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The Haunted Ghost Train Rides Again!

It happens each October in this remote mountain town of Ely Nevada. The days grow shorter and the nights take on a definite chill. They say the Ghost Train of Old Ely comes "alive" in a whole different way. Some say that there seems to be legions of demons, ghosts, and goblins invading the otherwise peaceful setting here on those special October nights.

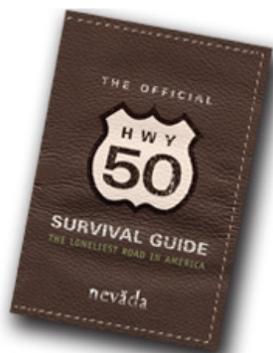
The Ghost Train provides the very best viewing of UFOs, Headless Horsemen, Hitchhiking Ghosts, Haunted Tunnels, Creepy Campfires, and Ghastly Ghost towns right alongside Nevada Northern Railway's mainline up to the old Ruth Mine. Are you brave enough to get on the Haunted Ghost Train of Old Ely this year? Reservations are highly recommended. These trains almost always "sell out", so to speak. Who wants to be left alone at the station on a night like this?

In addition to the Haunted Ghost Train rides, there are regular steam excursions: Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Steam rides end for the season at the end of October, but the Polar Express begins on November 22 and continues on select dates through Dec. 27th. Tickets for both train rides along with more information, can be found at www.nnry.com, or sign on as a Nevada Northern Railway engineer for a day at <http://www.nnry.com/pages/engineer.php>. Be sure to like us at www.facebook.com/nnry1 and follow us at www.twitter.com/nnry1.



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HALLOWEEN GHOST TRAINS
Saturdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m.
\$32 Adult/\$16 Child, Locals \$26/\$10
Discounted Group Rates for 12 or more

Wild West Festival: The Fastest Gun Alive, This Weekend!



The 7th Annual Fastest Gun Alive is being held once again in Fallon, Nevada. The Cowboy Fast Draw Association (CFDA) is holding its World Championship from October 3rd through 5th at the Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon, Nevada.

Cowboy Fast Draw is a western themed shooting sport which features wax bullet ammunition allowing competitions to be held almost anywhere. Safety is always the highest concern. Guns and holsters are from the old west time period and the

highest concern. Guns and holsters are from the old west time period and the competitors dress in period clothing and theme as well. It's a very colorful sport with shooters adopting an alias in the spirit of the old west.

For more information, including informational videos, visit www.cowboyfastdraw.com, or call CFDA National Headquarters in Fernley at 775-575-1802. For more information about events in Fallon, visit www.visitfallonnevada.com/fallonfights or call the Fallon Tourism office at 775-423-4556.



October's Featured Location: Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive

Taking a drive along the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive is a highlight of any visit to Great Basin National Park, especially during the fall season. A true mountain road, the scenic drive hugs the mountains of the South Snake Range, slowly winding you to a point above all others, where vistas reach the horizon, and one is met with a pristine view of the rugged, harsh, yet surprisingly beautiful Great Basin Desert.

As you travel along the road, take the time to stop at the many pullouts along the way. These paved parking areas highlight some of the important geological and historical highlights of the Great Basin region. Pullouts provide excellent viewing and photography opportunities for Mount Moriah, Lehman Creek, Wheeler Peak, Jeff Davis Peak, and the Snake Valley below.

Use the Wheeler Peak Scenic drive to access the popular hiking trails to the Alpine Lakes, the bristlecone pine interpretive trail, the Osceola Ditch, and the Wheeler Peak Summit Trailhead.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/wheeler-peak-scenic-drive.htm.

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