

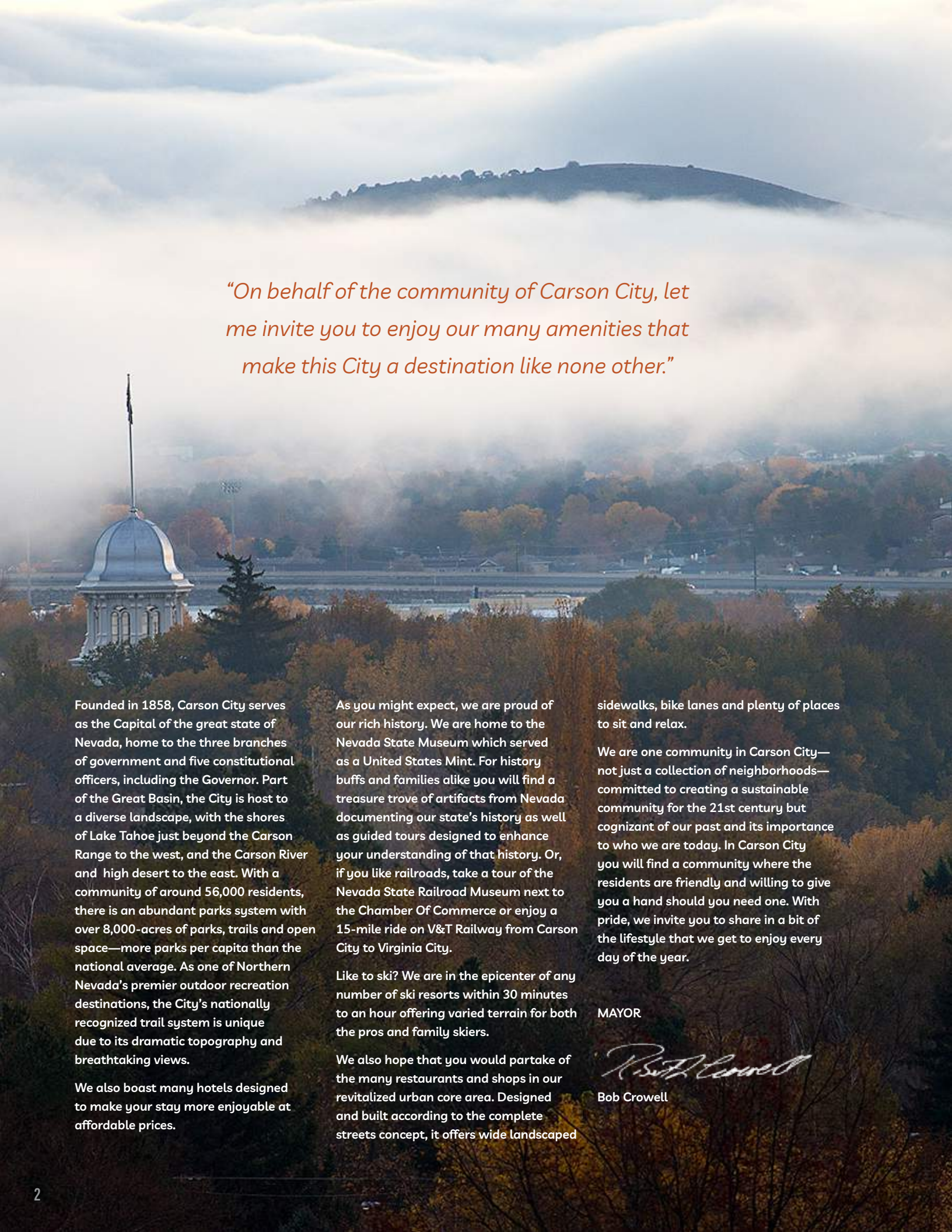
VISITORS GUIDE

# CARSON CITY

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EVENTS FOOD & DRINK OUTDOORS ARTS & CULTURE HISTORY PLACES TO STAY



*“On behalf of the community of Carson City, let me invite you to enjoy our many amenities that make this City a destination like none other.”*

Founded in 1858, Carson City serves as the Capital of the great state of Nevada, home to the three branches of government and five constitutional officers, including the Governor. Part of the Great Basin, the City is host to a diverse landscape, with the shores of Lake Tahoe just beyond the Carson Range to the west, and the Carson River and high desert to the east. With a community of around 56,000 residents, there is an abundant parks system with over 8,000-acres of parks, trails and open space—more parks per capita than the national average. As one of Northern Nevada’s premier outdoor recreation destinations, the City’s nationally recognized trail system is unique due to its dramatic topography and breathtaking views.

We also boast many hotels designed to make your stay more enjoyable at affordable prices.

As you might expect, we are proud of our rich history. We are home to the Nevada State Museum which served as a United States Mint. For history buffs and families alike you will find a treasure trove of artifacts from Nevada documenting our state’s history as well as guided tours designed to enhance your understanding of that history. Or, if you like railroads, take a tour of the Nevada State Railroad Museum next to the Chamber Of Commerce or enjoy a 15-mile ride on V&T Railway from Carson City to Virginia City.

Like to ski? We are in the epicenter of any number of ski resorts within 30 minutes to an hour offering varied terrain for both the pros and family skiers.

We also hope that you would partake of the many restaurants and shops in our revitalized urban core area. Designed and built according to the complete streets concept, it offers wide landscaped

sidewalks, bike lanes and plenty of places to sit and relax.

We are one community in Carson City—not just a collection of neighborhoods—committed to creating a sustainable community for the 21st century but cognizant of our past and its importance to who we are today. In Carson City you will find a community where the residents are friendly and willing to give you a hand should you need one. With pride, we invite you to share in a bit of the lifestyle that we get to enjoy every day of the year.

MAYOR



Bob Crowell

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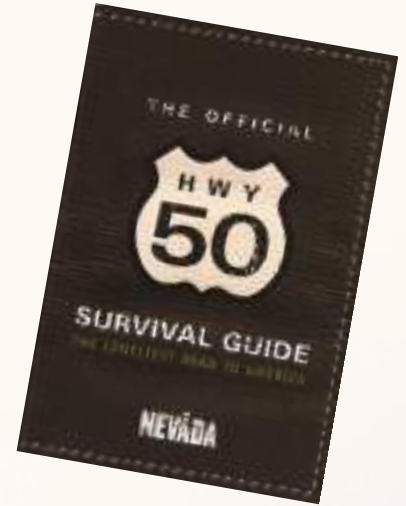


**Fallon**  
70 Minutes Away

Carson City is surrounded by sagebrush-covered hillsides, alpine lakes, singing dunes and towering mountains. It's equidistant from world-famous Lake Tahoe, electrifying Reno, historic Virginia City and the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. Stay in and explore in Nevada's capital and take day trips to any of our surrounding destinations and come back to Carson City to plan your next adventure.

If you're looking for a longer road trip, Carson City happens to be the first stop on US Highway 50. Pick up your official Highway 50 Survival Guide and get at least five stamps as you cut straight across Nevada. At the end of your trip you'll have a souvenir that doubles as your bragging rights that you survived the "Loneliest Road in America."

Whether you're staying a while or looking for the perfect jumping-off point, Carson City is the perfect spot to wander and recharge as you explore the history and natural wonder of northern Nevada.



Check out [loneliestroad.us/highway-50-survival-guide](http://loneliestroad.us/highway-50-survival-guide) to get your guide.



THINGS TO DO

# THE APERTURE TO YOUR CARSON CITY GETAWAY

Carson City boasts northern Nevada beauty that must be seen to be believed. Here, every experience is a photo-op and every picture is worth a thousand words.

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The Capitol Building is beautiful for selfies and glam shots in the fall

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Enjoy a day trip to Skunk Harbor, Lake Tahoe



Get inspiration for your next Instagram or Facebook pic with these nine photo-worthy experiences. More memories await when you #VisitCarsonCity.

### 1. Chase waterfalls at King's Canyon

This beautiful waterfall cascades 25 feet down in the spring and is just a short hike outside the city.

### 2. Capture the moment on the Capitol grounds

The Nevada State Capitol was built in 1870. Explore the grounds of the Capitol, which is enveloped by beautiful trees. Guided tours are available on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### 3. Enjoy the vistas on the Carson Canyon Railbikes

This 90 minute tour for all ages explores the beauty of Carson Canyon. The railbikes are the perfect way to experience the majesty of Nevada's Great Basin Desert in an easy and fun way.

### 4. See the city while mountain biking or hiking Ash to Kings Trail

Calling all trail enthusiasts! Ash to Kings Trail is a 7-mile trail that provides cyclists with panoramic views of the city.

### 5. Take a day trip to Lake Tahoe

No northern Nevada trip is complete without a day spent at majestic Lake Tahoe—located just 25 minutes from downtown Carson City.

### 6. Murals and muses at the Brewery Arts Center

The mural at the Brewery Arts Center is the perfect backdrop for a colorful selfie.

### 7. Sip and savor in downtown Carson City

Grab a brew, a latte, or a plate at one of dozens of pubs, coffee shops, or restaurants in downtown Carson City. Or join the monthly wine walk the first Saturday of every month.

### 8. Get minted at the Nevada State Museum

Tour the Nevada State Museum. See the historic Carson City Mint, mammoths, miners and more.

### 9. Take in a Nevada sunset at Prison Hill

There's something special about a Carson City sunset. Catch one at Prison Hill, just a quick hike or drive from Carson River Park.

A fun way to ride the rails.  
credit: visitrenotahoe.com



# LEGENDS OF THE CAPITOL

## Tour guide and history buff shares the hidden history of the Nevada State Capitol Building

When walking through the historic Nevada State Capitol Building's stately halls, visitors will encounter legends of Nevada's past. They may even get a chance to meet with the state's current leaders. "The governor is here all the time," says Woodrow Davis, a volunteer who has guided tours of the Capitol for about 14 years. "When I did a tour this morning he came out and visited the children." Davis, one of the two most senior tour guides with the Friends of the Nevada State Museum, decided to become a docent in part due to his love of history. "You really can't do this job unless you're a history buff," Davis says. During his time on the job, Davis' knowledge of Nevada and its Capitol, has multiplied. Here are three hidden historical tales he likes to share with groups of all ages who visit the building.

### Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree

Located on the Capitol grounds, Nevada's state Christmas tree is the largest in the country at more than 110 feet tall. For comparison's sake, the next tallest official state Christmas tree is in Iowa, and it's 65 feet tall. George Washington Gale Ferris

Sr., the father of the man who invented the Ferris wheel, planted the tree in 1876.

### Prison Accomplished

The Capitol building weighs about 19 million pounds and was built between 1870 and 1871 by local building contractor Peter Cavanaugh. The two-story, classical revival building with elements of Renaissance Revival and Italianate is primarily constructed of sandstone quarried by the prisoners at the Nevada State Prison, just outside of downtown Carson City.

You can now take tours at the prison. For more information visit [nevadastateprison.org](http://nevadastateprison.org)

### Hands-on History

See the wheel of the battleship USS Nevada, the wine glasses used to toast the state's entry into the union, the boxing glove from the famous Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson match, and more in the new Battle Born Hall. Located in the former Senate Chambers on the second floor of the Capitol, the 2,000-square-foot space includes five exhibit areas that lead visitors on a tour of Nevada's history. "It's very interactive for the kids," Davis says.

## Visit the Capitol

The historic grounds and building are open and accessible almost every day, even on Saturdays. More than 130 years after its construction, the Nevada State Capitol Building is still actively used and open to all.

"You can come in here anytime," says Woodrow Davis, a volunteer tour guide. "This is Nevada, after all." The building is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free one-hour guided tours by docents from the Nevada State Museum take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Saturday and include the exterior of the building, nearby memorials and the interior of the building.



# FROM MAMMOTH TO MINT

**Nevada State Museum and former US Mint house key artifacts from the state's history**

Where can you see the world's largest exhibited Columbian Mammoth and an 1869 coin press still in action today? At the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

"When you visit the museum and the mint, you can explore Nevada's history from prehistoric to the present day, all in one trip," says Myron Freedman, the Museum's director.

## Pressed Into History

The Museum's building, the former United States Mint building, is a historical experience all on its own. Built at the peak of the silver boom in the 1800s, the Carson City Mint minted coins from silver discovered in the Comstock Lode in nearby Virginia City.

"The country was growing in the 1860s, and the services the government could provide were stretched the further you got away from the East coast," Freedman says. "So, getting coins, actual money into the hands of the populace was not that easy."

Over its lifetime, the mint produced nearly \$50 million face value worth of gold and silver coins.

"The mint's history is pretty fascinating," Freedman says. "The circumstances in which it was created were really unique to Nevada and the resources that were here. The mint is a huge part of that history and the nation's history."

The museum celebrated its 150th anniversary in Feb. of 2020. Between 1870 and 1975, the press minted nearly every type of coin, from coins of the late 1800s to modern pennies, nickels and dimes. Today, it is the only coin press of its time



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still known to be operating, producing commemorative medallions for museum visitors, special occasions and numerous historical organizations.



*Curator Bob Nylen talks about his 34 years at the Nevada State Museum.*

## Mining the Past

Throughout the year, the Nevada State Museum holds 17 galleries and unique displays, many of which are interactive.

Its natural history section features animals from the bones of a prehistoric mammoth found in the Black Rock Desert to an ichthyosaur, which swam the waters of ancient Lake Lahontan. "It's an unusual collection that preserves the story of these animals," Freedman says.

The "Under One Sky" exhibit tells the story of Nevada's first inhabitants through 10,000 year-old artifacts and presents American Indian culture from the perspective of American Indians, in their own words. "That exhibit was developed in partnership with Native American groups," Freedman says. "It's pretty unique, and it tells an important story."

The Museum also includes a replica of a mining town and an underground mine.

"The mining exhibit is one of the most popular exhibits we have," Freedman says. "It was developed in the 1950s by engineers and the mining industry. If you were able to go underground and see the mines during the Comstock, this is what you would have seen. Most people feel like they are in an actual mine."

For a full list of exhibits and events, visit [carsonnmuseum.org](http://carsonnmuseum.org).

## MUSEUMS TO VISIT



### **Battle Born Hall**

Nevada State Capitol Building  
101 N Carson St, Carson City, NV  
[visitcarsoncity.com/attractions/  
battle-born-hall/](https://www.visitcarsoncity.com/attractions/battle-born-hall/)

### **Cactus Air Force Wings and Wheels Museum**

2600 College Pkwy #33, Carson City, NV  
775-888-2090  
[cactusairforce.com](https://www.cactusairforce.com)

### **Charlie B's Vasefinder Museum**

114 West Telegraph St., Carson City, NV  
775-575-7333  
[charliebgallery.com](https://www.charliebgallery.com)

### **Children's Museum of Northern Nevada**

813 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-884-2226  
[cmn.org](https://www.cmn.org)

### **Nevada State Museum**

600 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-687-4810  
[carsonnvmuseum.org](https://www.carsonnvmuseum.org)

### **Nevada State Railroad Museum**

2180 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-687-6953  
[carsonrailroadmuseum.org](https://www.carsonrailroadmuseum.org)

### **Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum**

1 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, NV  
775-687-8333  
[stewartindianschool.com](https://www.stewartindianschool.com)

### **Warren Engine Company No. 1**

777 South Stewart St. Carson City, NV  
775-887-2210  
[facebook.com/carsoncityfiremuseum](https://www.facebook.com/carsoncityfiremuseum)



People wait to ride Engine 25 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum



Visitors enjoy the mammal and reptile exhibit at the Nevada State Museum

Due to COVID-19 some hours and procedures have changed. To find most up to date information see [visitcarsoncity.com/museums](https://www.visitcarsoncity.com/museums)



# ALL ABOARD!

## Explore the rich history of railroads in the West while visiting Carson City

When transcontinental rail service began in Nevada in 1869, it also began a new era for the state, and the west.

"Before the railroads, people cried when they left their families on the east coast because it was probably the last time they would ever see them," says Daniel Thielen, the director of the Nevada State Railroad Museum. "Then, railroads came and fundamentally changed the human machine."

This seismic shift in transportation is well documented and preserved through several museums, exhibits, and experiences in Carson City: the Nevada State Railroad Museum, the V&T Railway, the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, and the Carson & Mills Park Railroad.

### Park and Ride

For a train experience in the middle of Carson City, check out the [Carson & Mills Park Railroad](#) located in Mills Park. On summer weekends, the volunteer-driven Carson City Railroad Association offers rides on a 2-foot gauge riding railroad. Inside the adjacent depot, check out the scale model railroads that are open for public viewing whenever the train is running. For more information, visit [carsoncityrailroadassociation.org](#).



### Moving History

At the Nevada State Railroad Museum, visitors can learn about Nevada's railroad history through its collection of locomotives, artifacts, photographs and memorabilia. "It's probably the best 19th-century railroad collection on the planet," Thielen says.

Next, visitors can experience steam or early gasoline railroad technology by riding in one of the trains at the museum. Listed as a National Historic Landmark, the museum's gasoline-powered 1910 McKeen Motor Car is the only surviving example of its kind in the United States. The museum also offers rides on a 401 Edwards Motor Car, built in 1926, and a steam train. Trips take about 25 minutes. For a list of timetables, visit [carsonrailroadmuseum.org](#).

To get a more complete railroad experience, Thielen recommends hopping on the V&T Railway. "Railroading in Northern Nevada is not complete without a trip to a museum, nor is it complete without a trip to the V&T Railway," he says. "If you want to learn about railroading, we can immerse you in it."

### Through the Mountains

From May through October, the V&T Railway takes passengers on a 24-mile, round-trip ride between Carson City and famed Virginia City. In November and December, the Polar Express comes alive on the V&T for a one-hour ride.

While riding on the V&T Railway, passengers can experience a bit of what Nevada was like 150 years ago. "You're on a time machine," Thielen says. "You can get the sights, the smells, the feels, all the senses into one. You can appreciate what it took to survive in Nevada."

For more information, visit [vtrailway.com](#).

### Sightseeing Like Never Before

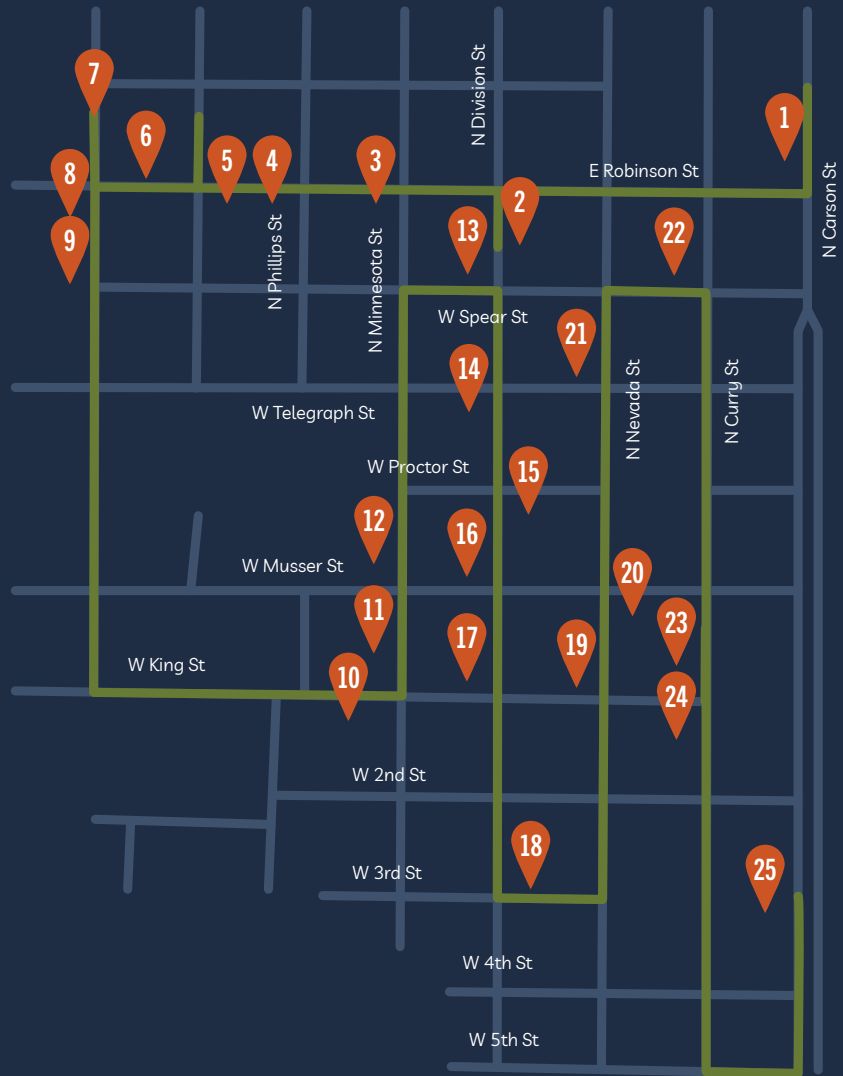
Explore the Carson River Canyon like never before — in the seat of a railbike. The Carson Canyon Railbike Tours are a new way to sightsee in the Silver State. Guests explore during the guided 90 minute ride through the canyon on the V&T Railway Commission's canyon tracks. The railbikes are the perfect way to experience the majesty of Nevada's Carson Canyon in an easy and fun way.

Railbikes are power assisted, recumbent style, pedal bikes that safely ride on top of a railroad track. These specialized railbikes are equipped with customized wheels, which deter derailments and provide riders with a smooth trip above the scenic canyon. The optional pedal-assist motors make the two percent grade out of the Carson River Canyon comfortable and easy.

Carson City railbikes are located at the Eastgate Depot at 4650 Eastgate Siding Road in Carson City. For more information and tickets, visit [vtrailway.com](#).

# KIT CARSON TRAIL

The Kit Carson Trail is a 2 1/2 mile walking or driving path in Carson City's Historic West Side neighborhood. It features over 48 stops at landmarks including 1800s-era Victorian-style homes, museums, and churches. The 25 landmarks featured here are an abbreviated walk highlighting the most famous stops on the trail that tell the storied history of Carson City. To pick up the detailed map with 48 stops, please stop at our Visitors Center located at 716 N. Carson Street or take a virtual tour and download the full brochure at [visitcarsoncity.com/kct](http://visitcarsoncity.com/kct).



**1 Nevada State Museum-Former US Mint (1869)**  
600 N. Carson St.  
The Mint was created in 1863, but not put into operation until 1870, at the peak of the silver boom. More than \$49 million worth of silver and gold coins bearing the famous CC mark was coined here until the mint was shut down in 1893. It became the Nevada State Museum in 1939, a must see attraction in Carson City.

**2 Yerington House (1863)**  
512 N. Division St.  
Named for second owner (1869), a key figure in the V&T Railroad (1863).

**3 Stewart House (1887)**  
503 W. Robinson St.  
U.S. Senator William Stewart purchased this house in 1886; he took the lead in the passage of the National mining law in 1866 and wrote the Fifteenth Amendment.

**4 Gov. John E. Jones House (1862)**  
603 W. Robinson St.  
Former Gov. John E. Jones built this home and lived in it during his term as Governor in 1895-96. Its unique Stick/Eastlake ornamental design makes it one of Carson City's unique homes.

**5 Louis Prang House (1864)**  
611 W. Robinson St.  
Louis Prang was known as the "Father of the American Christmas Card" after creating the first painting-like prints for the general public. An example of his work is on display in front of the home.

**6 Bliss Mansion (1879)**  
608 Elizabeth St.  
Duane L. Bliss built this house in 1879 with clear sugar pine and cedar from his Lake Tahoe mill. Over 8,000 sq. ft. with 15 rooms and 9 marble fireplaces, it was the largest home in the state in its time.

**7 Governor's Mansion (1909)**  
606 N. Mountain St.  
The land was sold for just \$10 by Mrs. T.B. Rickey. George A. Ferris, a Reno architect, designed the mansion with Classical Revival features and Georgian and Jeffersonian motifs. The construction bid was awarded for \$22,700.

**8 Rickey House (1870)**  
512 N. Mountain St.  
T.B. Rickey founded the State Bank and Trust Company. Mrs. Rickey waited till her husband was out of town before offering the property to the north for a Governor's Mansion. The positive support from the community made it impossible for Mr. Rickey to renege on the donation.

**9 Krebs-Peterson House (1914)**  
*500 N. Mountain St.*

The Krebs-Peterson home was chosen to be the boardinghouse for John Wayne in his last days as a dying gunfighter in "The Shootist." The filming began in January, 1976. Dr. Krebs achieved international fame in halting the influenza epidemic using sacred herbs from a local Native-American tribe.

**10 St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church (1871)**  
*511 W. King St.*

It was originally much smaller and constructed out of wood, but it was expanded and faced with brick around 1949. It now houses the Brewery Arts Center performance hall.

**11 Stewart-Nye Residence (1860)**  
*108 N. Minnesota St.*

This is one of Carson City's oldest homes; it was built prior to 1862 of native sandstone for William M. Stewart, Nevada's first US Senator.

**12 Edwards House (1883)**  
*204 N. Minnesota St.*

Thomas J. Edwards built this house in 1883. Erroneous accounts suggested Edwards constructed the house with state prison labor and was forced to resign his office as county clerk. The story about the use of prison labor is a very popular legend; evidence clearly shows there was no scandal associated with the construction of the home.

**13 Orion Clemens House (1864)**  
*502 N. Division St.*

Orion Clemens, Nevada's first territorial secretary brought his younger brother from Tennessee, whom later became a prolific writer by the name of Mark Twain.

**14 St. Peters Episcopal Church & Rectory (1862)**  
*302 N. Division St.*

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (1868) and Rectory (1862) 302 N. Division St. Henry Blasdel, Nevada's First Governor, used the rectory in 1864-1871 making it Nevada's oldest surviving State Governor's residence. The letter informing President Lincoln of Nevada's ratification of the 13th Amendment to abolish Slavery was signed there. The church structure was built later and is an exceptionally fine rendition of the Gothic revival style used widely in the 19th century.

**15 Dat So La Lee Home-Cohn House**  
*331 W. Proctor St.*

The Dat So La Lee house is a one-story cottage built around 1914, located to the east of Abe and Amy Cohn's house. This was the home of Louisa Keyser, a Washoe Indian basket weaver, famed for her excellent basket work. She was also known as Datsolalee, her Washoe name, which means "big around the middle or big hips."

**16 United Methodist Church (1865)**  
*200 N. Division St.*

In 1958, the Methodist Episcopal Society bought lots on Division Street for \$25 and pair of boots. Rev. Nims labored almost single-handedly for 3 years to haul sandstone blocks from the State Prison where prisoners quarried and squared the stone to lay them at the site of the church, which he dedicated in 1866.

**17 Carson Brewing Company (1865)**  
*449 W. King St.*

Home of "Tahoe Beer" for over a century, now the Brewery Arts Center (1864). What seems to have been Nevada's first brewery was established by John Wagner & Company in 1860 during the rush to Virginia City. The brewery specialized in steam beer, a bottom-fermenting brew produced without the constant cold temperatures that true lager requires. The pure, clear water used in the brewing process came from King's Canyon Creek.

**18 Ferris House (1869)**  
*311 W. 3rd St.*

Family tradition believed that George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. came up with the idea for the Ferris wheel from his early days in Nevada, when he watched the big wheel turning near the Mexican mill on the Carson River.

**19 First Presbyterian Church (1864)**  
*100 N. Nevada St.*

The First Presbyterian Church was completed in 1864. The brick edifice is considered to be the oldest Presbyterian Church in service in Nevada.

**20 Olcovich Meyers House (1874-75)**  
*214 W. King St.*

The house was built by Joseph Olcovich in 1874-1875. The Olcovich brothers were prominent members of the Jewish community and owned extensive commercial property in Carson City.

**21 Abraham Curry House (1871)**  
*406 N. Nevada St.*

A founding father of Carson City who held prominent titles such as: Warden and contractor for the Nevada Territorial Prison, Territorial Assemblyman, Territorial Senator, Ormsby County Surveyor, and Superintendent of U.S. Mint. The house is built with sandstone from the prison quarry.

**22 Brougner Bath Mansion (1903-04)**  
*204 W. Spear St.*

Wilson Brougner "struck it rich" in the Tonopah boom in 1901 and came to Carson City when he purchased the Arlington Hotel located on North Carson Street. He built his home in 1903-1904 immediately behind the hotel and the mansion is named for him.

**23 Rinckel House (1876)**  
*102 N. Curry St.*

The Rinckel Mansion has been a setting for movies and served as a restaurant as well as a wedding chapel for a number of years. In 1941, Paramount Pictures used the Rinckel mansion as the backdrop in one of its scenes for the movie, "The Remarkable Andrew."

**24 E.D. Sweeny Building (1860)**  
*102 S. Curry St.*

This is one of the earliest commercial buildings in Carson City, and one of the few brick buildings remaining from the City's earliest years. The house was built in approximately 1859-1860 by builder Peter Cavanaugh, who also constructed the Nevada State Capitol building in 1870.

**25 St. Charles-Muller Hotel (1862)**  
*302 S. Carson St.*

Constructed in 1862, one of the first hotels in Carson City, was also one of the state's most elegant and became the main stage stop in Carson City. It consists of two utilitarian buildings, a two-story one on the south and a three-story one on the north, each with Italianate details. It was one of the most elegant hotels of the day.



# HIT THE TRAILS

## Explore some of Carson City's top trails through the eyes of local experts

Nestled at the foot of Nevada's Eastern Sierra mountain range, Carson City affords visitors access to many scenic hiking, biking, ATVing or OHVing trails. From expert treks to beginner rides, there's a trail out there for everyone. The trick is finding the right one, and there's no one better to ask than a local.

For hiking and biking trails, we chatted with Pete Doenges, a director with Muscle Powered, a Carson City organization that promotes creating a pedestrian-and-bicycle-friendly infrastructure by maintaining and developing trails and resources.

"I am a passionate hiker and somewhat of a trail builder," Doenges says. "So when I arrived here in Carson, I was drawn to this activity and to the stick-to-itiveness of the people who would guide the hiking, trail building and biking activities in the group."

For off-roading exploration, we reached out to David Clemenson, who helped create the popular Rock Crawlers & Brews event.

"I'm a big off-road enthusiast when it comes to vehicles and rock crawling," Clemenson says.



Here are a variety of “can’t miss” trails recommended by locals for all tread styles and levels.

### Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail

Types of Activities: **Hiking, Biking, Equestrian**  
Distance: **14.8 miles (7.4 miles one way)**

Thanks to partnerships and the hard work of many volunteers, the Ash to Kings trail is the flagship trail in Carson City. It features well-built miles of smooth, twisting single-track that connects two scenic Carson City canyons. Hikers and bikers are welcome to access the trail from either canyon. After 2,000 feet in elevation gain, traversers will be rewarded with views of Washoe Lake, Carson River Canyon, The Sierra Nevada Mountains and the valley floor. Crossing a diverse range of trail environments, Ash to Kings crosses two bridges, one of which goes over a waterfall.

“It has a fabulous array of different hiking and biking challenges,” Doenges says. This trail is open to hikers and mountain bikers. Dogs are welcome.

Parking is available at each end of the trail, so bring a friend if you want to go just one way for approximately 7 miles.

### Wild Horse Trail

Types of Activities: **Hiking, Biking, Equestrian**  
Distance: **1.5 miles**

The Wild Horse Trail is a three-quarter mile long trail accessible from the northern end of the softball field’s east parking lot at Centennial Park. The trail provides access to other trails on Bureau of Land Management lands north of Centennial Park, and it connects with an existing road and trail, creating a 1.5-mile loop.

True to its namesake, hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians will almost always see wild horses from this trail that has great views of Carson City.

“It was exciting to go up there and hike, bike or build because we had wild horses all over the place,” Doenges says.

Completed in 2018 with the help of Muscle Powered, this trail is the culmination of a Carson High School senior project by former student Conner McRae.

Wild horses are fascinating to observe, but do not approach them; they are wild, and they can be dangerous.



Kings Canyon waterfall



### Prison Hill Loop

*Types of Activities:* **Hiking, Biking, Equestrian**

*Distance:* **5.6 miles**

Prison Hill is one of the premier hiking and trail running areas in Northern Nevada. The name is no coincidence—there are two prisons next to the mountain: one on the northwest side, and one on the southwest side. Bordered by the Carson River on the east and offers stunning views of the valleys to the west, Prison Hill rises to 5,724 feet and has spectacular views in all directions.

“One of my favorite hikes around here is North loop,” Doenges says. “When you get up into this area of the city, you can look off at the Sierra in one direction and the beautiful Greenbelt of the Carson River off to the east. I’d highly recommend that if people enjoy the desert aesthetic. If you slow down and focus on being present and aware and tuned in, there’s a whole thriving kind of life in the desert.”

“There’s a huge trail system out there, and that’s just wide open.”

### Prison Hill Recreational Area

*Types of Activities:* **Motorcycle, ATV, UTV**

This 2,500-acre natural recreation area offers trails for motorized use on its southern end. There, OHV enthusiasts will find several loops throughout the area and a large staging area for parking.

“You’ve got all kinds of different smaller trails that can be good for dirt bikes, quads, ATVs, UTVs or rock crawlers,” Clemenson says. “There’s a wide variety of technical levels from mild to wild.”

The area is also undergoing a revitalization and receiving improvements such as designated routes, signs and maps. The project is expected to be completed in 2021. It will include staging area improvements, a new kiosk, toilets, quality trails, a Tot Lot, beginner area, rock crawl and trial areas, and a developed Summit Loop.

### Pine Nut Mountains

*Types of Activities:* **Motorcycle, ATV, UTV**

In the Pine Nut Mountains, riders will find almost 100,000 acres of BLM land, with many trails available to OHV use. The topography of the Pine Nut Mountains ranges from rolling hills to peaks topping 9,000 feet.

“There’s a huge trail system out there, and that’s just wide open,” Clemenson says. “You’ve got lots of hidden lows. You got canyons. You got some ravines in there.”



For more trails, check out [visitcarsoncity.com/outdoor-recreation](http://visitcarsoncity.com/outdoor-recreation)



# FAIRWAY FUN

**Great greens, wallet-friendly rounds and rich history — whether you're a golf enthusiast or new to the turf, Carson City boasts several quality courses with picturesque greens that are sure to please amateurs and enthusiasts alike.**

At all of these golf courses, you have the opportunity to play while experiencing the mesmerizing views northern Nevada has to offer.

Carson City presents a variety of un-FORGETTABLE experiences (see what we did there?) within easy driving distance and simpler courses for families and beginners. Even at the height of the summer tourist season, Carson City golf courses are tranquil places to spend the day.

There's no bad choice when selecting a course. Whether you opt for the Comstock/River or Sierra/Comstock at Empire Ranch Golf Course, East or West at Eagle Valley Golf Course, or Silver Oak Golf Course, you're bound to have a fun-filled day in one of the nation's most historically rich capitals.

The Empire Ranch Golf Course offers options for both beginners and pro golfers with 27 holes that overlook the Carson River. On the other hand, the Eagle Valley

(East and West both with 18 holes) and Empire Ranch (Comstock/River and Sierra/Comstock) golf courses are divided up into regions offering a variety of choices depending on experience.

One fairway stands out — the Cadillac Ranch Driving Range at Silver Oak Golf Course. With its inspired approach, the course features buried vintage cars collected since 1974 and hand-painted by students from Doral Academy Red Rock. The art on the cars at the range was inspired by Carson City's deep arts and culture history. There's also the addition of a 'Vegas Strong' dedication car in memory of the 58 victims lost at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in 2017.

**Simply put, Carson City is the best-kept secret for recreational golf in the West with its unbeatable prices and mesmerizing scenic backdrop.**



*Empire Ranch Golf Course*




*Eagle Valley Golf Course*



*Antique cars as golf ball targets. The Cadillac Driving Range at Silver Oak Golf Course is a tribute to Cadillac Ranch in Texas.*







**Go from hiking trail to ski run, or golf course  
to hot springs, all in one day**

Thanks to Carson City's almost 300 sunny days a year and its diverse environment, the recreation possibilities are practically endless. Want to ski, hike, and take a dip in a natural hot spring, all in the same day? OK! How about walking in the steps of history, acing a hole in one, and exploring a scenic trail? Easy, peasy. There are infinite possibilities, so here are two pretty perfect triple days and how to do it all.

# TRIPLE PLAY

## All Summer Long

Start a Carson Triple summer day with a visit to one of Carson City's four incredible golf courses. Carson City's amazing fairways give everyone from aspiring pros to hack amateurs a chance to enjoy challenging topography and a stunning Sierra backdrop. For complete course details, visit [visitcarsoncity.org/golf](http://visitcarsoncity.org/golf).

After a round, swap your golf shoes for hiking boots and head to one of Carson City's many scenic hiking trails. Carson City's boundaries go all the way to the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe. Hikers can access the Carson River, three backcountry lakes multiple mountain peaks, and some unspoiled shoreline along Lake Tahoe. To pick the right trail, check out [visitcarsoncity.com/hiking](http://visitcarsoncity.com/hiking).

Finish off the day with a journey through time on the Kit Carson trail, a walking path through Carson City's historic district. It features stops, including 1800s-era Victorian-style homes, museums and churches. To pick up a printed map, go to the Carson City Visitors Center at 716 N. Carson Street.



*The King's Canyon Waterfall flows all year and is a short .25 mile hike from the Kings Canyon trailhead*



*Hike or bike to Lake Tahoe on the Skunk Harbor trail*

## Winter Dreams

To begin a Carson Triple in the winter, take a brisk hike on the valley floor. An excellent choice is a mile-long loop that winds along a portion of the Carson River at Riverview Park. Or, check out Longview Ranch, where 1.9 miles of paved paths connect with a part of the old V&T Railroad.

Then, head up to Lake Tahoe and enjoy your choice of snow sport. From skiing or snowboarding to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, the alpine lake's world-class resorts offer it all. And, it's all a short drive from Carson City.

At the end of the day, it's time to warm up and relax at Carson Hot Springs Resort. Since the late 19th century, visitors have sought this natural hot springs for its healing and therapeutic properties. The water naturally flows from the spring at temperatures of 121 degrees and is cooled to create a variety of temperatures. Guests can lounge and soak in one of the resort's three outdoor pools, that range between 95–104 degrees year-round. Or, head to one of the 10 private hot baths that range from temperatures of 95 degrees to 110 degrees. The Resort also offers an outdoor patio with a 400-square-foot covered area and cold-water drench shower. For more information, visit [carsonhotsprings.com](http://carsonhotsprings.com).

## Try a Triathalon

Looking for a more laid-back itinerary with minimal driving? Try the Carson City Triathalon: Carson Hot Springs Resort, Shoe Tree Brewing Company, and Sassafras Eclectic Food Joint. All three businesses share a parking lot, so it's an easy walk to make the rounds. As for the order, well that's up to you, but of course we have a suggestion.

First, you could enjoy a restorative soak in the soft waters of the Hot Springs. Then, head over to Shoe Tree Brewing Company for a pint of something local, such as the award-winning Wicked Shifty IPA. Finish it off with a meal at the inventive yet comforting Sassafras Eclectic Food Joint. From Cajun Mac & Cheese to Asian Chicken Tacos to Muffuletta, there's a dish for every taste.

Or, you could drink, then dip, then eat. Or eat, then drink, then dip. There's no wrong way to do it, except to miss this uniquely Carson City experience.



*Grab lunch at Sassafras Eclectic Food Joint*

**No matter the season, there's always a way to make the most of a day in Carson City.**

*photo by Brian Walker*

# WHERE ART IS A BREWIN'

## Brewery Arts Center offers year-round events, exhibits and performances

In 1975, a group of artists purchased the historic Carson Brewing Company building and turned it into a community gathering space for artists. Today, the Brewery Arts Center spans two city blocks and includes a 250-seat performance hall in historic St. Teresa Catholic Church, a sculpture park, the Nevada Artists Association Gallery and an outdoor amphitheater.

"We try and honor our past while embracing and engaging modern artists and audiences with fun activities and innovative programming," says Gina Lopez, the center's executive director.

Each year, the Brewery Arts Center hosts about 100 events and performances including theatre, live music, dance, and more. Many of these events are free.



*“There’s always something happening, there’s never a weekend when there’s not an event or not something to do.”*

The center’s education department offers classes in painting, sculpting, drawing, pottery, photography, jewelry making, theater, improvisation, dance and music.

“There’s always something happening,” Lopez says. “There’s never a weekend when there’s not an event or not something to do.”

In the summer, the Brewery Arts Center’s campus comes alive with a 10-week outdoor concert series that draws bands such as The Wailers and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. “The goal of it is to build the social fabric of America through the power of free live music,” Lopez says. “It is a community-building event using fantastic music as

a vehicle.” In 2020, the concert series is scheduled every Saturday night between June 6 and August 15. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people typically attend.

“It’s become quite the thing to do,” Lopez says.

In addition to performances, classes, and exhibits, the center also includes an Artisan Shop, where locals and visitors can find art unique to Carson City. The shop displays and sells pieces from about 25 local artists. It also sells handmade, artisan Moondance chocolates. “They are the most wonderful chocolates and are made right here in our kitchen,” Lopez says.

To keep abreast of all the center’s happenings, Lopez recommends visiting the organization’s website at [breweryarts.org](http://breweryarts.org).

To learn more about our amazing local artists visit [nevadaartists.org](http://nevadaartists.org).



**Strings of Imagination**

**BRYCE CHISHOLM**  
 Brewery Arts Center,  
 449 W. King St.

# ART FOR ALL

**Empowered**

**BILL LOUIS**  
 Empire Elementary  
 1260 Monte Rosa Dr.



**See these murals and sculptures during your Carson City visit**

Art isn't just for museums or galleries in Carson City. It's for the streets, the walls and the sidewalks, too.

"Our philosophical overview is that creation, education and relation are three elemental components in building strong public arts programming," says the city's arts and culture department. "These are, in fact, the same shared fundamental efforts in building a thriving community that people want to live in or a community that people want to visit and then relay the magnetism of that experience to family and friends."

These efforts are on large-scale display with some of the public art throughout the city. Find these nine unique pieces to check out during your visit.



**Home Means Nevada**

**ERIK BURKE**  
 2001 N. Carson St.

**Inside the Mind of da Vinci**

**MISCHELL RILEY**  
 Carson City  
 Community Center,  
 851 E. William St.

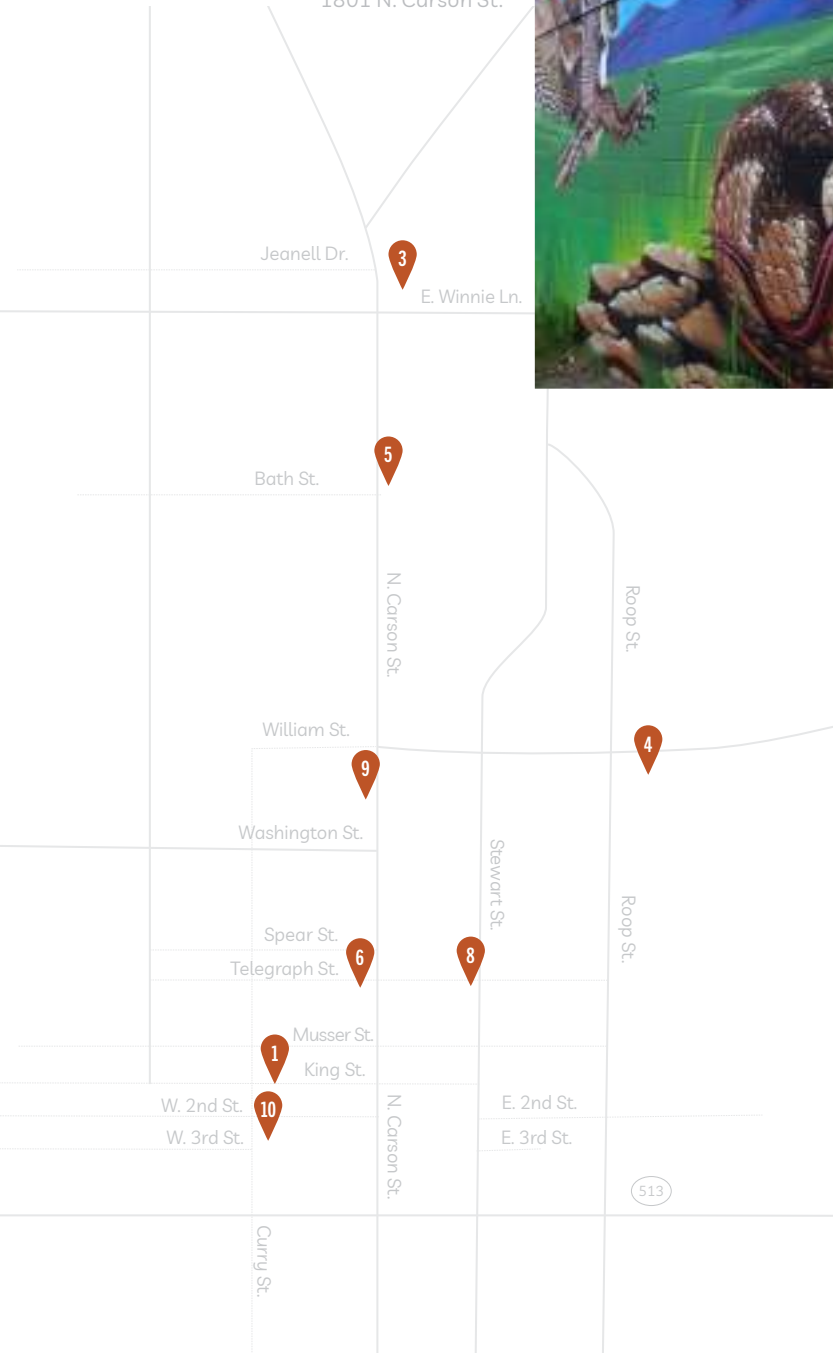


**Battle Born**

**ABNER RIVERA**

Sierra Podiatry Center,  
1801 N. Carson St.

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**Sunset Tree**

**MAURICIO SANDOVAL**

Champagne Beauty Bar,  
107 W. Telegraph St.

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**Visual Growth**

**ERIK BURKE**

Across from  
904 N. Curry St.



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**Mission Possible**

**BRYCE CHISHOLM**  
Empire Elementary School  
1260 Monte Rosa Dr.

**Ropers**

**DEON AND TRISH REYNOLDS**

West facing wall at  
310 Stewart St.

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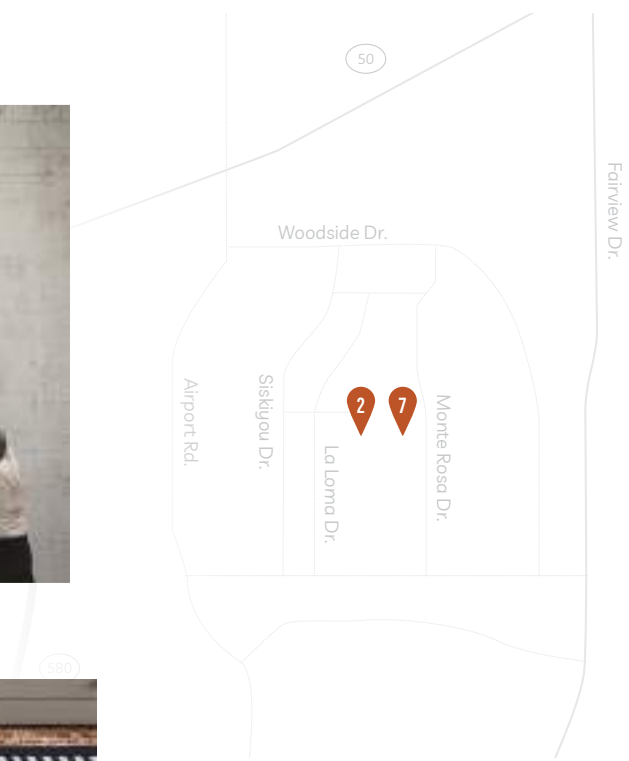
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**Sagebrush Dreams**

**JACK NOBLE**

Carson Piazza Bar  
West facing at 224 S Carson St #8



## GHOST WALK



# IN THE SHADOWS

**For the last 28 years, the Carson City Ghost Walk has been a supernatural tradition combining history, theater and spooky spirits that haunt the capital city.**

"In the Victorian era there was a movement called Spiritualism, which isn't a religious movement as much one where people can contact the dead," said Mary Bennett, founder of the Carson City Ghost Walk.

Bennett channels Mary Curry, widow of Carson City founder Abraham Curry. The Widow Curry explores communicating with her husband who passed away in October 1873.

Evening tours start in June and run through the summer, closing with a daytime event in October. Guests stroll past historic haunted homes on the west side as the folklore is narrated along the way. For the special October walk guests meet at McFadden Plaza and proceed on a two-hour walking tour where they enter historical homes and are treated to more of Carson City's lingering spirits of past centuries and meet characters along the way. Tours are family-friendly. The theme changes every year, ensuring a reimagined experience for everyone.

### Some of the open homes and buildings along the tours include:

- The Prang House – Originally built in Dayton, NV, the house was moved to this site in Carson City. The house is famous for resident Louis Prang, "The Father of the American Christmas card."
- The Brewery Arts Center – Built in 1874 by the Carson Brewing Company, producer of Tahoe Beer. The building has been transformed into an arts center.
- The Bliss Mansion – Duane Bliss built this house in 1879. It has 15 rooms, nine marble fireplaces and is built of clear sugar pine and cedar from The Tahoe Carson Lumber Company. It is now a private residence.
- The Governor's Mansion – Built in 1909. Denver Dickerson was the first Governor to live here with his wife Una, who was the first Governor's wife to birth a child in the mansion. It continues to host community events (and spirits).



The west side of Carson City was settled in the late 1850s at the beginning of the largest silver rush in history. It was a time of great prosperity and discovery as Nevada became the Battle Born State.

Learn about the supernatural stories that have been passed down through generations. You may cross paths with a Lady in White along the way.

Tour times are subject to change. Find more at [visitcarsoncity.com/ghostwalk](https://www.visitcarsoncity.com/ghostwalk)



*Shopping at the Purple Avocado.*

# SHOPPING IN THE CAPITAL CITY

**Carson City's diverse shopping scene is reflective of the city's diverse culture and deep historical roots. The downtown shopping district is teeming with eclectic, locally owned boutiques where you're sure to find something to suit your tastes.**

Because of the Carson City's western history, there are a number of antique shops that sell authentic antique pieces—from furniture to decor, dishes and more. Aunt B's Vintage is located at 512 North Curry St. in a little blue Victorian cottage. Here, you'll find an ever-changing selection of vintage and handmade goods ranging in styles. Just up the street, at 114 North Curry St., you'll find Abell House Antiques. Abell House has been in business for more than 20 years, collecting and selling rare antique finds. Nothing here is run of the mill, making Abell House the perfect place to go if you're looking for unique pieces.

Hanifin's Art & Antiques, located at 210 N. Carson St, is the largest antique shop in northern Nevada. Hanifin's boasts more than 9,000 square feet of antiques, artworks and other collectibles to peruse. This shop features antiques from across Europe from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

Bookworms and literature lovers should head to Morley's Books, located in the historic Sweeney Building at 210 West King St. Morley's began as an online retailer in 2006, but the brick and mortar location was established in 2012. Morely's

specializes in buying and selling rare, unusual and gently used books. You'll find books of all genres at Morley's, making it a great place to peruse during your Carson City adventure.

If you're looking for a mixture of antique treasures and modern goods, head to Due Sorella (Italian for "two sisters") at 202 North Curry St. Shopping at Due Sorella is an experience like no other. The shop sells a constantly changing mix of antique and new furniture, accent pieces, flatware, linens, jewelry, clothing and more. You may also meet the shop's pets, Sweet Pea the bunny and Lucy and Ricky, the two doves. To find a great gift for yourself or anyone in your life, head to the Purple Avocado at 904 North Curry St. The Purple Avocado has been voted the best gift shop in Carson City, and when you visit you'll understand why. The shop sells gifts for people of all ages and all tastes.

To find a souvenir from your Nevada getaway, swing by the Carson City Visitors Center office at 716 North Carson St. They sell apparel and more to help you remember your trip.



*Inside Due Sorella*



*Enjoying literature at Morley's Books*



# HONORING HISTORY

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum tells the story of the Stewart Federal Boarding School and Its Impact on the Great Basin Tribal Nations



Stacey Montooth, the executive director of the Nevada Indian Commission.

“I have a view of a beautiful pine tree. The mountains are amazing. It’s so tranquil,” Montooth says. “Yet, I can’t overlook the fact that this place had such a dark history.”

For 90 years, the Stewart Indian School served as the only off-reservation Indian boarding school in Nevada. In 1890, the Bureau of Indian Affairs established the school as a part of the American Indian boarding schools project, a program that removed children from their families in an attempt to eradicate American Indian culture.

Children and youth from Nevada, California, Arizona, and New Mexico representing 200 tribes were relocated to schools like the Stewart Indian School, where they were forbidden to speak their native languages or dress in traditional garb.

“Every aspect of American Indian life in the state of Nevada is impacted by Stewart, and there’s not a Paiute, Shoshone, or Washoe who doesn’t have a link to the school,” Montooth says.

The Stewart Indian School operated from 1890 until 1980. During those 90 years, the campus grew to include 63 buildings,

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most built by students learning stone masonry from their teachers, including Hopi stonemasons. At one time, the school had a 10,000-gallon swimming pool and a platform for the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

Today, the Stewart Indian School is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Montooth’s connection to the school goes deep. Her uncle, a Vietnam veteran, ran the school’s infirmary in the early 1970s. Her aunt went to the school as a teenager in its later years. Her 93-year-old grandmother was brought to the school when she was four years old.

“My grandmother was raised in an institution,” Montooth says. “She didn’t have her family. She didn’t have her brothers or sisters around the dinner table or aunts to tuck her in at night. She was one of the thousands of young people who were rounded up by representatives of the federal government. Kidnapped, if you will.”

The stories of American Indians like Montooth’s relatives are part of the recently renovated Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum, located in the former administration building.

“This historic building is coming back to life,” Montooth says. “The stories of the students, the alumni, and their families will be stored and shared within those walls. There’s so much value in that. Everything in it is as told by our students. You cannot find a more authentic reflection of the history and the impact of the Stewart Indian School.”

“Our traditions are that come spring, you always have huge gatherings, you have huge ceremonies,” Montooth says. “Spring is the time of renewal.”

The museum and cultural center are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Montooth encourages everyone to visit the school.

“The history of The Great Basin, the history of Nevada, the history of the United States is not complete without the knowledge of the Indian boarding schools,” Montooth says. “To be a well-rounded, civic-minded citizen, you have to know about the federal government’s intentions, their actions, and of course, the ramifications. There is no place on earth to get a better account.”

For a full list of hours and events, visit [stewartindianschool.com](http://stewartindianschool.com).



## CELEBRATING THE SILVER STATE

# THE NEVADA DAY PARADE



For most people, October 31 is a day of ghosts, ghouls, tricks and treats. But for Nevadans, it marks an extra special occasion: Nevada Day. The Silver State was admitted to the Union on October 31, 1864. Although Nevada didn't meet the criteria for statehood at the time, its statehood was rushed because it was necessary to ensure three electoral votes for Abraham Lincoln's reelection campaign. Nevada's historic entrance to the Union during the Civil War gives way to one of our state's nicknames, the Battle Born State.

Since its unconventional inception, Nevada has been home to the iconic silver and gold boom of the 1800s, legalized gambling and prostitution, secret UFOs, lightning-quick divorces and much more. The Silver State's quirky past is worth celebrating. And every October, Nevadans flock to our state's capital, Carson City, to celebrate Nevada Day and the state's rich frontier history.

The Nevada Day Parade is a tradition that dates back more than 80 years. The first parade took place in Carson City in 1938 to pay homage to our state's past while looking ahead to its future. Since then, the parade has evolved to include a full day

of festivities that showcase the best of Nevada history. The parade travels down Carson Street in historic downtown Carson City, traveling right past the Nevada State Capitol Building.

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On parade day, guests can also take a tour of the Nevada Governor's Mansion, attend a free concert, watch the annual beard contest and much more. Guests can also swing by the Carson City Visitors Center to shop for souvenirs and apparel at the Nevada Day Store. The Nevada Day festivities begin bright and early at 6 a.m. and continue throughout the day. The parade itself begins at 10 a.m. and usually runs until around 2 p.m.

Admission to the parade and to many associated events is free. On parade day, the Nevada State Railroad Museum and the Nevada State Museum also offer free admission. You can find more information about Nevada's history and the Nevada Day Parade, view schedules, see FAQs and more at [NevadaDay.com](https://NevadaDay.com).



# EVENTS IN CARSON CITY

Carson City boasts some of Nevada's most unique events.  
To see our upcoming events visit, [visitcarsoncity.com/events](https://www.visitcarsoncity.com/events)



Blinky Man participants light up their bikes, and the night, for a costumed after-dark ride.

## FOOD & DRINK

# TASTE THE REGION

### Carson City's restaurants serve up homegrown flavors, ingredients, and hospitality

Whether you're dining at a cozy café, artisanal bistro, or a long-time local favorite, when you eat in Carson City, you're tasting the community's locality, care and creativity when it comes to food.

"In Carson City, being a small business owner is always about the people," says Jenny Lopiccolo, owner of Piazza, which serves wine, cocktails and small plates in Bob McFadden Plaza in downtown Carson City.

Lopiccolo and her husband, Mark, were inspired to open Piazza by their travels through Italy and Spain.

"We loved to join the locals in the evenings to stroll in the piazza, and to stop at the neighborhood bar to relax with a Spritz or a good glass of wine," Lopiccolo says.

The Lopiccolos returned home with a vision: to create a similar experience in Carson City's own piazza, with good wines, great cocktails, stellar service and food options worth getting excited about.

"To this day, our Piazza team works hard to provide a great experience to our customers, and we are loving seeing friends, old and new coming in to support us," Lopiccolo says.

Piazza serves seasonal fare featuring locally sourced farm-to-table ingredients and imported Italian delicacies, expertly prepared and paired with a wide selection of wine, beer and cocktails.

That farm-to-table approach plays a significant role in shaping the menus at Cucina Lupo and The Union, two Carson City restaurants owned by chef and restaurateur, Mark Estee, and partners, Nick Meyer and Tommy Lynette.

"We have a vibrant restaurant community down here," Estee says. "We have some really



*"We have some really great customers in Carson who love to eat out and who are really proud of supporting local."*

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At The Union and Cucina Lupo, diners can find dishes crafted with regionally grown ingredients such as Bently Ranch meats from Minden and fruits and vegetables from farms in the Great Basin Food Shed.

"The first thing you notice about Carson is how beautiful it is," Estee says. "This is a spectacular landscape with fields and livestock. A lot of the food grown in the area can be enjoyed at our restaurants in the region."

One of the region's most local food experiences can be found at a Basque restaurant, Estee says.

"There are Basque food and traditions, and there's also Basque dining, and it's really

important to experience both because they're quintessential to Carson and northern Nevada," Estee says.

In addition to featuring local ingredients, many of Carson City's long-time favorite restaurants also highlight the community's deep roots.

For 10 years, L.A. Bakery has focused on quality and customers, says manager Ali Arbabha.

"People in Carson, they love this place, and we love our customers," Arbabha says. "Food is something that has to come from your heart."

Heart is a key ingredient in one of the city's longest-standing restaurants, Comma Coffee.

Located in downtown Carson City, right across the street from the Legislature, this eclectic eatery serves up coffee, breakfast, lunch and dinner, with as many fresh and organic ingredients as possible.

"We have an exposition kitchen, so you can watch us make it," says owner June Joplin.

Now more than 20 years in business, Joplin says that Comma Coffee is a place where anyone can feel at home.

"I wanted to create a place where everybody wanted to come, where they felt comfortable, and they felt loved," Joplin says.



Carson Farmer's Market





# FARM TO GLASS

## Estate Distilleries, Breweries and Bottle Shops Capture the Flavors of Carson and Beyond

When people drink a glass of a locally brewed or distilled beverage, they're tasting more than its fermented grains. They're experiencing the essence of a place—its earth, its sunshine and its rain.

That's especially true at estate distilleries, a rare place where spirits grow from seed to sip, all on the same property.

From Carson City, visitors can drive to two estate distilleries in less than 90 minutes, Bently Heritage Estate Distillery & Public House in Minden and Frey Ranch Estate Distillery in Fallon.

"It's extremely special," says Lucas Huff, the director of brand advocacy for Bently Heritage. "Federal regulation actually doesn't have a definition of what estate means, but the state of Nevada does. There was actual legislation passed that defines it as 75% of the raw material you're using at the distillery is grown within the estate."

At Frey Ranch, about 90 minutes east of Carson City, operating as an estate distillery offers a high level of quality control, says Colby Frey, owner and whiskey farmer.

"There's a saying in the wine industry: you can't make good wine out of bad grapes,"

Frey says. "The same thing is true here. We grow 100% of the wheat, rye, barley, corn and oats that we use in all of our products. We even take it a step further, and we malt all our own barley right here on site. So, nothing leaves our possession, none of the ingredients. And we grow them all in a way that encourages quality, not quantity."

At Frey, visitors can tour the farm, the still house, barrelhouse, and tasting room on Saturdays. The family-owned farm pours vodka, gin, absinthe and a recently released bourbon.

At Bently Ranch, located about 30 minutes south of downtown Carson City, 100% of the grains used in its vodka, gin, whiskey and bourbon are grown on the more than 60,000-acre ranch.

"The original idea behind Bently Heritage was to be able to put a seed in the ground and grow it and have it be unique to that place," Huff says.

Currently, Bently has released several vodkas and gins while its whiskeys and bourbons rest and mature.

For those more inclined to drink a pint than a dram, head over to Shoe Tree Brewing Co., which uses grains from Bently in some of its brews. The most award-winning brewery in Carson City also serves up non-alcoholic sodas and ciders made in-house.

"One of our major goals was to bring world-class beer to Carson City," says Paul Young, who owns Shoe Tree with his brother, Jeff. "We take the quality seriously."

The brothers and the Shoe Tree team also have fun with seasonal flavors and a rotating list of taps.

"We like to do new experimental things," Young says. "We have a wide variety for people to check out so that when they come in, there's usually something in their wheelhouse that they can enjoy."

Want to take a bottle back to the hotel room or Airbnb? Check out Just Brew It, which sells brewing supplies, fills growlers and offers a substantial selection of craft beers.

"We get a lot of world travelers who come through," says owner Trevor Rotoli. "When they come to town, they're looking to taste what's made here."

### Carson City Breweries and Regional Distilleries:

#### Just Brew It

1214 N. Carson St., Carson City  
[justbrewit.beer](http://justbrewit.beer)

#### Shoe Tree Brewing Co.

1496 Old Hot Springs Road, Carson City  
[shoetreebrewing.com](http://shoetreebrewing.com)

#### The Union

302 N. Carson St., Carson City  
[www.theunioncarson.com](http://www.theunioncarson.com)

#### The Fox Brewpub

310 S. Carson St., Carson City  
[foxbrewpub.com](http://foxbrewpub.com)

#### Bently Heritage Estate Distillery & Public House

1601 Water Street, Minden  
[bentlyheritage.com](http://bentlyheritage.com)

#### Frey Ranch Estate Distillery

1045 Dodge Lane, Fallon  
[freyranch.com](http://freyranch.com)

**FOOD &  
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# SIGHTSEEING ON THE CARSON RAILBIKES

**Explore the Carson River Canyon like never before — in the seat of a railbike**

The Carson Canyon Railbike Tours are a new way to sightsee in the Silver State. Guests explore along a 90 minute round-trip trail through the canyon on the V&T Railway Commission's canyon tracks. The railbikes are the perfect way to experience the majesty of Nevada's Great Basin Desert in an easy and fun way.

Railbikes are power assisted, recumbent style, pedal bikes that safely ride on top of a railroad track. These specialized railbikes are equipped with customized wheels, which deter derailments and provide riders with a smooth trip above the scenic canyon. The optional pedal-assist motors make the two percent grade out of the Carson River Canyon comfortable and easy.

Each tour is guided by a Freedom Rail host, who escorts the railbikes from the Eastgate Depot into the canyon, which offers a variety of vista views and Instagrammable moments. A curved canyon track adds excitement to the experience. A rest stop near the Eureka Mill site provides an opportunity for riders to take a break, enjoy the area and allow the guides to turn the railbike around for the trip back, which goes past the Depot, across the V&T Railway Hwy 50 bridge to the historic Halfway House site before turning back to the Depot to end the tour. Riders enjoy historical commentary at each turn around point.

Freedom Rail is the maker and operating entity of the Carson River Canyon railbike operation. The bikes which are innovative, easy-to-pedal and manufactured in the U.S. are a great fit for V&T Railway's canyon track and their railbikes provide a safe and unique way for people to access the breathtaking beauty of Carson City that they may not have been able to see before.

Carson City railbikes are located at the Eastgate Depot at 4650 Eastgate Siding Rd in Carson City. Excursions are \$45 per person. Tickets may be purchased online. Admission includes water and a small snack for each rider. Children must be accompanied by an adult and be able to reach pedals. There is a small storage bin on the railbike to store cell phones, water and other compact items. Once riders arrive back at the depot, they may purchase memorabilia at the V&T Railway gift shop.

For more information on hours and tour times, visit [vtrailway.com](http://vtrailway.com).



**Lodging Listings**

**Americas Best Value Inn**

2731 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-2007

[visitcarsoncity.com/americasbest](http://visitcarsoncity.com/americasbest)

**Carson City Inn**

1930 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-461-3274

[visitcarsoncity.com/carsoninn](http://visitcarsoncity.com/carsoninn)

**Carson Tahoe Hotel**

800 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-5535

[visitcarsoncity.com/carsontahoehotel](http://visitcarsoncity.com/carsontahoehotel)

**Courtyard by Marriott**

3870 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-887-9900

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**Days Inn**

3103 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-461-3701

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**Frontier Motel**

1718 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-1377

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**Gold Dust West Hotel Casino**

2171 East Williams St., Carson City, NV  
775-885-9000

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**Hampton Inn & Suites**

10 Hospitality Way, Carson City, NV  
775-885-8800

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**Hardman House Hotel**

917 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-7744

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**Holiday Inn Express  
Hotel & Suites**

4055 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-283-4055

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**Mill House Inn Motel**

3251 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-2715

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**My Place Hotel**

17 Hospitality Way, Carson City, NV  
775-885-2900

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**Motel 6**

2749 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-885-7710

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**The Plaza Hotel and  
Events Center**

801 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-883-9500

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**Rodeway Inn**

1300 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-883-7300

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**Saint Charles Hotel**

310 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-1887 x 136

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**Staybridge Suites**

972 Retail Ct., Carson City, NV  
Taking reservations for March 2021

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**Super 8 Motel**

2829 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-883-7800

[visitcarsoncity.com/super8](http://visitcarsoncity.com/super8)

**The Federal Hotel**

900 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-883-0900

[visitcarsoncity.com/federal](http://visitcarsoncity.com/federal)

**RV Parks**

**Camp-N-Town**

2438 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-883-1123

[visitcarsoncity.com/camp-n-town](http://visitcarsoncity.com/camp-n-town)

**Comstock Country RV Resort**

5400 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV  
775-882-2445

[visitcarsoncity.com/comstockcountry](http://visitcarsoncity.com/comstockcountry)

**Gold Dust West Carson City  
RV Park**

2171 Hwy 50 E., Carson City, NV  
775-885-9000

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