Highway 93
Visitors Guide
Great Basin Highway

Visitors Discover U.S. Highway 93;
Eastern Route Offers Unique Shopping, Outdoor Art, Recreation and More

Driving this North-South route through eastern Nevada, visitors discover a treasure trove of shopping, entertainment and recreational opportunities along the way. From the North, Nevada travelers first experience eastern Nevada via the small border town of Jackpot. Originally built as a gaming spot on the Idaho - Nevada border, Jackpot today features several large casinos with big name entertainment via lounge and dinner theater shows; hotels with cool swimming pools, gift shops and great restaurants. For those coming into Nevada from the East, Wendover on Alt. U.S. 93-A offers desert drivers their first taste of Nevada's big name entertainment in its large, multipurpose casinos (which often host gaming tournaments) and gourmet dining at affordable prices.

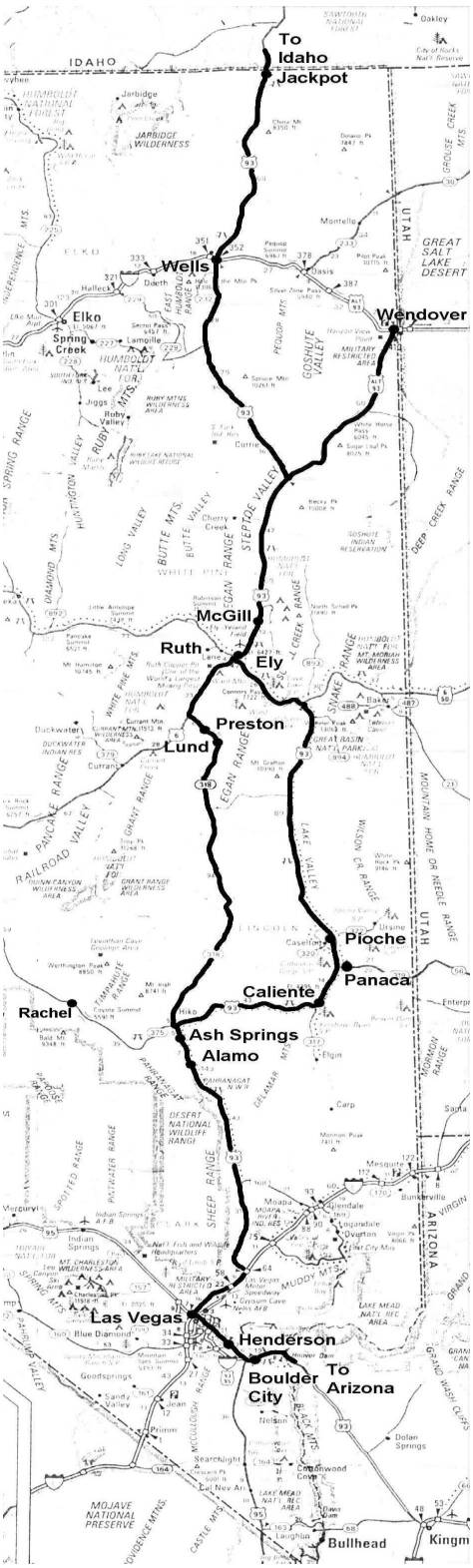
Once past the border towns of Jackpot and Wendover, travelers will enjoy the town of Ely, located on the crossroads of U.S. Highway 93, U.S. 50 and U.S. 6. For those driving south from Jackpot, the first stop is Wells where travelers enjoy visiting a trail museum and discovering the town's old railroad section with newly painted murals. Traveling to Ely from Wendover, small stops along the way include Lages, Fort Schellbourne (once a station for the Pony Express), and then McGill where visitors can stop at the old mining company town's drugstore museum, antique shop and swimming hole.

Whether arriving from the North or East, the U.S. Hwy. 93 traveler finds Ely a great place to stop, shop and enjoy all the outdoor activities. Ely has a variety of hotels and motels, dining opportunities, and recreation to offer. Visitors often stay several days exploring the copper town's Ghost Train, 18 hole golf course, museums, outdoor historical murals, off road recreation, hiking and more. Local art, distinctive gift shops, and other shopping opportunities are available to visitors. Two nearby state parks and a national park offer spectacular high desert scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Back on their journey, travelers leaving Ely have a choice of routes, either U.S. 93 through Lincoln County or State Route 318 through Lund and Sunnyside. Pioche, Panaca and Caliente, all historic mining or railroad towns, await travelers driving south on U.S. 93. Five state parks, a carved sandstone gorge, historic buildings and unique gift shops make this route particularly fun for explorers with some time on their schedule. But those in a hurry can choose the state route to enjoy a stretch of highway that is so well maintained, it is used twice each year for a road race that hosts drivers from around the world. (Don't worry, on those two days the route is closed to regular traffic!)

Both routes meet before Ash Springs, a desert oasis that has small farms and was once the home of horse thieves and cattle rustlers! The road winds past Alamo and through the lush Pahranagat Valley which has a National wildlife refuge. Picnic tables greet the traveler who is invited to enjoy bird watching at the refuge's small lakes. From here, it's less than 100 miles to Las Vegas, where Nevada welcomes millions of people each year from around the world with its amazing sights and sounds.

Travelers going on to Laughlin via U.S. 93 can enjoy the offerings of Henderson, with its small shops, galleries and beautiful old homes. Boulder City on Lake Mead offers the attractions of the lake with shopping and visitor's center at the Hoover Dam. At last, travelers reach Laughlin, a delightful Nevada spot on the beautiful Colorado River. Outlet malls, big name entertainment at some of Nevada's finest hotels and casinos await the traveler at the end of this unique North -South journey through eastern Nevada. Enjoy traveling through this unique part of the high mountain desert.



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Jackpot

Jackpot is Nevada's front door to visitors from Idaho and points north. From its beginning, Jackpot offered an easy stopping place along the road.

In the early 1950's, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee investigated the connection between organized crime and gambling. This was to be his ticket for a run for the White House in 1954. Like many other states, Idaho had shut down all gambling. The owners of the closed businesses needed a place to start up again. Nevada with legalized gambling was the logical spot. Jackpot was built to be a tourist town.

Cactus Petes Casino, 12 miles south at Mineral Hotsprings, was already running. Within two years Cactus Pete moved just south of the Idaho border. The Horseshu and Club 93 opened and a new town was born. It didn't have a name, just"Unincorporated Town Number One" for three years.

Jackpot has evolved from a modest stop-over to a complete destination resort with nationally known entertainment. Outdoor recreation opportunities include hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, golf, and Old West style adventure. The golf course is an 18-hole public course with a pro shop, driving range, and lessons available. The Jackpot Recreation Center offers indoor swimming along with exercise and other fitness opportunities.

Wells,
small yet entertaining

WellsNevada.com

Wells is located at the crossroads of HWY 93 and Interstate 80. We are a full-service community with four RV Campgrounds, major chain motels, locally-owned motels, full service hardware and auto parts store along with a full service grocery store and Family Dollar for your needs. Wells also offers mechanics shops, tire shops, truck stops, service stations, casino with restaurant, and four major fast food outlets and a brewery nearby.

For recreation, touring, and entertainment Wells has:

Trail of The 49ers Interpretive Center (seasonal hours) trailofthe49ers.org
Chimney Rock Municipal Golf Course
Angle Lake Scenic By Way
California Trail Scenic By Way (located 15 miles north on 93
City Park, great shade with play grounds, ball fields and BBQ pavilion
City Pool Open Year Round
Nevada State Fiddle Contest, weekend before the last full week in June, nvfiddlecontest.org
Wells Fun Run Car Show and Shine, last full weekend in July wellsfunrun.org
Race to the Angel 1/2 Marathon, ride your bike, walk or run. Second weekend in September, racetotheangel.org
Other Wells events, see wellsnevada.com/calendar.shtml

Angel Lake

12 miles from town, features two USFS campgrounds. Angel Lake features great views, fishing, and swimming with lake side picnic tables. Trails to other mountain lakes start from the Angel Lake parking lot. Horse trailhead parking.

Wells City Park

Covered pavilion BBQ area, playground, ball parks and soccer fields. Pavilion can be reserved for family reunions and other events by contacting the City of Wells 775-752-3350.

Humboldt Wells/Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center

At the headwaters of the South Fork of the Humboldt River, emigrants picked up the river they would follow for the next 30 days or so. The wetlands and the ruts of the California Trail descending to the Humboldt Wells are still visible. Stop in at the Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center at 436 6th Street for more information and visit the gift shop for great books, maps, and trail and visitor information. www.trailofthe49ers.org

Metropolis Ghost Town

Soon after cattle-king Colonel E.P. Hardesty sold his U7 ranch northwest of Wells, the so-called Pacific Reclamation Company bought land, and in 1911 advertised what they promised would be a planned community of 7,500. A four-block business district with concrete sidewalks and street lights sprang up and the railroad laid track to the booming town. The grandest three-story hotel between Reno and Salt Lake City opened, followed by the brick high school.

Pacific Reclamation sold its land, but water rights were not secured, so Metropolis withered. Today, sagebrush stands higher than most of the ruins, exceptions being the graveyard, the arch and what remains of the high school, an above-ground concrete vault rearing up from hotel ruins, and a monument to mark the passing of hard-working pioneers doomed to see their dreams evaporate into the high desert air.

Spruce Mountain Mining District

A soon-to-be-marked ATV recreational trail system connects 135-year-old mining roads winding through five ghost towns and by several historic mines accessible by turning east off US Highway 93 approximately 38 miles south of Wells.

An old west enthusiast's dream, Spruce Mountain is literally covered with mine remains including ore sorter towers, ore cars, rusty smelters, mine shaft air pumps, water systems, and log cabins of all types. Miners found ways to haul huge boilers and machinery up to the seven and eight thousand foot levels with sixteen-mule teams. It is one of the best ATV rides in the State of Nevada. Please leave it as you found it, don't take any artifacts.

Hunting and Fishing

Wells and its hunter/fisher friendly businesses are close to northeastern Nevada hunting areas. You can stay in a Wells motel and day hunt some of the most productive deer, antelope, and elk populations in the state. There are several streams and lakes for fishing within a 40-mile drive of Wells. Ruby Marsh is 79 miles south of Wells with its world famous bird watching and

bass fishing.

Chimney Rock Municipal Golf Course

The 9-hole Chimney Rock Municipal Golf Course in Wells, Nevada, is a public golf course that opened in 1976. Designed by Jack Snyder, Chimney Rock Municipal Golf Course measures 3,064 yards from the longest tees and has a slope rating of 101 and a 33.9 USGA rating. The course features 2 sets of tees for different skill levels. Open 3/15 – 11/15, call 775-752-3928 for more information.

Early days in Wendover.

West Wendover

West Wendover, like Wells, was a service stop for the railroad. The Central Pacific Railroad bypassed the area in 1869, but the Western Pacific piped water from Pilot Peak and shortened the distance across the salt flats of Utah in the early 1900's. A small town of railroad workers lived here for about ten years.

The automobile brought the isolation of Wendover to a close in 1914. The salt flats were discovered by race car drivers and car manufacturers. The Lincoln Highway, the first transcontinental highway from New York to San Francisco, passed through Wendover. In the mid 1920's, Highway 40 connected Reno and Salt Lake City.On the Utah side, businesses to serve the racecars were built. On the Nevada side, gambling establishments, motels, gas stations, saloons, and cafes were soon built to serve the traveler.

West Wendover has been a traveler's stopover from the beginning. The hotels and casinos are matched only by those of Reno and Las Vegas for a vacation, weekend, or a quick stop,

West Wendover offers all kinds of outdoor recreation. If you enjoy golf, highly rated Toana Vista Golf Course has a full-service pro golf shop and training center with excellent PGA golf instruction.

If your taste runs to biking, hiking, or even horseback riding, you will be surrounded here by wonderful places to go. Clean air and great views are found in every direction.

The high country outside West Wendover offers ample opportunity to get out and do some hunting and fishing. Scuba diving enthusiasts and students come to West Wendover from hundreds of miles around to experience nearby Blue Lake and Bonneville Sea Base where hot springs and naturally high levels of salinity simulate ocean diving conditions and provide an array of marine life to enjoy year-round.

Historic Wendover Air Base

A military air base was established in Wendover in 1941. The location was chosen because of the remoteness of the area. The fact that no large city was near the area was another important factor in the establishment of the base here. The temperate climate made for ideal flying conditions most of the year. The great expanse of flat land provided good conditions for training and airfields. The main role of the base was as a training site for the heavy bombardment crews of B-17, B-24, and B-29 planes. Twenty-one bombardment groups were trained at this site. Bombing around the base was conducted for training purposes. The main role of the base was as a

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Near the end of the war in 1945, the base was used for weapons and missile development. Later reserve and national guard training was held here. In 1975, the base was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on August 15, 1977, the base was deeded to the City of Wendover.

A self-guided tour of the facility is available. The museum and displays are quite interesting. Buildings available for viewing on the tour include operations, control tower, bomb squadron hangers, officer's service club, electric switch and supply, many barracks, hospital, and headquarters. The Enola Gay plane was based here. The Enola Gay hanger and museum are located here. The Enola Gay hanger had the only vaulted roof construction on the base designed to meet the requirements of the developing bomber force. Hanger 835 is the largest remaining hanger which faces the Anchorage Apron. The hanger was used by the 847th Squadron. Many other hangers are on the tour. This area is still and active airport so care is needed when traveling on the base. Follow the signs and enjoy a look at the history here.

This B-29 monument commemorates the crews who flew the first atomic bombardment missions in 1945, ending WWII. The monument is located at the West Wendover Information Center.

White Pine County

Northeastern Nevada

There were many ancient lakes which survive today as playas or dry lake beds with aquifers underground. In wet years these playas hold shallow amounts of water when the aquifer underneath is full. You will see a large playa when you cross White Horse Pass. This was once Waring Lake. It was almost a hundred miles long. Look out over the valley at Lages Junction. The area is now mostly cultivated farmland, raising primarily alfalfa. The Lake underneath was Steptoe and extended into White Pine County almost to Ely. If you go on South by way of Pioche and Panaca, you will see the valley that was once Spring Lake. This lake was more than a hundred miles long. These lakes existed in the late Pleistocene age and are called pluvial lakes.

As you drive south along Highway 93, the Goshute Mountains are on your right and on your left after you cross White Horse Pass. This is a protected area for raptors: owls, hawks, eagles and others. The wildlife people are doing studies of the raptors in this area.

Other wildlife that may be seen depending on the time of day include antelope, deer, elk, coyotes, and rabbits. Mountain lion and bobcats inhabit the higher mountains.

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McGill

The Consolidated Copper Company bought water rights to refine the copper ore mined at Ruth. The smelter would be located where the water was. Therefore McGill was born.

McGill is the home of the McGill Drug Store, which is open as a museum. This drugstore operated most of the 20th century for the workers at the Kennecott smelter. The stock and everything used to run the business in the 1970's is still on the shelves, and the soda fountain is operating. Don't miss this chance to step back in time to a store left just as it was when the last customers left in the 1970's.

Ely

In the 1870's and 80's, White Pine County was a part of a boom when British money was invested in the silver mines. After 1900, came the copper boom. For the next 70 years, more than a billion dollars in copper was shipped out of the area. Much of the mining and milling done recently was reworking the waste dumps of the past. Today copper, molybdenum, gold and silver are the main minerals mined.

Ranching also played a major part in the history of the area. Cattle and sheep raised here were shipped to the eastern markets. Farming of alfalfa was developed to feed the livestock.

The Ely Renaissance Society murals enhance the downtown area and portray our history. A sculpture garden and labyrinth add to the outdoor art experience. Visit the Renaissance Village to see a collection of homes restored to 1900 vintage with wood stoves, wringer washers, and see how life was lived in days gone by. Information is available on the website at elyrenaissance.com. A walking/driving Art Trail guide is available throughout the city. Take time to enjoy our outdoor art experience. The Ely Art Bank, an art gallery and cultural center is open in a restored bank building in downtown Ely next to the Garnet Mercantile. Stop in to see Art Among the Aspens and so much more.

There is much to see and do around White Pine County. Great Basin National Park, Cave Lake, and Ward Charcoal Ovens State Parks, and the Mount Moriah Wilderness Area are nearby for outdoor recreation.

There are excellent hunting and fishing areas. Campgrounds are conveniently located. Wilderness activities and licensed guides are available.

An 18-hole golf course and tennis

courts provide additional outdoor recreation.

Special events are scheduled through out the year. The Fire and Ice Snow Sculpture event and Ice Fishing Derby are held in January. A variety of other events occur throughout the year. Check the website calendar at whitepinechamber.com.

There are several museums available for those interested in exploring the past. The White Pine Public Museum, located at 2000 Aultman has a wonderful collection of artifacts from the past, a doll collection of several hundred pieces, and the prehistoric Cave Bear.

For information, the Chamber of Commerce is located at 636 Aultman Street. The website is whitepinechamber.com.

Ruth

Old Ruth was originally the location of Consolidated Copper Company. Eventually the mine began to overtake the town, and the town moved to where it is now. It became New Ruth, and later just Ruth. Kennecott Copper, and then BHP, bought the mine and reworked the old tailings from the two original mining companies. A company town in the beginning, Ruth's houses and buildings have been sold to individual owners.

Lund

Lund is one of the settlements of the L.D.S. Church. In 1898 when the church decided to colonize, the Plane ranch became the town of Lund, and the Maddox ranch became the town of Preston. Some of the original adobe buildings are still in use. Many other buildings were moved from the ghost towns of Ward and Taylor. In the dry weather of Nevada, building materials were too scarce to waste.

Lund and Preston were located on the stage line between Hamilton and Pioche. The line ran about where the Highway 6 and SR 318 Junction is today.

Baker

In 1869, Absalom Lehman homesteaded in the Snake Valley. He decided it would be more profitable to feed the miners, than to mine a claim. In 1885, he discovered Lehman Cave. He began what he called "cave crawling" that same year. The next year he began taking visitors through the cave. Almost 800 people visited the cave the first year.

Lehman Caves is a popular visitor spot today. More information about the Caves is on page 9, including information for advanced ticket sales. Tours often sell out, so call ahead.

Some of the apricot trees Lehman planted still bloom and produce fruit. Look at the Great Basin National Park Visitor Center to see them. While you're there, have the Ranger show you the bristlecone pine trees. As you drive up the mountain, more of the bristlecone pines grow where you can easily see them. Up on the high peaks where the wind bends and whips the little plant life that will grow in such harsh conditions, the twisted bristlecone have survived, some of them for more than five thousand years. These are the earth's oldest living things.

When you get up to the end of the road, you will want to see Nevada's only glacier in the cirque near the top of Mount Wheeler. Take time to stop on the pull outs along the road. Some of the views let you see many miles across the desert into Utah.

Baker is also the site of the Baker Archeological Site which has been excavated in recent years to study the Fremont people who lived here thousands of years ago. These people were part of the Utah Colorado Plateau Indian group and may have been the forerunners of the Shoshone and Paiute Indians. These people hunted deer, antelope, and buffalo when the animals migrated. The Indians also gathered grasses, roots, and berries to add to their diet. An informational kiosk explains the site.

The Great Basin Visitor Center has exhibits and information explaining the unique features of the Great Basin area.

Explore the unique Great Basin region and visit the website www.greatbasinheritage.org for information on the history and geology of the basin and range country.

Don't Miss the Train!

NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

A National Historic Landmark

Nevada Northern Railway Museum is a National Historic Landmark, located in rural Ely, Nevada, halfway between Las Vegas and Salt Lake City; only about 240 miles in either direction. It is, indeed, a Nevada treasure; but it's not hidden, buried, or in need of a special map to find it. The Nevada Northern Railway is America's best-preserved short line railroad and the most complete rail facility left in the nation. According to a Smithsonian Curator Emeritus, it is "the best…bar none."

The Nevada Northern Railway, established in 1905, is an original, working historic railroad, complete with operating steam and diesel locomotive trains. The 56-acre rail yard contains original track and over seventy original buildings and structures, including the original Depot, Machine Shop, Engine House and the iconic Coaling Tower. It also features an extensive paper record, documenting more than 100 years of history.

It is a national treasure the whole family can enjoy. The Nevada Northern Railway was awarded "**Attraction of the Year**" by the Nevada Travel Network; calling it a "must see; must do" attraction. For many years, it is recognized by the readers of Nevada Magazine as: the **Best Place to Take Kids** in Rural Nevada; **Best Rural Museum**; and via a Nevada Commission on Tourism survey, **Favorite Nevada Treasure**. True West magazine awarded its Reader's Choice Award to Nevada Northern Railway for "**Best Preservation Effort of the West**." It has been featured many times **on PBS** television, as well as **on The History Channel's "Modern Marvels" show and "American Restorations."** The artifacts restored by Rick's Restoration and featured on the show can be seen at the Nevada Northern Railway. The NNRy is also featured in train magazines and travel guidebooks all over the world; having wide appeal to people of all ages.

Be sure to call ahead or visit the website at www.nnry.com if you'd like to ride the train, as the schedule varies throughout the year. The grounds are open year-round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Historic steam and diesel train rides run April through January; and include regular fare excursions, as well as specialty trains and unique programs (see below). The train passes by the site of Former First Lady Pat Nixon's childhood home. She was born in Ely on March 16, 1912. Stephen King's book Desperation takes place in nearby Ruth.

You are invited to explore the wonders of the

Nevada Northern Railway and enjoy this unique relic from Nevada's rich railroading history. Self-guided and guided tours are included in the price of a train ride ticket, and are also available separately for a nominal charge. The Gift Shop, offering tax-free gifts and souvenirs, is open daily, except Tuesdays, beginning at 8 a.m. – and seven days a week in the summer.

The Nevada Northern Railway's **official season begins in mid-April**, with regularly scheduled steam and diesel locomotive trains. Rain, snow, sleet or shine, the trains keep running and almost never has one been cancelled due to inclement weather. The schedule is available online at www.nnry.com.

Special Event Trains each feature a unique agenda and an optional picnic pack. They run mid-May through mid-September. The popular **Rockin' and Rollin' Geology Trains** feature a lively presentation by local geologists, Roger Bowers, Bill Wilson and Laura Baldwin. These fun trains include a show and tell of ore samples, and information on the local copper mine and free prospecting of garnets at Garnet Hill. After a trip on one of these trains, who knows, passengers may even be able to find gold in "these here hills." Early reservations are suggested for these and other **Special Event Trains**, including the **Wild West Trains**, **Restoration Rails**, the one-time only **Taste of Italy Train**, the most historic **Steptoe Valley Flyer** – with First Class seating in Coach 5; **Fourth of July Fireworks Train**; and mid-January's **Fireworks Express**, where fireworks are actually shot off a moving train!

When school's out, **Kids Ride Free** on regular excursions Mondays-through Thursdays, when accompanied by an adult. The annual **Plein Air Outdoor Arts Festival** takes place every Labor Day Weekend and features a variety of artists and craftsmen creating works of art right before your eyes. The annual **Nevada Railway Symposium** is held in September. Rail fans and history buffs can enjoy a variety of seminars on different railroads, as well as demonstrations; all for a very nominal fee. See www.nnry.com for more information.

The spooktacular **Haunted Ghost Trains** are always a sell-out so book now to ensure a seat. These take place four Saturday nights in October plus the last Friday. Costumes are encouraged for passengers, who sit safely inside while viewing ghostly, ghastly scenes along the way. See www.youtube.com/nnry1 for video.

Celebrate an old-fashioned, traditional Christmas in Ely with snow-capped mountains, the scent of wood-burning stoves and the ability to cut a fresh Christmas tree for just a few dollars. The highlight of the season, however, is Nevada Northern Railway's **Polar Express**, licensed by Warner Bros. This magical journey to the North Pole includes hot chocolate, cookies and a visit with Santa Claus – don't forget your camera and wear your pajamas. You can see the video on www.youtube.com/nnry1. The Gift Shop is well-stocked with Polar Express merchandise for Christmas gifts and souvenirs. In January, enjoy weekend steam rides that are held in conjunction with Ely's famous Cave Lake Fire & Ice Show (Fireworks Express Train) and Rotary's Cave Lake Ice Fishing Derby (Jack Frost Train). See www.elynevada.net for details.

Group rates are available on all trains. And, **special school rates** are perfect for a unique and educational class trip. **Private charters** are offered, as well, and can be customized with a Wild West, Geology or Polar Express theme (seasonal). Consider our scenic location and vintage trains for your next event to make it even more historic and memorable. The Nevada Northern Railway can accommodate **special events**, weddings, reunions, business meeting, **auto and motorcycle club** gatherings and more. In years past, it has even been the setting for movies, including "Rat Race," with Whoopi Goldberg, and a music video.

Unique programs are available for those seeking extraordinary experiences. **Cab Rides with the Engineer, Caboose and Bunkhouse Overnights**, and, especially the opportunity to "**BE the Engineer**" are all part of the fun. Anyone (age 18+ with a valid driver's license) can actually operate a locomotive, no experience necessary – under Certified Engineer's supervision, of course. And, the **Supreme Engineer** experience offers the rare opportunity to operate the locomotive with the train (i.e. freight cars) attached. Those who have experienced the "Be the Engineer" program in the past have said, "It's been a dream come true" and "the experience of a lifetime." Try it yourself or get a **gift certificate** for someone special.

The second and third weekends each February offer the renowned **Winter Steam Spectacular Photo Shoots**. These not only get rave reviews, but result in award-winning photographs by amateur photographers, guided by professional photographers in day and night shoots. And, if you've ever wanted to really work on the premier historic railroad in the country, the Nevada Northern offers annual **Railroad Reality Weeks,** with two sessions for adults and one for adults/teens.

If you're looking for a "must-see, must do" attraction - something different on the 'road less traveled,' or, perhaps, you're interested in history and culture, a train-lover, a family on vacation, or

Ghost Train Engine 40 at the East Ely Depot

are a large group looking for that unique experience – come to Ely's Nevada Northern Railway. For more information, please call toll-free at (866) 40-STEAM (866-407-8326), locally at (775) 289-2085 or visit the website at www.nnry.com. "Like" on www.facebook.com/nnry and subscribe and see train videos at www.youtube.com/nnry1 and follow us on www.twitter.com/nnry1. ALL ABOARD!

See elynevada.net or nnry.com for details.

Great Basin National Park

Located about 30 miles east on Highway 50 from the scenic Highway 93 junction, the Great Basin National Park is a region of national significance in that it is a world unto itself. Because of the unique cycling of water in this area, it can be considered an immense closed system. In this closed hydrological system, there are many mountain ranges that operate like islands, isolated by oceans of sage. Great Basin mountains rise like islands above flat, dry land. This illusion hints at an important biological truth. Certain species, such as marmots, blue grouse, quaking aspens and bristlecone pine, survive in the region only on these tall, cool mountains. These populations are stranded on green islands in the desert, separated from the rest of their kind much like plants and animals living on islands in the sea.

The Great Basin is a vast natural laboratory to study in detail, such topics as global warming or other planetary changes that may or may not have resulted from human activity; the role of biological diversity in the maintenance of natural areas; and the power of evolutionary change in an

organism's response to a constantly changing environment. There is literally no other place like the Great Basin in the United States and very few places like it in the world. Check the web page at www.nps.gov/grba

Native Americans of the Great Basin

The earliest known inhabitants of the Great Basin area are known as Paleo-Indians. They were hunter-gathers who occupied the area from about 12,000 - 8,000 years ago. The second cultural group, the Archaic, were also hunter-gathers but used different types of stone tools. They occupied the area from about 9,000 - 2,000 years ago. The next cultural groups into the area are known as the Fremont. They were a horticultural group that built adobe type dwellings and grew vegetables such as corn. They still hunted and gathered wild plants. The Fremont, named after the Fremont River in south central Utah, had cultural ties to the four-corner region of the southwest. The Fremont were in the Great Basin area until about 650 years ago. Around this time, there was a major climate change that made farming conditions unfavorable and allowed other cultural groups who practiced a hunter-gather life style to adapt to the climate change. There are several theories as to what became of the Fremont: 1) they went to the four-corners region, 2) they were forced out of the area by two other cultural groups: Shoshone and Paiute, and 3) they stayed in the area adapting to the Shoshone and Paiute culture.

The Shoshone and Paiute were hunter-gathers who made some pottery but were known for their basketry. Today, these two Native American groups still live in the Great Basin and contribute greatly to the economy of Nevada with tribal owned businesses.

Preserving Our Past

In addition to the natural wonders of Great Basin National Park, such as Lehman Caves, Wheeler Peak and the ancient bristlecone pines, the park also contains many wonders of our shared cultural heritage, including old log cabins, abandoned mines, rock art, and scattered stone tools. More than 200 archeological and historic sites are identified.

Five of these sites are on the National Register of Historic Places and many more are eligible for the register. The stories of hundreds of people of many different cultures spanning thousands of years are held in these sites. No one knows how many more sites and stories remain undiscovered in the park. New sites are documented each year.

Park arcehologists continue to identify archeological and historic sites. The goal is to document and protect important sites that might be threatened by park developments and activities such as trail or campground developments. Archeologists working on this project travel through the park searching for stone tools, old cans and bottles, petroglyphs, and any other signs of historic and prehistoric human life. You can help preserve our cultural heritage. If you discover stone points, old glass or other artifacts, please leave them where they lie and tell a ranger about your find. Also, be very careful around abandoned log cabins, mines, and other unstable structures. Finally, follow the code, "Stay out, stay alive."

Hiking Trails

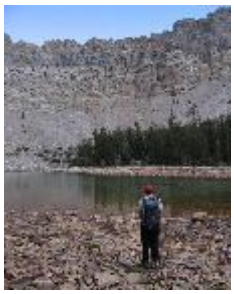
Hiking trails offer a great way to enjoy the park. Always carry a map, warm clothing, water and food when you take a hike. There are many trails in the area. For more information on these, check with a ranger. Several guide books are also available for purchase in the visitor center.

Mountain View Nature Trail

Near the Lehman Caves visitor center is the historic Rhodes Cabin and a short nature trail, The Mountain View Nature Trail, three-tenths of a mile long, is a self-guided loop that begins near the Rhodes Cabin and ends at the rear of the visitor center. Ask for a Trail Guide at the front desk.

Wheeler Peak Summit Trail

The first part of this trail is relatively gentle to the junction with the Alpine Lakes Trail. The trail gradually climbs reaching the ridge at a saddle (10,874 feet). From here, the trail becomes very steep and rocky, gaining over 1,000 feet per mile. The trail becomes a route following the ridge to the summit. Plan on this hike taking all day.



Alpine Lakes Loop

The loop to Stella and Teresa Lakes begins at the Bristlecone Parking area. This 2.7 mile hike offers a leisurely way to view the high country. These shallow alpine lakes are often surrounded by brilliantly colored wildflowers in July and August.

Lexington Arch

About a 30-mile drive south of the visitor center is a six story limestone arch. The first mile of the trail climbs up a steady grade, then levels off before crossing into the park. The last quarter mile climbs several short switchbacks to the arch. The trail to the arch is 1.7 miles one-way.Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.

Lehman Creek Trail

This trail stretches between Upper Lehman Creek Campground and Wheeler Peak Campground. The one-way distance is 3.4 miles with an elevation change of 2,000 feet. The Lehman Creek Trail passes through a variety of plant communities and allows you to see the diversity present in the Great Basin. The lower end of the trail lies in a pinyon-juniper forest, then winds into white fir at Wheeler Peak Campground.

Park Weather

There is an 8,000 foot (2,400m) difference between Wheeler Peak and the valley floor. Weather conditions tend to vary with elevation. In late spring and early summer, days in the valley may be hot, and still the snowpack may not have melted at high elevations. The Great Basin is a desert, with low relative humidity and sharp drops in

Activities

A variety of activities are offered at the park. Campfire Programs and ranger-lead hikes are offered from mid-June to mid-August as weather and staffing permits. Hikes led by rangers are an informative way to see the park. Tours of Lehman Caves are available throughout the year.

The Great Basin Visitor Center opened in 2005. It provides information about the Great Basin as well as the park. The center includes an information lobby, bookstore and exhibit galleries. The Lehman Caves Visitor Center at Park Headquarters (located in front of Lehman Caves) continues to provide Lehman Cave Tour ticket sales, park information, a bookstore, and audiovisual programs. Both centers operate 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific time with extended hours Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Lehman Caves Gift and Cafe (open April - October) is located adjacent to the Visitor Center. Ranger guided tours of Lehman Caves and the self-guided Mountain View Nature Trail begin at the Visitor Center. Restrooms, drinking water and a phone are also available.

More information may be found on the Great Basin Web Site at www.nps.gov/grba. Check the web site for the latest information on weather, ranger programs, and events in the park.

Lehman Cave Tours are very popular. Cave tours are limited to 20 per tour. **Cave Tours often sell out.** To ensure space, buy your ticket early in the day, or in advance over the telephone. Advanced ticket sales are available year round and may be purchased by phone at (775) 234-7331 ext 242 one month before the date of the tour. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Visitor Center. Phone orders are taken from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Pacific time. All tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase. All major credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, and Diners Club. All advance sales are final, so please plan carefully.

Inside Lehman Caves

Camping in the Backcountry

In the park, the growing season is short and conditions are harsh. Alpine communities are especially fragile and easily damaged. Please remain on trails. When traveling cross-country, avoid damaging vegetation by staying on durable surfaces such as rock or mineral soil.

CAMPSITES: Backcountry camping is permitted at least 1/4 mile from any developed sites (i.e. road, buildings, campground, etc.) Campsites must be a minimum of 100 feet away from trails and water. Camp on mineral soil if possible. Ditching or leveling of the ground is prohibited.

HUMAN WASTE DISPOSAL: Pick a site at least 200 ft (60m) from water, trails, and campsites. Bury waste in a hole 4-8 inches deep. All toilet paper should be packed out.

TRASH: All trash must be packed out.

FIRES: The park recommends the use of stoves for cooking in the backcountry. Fires should always be small and closely attended. If possible use already established fire rings. No fires are allowed above 10,000 feet. Only dead and downed wood may be collected. Bristlecone pine wood may not be burned. If conditions warrant, fires may be prohibited in the backcountry.

BRISTLECONE PINE GROVES:

Bristlecone pine groves are protected as living museums. Camping, fires, and wood gathering are strictly prohibited.

PETS: Pets are not allowed in the backcountry or on trails, except the Lexington Arch Trail.

BICYCLES: Bicycles or motor driven vehicles are prohibited except on designated roads.

FIREARMS: As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, to legally possess firearms in Great Basin National Park. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. As a starting point, please visit the following State of Nevada websites concerning the ability to carry concealed weapons:

- Nevada Regulations Regarding Concealed Weapons
- Nevada Administrative Code Regarding Concealed Weapons
- Changes in Nevada Concealed Carry Laws

Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances. This includes, but is not limited to; visitor centers, and government offices.

DAY USE ZONES: The Wheeler Peak Semi-Primitive Day Use Subzone, the areas within 1/4 mile of the Lexington Arch Trail, and the Osceola Ditch Trail are closed to camping year round.

WATER: All surface water should be chemically treated, filtered, or boiled for 3 minutes.

PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT.
LEAVE NO TRACE.

Campground Information

Great Basin National Park offers several camping areas from which to choose. Wheeler Peak, Upper Lehman Creek, Lower Lehman Creek, and Baker Creek campgrounds are developed with pit toilets, water, picnic tables, tent pads, and campfire grills. The nightly fee is $12.00 per site. Golden Age and Golden Access Passport holders pay $6.00 per site. No more than two vehicles and eight people are allowed per site.

Primitive camping facilities within the Park are located along Snake Creek and Strawberry Creek Roads. The park has initiated improvements to the Strawberry Creek Campground. In late August 2012 there will be an event to celebrate the new facilities. Picnic

Wheeler Peak

tables and fire pits are provided at most sites. A few Snake Creek sites have pit toilets. Drinking water is available at the dump station near the Lehman Caves Visitor Center from late spring through early fall. In winter, water is available at the Visitor Center.

All park camping is on a first come, first served basis; no advance reservations can be made. Campsites cannot be "saved" or reserved for friends or relatives who may be arriving at a later time. Pets must be kept on a leash (6' or less in length) and/or under control at all times. Pets are not allowed on the trails.

Lower Lehman Campground - elevation 7,300 feet (2200 m), 11 campsites, pit toilets, a limited number of pull through sites for small RV's and trailers, 2 1/2 miles from Visitor Center. Open all year; water is available only through the summer.

Upper Lehman Campground - elevation 7,800 feet (2400 m), 24 campsites, water, pit toilets, one accessible site for small RV or Trailer. Three miles from Visitor Center. Approximate season opening dates: May through October. Water available in summer only.

Wheeler Peak Campground - elevation 9,950 feet (3000 m), 37 campsites, water, pit toilets, one accessible site, 12 miles from Visitor Center. The road is narrow and curvy, and climbs approximately an 8% grade over the 12 miles. RV's and trailers longer than 24 feet are not allowed. Approximate season opening dates: early June through September. Water available in summer only.

Baker Creek Campground - elevation 7,700 feet (2350 m), 32 campsites, water, pit toilets, 2 accessible sites, 3 miles from Visitor Center. Approximate season opening dates: May through October, Water available in summer only. On a gravel road.

Fires: Build fires only in established fire pits and do not leave unattended.

Firewood: Only dead wood fallen to the ground may be collected for firewood; cutting is prohibited. No collecting of any Bristlecone Pine wood and/or wood above 10,000' is permitted.

Keep a clean camp: Pack out all waste. Ditching or leveling of the ground is prohibited. Please do not wash dishes or hands at water spigots.

Late fall, winter, and early spring weather dictates the availability of campsites and water. For more information on opening and closing

Lincoln County

Pioche

Guns were the only law, and Pioche made Bodie, Tombstone, and other better known towns pale in comparison. In 1864, an LDS missionary, William Hamblin, was led to silver deposits in the vicinity of Pioche by a Paiute Indian. In 1869, Francois L.A. Pioche purchased property and formed the Meadow Valley Mining Company. The mining camp was called "Pioche City" and later was known as Pioche.

The town rapidly became the largest mining town in southeastern Nevada in the early 1870's. Population estimates showed 10,000 people by 1871. The town gained fame for its "toughest town" reputation, due mostly to confusion over the exact location of mining claims. To protect their claims, mine owners finally resorted to hiring guards. Hired gunmen were imported by mine owners for $20 per day - a more certain investment for owners than settling disputes in court, where bribery often determined the final outcome. The sheriff's office was reputed to be worth $40,000 a year in bribes alone.

Not even the building of the county courthouse was exempt from corruption. Pioche was designated the county seat in 1871, and courthouse plans were initiated. At the outset, the contract was let for $16,000. Instead, construction proceeded on a piecework arrangement with repairs and alterations occurring the very first year. In the end, construction costs were $75,000. To finance the courthouse, the Board of Commissioners issued certificates of indebtedness at a high rate of interest. More script was issued. Default, followed and the final payment, made in 1936, fixed the final cost of the Lincoln County Courthouse at $1,000,000.

Million Dollar Courthouse in Pioche

The fortunes of Pioche diminished in the 1880's, due to the shut down of the principle mines in 1876. The town has changed little in population and industry since 1910, except for a boom period during World War II, when it was the second largest producer of lead and zinc.

Today, Pioche is a quiet, picturesque town filled with reminders of its turbulent past. Pioche is the Lincoln County seat, with the "new" courthouse a prominent fixture of the town. The annual Labor Day celebration is the biggest event of the year, bringing visitors from all over the area.

The history of the area is presented in the Heritage Plays. Check the website at www.poichenevada.com for dates and current information.

Panaca

Panaca is a small farming community situated approximately halfway between Pioche and Caliente and a mile east of Highway 93 on S.R. 319.

This historic town houses the Lincoln County High School and Middle School.

Panaca's primary industry is farming, but also neighbors one of Lincoln County's five State Parks, Cathedral Gorge, which hosts year round camping and exploration.

Panaca is the second oldest community in Nevada, having been settled by Mormon pioneers in 1864. The community celebrates "Pioneer Days" each July.

Caliente

The meadows around the junction of the Meadow Valley and Clover Washes were settled in the early 1860's by Ike and Dow Barton, two Negro slaves who had escaped from Arkansas.

Charles and William Culverwell bought properties and provided hay for the mining camps in Pioche and Delamar. This land was 25 miles south of Pioche and 12 miles south of Panaca.

A fracas began when E.H. Harriman of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific pushed tracks from Utah to the site of Caliente. Even as Harriman's crews worked on the line, the newly formed San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad, owned by William Clark claimed the same territory. These rival groups had sought the right-of-way in a canyon big enough only for a single set of tracks. The Union Pacific had grade stakes set all the way into Caliente and on toward Pioche, but a rival group gobbled up enough of the narrow canyon to set a road block in the path of Union Pacific. In 1901, Culvenwell ended the Harriman-Clark battle with his shotgun. This led to the establishment of Caliente as division point.

That same year, a post office opened and the town was surveyed and called Calient (Spanish for "hot") after hot springs found in a cave at the base of the surrounding mountains. For more than 40 years, Caliente was one of the major division points on the railroad. When steam engines were replaced by Diesel locomotives in the 1940's, the division point moved to Las Vegas.

Caliente, with a present day population of 1000, developed in two parts: north and south of the railroad tracks. Evidence of the historical nature of this railroad town can be seen in its mission-style railroad station and the picturesque line of neat, well-cared-for "company row" houses just northeast of downtown.

Caliente Railroad Depot

Pahranagat Valley: Hiko, Ash Springs and Alamo

The Pahranagat Valley is a true desert oasis. Note how the desert encroaches on the moist green of the valley floor. As soon as the land begins to rise even a foot or two, the brown overpowers the green.Pahranagat means the lakes in the Indian language. The area from the Key Pittman Wildlife area down to the lower end of the lower Pahranagat Lake is all a part of the oasis.

The town of Hiko was established in the late 1860's in the north end of the Pahranagat Valley. In March 1865, Indians who knew of silver in the area revealed its location to Whites. By October, a camp was established at Hiko. The name is said to have been a Shoshone Indian word meaning "White man" or "White man's town."

A "rush" occurred in 1866 and produced a population of a few hundred residents. During this year, William Raymond purchased many "squatter's claims" and laid out a town site after obtaining the necessary capital in the East. The new facility, including a five-stamp mill, started up in November, 1866. Poor results were found, and by 1871, the mill and county seat had moved to Pioche. The only evidence of this early mining activity today are the stone ruins and the graveyard.

Springs are numerous in the valley. The waters at Ash Springs are very warm indicating a lime formation underground. Stream channels have been built to carry this water to the numerous ranches in the valley below the springs.

The run off from Ash Springs flows into a lake south of the town of Alamo. This is the Upper Pahranagat Lake and is slightly over 2 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. This lake is surrounded by trees, brush, and grasses and the surrounding area is designated as a National Wildlife Preserve.This has become a permanent home for birds and wildlife and a stop over for migrating birds such as ducks, geese, quail, herons, swans, pelicans, and many other varieties of smaller birds.

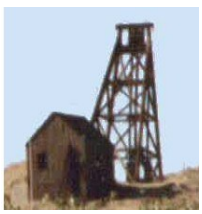
When you enter the Pahranagat Valley, you leave the Great Basin area and enter into the Upper end of the Mohave Desert. You will notice a change in the vegetation from the pinyon-juniper, sage, and rabbit brush to the desert yucca, Joshua trees, and cacti. The elevation is lower and the temperatures are much warmer south of the area

Alamo

The town was laid out in 1901 by Fred Allen, Mike Botts, Bert Riggs, and William Stewart, and was settled largely by individuals from Fredonia, Arizona.

The post office was established on May 12, 1905. The name of the town was derived from the Spanish word for "poplar" and denotes the presence of poplar or cottonwood trees in the area.

The unincorporated town is the southernmost community in Lin-



Visit Historic Pioche

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Boot Hill

coln County. The community is at 3449 feet elevation and encompasses an area of about 720 acres. There is a dirt landing strip about two miles west of the town.

Alamo is a full service community offering good food, lodging, shopping, automotive and emergency services and a landing strip for small private planes.

Rachel

Attention Earthlings! Welcome to Rachel, the youngest town in Nevada, and the "UFO Capital of the World."

Rachel, named after Rachel Jones, the first child born in the community, was founded by D.C. Day in 1978. It is on Highway 375 which was renamed "The Extraterrestrial Highway" by the Nevada Legislature. The community has been featured in magazines, books, television shows, and many major newspapers as the center of UFO activity what has drawn Sci-Fi fans and visitors from all over the world.

For the inquisitive, the Nevada Test Site is situated in western Lincoln County, close to Rachel. However, for obvious reasons, there are no guided tours. Warning signs are posted for visitors who get too inquisitive.

Alfalfa is grown and cattle are raised here. Western history buffs may want to check out the mountains surrounding Rachel. The Paiute Indians left behind artifacts such as arrowheads, petroglyphs and other signs of encampments. Not far from Rachel are said to be ghost towns full of spirits of deceased cowboys. Inquire locally for directions.

Rachel celebrates its founding during Rachel Days. For information on this check, the website at rachelnevada.com, ethighway.com or call 775-729-2514.

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Las Vegas

Las Vegas began as a water hole for ancient peoples. When the climate changed, it was still a water hole for the Southern Paiutes. The early Spanish explorers, American explorers, and later on Catholic and Mormon missionaries, military expeditions, sheep ranchers, and stagecoach lines all used the water holes of Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas Valley is exciting to those who are interested in geology and ancient peoples. Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire are must see spots.

Las Vegas is like nowhere else in the world. You will find whatever it is you are looking for. Need a bargain in food and lodging? Maybe something a bit luxurious? It's all available. Want atmosphere? Rome? Star Trek? the Old West? Ancient Egypt? Just make your choice. Culture? There are museums, fine arts, rare exhibits, races, sports, music, and entertainment. It's all here. If you tire of the exotic, then the great outdoors is also available. Just check the brochure display in any hotel or motel.

Henderson

Henderson grew up in 1941 during World War II. The mild climate, available power, land, and water attracted Basic Magnesium, Incorporated to move in. The magnesium plant was built to process magnesium oxide. In addition to the factory, dormitories, tents, and commissaries were raised.

Although it is in the middle of the desert, there is an Ocean Spray Cranberry factory here. No there are no bogs to grow the cranberries. These are shipped in. But the climate, the labor force and the tax structure make it profitable to process the fruit here. There is also the Ethel M Chocolates factory and their Cactus Garden which is delightful. Henderson is spread out enough to have a rural atmosphere. Lake Mead is close by and the Lake shore offers many possibilities for outdoor activities.

Boulder City

"A World Away For A Day" titles our quaint historic community just minutes away from the bright lights of Las Vegas. Clean, green Boulder City was built by the United States Government to house the workers on Hoover Dam. Its rich history proves to be a day trip you won't want to miss.

Hoover Dam changed the American Southwest. Now the exquisite O'Callaghan-Tillman Bridge has added to the Colorado River and Lake Mead's majesty.

Visit Boulder City to learn more about these marvels and about the town that helped build them.

Historic Boulder Theater where workers from the dam went to get out of the heat. It was the city's only air-conditioned building in the 1930's.

Laughlin

Don Laughlin, a native mid-westerner fresh from a successful 10-year gaming venture in Las Vegas, flew over the area in his private plane in 1964. Below loomed piles of hot, desolate sand; 11-year old Davis Dam; a sparsely populated town named Bullhead City, AZ; and a dusty stretch on the Colorado River called South Pointe that was vacant except for a boarded up piece of real estate at the end of a dirt road. South Point eventually became the town of Laughlin, named after its pioneer hotelier/investor, Don Laughlin.

Eastern Nevada State Parks

Eastern Nevada features several unique State Parks. Daytime temperatures are generally cooler than the urban areas. Fishing is popular at most of the parks from either the shore or boat. The parks offer areas for hiking, photography, bird watching, and wild flower viewing. Wildlife is often seen in the area including coyotes, mule deer, badgers, and rabbits. Mountain lion and ringtail cat are seen in early morning or evening in areas away from heavy visitation. Antelope and elk may be seen. Many species of birds are present including hawks, eagles, owls, blue jays, ravens, quail, dove, and other small varieties. Lizards, snakes, scorpions, skunks and small rodents are often seen. Picnicking and camping are available with facilities for water, restrooms, tables, and grills. Rangers are on duty to provide information and assistance. Check the website at www.parks.nv.gov.

The Regional Visitor Center is located at the entrance to Cathedral Gorge, offering interpretive displays and information about all of eastern Nevada's seven state parks. The park and visitor center are located just west of US 93,

two miles north of Panaca.

Cave Lake

Cave Lake is located about 15 miles south of Ely at 7,300 feet elevation. This is one of the most scenic of the State Parks. The lake is a 32-acre reservoir where visitors can fish for rainbow and brown trout or enjoy boating and swimming. Two campgrounds, Lake View and Elk Flats are available with sites for tents and trailers. Lake View is open all year.

In the winter months when weather permits, ice fishing, cross-country

skiing, and ice skating are all popular. With abundant snowfall in the winter, Cave Lake holds an annual Snow and Ice Sculpting contest during January each year. This "Fire and Ice" festival is culminated by a fantastic fireworks display over the frozen lake on Sunday.

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park has been a state monument since 1968 but in recent years, the area has been developed into a state park.

There is a self-guided interpretive trail with brochure that was constructed by the White Pine Middle School in 1996, to promote historic and environmental education and for your enjoyment. A current activity guide is posted on the day use area kiosk. Historic tours and environmental education programs are scheduled weekly during the summer months (May through September). The Campground is open April - Nov, weather permitting. The campground has running water and dry restroom facilities. There is a group camping area that can be reserved. Day use areas are popular year round. Other attractions include forest woodlands, lush riparian areas, a nice strea, access to dedicated OHV trails, and outstanding views of the Steptoe Valley and surrounding mountains.

The six Ward Charcoal Ovens were constructed in late 1875 to produce charcoal by Swiss-Italian masons called "Carbonari". The Ward Charcoal Ovens were operational from 1876 through 1879, during the silver boom years of Ward town site mines. The Ovens were eventually phased out completely due to the depleted ore deposits and shortage of available timber. The Ward Charcoal Ovens served diverse purposes after their function as charcoal ovens ended. They sheltered stockmen and prospectors during foul weather, and had a reputation as a hideout for stagecoach bandits. Today, the skillfully constructed Ward Charcoal Ovens are some of the best preserved charcoal ovens in the western U.S.

Spring Valley

HC 74 Box 201, Pioche, NV 89043
775-962-5101,Email:springvalley1@lcturbonet.com

Spring Valley State Park is located 20 miles east of Pioche. The elevation of this park is 5,800 feet. The park is open all year although snow may make winter access difficult.

The Eagle Valley Reservoir has 65-acres where rainbow and cutthroat trout can be caught. Rainbow and brown trout can be found in the stream below the reservoir. Boat launching, picnicking, camping, restrooms with showers, and a RV dump station are available. Visitors also enjoy hiking, exploring and touring the historic Stone Cabin Museum.

The area was first visited by settlers as early as 1866. The pioneers named Spring Valley after seeing 150 springs in one day. The plentiful water drew settlers and by the 1870s, the valley had 132 residents.

Echo Canyon

HC 74, Box 295, Pioche, NV 89043
775-962-5103,Email: echocanyon@lcturbonet.com

Echo Canyon State Park is located 12 miles east of Pioche on Nevada State Route 322-86. Fishing for rainbow trout, largemouth bass, and crappie is available. The water front has a boat ramp, parking area, fish-cleaning station, and picnic tables. Hiking trails and a campground can be found here. The 21/2 mile Ash Canyon trail loops from the campground through the actual Echo Canyon. It is a wonderful location for bird and duck-watching, with cormorants, occa-

Cathedral Gorge State Park
Regional
Visitor Center

PO Box 176,
Panaca, NV 89042
www.parks.nv.gov
775-728-4460

sionally loons and pelicans among the birds sighted.

Cathedral Gorge

PO Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042
775-728-4460,
Email: cathedral-gorge_vc@lcturbonet.com

Cathedral Gorge offers dramatically eroded cliffs and spires carved from the native clay. Located 2 miles northwest of Panaca, this park was established in 1935 to protect the unique features of this long, narrow valley. The park was named for the spires and columns that nature has created from the grayish-tan formations of bentonite-like clay deposits from a prehistoric lake bed.

The Information Center is located adjacent to Highway 93 and is open daily.

Camping, picnicking, and exploring are available year-round. This area is enjoyed by photographers as well as hikers.

Beaver Dam

C/0 Cathedral Gorge State Park
PO Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042
775-728-4460
Email: beaverdam@mwpower.net

Beaver Dam State Park, located in rugged canyon country near the Utah border is the most out-of-the-way and primitive park. It is reached by turning east off Highway 93 six miles north of Caliente and driving 28 miles on a graded dirt road. Trailers and motor homes are not advised. The park is open year-round, weather permitting, but travel is not advised during winter months.

The park is at an elevation of 5,000 feet and is an excellent area for hikers and nature lovers. The landscape offers juniper and pinyon pine, deep canyons, and meandering streams.

At the 15-acre Schroeder Reservoir, visitors can hike one-half mile from the parking lot to the shoreline to fish or swim. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout. This scenic mountain park offers a diversity of hiking trails, including four developed trails with a total of four miles.

The Tunnel Springs Wilderness Area adjoins the State Park along the northern and eastern boundaries of the park, making Beaver Dam State Park a great "jumping-off" location for wilderness exploration.

Kershaw-Ryan

PO Box 985, Caliente, NV 89008
775-726-3564, Email: kershaw@lcturbonet.com

Kershaw-Ryan State Park is located in a colorful canyon at the northern end of Rainbow Canyon. Wild grape vines climb up the sheer rock cliffs, and the Gambel oaks, cottonwoods, and elms provide shade. The Samuel Kershaw family homesteaded the canyon in the 1870's and sold to James Ryan in the early 1900's. Ryan donated the "Kershaw Garden" as a public park in 1934 and the Civilian Conservation Corps developed picnic sites and a small wading pond that year. Floods in 1984 destroyed much of the area and the park was closed for several years. Facilities have been rebuilt in the mid-1990's and include two picnic areas, a restroom, and trails. The park is located three miles south of Caliente.

Elgin Schoolhouse

C/0 Kershaw-Ryan State Park
PO Box 985, Caliente, NV 89008
775-726-3564, Email: kershaw@lcturbonet.com

Located 20 miles south of Caliente, in Rainbow Canyon. The one-room schoolhouse was built at the railroad siding of Elgin in 1922, by Reuben Bradshaw, a son of he original settler of the Bradshaw Ranch that is across the tracks from Elgin. This little school provided grades one through eight, for the children of railroad workers and ranch families several miles up and down Rainbow Canyon. The school was used continuously until 1967, when the last school-age kid "graduated" 8th grade and busing service started taking children to the Elementary School in Caliente or High School in Panaca. It was lived in by a descendent of the Bradshaws for another few years, then stood vacant until 1998, when the Bradshaw family decided to restore the schoolhouse. It re-opened for tours in 2000, and in 2005, the Bradshaw family donated the property to Nevada State Parks so that it could be maintained, and open for tours on a more regular basis. Tours are offered during summer months, or by arrangement with the park office at Kershaw-Ryan State Park. Fee charged.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort

Downtown Las Vegas

The first permanent non-native settlers in the Las Vegas Valley were a group of Mormon missionaries who built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek in 1855. Today remains of their settlement can be seen along with interpretive displays. The Park is located in downtown Las Vegas at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Washington Avenue. The park is open all year and offers a glimpse back at the early days of the Las Vegas valley. An entrance fee is

Additional Camping

In addition to the National Parks, other camping opportunities are available in the Great Basin Area. These are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the US Forest Service (USFS), Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW), or the Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP). All of these have offices in Ely with complete information on each facility. **Check for weather and other current fees & information.**

Phone Numbers

NAME	AGENCY	ELEVATION in feet	# SITES	TRAILER LENGTH RECOMMENDED (feet)	ACTIVITIES, SERVICES, FACILITIES	REMARKS
Cleve Creek	BLM	6233	10	24	BFHMPTw	Group BBQ
Ely Elk Viewing Area	BLM	6670	4	No Limit	P Tw	Elk viewing Fall & Spring
Garnet Hill	BLM	7280	4	Not Advised	P R Tw	Scenic Mine Views
Goshute Creek	BLM	6230	3	20	B F M P	
Illipah Reservoir	BLM	6840	17	No Limit	F H P Tw	Road to Hamilton
Meadow Valley	BLM	5740	12	Only in overflow site	B F H P Tw	
Sacramento	BLM		10	No Limit	B F M P Tw	**No water Provided at All BLM Sites**
Pass	BLM			24 ft.	B H Tw	
Patterson Pass	BLM			No Limit	B H P VT F	
Chief Mountain South	BLM			No Limit	B H P VT F	14-Day limit In BLM Sites
Chief Mountain West	BLM			No Limit	B H P VT F	
Stampede	BLM			No Limit	B H P	
Ward Mountain	USFS	7316	Open Memorials Day	30 ft limit $35 to reserve group site for 25 people, fee increases for more Reservation only	B M P R VT TW Water 5/1-9/1	Open 6/1-10/1 if water is on
Bird Creek	USFS	7414	4 picnic/ reservation only 4 overnight/ 30 ft limit	$35 to reserve group site for 25 people, fee increases for more $8/night for non-group	B H M P Tw VT	Open 6/1– 10/1 if water is on
Berry Creek	USFS	8202	6	Primitive camp	B H M P T **no water**	Open 6/1-9/30
Cherry Creek	USFS	6700	3	Primitive camp	B H M P T **no water**	Open 5/1-10/30
Kalamazoo	USFS	6856	3	Primitive camp	B H M P T **no water**	Open 6/1-9/30
Timber Creek	USFS	8530	6 camp	25 ft. limit $35 to reserve group site for 25 fee increases for more	B H M F Tw VT Reservation only	Open 6/1 - 10/1 $8/night 14 day limit

Key to Code Letters: B = backcountry exploration nearby, F = fishing, Fw = firewood supplied intermittently, H = hunting, M = mountain hiking/climbing, P = picnicking, R = rockhounding, T = toilet facilities available, Tw = wheelchair-accessible toilet, VT = Vault Toilet, S = Sewage Dump

Additional Camping *continued*

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White River	USFS	7000		Primitive camp	B H M P Tw **no water**	Open 6/1-10/15
East Creek	USPS	7545	7	Primitive camp	B H M P Tw **no water**	Open 6/1 - 9/30
Sunnyside (Kirch)	NDOW		18	No Limit	B F M P R T	
Beaver Dam	NDSP	5000	24	24	P T F Group Area	$7 entry/ $14 Camping
Cathedral Gorge	NDSP	4800	22	No Limit	P T S Showers	$7 entry/ $17 Camping
Echo Canyon	NDSP	5300	34	No Limit	P T F S Group Area, Boat Launching	$7 entry/ $17 Camping
Spring Valley	NDSP	5800	37	No Limit	P T F S Group Area, Boat Launching Showers	$7 entry/ $17 Camping
Ward Charcoal Ovens	NDSP	7200	14	No Limit	P T Tw M F **no water**	$7 entry/$14 Camping
Cave Lake	NDSP	7200	35	No Limit	P T F S Group Area, Boat Launching, Showers	$7 entry/ $17 Camping

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Ranger talks and special programs are presented throughout the season. Check with individual parks for a complete schedule.

Calendar of Events

January

15-16 Sheepherders Ball, Baker, Border Inn, 775-234-7300
15 Fireworks Express, nnry.com, Ely, 4:30 pm, 775-289-2085
30 Ely Rotary Club Ice Fishing Derby, Cave Lake, 775-289-4689

February

5-7 Winter Photo Shoot, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
12 – 14 Winter Photo Shoot, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
13 Bristlecone Birkebeiner, Ward Mtn. Rec. Area, 9 am, elyoutdoorenthusiast.org

March

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm, Sunday 10-2pm
11 - 13 Laughlin, Shamrocks and Shenanigans Festival, Colorado Belle Casino Resort
19 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet, Ely, Convention Center, 775-289-3720
20 Turkey Vulture Stretch 5 K elyoutdoorenthusiats.org
26 Community Easter Egg Hunts, Ely, 10 a.m. 775-289-8877
26 West Wendover, Easter Egg Hunt, 775-6643289
Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show, Edgewater Casino Resort, Mar 11&13, March 17 -20, Fri and Sat, 2-10 PM; Sun, 12-7 PM, Location: Riverwalk between Colorado Belle & Edgewater, Edgewater Casino Resort
31 – April 02 Gambler Classic River Run and Car Show, Tropicana Laughlin

April

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm, Sunday 10-2pm
2 & 3 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show, Edgewater Casino Resort, Fri and Sat, 2-10 PM; Sun, 12-7 PM, Location: Riverwalk between Colorado Belle & Edgewater, Edgewater Casino Resort
9 - 10 White Pine Weekend NNRy Train rides, 775-289-2085 Nevada Northern Railway, Saturdays & Sundays – Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Saturday 1:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am, Nnry.com, 775-289-2085, nnry.com
15 Laughlin, Rockin' On The River Festival , Colorado Belle Casino Resort
22 - 24 Laughlin 8th Annual Blues and Brews Festival, Colorado Belle Casino Resort
24 Bristlecone Bowmen Archery Shoot, Golf Course, 8 am,775-293-5596
27 - 30 Laughlin River Run, www.visitlaughlin.com

May

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm
5 – 8 Laughlin, Cinco de Mayo Festival, Car Show and Dance Party, 702-298-4200
5 –8 Laughlin, Baja Days Riverwalk Festival **,** Colorado Belle Casino Resort**,** Thurs, 2-10 Fri & Sat, noon-10 PM; Sun, noon-7 PM
5 -7 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, 10 am to 9 pm, Taos Room, Edgewater Casino Resort
6 Indian Clothing & Student Art Show, Ely Art Bank & Garnet Mercantile, 775-289-8877
7 PEO Art Auction Convention Center 775-289-3720
8 Bristlecone Bowmen Archery Shoot, Golf Course, 8 am, 775-293-5596
8 Mother's Day: Mom's Ride Free, nnry.com, 9:30 am & 1 pm, 775-289-2085,
8 Train Robbery: 9:30 am, Nevada Northern Railway nnry.com, 775-289-2085,
13 - 15 Nevada Open Road Chal lenge Parade of Cars, Ely, 5:30 p.m. 775-289-8877
14 NORC car show, shootouts & Little League Pancake Breakfast Broadbent Park 775-289-8877
15 NORC Open Road Race Lund to Hiko, 6 a.m. 775-289-8877
14 -15 Ely Amateur Individual Gross & Net, Golf Course, 775-289-4095
21 Wild West Limited: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
22 - 25 Member's Weekend: Members Ride Free, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
22 - 25 Memorial Day Weekend, Active Duty and Retired Military Ride Free, nnry.com,
27 Star Train: 7:00 pm , View galaxy with the Dark Rangers from Great Basin National Park, nnry.com, 775-289-2085.
28 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
Lincoln County Homecoming/ Memorial Day Celebration @ Caliente, May 28 – 30
27 – 29 Laughlin, Rock 'n' Ribs Riverwalk Festival, Colorado Belle Casino Resort,
28 – 30 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, 10 am to 9 pm, Taos Room, Edgewater Casino Resort
Ely Saturdays & Sundays, Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Saturday 1:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am, nnry.com, 775-289-2085.

Wells, Missoula Children's Theater TBA, wellsnevada.com

June

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm, Sunday 10-2pm
Ely Renaissance Village open Saturdays, 10 – 4 pm
3 Fun Friday, Downtown Ely, 775-289-8877,
4 Ely Rotary Club Scramble, Golf Course, 775-289-4689
5 Steptoe Valley Flyer: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085

4 - 5 Lincoln County National Trails Day,
9 Eastern Nevada Paint Horse Show, Ely, 775-296-1034
10-17 Railroad Reality Week, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
11 & 12 Safety Training: Mandatory training for train operations. nnry.com, 775-289-2085
11 Tears, Fears & Beers Mountain Bike Race, Ely, 775-289-3033
11 -12 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
11 & 12 - Safety Training: Mandatory annual training for train operations. nnry.com, 775-289-2085
17 – 18 Snake Valley Festival, Baker, NV
17 Star Train: 7:00 pm, Ely, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
17-19 Rainbow Cruise-in Car Snow, West Wendover, https://wendoverfun.com/
18 Friends of NRA Banquet, Ely, Convention Center, 775-289-3720
18 White Pine Couples Mixed Amateur Golf, 775-289-4095
19 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train, 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
18 -19 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
18 - 19 Beaver Dam Gravel Grinder 2016 @ Beaver Dam State Park, Jun 18 @ 11:49 pm – Jun 19 @ 12:04 am, http://beaverdamgravelgrinder.com/registration-information/
19 Father's Day, Dad's Ride Free, 9:30 am & 1:00 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
20 Train Robbery: 9:30 am, Ely, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
24 – 26 Wells UTV Rally Race, wellsnevada.com
24 Cocktails & Cannons Bath Tub Show & Judging, Ely, Copper Queen/Ramada, 775-289-3720
25 Cocktails & Cannons Bath Tub, Canoes & Kayaks Races, Cave Lake, 775-289-3720
25 White Pine Gymkhana, Ely, White Pine Co, Fairgrounds
25 Wild West Limited:Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085, Fridays, Sat., Sun. & Mon. Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, Friday 4:30 pm, Saturday, 1:00 pm; Sunday & Monday 9:30 am

Wednesdays and Thursdays – Diesel Powered Excursions: 9:30 am

July

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm
Ely Renaissance Village open Saturdays 10 – 4 pm
1 Fun Friday, Downtown Ely, 775-289-8877,
2 Steptoe Valley Flyer Train ride, 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
2 War Memorial 4-Person Scramble Golf, Ely Golf Course, 775-289-4095
2 – 4 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
3 White Pine Athletic Boosters BFD (BBQ, Fun, Dance) Ely, County Park, 775-293-1034
4 Wendover area 4th of July events, 775-664-3138
4th of July Events, Wells, wellsnevada.com
9 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
10 - 11 Ely Relay for Life, whitepinechamber.com, 775-289-8877
11 Eastern Nevada Paint Horse Show, Ely, 775-296-1034
15 Star Train: 7:00 pm, View the galaxy with the Dark Rangers from Great Basin National Park, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
16 Ely Renaissance mural unveiling, County Park, 800 Aultman St, 775-289-8877
16 Wild West Limited: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
16 Angel Lake Kids Fishing Derby 3rd Saturday of July, wellsnevada.com
16 -17 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
19 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
21 – 23 Lund Pioneer Days,
23 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
23 Renaissance Village Art Wine Walk, 5pm elyrenaissance.com
25-29 Utah Salt Flats Racing Test -N-Tune, http://www.saltflats.com/
29 & 30 Ely Open Two-Man Best Ball, Ely, 775-289-4095
29 - 31 Ely Shoshone Tribe Fandango, whitepinechamber.com, 775-289-3031
30 Steptoe Valley Flyer: 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
31 Train Robbery: 9:30 am, nnry.com, 775-289-2085, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely,
Ely Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays – Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Friday 4:30 pm, Saturday nnry.com, 775-289-2085, 1:00 pm; Sunday & Monday 9:30 am, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – Diesel Powered Excursions: 9:30 am, nnry.com, 775-289-2085

Wells Fun Run Car Show last weekend of July, wellsnevada.com

August

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm
Ely Renaissance Village open Saturdays 10 – 4 pm

Wells, Ruby Mountain Relay & Rib Cookoff Beginning of August, wellsnevada.com

4-7 Bonneville HellFire Rockets La, http://www.uroc.org/
6 Wild West Limited: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
6 Robinson NV Mining Co 6 Person Scramble, Ely, 775-289-4095
8 – 14 Utah Salt Flats Racing Test-N-Tune, 775-664-3138/ 866-299-2489, westwendovercity.com

Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo @ Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Aug 10 @ 11:44 pm – Aug 15 @ 12:44 am (775) 962-2784

12 – 13 Ely Car Show, 775-289-8877
12 – 14 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
13 & 14 Golf Two Women Team, Ely, 775-289-4095
13 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train, 4:30pm, Ely, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
13-19 Bonneville Speed Week, http://www.scta-bni.org/
19 - 26 - Railroad Reality Week, Ely Learning all about railroading, nnry.com, 775-289-2085, Nevada Northern Railway,
20 -21 Safety Training: Mandatory training for train operations. nnry.com, 775-289-2085
19 – 21 White Pine County Fair and Horse Races, Fairgrounds, 775-289-8877
20 WPHS Golf/Wrestling, 4 Person NV Scramble, Ely, 775-289-4095
27 Kathy Jensen Memorial 4 Person/Par 3 Scramble, Ely, 775-289-4095
28 Ely Renaissance Village Farmer's Market, 775-289-8877, 10 am – 2 pm
27 - Wild West Limited:, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085

Wells, Junior Rodeo, Mid-August, wellsnevada.com
Aug 27 to Sept 1 Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, http://bonnevillespeedtrials.com/

Ely Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays – Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Friday 4:30 pm, Saturday 1:00 pm; Sunday & Monday 9:30 am, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – Diesel Powered Excursions: 9:30 am, nnry.com, 775-289-2085

September

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm
Ely Renaissance Village open Saturdays 10 – 4 pm
2 – 5 McGill Big Splash, 775-289-8877
2 Ely Star Train: 7:00 pm – View the galaxy with the Dark Rangers from Great Basin National Park
3 & 10 Ely Renaissance Village Farmer's Market, elyrenaissance.com, 10 am – 2 pm
3 Ely Steptoe Valley Flyer: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely 4:30 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
3 & 4 Member ~ Guest, 2-Man Best Ball, Ely, 775-289-4095
3 - 5 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort

Wells, Annual Race to the Angel second Saturday in September, wellsnevada.com
5 Train Robbery, Ely, 9:30 am, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
10 Rockin' & Rollin' Geology Train: 4:30 pm , nnry.com, 775-289-2085
10-13 West Wendover, World of Speed, http://www.saltflats.com/
15-20 Cook's Shootout Bonneville, http://landspeedevents.com/blog/
16 -18 Silver State Classic Challenge Race, Ely, 775-289-8877
16 SSCC Car Parade, Ely, 5:30 pm, 775-289-8877
17 SSCC Car Show, Ely, Broadbent Park, 8 am
17 Ely Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Ely, Broadbent Park, 7 – 11am
17 Sidewalk Art Show, 399 Aultman St. 10 – 4 pm
17 Take it to the Lake Half Marathon, 702-994-5722
17 - A Taste of Italy: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely, 6:30 pm, nnry.com 775-2085
18 SSCC Open Road Race, 6 am, Lund to Hiko,775-289-8877
17–18 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show, Wed- Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino Resort
17 Desert Foxes /Off Road Race, http://www.utahdesertfoxes.net/
24 National Public Lands Day, Ely, 775-289-6037
27-30 World Finals, http://www.scta-bni.org/
29 – Oct.1 Great Basin National Park Astronomy Festival, Baker
30 – Oct. 2 Viva Tropicana Car Show, Tropicana, Laughlin,10 am to sunset, Tropicana, 702-298-4200

Ely Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays – Steam Powered Excursion Trains: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely Friday 4:30 pm, Saturday 1:00 pm, & Sunday 9:30 am nnry.com 775-2085
Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – Diesel Powered Excursions: 9:30 am, nnry.com 775-2085, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely

October

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm
1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Haunted Ghost Trains : Ely, 7:00 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085
Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays – Steam Powered Excursion

November

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm

Wells, Quilt Guild Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair Saturday before Thanksgiving, wellsnevada.com

5 -6, 24- 25 Laughlin, International Gift and Craft Show , Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat, Edgewater Casino

12 Ely Community Food Train: 1:00 pm, nnry.com, 775-289-2085,

19 Ely Polar Express: A magical trip to the North Pole. Nevada Northern Railway, Ely Additional dates Nov 25, 26, nnry.com, 866-407-8326, 775-289-2085

Nov. 29 – Dec. 6 Sights, Sounds, & Smells of Christmas & Festival of Trees, Ely, Convention Center, elynevada.com, 775-289-3720

25 Ely Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting, Sculpture Park, 775-289-8877

26 Ely Art Bank 3rd Anniversary, 4 -7 pm, 399 Aultman St. 775 -289-8877

26 Ely Christmas Fashion Show, 11 am, Convention Center, elynevada.com, 775-289-3720

December

Ely Art Bank, 399 Aultman St., open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 pm Sunday, 10-2pm

Christmas Tree Festival Dec TBA, wellsnevada.com

2 Ely Festival of Trees Auction, Convention Center, elynevada.com, 775-289-3720

2 Wendover in Lights, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Program, 775-664-3138

3 Ely Christmas Crafters' Festival, Convention Center, 10 am –5 pm, elynevada.com, 775-289-3720

3 Ely Christmas Parade, downtown, 6 pm, 775-296-0439

5-7 Annual Christmas Festival, Wendover CC 775-664-3289

31 Ely Volunteer Firemen's Ball, Convention Center, elynevada.com, 775-289-3720

Check local numbers and web pages for additional information.