used these six structures to
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If the **Overland Hotel and Saloon's** Brunswick bar could talk, it would tell some *wild* Western tales. Pioche may
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dozens of saloons and gunslingers.

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MORE MUSTS

✦ **Million Dollar Courthouse, Pioche**
This gorgeous stone and brick building
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was designated the county seat. But kickbacks and overruns cost a fortune—about a million bucks. Tour the jail, sit in

✦ **Stargazer Inn, Baker** Need a place to
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a room and be dazzled by a zillion (or so) stars against a velvet-black sky. The
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known for artisan pizzas and organic salads. (Dining options are limited in the
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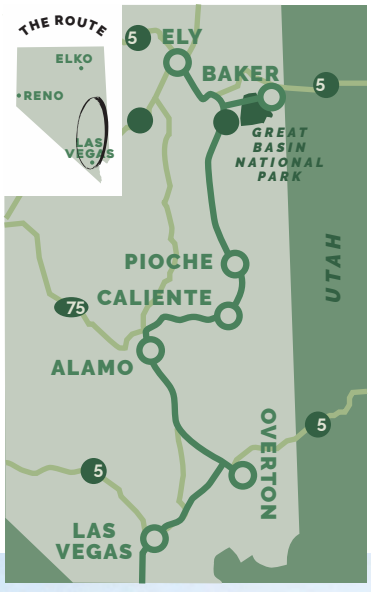
✦ TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

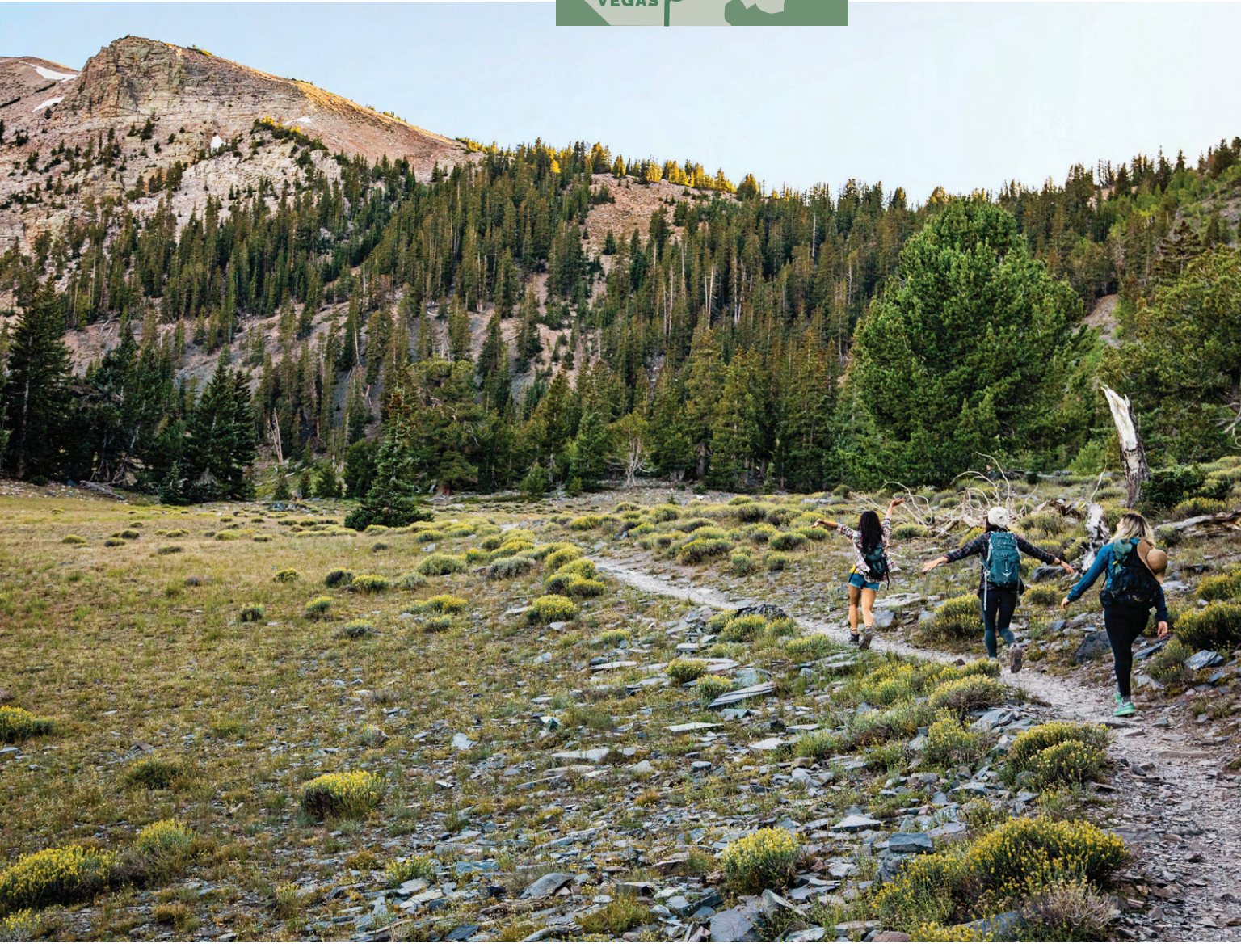
Pick up a Nevada State Parks Passport at any Nevada State Park. If you get it 5 parks, you'll score a free annual pass to all of them!



OPPOSITE You can thank ancient volcanoes for crafting the colorful walls of Rainbow Canyon at Kershaw-Ryan State Park.
BELOW Conquer more than 60 miles of wildly scenic hiking trails at Great Basin National Park.

SEE IT ALL

Get a full itinerary for Great Basin Highway, along with planning tools and tips. ***Travel Nevada.com/Great-Basin-Highway***



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

WRITER Melissa Walker



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3 days

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Even avid hikers need a couple of days to complete the trek, but it's easy to tackle

Give your feet a rest and spend a day farther south at **Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge**. S
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the winter, pronghorn in the fall and one of the country's densest breeding populations of canvasback ducks in early
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SPOTLIGHT

SWEEPING LANDSCAPES

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

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

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Cast your line for several species of trout
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join a guided big-game hunt and camp

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drive through **Lamoille Canyon**. Admire its rock formations sculpted by glaciers before hitting the **Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail**. The trail stretches
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FAMILY PHOTO

The view gets better after each bend **Angel Lake,**

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the shoreline, paddle in a canoe, or take a

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The prickly pear limeade at **McAdoo's** restaurant in Elko won't poke you, but it will quench even the thirstiest of
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favorite pumpkin pancakes swirled with cream cheese, and the lemon-blueberry

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Get a full itinerary for Rubies Route, along with planning tools

Travel Nevada. com/Rubies- Route

RIGHT Liberty Lake along the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail features almost-too-blue-to-be-true lake views. **OPPOSITE** Six generations of the Smith family have taken the reins at Cottonwood Ranch in Wells.



MORE MUSTS

✦ **Machi's Saloon and Grill, Elko**
Snag a seat, toss back beers, and get
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American prime rib, while veggie-lovers

✦ **Red Dog Saloon and Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge**

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rotate seasons of operation with food

✦ **Bella's Restaurant and Espresso, Wells**

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✦ **Cottonwood Ranch, Wells**
Mount your saddle for a ride through the ranch, then unwind in a rocking

✦ **Ruby Mountain Brewing Company, Wells**
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beers near his family's homestead in
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tours, and keep an eye out for Ruby

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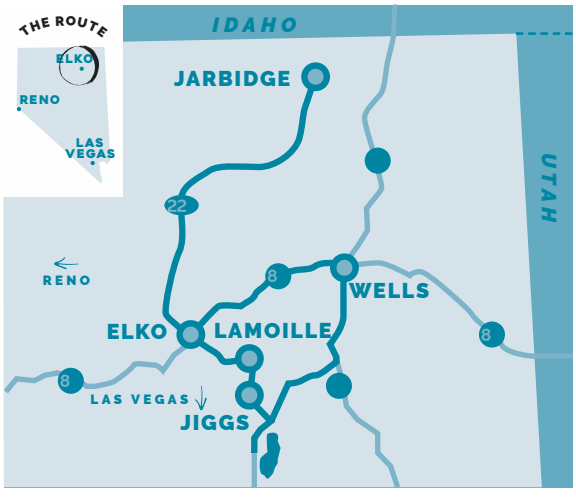

✦ TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

The best time to take this drive is June through October. During winter, the Lamoille Canyon Scenic Byway and many secondary roads through the mountains and wilderness stay unplowed.

region by tuning into the Travel Nevada podcast at **soundcloud.com/TravelNevada**

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DESERT GEMS

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

WRITER Suzanne Roberts

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BLACK ROCK DESERT

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OPPOSITE, TOP Browse John Bogard's desert-inspired stoneware and porcelain at Planet X Pottery in Gerlach.
OPPOSITE, BELOW Pyramid Lake sits entirely on tribal land. If camping or shing, arrive via the town o utcliffe and stop by Pyramid Lake Marina for permits.

SPOTLIGHT

REMOTE ADVENTURES

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

As you head north from Reno on
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PRO TIP

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







MORE MUSTS

✦ **Pyramid Lake** L
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✦ **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center, Nixon** D
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DEATH ALLEY RALLY

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WILD WITH LIFE

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WRITER Tovin Lapan



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SPOTLIGHT

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

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

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✦ **Mountain Springs Saloon, Las Vegas**
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✦ **Sanders Family Winery, Pahrump**
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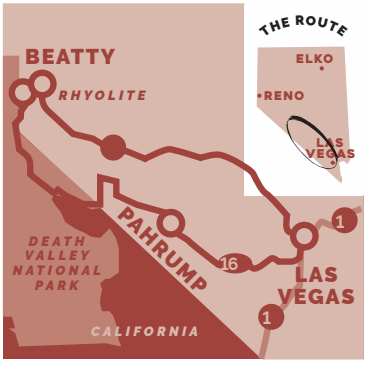

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Travel Nevada. com/Death-Valley-Rally

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



✦ **Amargosa Opera House, Death Valley Junction** F 0

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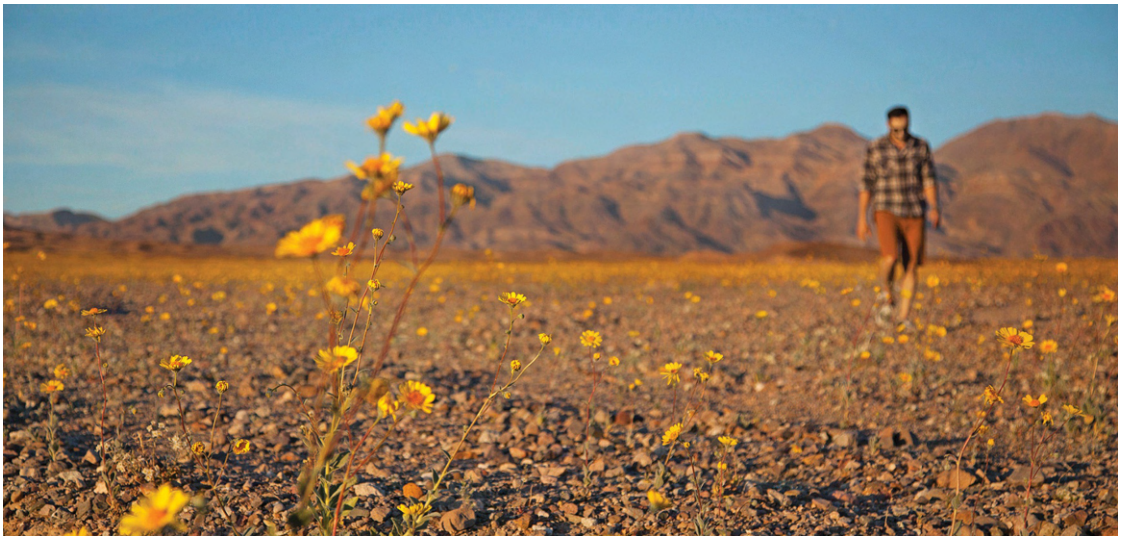

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TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

Make more of your trip to Death Valley by going in February or March, before temps creep into triple digits. If you're super lucky, catch a "super bloom"

between mid-February and mid-April. (They only occur about once

LAKE TAHOE LOOP

#LakeTahoeLoop
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TIME TRAVEL TO TAHOE

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

WRITER Ann Marie Brown

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THUNDERBIRD LODGE, INCLINE VILLAGE

TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

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

SPOTLIGHT

LEGENDARY NEVADANS

n in uential writer, a master artisan, a hero athlete and a big hearted madam hold exalted places in ilver tate history.

The Wild West was never tamed in
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be celebrated for her intricate Native American basket weaving. She wove

mostly made from willow and fern. Marvel at her masterpieces in the **Nevada State Museum's**

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John "Snowshoe" Thompson skied across the Sierra

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the Norwegian skier's extraordinary feats at the **Genoa Courthouse Museum** and

In the Washoe Valley (between Reno
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strikingly lavish **Bowers Mansion** with
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how this woman's life mirrored Nevada's
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life ended in far more modest fashion.

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Company's cider-style meads and Pigeon
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✦ **Saint Mary's in the Mountains, Virginia City** Silver-mining riches paid for hand-carved gables and elaborate woodwork
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✦ **Kings Canyon Waterfall, Carson City**
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✦ **The Pink House, Genoa** Pop in to
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✦ **Bently Heritage Estate Distillery, Minden** I
sip spirits made from grains grown on the

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✦ **Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park, Minden** T

picnic and savor Carson Range vistas.
✦ **Lone Eagle Grille, Incline Village** L

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a few steps from Tahoe's rolling waves.

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with planning tools and tips.
Travel Nevada. com Lake Tahoe Loop



NEON TO NATURE

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TravelNevada.com Neon-to-Nature

GLOWING LANDSCAPES

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

WRITER Ann Marie Brown



NEON MUSEUM, LAS VEGAS

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NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

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

Start heading west from Las Vegas,
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✦ **Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Henderson** 20
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✦ **Pioneer Saloon, Goodsprings** Order a
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✦ **Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum, Boulder City** C
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✦ TRAVEL NEVADA PRO TIP

If you're heading from Vegas to Valley of Fire State Park, consider a scenic detour 7 (Northshore Road). Views are ruggedly spectacular; sightings of romping wild horses are epic.



VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK, OVERTON

UNCOVER HISTORY

AT NEVADA'S STATE MUSEUMS

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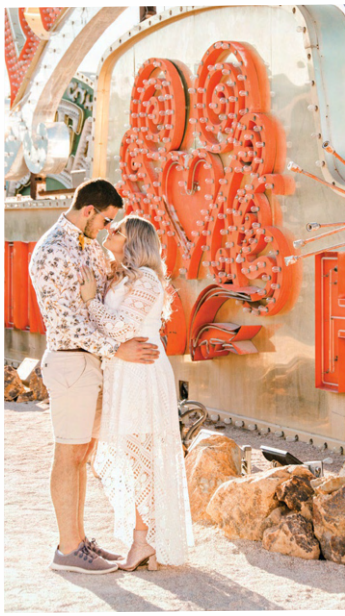





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NEVADA'S IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN WHEN IT COMES TO ADVENTURES UNDER THE SUN AND STARS. AND WHILE THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, WE'VE GOT YOU WHEN IT COMES TO E PLORING OUR STATE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY. HEED THESE TIPS AND YOU'LL BE READY TO ROLL WITH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



MEXICAN DITCH TRAIL, CARSON CITY

BE CLOSURE MINDED

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

LEAVE NO TRACE

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

E PECT CROWDS

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

REMEMBER THESE ESSENTIALS

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

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



PYRAMID HIGHWAY OUTSIDE RENO

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BE SENSIBLE

No outdoor activity is 100 percent safe. There's simply no such thing, and what would be the fun in that anyhow? But right now is not a good time to take up downhill mountain biking, try climbing that boulder you've had your eye on, or teach yourself to

have plenty of other things to do right now besides deal with your totally preventable injury. Don't be that person.

SPREAD LOVE, NOT GERMS

If you encounter fellow adventurers, keep your (social) distance. Keep a wide enough berth

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you're eating—and remember to pull that mask up when you approach anyone. That said, there's no need to treat people like aliens—unless they are aliens

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MAKE SURE YOU'RE SURE

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

ROAD RULES

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

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U adventure awaits

pavement. Feel like dippin' a tire or two in

bliss? **Click here to visit our Dirt Road Code.**



LAKE TAHOE

PLAN FOR NO BARS THE PHONE KIND

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

BRING A PAPER MAP TO READ

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

road trip adventures!

PACK FOOD, WATER AND MORE WATER

Packing plenty of good groceries not only makes your time in rural Nevada feel better, but if you get into a jam, you know you're set to wait it out if needed. And don't 20 people need about a liter of drinking water per day, but grab more if you need it for bathing or cooking.

FUEL UP AND DON'T BE DEFLATED

G tow truck may be eons away, have some solid tread on those tires, carry a full-size spare, and if it really hits the fan, make sure you've got the tools and know-how to swap out O

The next one might be 100 down the road.

BRING LAYERS FOR ALL OF THE WEATHER

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

OVERNIGHT MUSTS

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

MASK UP.
THE PAHRUMP WAY.



Stay healthy and happy at one (or many) of Pahrump's socially distant adventures, just 60 miles west of Las Vegas. Enjoy a private hot air balloon ride with panoramic views of the valley, embrace fresh air on a scenic hike, or explore local eats – courtesy of curbside pickup options.

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



THE EUREKA SENTINEL MUSEUM, EUREKA



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

BURLESQUE HALL OF FAME

LAS VEGAS

If the name didn't tip

want to bring young kiddos to this tease of a museum showcasing the burlesque art form and sharing juicy details on legends like Gypsy Rose Lee. S at a dance class.

COURTHOUSE SLAMMER AND COUNTY MUSEUM

VIRGINIA CITY

As the county jail during the largest US history, this cellblock was a grand slammer. F with displays capture the history of the Comstock Lode.

THE EUREKA SENTINEL MUSEUM

EUREKA

Time has stood still for 1 0 in the building that housed *The Eureka Sentinel Newspaper.* A giant printing press remains untouched, along with type cases, ink containers and layout boards.

ORDNANCE MUSEUM

HAWTHORNE

I 1 2 US chose this sparsely populated area to stockpile missiles, bombs and other S weaponry and military memorabilia at what's still considered to be the world's largest ammunitions depot.

THE MOB MUSEUM

LAS VEGAS

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

EXPLORE

HISTORIC GOLDFIELD

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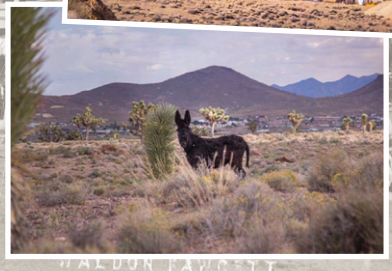



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Honey, they shrunk the Capitol building, just so kids could match and learn about state symbols (including

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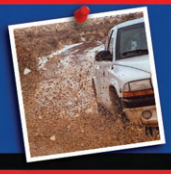

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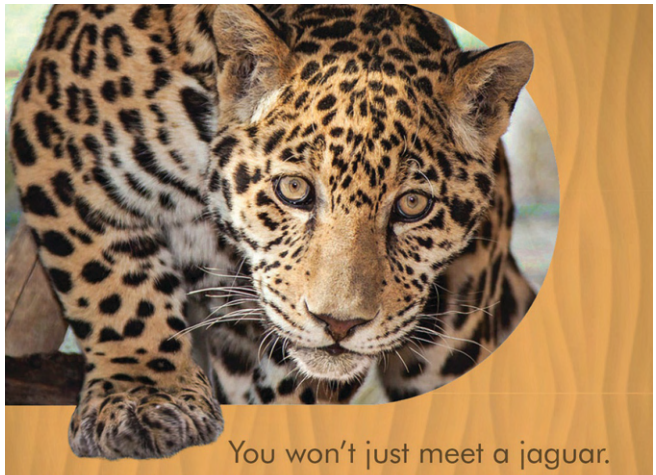

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INSPIRED ART See woven willow baskets by Washoe Tribal member Dat So La Lee at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno.



MAKING COIN *Coin Press No. 1 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City still produces pure-silver replicas after 151 years.*

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STATE MUSEUMS

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

EAST ELY RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM

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

LOST CITY MUSEUM

OVERTON

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

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RENO

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

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

CARSON CITY

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

THE STORY CONTINUES

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

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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Railroad built the Boulder City Branch
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tons of equipment and material to build
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a ride on the original Boulder Branch Line in a refurbished Pullman car. Also see working diesel and static steam

and cabooses.

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

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campus. Grow your knowledge of

an ancient sea, then
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Vegas became a hot resort destination.

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



"I DO" DO'S

✦ Get married whenever. One of the great things about a Nevada wedding is that there's no waiting around if you don't want to. Show up at the county marriage license bureau, pay your dollars V names and go get it done.

✦ not from the United States. You'll need an Apostille (that's a pretty

everything squared away. Get in touch with the Nevada Secretary S the form directly to your home country's government.

✦ F your ceremony, one with a valid C county you want to get married in.

"I DO" DON'TS

✦ D that proves the name and age D driver's licenses, passports, military ID cards or other government ID cards. If you need to use a birth S S

ID to go with it.

✦ Seems basic, but don't try to get married here if you're already married. Sure, Nevadans are pretty easygoing about most things and aren't gonna get all judgy, but you do have to divorce one spouse all

You'll need to provide the date your

and the city and state where that

need a copy of the decree.

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

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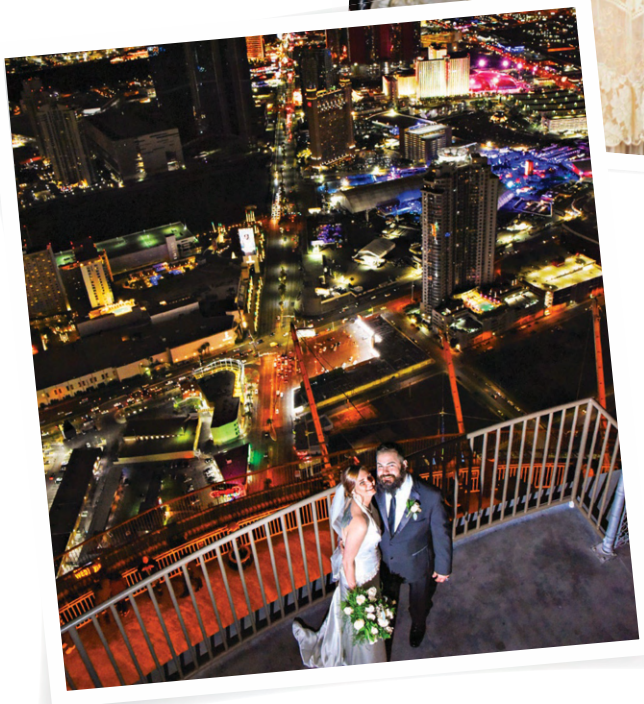
7 LUCKY SPOTS TO GET HITCHED

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







TOP Don't be fooled by the humble digs at Vegas' Little Church of the West. Some packages include limos and champagne. **ABOVE** Newlyweds get the royal treatment at the Silver Queen Wedding Chapel in Virginia City. **LEFT** Epic pics are guaranteed at Chapel in the Clouds. The venue towers , eet above the Las Vegas Strip.

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

SILVER QUEEN WEDDING CHAPEL, VIRGINIA CITY At Virginia City's oldest hotel, say "I do" in a small, historic chapel with antique G money shot in front of the Silver Queen 2 1

LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WEST, LAS VEGAS This quaint wooden chapel looks like it belongs in a forest surrounded by fairy-tale creatures. Instead, it sits conveniently on the south end of the Strip. The now-historic venue V

TREASURE ISLAND, LAS VEGAS A G the swashbuckler treatment aboard the casino-hotel's Song Ship, complete with a G feet? Better walk the plank.

CACTUS PETES, JACKPOT Tying the knot in a town called Jackpot is an instant win. Fabulous catered meals are served in the resort and casino's 1 0 R

A LITTLE WHITE WEDDING CHAPEL, LAS VEGAS There outdoor gazebo and the famous Tunnel of Love drive-through service. Splurge on one of the Elvis Tribute packages for bonus hunks of burning love (including a serenade by The King himself).

MAVERICK HELICOPTERS, LAS VEGAS If you're seeking a higher power for your marriage, get your head into the clouds for vows with a view. Soar over the Strip at twilight, or book the Painted D D L V F S Park along with your wedding party.

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MYTH: IT'S **hot.** LIKE ALL THE TIME.

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

snow sports
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lake escapes
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AND indoor fun
(PAGE 112). FOR THE RECORD, TEMPS CAN DIP INTO THE 30S IN LAS VEGAS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

MYTH: IT'S PRONOUNCED
Nev-AHH-duh.

FACT: IT'S
Nev-AD-uh,
AND THE LOCALS WILL LOVE YOU MORE FOR SAYING IT RIGHT.

MYTH: NEVADA IS JUST A FLAT OL' DESERT.
FACT: THAT ONE'S ABOUT 13,000 FEET OFF. WE'RE ACTUALLY THE

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