

DAYTON STATE PARK

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The town of Dayton, one of Nevada's earliest Comstock settlements, is home to Dayton State Park. The Carson River flows through the park and offers fishing and bird watching. The Rock Point Mill, built in 1861, once was used to process rich silver ore from nearby Virginia City. Remnants of the mill are still visible within the park. Picnicking, an RV dump station, camping, hiking, and group-use facilities are available. Dayton State Park is on U.S. 50, 12 miles east of Carson City.

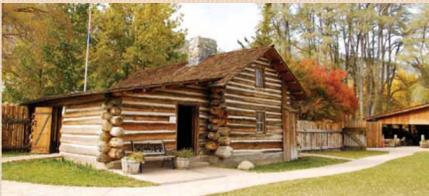


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ECHO CANYON STATE PARK

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Echo Canyon encompasses a 35-acre reservoir where visitors will enjoy excellent fishing, hiking, and camping while soaking in the beautiful eastern Nevada scenery. Abundant wildlife, a wide variety of native plants, and unusual rock formations make for thrilling exploration. The park features two campgrounds (20 units have full utility hookups), an RV dump station, picnic area, group-use area, restrooms, and a boat launch. Echo Canyon is 12 miles east of Pioche via state routes 322 and 323.



Mormon Station State Historic Park

MORMON STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK

WESTERN NEVADA
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Mormon Station is considered one of Nevada's first permanent non-native settlements. A replica of the original trading post, built in 1851, houses a museum with pioneer-era artifacts. Picnic and group-use facilities are available. Mormon Station is in the small town of Genoa, 12 miles south of Carson City via U.S. 395 and state Route 206. The museum and group use area are open May through mid-October. Popular events held at the park are the Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival in April, Pops in the Park on July 4, and the Candy Dance Arts and Crafts Faire in September.

OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC PARK

SOUTHERN NEVADA
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Come and see how Las Vegas began and hear the fascinating stories of its original residents. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park is dedicated to Mormon missionaries who built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek, the first permanent, non-native settlement in the Las Vegas Valley. The fort was abandoned by the Mormon missionaries in 1857 and left in a state of disrepair until Octavius

Decatur Gass purchased the site in 1865. Gass tried operating a large-scale ranch including a farm, a small store, and a blacksmith shop, but was unsuccessful. In 1881, Gass lost his ranch, and it went to Archibald and Helen Stewart who turned it into a prosperous operation. After

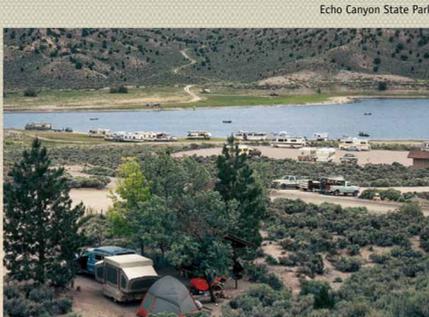


Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site

ELGIN SCHOOLHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

EASTERN NEVADA
c/o Kershaw-Ryan State Park
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Visitors can almost hear the school bell ring and the lessons read aloud at the Elgin Schoolhouse, an historic, single-room school in rural Nevada's Lincoln County. The schoolhouse was used from 1922 through 1967, when its last student reached eighth grade. In 1998, the building was restored to its original condition and volunteers opened it for tours by request. It became a part of the Nevada State Park system in 2005 as a satellite to Kershaw-Ryan State Park. The schoolhouse features half of the school's original furnishings – books, teaching material, and other items authentic to the time period. Tours may be available Thursday through Saturday, April 1 through Oct. 15, and can be scheduled by calling the park office. Elgin School House is 20 miles south of Caliente in scenic Rainbow Canyon off state Route 317.



Echo Canyon State Park

Archibald was murdered, Helen continued ranch operations until she sold it in 1902 to the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad for \$55,000. With this purchase, the development of the city of Las Vegas began. In 1991, Nevada State Parks acquired this three-acre historic site from the city of Las Vegas. Today the park includes a remnant of the original adobe fort, a re-creation of the original walls on the exact site of the 1855 fort, a re-creation of Las Vegas Creek, and a modern visitor center. The park is in downtown Las Vegas at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Washington Avenue and is open Tuesday through Saturday year-round.



Rye Patch State Recreation Area

RYE PATCH STATE RECREATION AREA

CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA
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Rye Patch Reservoir, part of the Humboldt River, covers 11,000 acres when full. Rye Patch is well-known for its trophy-class walleye fishing. Here, visitors enjoy swimming, boating, water skiing, hiking, camping, and picnicking. Campgrounds, a boat launch, restrooms with hot showers, RV dump stations, and picnic sites are provided. Rye Patch is 22 miles north of Lovelock on Interstate 80 (Exit 129).

SOUTH FORK STATE RECREATION AREA

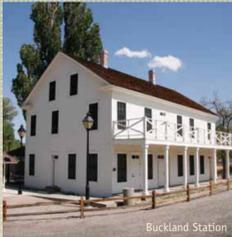
NORTHERN NEVADA
353 Lower South Fork #8, Spring Creek, NV 89815
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South Fork Reservoir covers 1,650 acres and is surrounded by 2,200 acres of wildlife-filled meadowlands and rolling hills. It is popular for hunting, camping, boating, picnicking, swimming, ice fishing, winter sports, and wildlife viewing. The park is also known for its trophy-class trout and bass fishing. Facilities include boat launches, a campground, RV dump station, restrooms with showers, and a picnic area. The park is 16 miles south of Elko on state Route 228.

FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK

CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA
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In 1860, following an incident between the Native Americans and the settlers, a small group of volunteer soldiers attacked the Native Americans, sparking the Pyramid Lake War. When the settlers were defeated, more troops were called in. This contingent established a permanent home named Fort Churchill, a U.S. Army fort built in 1861. The fort was deserted nine years later, leaving a rich history that is interpreted today. The ruins are historically accurate replicas, and a visitor center displays information and artifacts of the fort's history. The Pony Express and the Overland Telegraph once passed through this area, and nearby Buckland Station was a Pony Express stop. Facilities at Fort Churchill include an extensive trails system, a campground, RV dump station, picnic area, group-use area, and access areas to the Carson River. Visitors can experience outstanding hiking, camping, picnicking, photography, horseback riding, canoeing, and historical and environmental education. The park is eight miles south of Silver Springs on U.S. 95A. And, beware - it's said that ghosts of the soldiers and residents of Fort Churchill can still be heard echoing through the ruins.



Buckland Station

Buckland Station, a half-mile south of the Fort Churchill entrance road, was a stage stop, Pony Express station, and hotel built in 1870 using materials from the abandoned remains of Fort Churchill. The station now operates as a museum and serves as a reminder of the industrious spirit of Nevada's early pioneers.

Northeast of the fort are the Carson River Ranches, once privately owned working ranches bought by Nevada State Parks in 1994. Every effort is made to retain the ranches as productive working ranches. The Carson River meanders through the ranch areas and provides a woodland/riparian setting. Visitors can hike, camp, and also enjoy equestrian facilities.

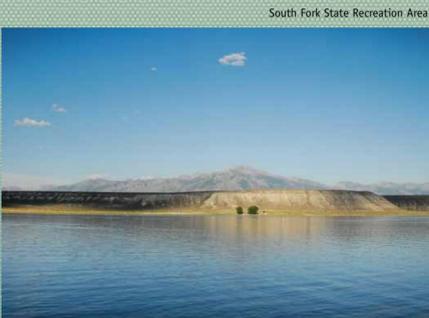


Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

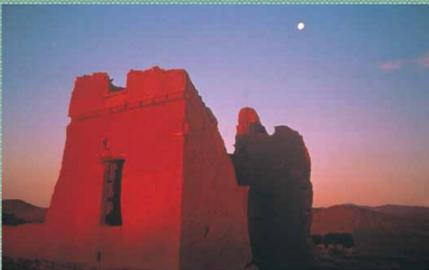
SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK

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The historical Spring Mountain Ranch is near the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, nestled beneath the colorful cliffs of the magnificent Wilson Range. The abundant springs in these mountains provided water for Paiute Indians and later brought mountain men and early settlers to the area. Past owners of the ranch include millionaire Howard Hughes, Chester Lauck of the radio comedy team "Lum & Abner," and German actress Vera Krupp. Scheduled, guided tours through the ranch house and other historic ranch buildings are available throughout the week. The ranch's visitor center is open daily. Park facilities include a tree-shaded picnic area, scenic hiking trails, and a cultural events pavilion. Popular activities include picnicking, living history events, hiking, and wildlife viewing. Spring Mountain Ranch also hosts Super Summer Theatre, an organization dedicated to bringing high-quality productions to the people of southern Nevada. Shows run in June, July, and August with some special productions in September. The park is 15 miles west of Las Vegas on state Route 159 (Blue Diamond Highway).



South Fork State Recreation Area



Fort Churchill State Historic Park

KERSHAW- RYAN STATE PARK

EASTERN NEVADA
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Situated in a colorful, scenic canyon at the north end of Rainbow Canyon, the steep canyon walls of Kershaw-Ryan State Park tower to 700 feet and overlook a long, narrow valley. Early settlers in the area cultivated a garden of grapevines, fruit trees, and a grass lawn surrounding a spring-fed pond, providing a beautiful contrast to the rugged landscape. A picnic area, children's wading pool and playground, group use area, and trails offer visitors nature study, photography, picnicking, and hiking. A new 15-unit RV and tent campground is also available. Kershaw-Ryan State Park is two miles south of Caliente via U.S. 93 and state Route 317.



Kershaw-Ryan State Park

SPRING VALLEY STATE PARK

EASTERN NEVADA
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Spring Valley State Park offers water-oriented recreation at the 65-acre Eagle Valley Reservoir. The park features a boat launch, picnic areas, camping facilities, restrooms with showers, an RV dump station, and areas for group picnicking and camping. Visitors also enjoy fishing, hiking, exploring, and touring the historic Stone Cabin Museum. The park is 20 miles east of Pioche via state Route 322.



Spring Valley State Park

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

SOUTHERN NEVADA
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Visitors to Valley of Fire feel like they've stepped into another world. Striking red sandstone formations, amazing color variations combined with the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert make Valley of Fire a not-to-be-missed destination. Ancient trees and early humans are represented throughout the park by areas of petrified wood and 3,000-year-old Indian petroglyphs. Popular park activities include camping, hiking, picnicking, and photography. A 22-unit RV campground loop features electrical and water hookups and complements an additional 50 tent and trailer campsites. The park offers a full-scale visitor center with extensive informational displays. Valley of Fire was voted the Best Park/Nature Area and the Best Scenic Drive in southern Nevada by the readers of Nevada Magazine. The park is six miles from Lake Mead and 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 (exit 75) or 75 miles via Lake Mead Northshore Road and is open all year.

LAHONTAN STATE RECREATION AREA

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Lahontan Reservoir, with 69 miles of shoreline, covers 12,000 surface acres when full and features fishing, boating, and water skiing as well as camping, picnicking, boat launches, restrooms with showers, and RV dump stations. Horseback riding and wildlife viewing are best in spring. Canoeing from Fort Churchill to the lake makes for a great day trip when conditions allow. Lahontan is on the Carson River, 18 miles west of Fallon and 45 miles east of Carson City via U.S. 50. The park is open year-round and can be accessed from several entrances on U.S. 50 east of Silver Springs and an entrance off U.S. 95A, south of Silver Springs via Fir Avenue.



Lahontan State Recreation Area

LAKE TAHOE NEVADA STATE PARK

WESTERN NEVADA
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Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park hosts the "Jewel of the Sierra," Lake Tahoe, an unparalleled sight that will take your breath away each time you see it.

Sand Harbor is one of Lake Tahoe's most striking sandy beaches and features a boat launch, restrooms, picnicking, group-use areas, and a visitor information center – not to mention the Char-Pit concessionaire. Sand Harbor is also home to the renowned Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival offering productions on an outdoor stage in July and August.

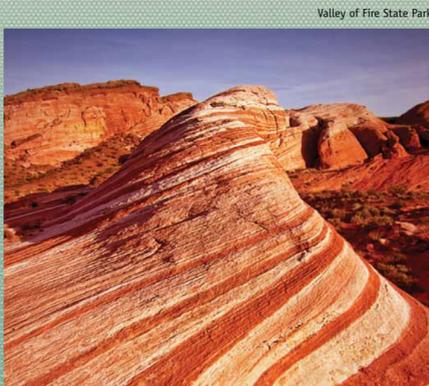


Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park

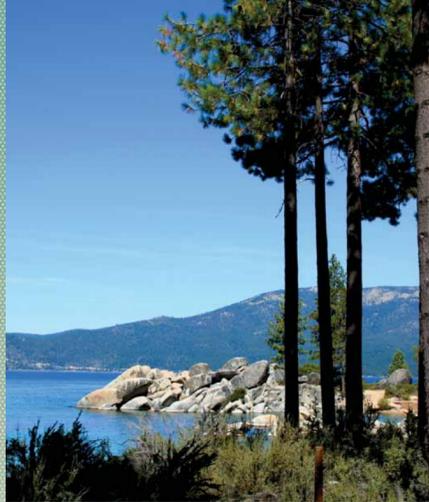
WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK

EASTERN NEVADA
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Ward Charcoal Ovens features six fascinating, historical, beehive-shaped ovens that were built by Italian craftsmen and used in the late 19th century to make charcoal for smelting ore from nearby silver mines. Amidst the almost surreal structures, the park offers facilities for picnicking, hiking, and camping. Other features include forest woodlands, lush riparian areas, access to dedicated off-highway vehicle trails, and outstanding views of the Steptoe Valley and surrounding mountains. The park is seven miles south of Ely via U.S. 50/6/93, then 11 miles southwest on Cave Valley Road. Cave Valley Road is a maintained gravel road accessible by passenger vehicles year-round.



Valley of Fire State Park



Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park

Sand Harbor is three miles south of Incline Village on state Route 28. Memorial Point and Hidden Beach, situated between Incline Village and Sand Harbor, provide outstanding views of the lake with more secluded access to its shores.

Spooner Lake, at the intersection of state Route 28 and U.S. 50, is popular for picnicking and fishing. Spooner Lake is a major trailhead for gaining access to the Marlette/Hobart Backcountry. The backcountry is more than 13,000 acres of forested open space with miles of hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails. A group-use area is available. Vehicles are not permitted in the backcountry, which has been designated as a state primitive area. A few of the more popular trails in this area are the Marlette and Red House Flume as well as the Tahoe Rim Trail, which runs along the crest of the Carson Range.

Cave Rock, located along U.S. 50 near Zephyr Cove, is a popular spot for boat launching, picnicking, swimming, and fishing. Farther along U.S. 50 is the Van Sickle Bi-State Park. Located in close proximity to the Stateline casinos, it is the country's first bi-state park. Its trailhead provides access for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding trails, and is open from May through October, from sunrise to sunset.

WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

WESTERN NEVADA
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Washoe and Little Washoe lakes are in the heart of scenic Washoe Valley, between Carson City and Reno. Here, visitors will find spectacular views of the majestic Carson portion of the Sierra Nevada. Popular activities include nature study, bird watching, hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, windsurfing, water skiing, Jet Skiing, swimming, camping, and fishing. Two campgrounds, boat launches, a group-use area, day-use picnic sites, restrooms with showers, an RV dump station, reservable equestrian arena, and equestrian trailhead are available. A wetlands area with a viewing tower and interpretive displays is south of the main entrance. Here, visitors can view more than 100 different bird species during bird-watching season. The park is on Eastlake Boulevard, 10 miles north of Carson City and 15 miles south of Reno off of U.S. 395.



Washoe Lake State Park

WILD HORSE STATE RECREATION AREA

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Wild Horse State Recreation Area occupies 120 acres on the shore of Wild Horse Reservoir, where the low winter temperatures make an ideal spot for ice fishing. Visitors to the area also enjoy camping, picnicking, hunting, fishing, and boating. Facilities include campgrounds, an RV dump station, boat launch, restrooms with showers, and a ranger station. The park, at an elevation of 6,205 feet, is 67 miles north of Elko on state Route 225.

Wild Horse State Recreation Area

